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Members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council stand with Colorado Governor, Jared Polis for a photo in the Governor's office, following the Tribe's one-on-one meeting with the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera and Governor Polis to discuss tribal issues at a state level on Friday, April 14. First Dog of Colorado, Gia — made a guest appearance for the photo!

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs hosts Ute Nations Day

Governor Polis recognizes Ute tribes at Capitol

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes of Colorado convened at the State Capitol last week in recognition of Ute Nations Day, as proclaimed by Governor Jared Polis on Friday, April 14. Tribal dignitaries held one-on-one meetings with the Governor and his chief staff as well as breakout sessions to discuss important topics amongst the state's two sovereign nations.

The annual event is coordinated through the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA), whose office serves as the official liaison between the State of Colorado and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. The Commission ensures direct contact and meaningful engagement with the Tribes and with Colorado's urban Indian communities.

The relationship between

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran, Rod Grove brings in the Southern Ute Flag alongside association members, Gordan Hammond (Ute Mountain Ute Flag) and Commander Howard Richards Sr. (American Flag) during the opening ceremonies in the State Capitol building on Friday, April, 14.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Reservation Economic Summit 2023

By Marvin Pinnecoose,
Treasurer
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

From Monday, April 3rd through Thursday, April 6th, I attended the Reservation Economic Summit in Las Vegas, Nev. The purpose of this summit is to bring about a collaboration among tribes to find common wins and identify obstacles for on-reservation economic development. The summit consists of general sessions where the entire assembly gathers in a large ballroom to hear keynote speakers, U.S. Government officials, and testimony from experienced people in the field. The summit also highlights multiple break-out sessions every hour and allows participants to go from meeting to meeting based upon the scope of information that is sought after.

There was also a Trade Show going on during the summit. Various tribes, tribal businesses, and interested organizations set up to showcase their products and services. Our Southern Ute Growth Fund represented well



Marvin Pinnecoose
Treasurer
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and used this opportunity to network among the people. Many things that caught my eye at the trade show that could benefit our membership.

There was a company who develops tribal I.D.s that have the authority to replace U.S. Government passports. The I.D.s feature security features and the necessary serial numbers. I also came across a Native distribution company that is establishing their foothold in the northern states. This company is Native owned and wants to focus on transporting Native goods be-

tween Canada and the northern states of the U.S. Business is good and they are looking to expand in the lower states this coming year. There were also various companies who specialize in products and services that could benefit the Southern Ute Tribe as well.

In terms of the Summit, there were three very big takeaways that were mentioned by different tribes. The first key topic was entrepreneurship or business development, the second was food sovereignty, and the third was economic development corporations.

The first, food sovereignty, focuses on the idea of Native tribes not being dependent on outside sources of food. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) took the lead in explaining how food growing and processing is seeing a large spike in federal funding under the Biden Administration.

Many tribes have taken advantage of growing their own food and the

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CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Golden seniors say hello during Senior Seminar!

Golden High School students pay annual visit to Tribe

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Students from Golden High School makes their annual visit to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as part of their Senior Seminar trip throughout the Southwest. For two days the students experienced great hospitality from multiple departments and divisions of the Tribe all while learning about the culture of the Southern Ute people, gaining insight to the Tribe's operations, and feeling a strong sense of community. The tour spanned two days, beginning on Tuesday, April 11 at the Bison Pasture and concluded on Wednesday, April 12 at SunUte Community Center.

The tour is coordinated by Robert Ortiz of The Southern Ute Drum each year, led by Social Studies teacher, Mike Mendoza. The Golden High School group has visited the Tribe ten times — since their first trip in 2012. Golden students arrived on the reservation on Monday, April 10 and set up at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall to get rested before the tour began the following day. Students enjoyed a traditional buffalo stew and frybread meal, provided by Sam and Ernestine Maez, upon arrival. As part of their Senior Seminar for their last semester the students travel the nation, camping in most locations. After their tour of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe the students hit the road and began their journey to visit other neighboring tribes and historic natural landmarks in the Southwest.

On Tuesday, April 11 the



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Golden High School student, Sean Keating holds a bobcat pelt the Division of Wildlife had on display for the students to experience first-hand. The Golden High School Seniors made the Southern Ute Tribe their first stop to begin their Southwest Trip.

See more Golden High School visit photos on page 8.

students paid a visit to the Tribe's bison pasture, where they attended a presentation from Bison Herd Manager, Jesse Lasater. Throughout the rest of the tour the group visited the Wildlife Division staff, went on air at KSUT Tribal Radio, toured the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, learned to round dance with the Southern Ute singers, and the Southern Ute Royalty. The Cultural Preservation Department also gave a presentation showing Bear Dance and Tribal Fair footage from previous years. The students concluded day one with a presentation from the Southern Ute Growth Fund.

The following day, students began their tour day two with SUIMA Principal, Mari Jo Owens and the students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Students received a history presentation from Southern Ute Drum Media Archivist, Fabian Martinez,

then stopped by the Tribal Council Chambers to discuss their tour with members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council. Wrapping up the tour the group met the Southern Ute Drum newspaper staff, toured Tribal Information Services, Justice and Regulatory, and the SunUte Community Center.

Throughout their trip, students and guides expressed their joy and gratitude to everyone who was involved in making their tour a success. The group felt welcomed, and many students explained how this trip has greatly impacted them and will long be a great memory. From the Southern Ute Reservation, the students then traveled south to visit neighboring tribes and explored national monuments such as Canyon de Chelly. Golden High School chaperones expressed their gratitude and their desire to see this cross-cultural collaboration continue for years to come.

Gearing up for Bear Dance



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

As the Bear Dance season approaches, families throughout the Ute nations begin to prepare for this time-honored spring celebration. Southern Ute tribal member Rhianna Carel irons her t-shirt cutout during the sewing class hosted by the Cultural Preservation Department on Tuesday, April 11. Classes for dresses, skirts, and shirts will continue every Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of the month.

During the sewing class, Southern Ute tribal elder Willette Thompson shared patterns with other participants and gave helpful tips on sewing. Thompson guides Southern Ute tribal member Kaylynn Weaver as she adds sleeves to a small ribbon shirt, being made specially for her nephew.





ECONOMIC SUMMIT • FROM PAGE 1



courtesy Marvin Pinnecoose/SU Tribal Council

The entire assembly gathers in a large ballroom to hear keynote speakers, U.S. Government officials, and testimony from experienced people in the field at the Reservation Economic Summit in Las Vegas, Nev.

USDA has a program that pays tribes to pay themselves for the food that is grown on the reservation for their own people. The deadline for most of this funding is May 2nd and many tribes are taking this very seriously and looking to get millions of dollars to start green houses, animal acquisition, building feeding facilities, and developing animal processing centers.

An area of particular interest for the Southern Ute Tribe could be animal processing. Here in our area, the wait to process livestock is backed up by three months or longer. People are having to schedule their slaughters for the following year just to get on the calendar. If we had our own processing facility, we could also process animals for non-tribal members to retrieve funding in the long term. There is clearly a market for this, and it would allow the Tribe the opportunity to create and sell our own Southern Ute poultry, pork, beef, or bison. This would also get us one step closer to the goal of enabling the Tribe to manage our own herd of cattle. This is crucial in the Tribe's ability to sustain farming and ranching in our area. This is our her-

itage, and we need to take steps to preserve it.

The next issue of entrepreneurship and business development focused on giving start up business-minded people the confidence to launch and grow their own businesses. Seven different break-out sessions focused on this topic and the steps needed to avoid common pitfalls that many entrepreneurs face when navigating regulations, permitting, insurance, taxes, and such. There were plenty of resources and contacts provided during each session.

The third issue is the concept of an economic development corporation that resides within the Tribe. This is by far the most important take-away that I got from this summit. Our tribe has the Permanent Fund which is basically the Tribal Government and then we have the Growth Fund which is our business arm. The Southern Ute Growth Fund has a primary responsibility to seek ventures that have a high rate of return which comes back to the Tribe either in money for the Tribe or in capital to return to more projects. The problem with this is the expected rate of return. In order to pursue local business ideas,

we would need to think beyond the rate of return. This is where other Tribal Economic Development Corporations have found wins and opportunities within the boundaries of their own reservation that are seen as more of a community investment or good will.

This is the bridge to a "hometown" win here on our reservation. This could be the vehicle that creates the food processing facility. This is the vehicle to build a business incubator here on the reservation. This is the brain center of tribal member ideas and implementing those ideas. I hope that it is something that we can bring actualize here at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Currently it appears that two development corporations are taking the lead in Indian Country. The first is the San Pasqual Economic Development Corporation and the second is the Dine Development Corporation. Both tribes made a strong showing at RES 2023.

These three very important topics of the Reservation Economic Summit can be very beneficial to the Southern Ute people, and I am hopeful that our tribe will find it worthwhile to look into each of these.

Many Moons Ago



Ace Stryker/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association and Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council attended the United Veterans Committee of Colorado's 41st annual awards banquet, April 7, 2013, where the association received a Distinguished Veterans Service Organization award.

This photo was first published in the April 19, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Ute Health services sponsored its annual Children's Health Fair at the Sky Ute Casino's Rolling Thunder Hall on April 9, 2003. Shown here is one of the classes from the Southern Ute Academy enjoying and learning from one of the exhibits.

This photo was published in the April 18, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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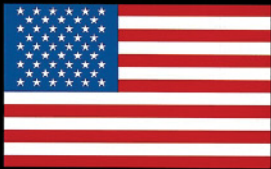
Memorial Day 2023
Day of Remembrance



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The Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Memorial Day: Monday May 29, 2023
Southern Ute Veterans Park - 10:00 AM



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Elder Bertha Groves comments on the alcohol and drug abuse hearings held at the Community Center by Peaceful Spirit. Tribal members and officials were able to voice their concerns on the problems related to substance abuse and its effect on the community.

This photo was published in the April 16, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Merton Coriz competes in the long jump field event during the Bayfield Invitational track meet. Coriz made a jump of 18'2 but scratched by overstepping at the beginning of the event.

This photo was published in the April 22, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

Stay up to date on tribal & community events

Check out the Southern Ute Drum's Events Calendar at:
www.sudrum.com/events

You can also submit your event to the Drum for publication!



Ready, set, mix!



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Gathered for this month's Sip, Chat, and Chew event, men and women joined the Fastest Tortilla Making contest put on by the Multi-Purpose Facility on Friday, April 7. Four contestants go head-to-head, quickly mixing their dough and cooking their tortillas; first place winner Dan Clark had the fastest time.

Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Maleina Car-el and Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz race to make their tortillas during the women's Fastest Tortilla Making Contest. The overall winner of the women's category was Daisy Eagle.



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HISTORY COLORADO

Augmented reality pairs with millennium old pottery

Staff report
HISTORY COLORADO

History Colorado announces a collaboration with Virgil Ortiz, an award-winning artist and visionary hailing from Cochiti Pueblo, whose works have been displayed at museums around the globe. This partnership will result in the one-of-a-kind exhibition: Virgil Ortiz Revolt 1680/2180: Runners + Gliders which brings Indigenous Futurism to the Mile High City when it opens May 13, 2023, at the History Colorado Center.

Using projection mapping and augmented reality alongside centuries-old Cochiti sculptures and Ancestral Puebloan pottery that dates back a millennium, Virgil Ortiz Revolt 1680/2180: Runners + Gliders bring Ortiz's stunning visions of the future to life. The result is a dynamic conversation between Ortiz and his artistic ancestors that spans centuries—and leaves you with new perspectives on what lies ahead.

"Runners + Gliders is the most artistically adventurous thing we have ever done at History Colorado," said Jeremy Morton, Public Engagement Manager at History Colorado. "It provides us an opportunity to think about time and history differently, to look back into the past, and forward into the future, in a way few history museums have ever tried."

Drawing inspiration from historical accounts of the most successful Indigenous uprising against a coloniz-



courtesy Virgil Ortiz

Omtua welcomes the arrival of the Recon Watchmen within an immersive Indigenous Futurism exhibition which includes augmented reality experiences.

ing power in North America, the 1680 Pueblo Revolt, Virgil Ortiz Revolt 1680/2180: Runners + Gliders spotlights themes of justice and resistance to oppression. Additionally, it reimagines Puebloan pottery that dates back a millennium, Virgil Ortiz Revolt 1680/2180: Runners + Gliders bring Ortiz's stunning visions of the future to life. The result is a dynamic conversation between Ortiz and his artistic ancestors that spans centuries—and leaves you with new perspectives on what lies ahead.

Virgil Ortiz Revolt 1680/2180: Runners + Gliders transports viewers to the year 2180 and introduces Ortiz's newest characters in the artist's long-developing "Revolt" storyline: Runners + Gliders. These characters are inspired by the historic figures Omtua and Catua who were integral in the success of the 1680 uprising

Serving as messengers during the 1680 rebellion, Omtua and Catua delivered knotted cords made of deer hide which served as coded messages to the Pueblos of what is now New Mexico. The leaders of each Pueblo were instructed to untie one knot on the cord every morning and when the final knot

was undone the Pueblos were to revolt simultaneously.

Although Ortiz works in many mediums, he is best known as a ceramicist from a long line of Puebloan potters, and this is on full display in Virgil Ortiz Revolt 1680/2180: Runners + Gliders.

"Clay is the core of all my creations," Ortiz said. "My work centers on preserving traditional Cochiti culture and art forms. It's important to recognize that Pueblo communities are very much alive and have a level of vitality that speaks to generations of strength, persistence, brilliance, and thriving energy."

In celebration of this exhibition's opening, the History Colorado Center is hosting an opening reception on May 18 from 6 – 8 p.m. This reception includes light refreshments, a cash bar, and remarks from Ortiz and Dawn DiPrince, executive director of History Colorado. While this event is free and open to the public, RSVP is required.

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Simply delicious chicken salad

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN, CLD
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS

It's easy to forget about chicken salad, you probably didn't eat it all this past fall and winter. But now is the time to cool down our protein offerings.

Chicken salad is delicious on crusty whole grain bread or a topper for a garden salad. It also makes a nice addition to the lunch box with whole grain crackers. Low in carbs and high in protein, you can enjoy chicken salad anytime. The fresh dill is a nice enhancement and can be used in other recipes including dips, fish, potatoes, salads and pickles!



courtesy iFood Real

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

Chicken Salad

Ingredients:

- 2 large chicken breasts
- ½ cup Salad Dressing*
- 1 celery stalk, leaves included, chopped into small pieces
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon fresh dill

Directions:

1. Boil chicken until done, about 15-20 minutes, let cool and then dice into small pieces.
2. Place diced chicken into a large bowl.

3. Add dressing, chopped celery, Dijon mustard, salt, pepper, and fresh dill.
4. Stir to combine. Taste and add more dill as needed for desired flavor.
5. Let cool in the refrigerator for one hour or more.
6. Serve as desired.

*Salad Dressing (for example Miracle Whip) is a slightly sweeter version of mayonnaise. You can use mayo if preferred.

Serves 6

Nutrition per serving: 167 Calories, 10g Fat, 5g Carbohydrates, 14g Protein, 385mg Sodium

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: The effects of domestic violence on children

By Marlene Schafer,
Substance Use Therapist
SO. UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children

To have a better understanding of the effect of domestic violence on children, it is important to understand the complexities of domestic violence and how it is defined.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of social economic status, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs. Domestic Violence is more than physical abuse – it is about one person's need to gain power over, and to control, their partner – it includes the belief that there is a right to exercise and maintain that power and control by whatever means necessary.

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior committed in dating, living together, or being married. Domestic Abuse exists in many forms and can include:

- Isolation from family and friends
- Emotional abuse
- Monitoring/Stalking
- Controlling the finances
- Physical and sexual assault
- Intimidation and verbal abuse

The Center for Family Justice reports that:

- On average, 3 women are killed by a current or former intimate partner each day in the United States (Bureau of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics).
- 1 in 4 women have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner (National Intimate Partner & Sexual Violence Survey).
- 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence).
- 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence).
- 1 in 4 victims of intimate partner violence identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs).
- 66 percent of female stalking victims are stalked by a current or former intimate partner (National Stalking Resource Center).
- Domestic violence costs more than \$8.3 billion a year in medical care, mental health services and lost work productivity (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).
- The impact of the abuse ripples through a family, affecting not only the victim, but the children as well.

Silent Victims – The Children

- More than 15 million children witness domestic violence each year in the United States (Journal of Family Psychology).
- 3,500 to 4,000 children witness fatal family violence annually in the

United States (National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence).

- Children from homes with violence are much more likely to experience significant psychological problems short and long-term (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services).
 - Domestic violence in childhood is directly correlated with learning difficulties, lower IQ scores, deficiencies in visual-motor skills and problems with attention and memory (Journal of Family Violence).
 - Children in homes with violence are physically abused or seriously neglected at a rate 1500% higher than the national average (Journal of Interpersonal Violence).
 - Those who grow up with domestic violence are 6 times more likely to commit suicide and 50% more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol (Trauma, Violence & Abuse).
 - Children who witness domestic violence are at an increased risk for post-traumatic stress disorder, aggressive behavior, anxiety, impaired development, difficulty interacting with peers, academic problems, and they have a higher incidence of substance abuse (Childhood Abuse & Neglect).
 - Children who witness and experience domestic violence are at a greater risk for adverse psychological outcomes (Trauma, Violence & Abuse).
- Impact of Domestic Violence on Children**
- Domestic violence has a devastating impact on children and young people that can last into adulthood. Exposure to domestic violence negatively affects children of all ages from infancy to adolescence. Children exposed to domestic violence have a higher risk of developing behavioral, mental health, cognitive, social, physical health, and physiological problems.

Behavioral

Aggression – Most studies have found that exposure to domestic violence was related to more aggressive behavior in preschool children, in elementary school age children, and in adolescent children.

Mental Health

Researchers have consistently demonstrated that children who have been exposed to domestic violence have higher levels of anxiety and depression symptoms compared with non-exposed children.

Trauma Symptoms

Researchers have consistently shown that exposure to domestic violence is related to higher numbers of posttraumatic stress symptoms in children.

Cognitive Functioning

Researchers have suggested an indirect effect of domestic violence exposure on cognitive functioning through the child's sleep quality, as quality of sleep has been shown to

be diminished by domestic violence exposure.

Social Outcomes

Researchers have suggested that exposure to domestic violence was significantly related to more aggressive behavior in preschool, which in turn, was related to decreased prosocial skills in elementary school. Research has also indicated that children who are exposed to domestic violence are at an increased risk of bullying perpetration toward their peers.

Physical Health Outcomes

Researchers have suggested that Domestic violence exposure has been linked to several poor child health outcomes such as colds, flu, headaches, stomachaches, aches or pains, or fatigue.

Research has indicated that domestic violence exposure significantly increases the odds of children not meeting language, personal-social, and fine motor-adaptive milestones by age, 3 compared with non-exposed children.

Physiological Outcomes

Researchers have suggested that children who face chronic or acute toxic stress, such as exposure to domestic violence without safe and supportive adult relationships, may develop dysregulated stress response systems.

Summary:

Exposure to domestic violence is a widespread problem that affects children in the short term and over the full course of their lives. Research shows that there are detrimental long-lasting consequences for children exposed to an early age, particularly when considering that key developmental milestones are missed or delayed.

It is important that children who have been exposed to domestic violence engage in trauma-informed interventions and supportive services, such as counseling, to reduce the negative effects of domestic violence exposure.

If you need services for your children who have been exposed to domestic violence, please contact the Southern Ute Health Center, Behavioral Health Department at 970-563-5700 for an appointment.

It's okay not to feel okay.

If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections Program at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist. NEW Nationwide Suicide and Substance Use Crisis line: 9-8-8. Simply calling or texting 988 or chatting 988Lifeline.org will connect you to compassionate care and support for mental health-related distress. #988Lifeline

Alternative Horizons Volunteer Opportunity

Alternative Horizons is in need of 15 or more ongoing volunteers to staff our 24/7/365 hotline, for more information please call the office at 970-247-4374. If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please call our 24-Hour hotline 970-247-9619. All services provided are free, confidential and voluntary.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH

Health fair by 365 Health coming to Ignacio April 29

Free and affordable health screenings to be offered

Staff report
365 HEALTH

Health Fairs by 365 Health, formerly 9Health Fair, are back this March through mid-May at more than 40 locations across Colorado, and residents in and around Ignacio will be able to receive access to free and affordable preventive health screenings and resources on Saturday, April 29 from 7-11 a.m. at Ignacio High School located at 315 Ignacio St.

For more than 40 years, the nonprofit has saved thousands of lives by providing equitable preventive health screenings to millions of Coloradans through its thousands of community health fairs. Last year the organization changed its name to 365 Health to better reflect its expanded mission of providing products, services, tools and resources to help Coloradans stay healthy 365 days a year, and today it remains the largest volunteer-driven, nonprofit health, wellness and prevention effort in the nation.

“Preventive health care is essential for maintaining good health, disease and illness prevention, and early detection and diagnosis when treatment is easier and more effective,” said Gary Drews, CEO of 365 Health. “During COVID-19, Americans delayed or avoided entirely their routine preventive health care, and appointments have yet to return to pre-pandemic levels,

resulting in a reduced ability to prevent or manage chronic disease and an increase in preventable deaths.

“Last year alone saw nearly half of all adults and roughly two-thirds of uninsured people in Colorado postpone medical care, according to the Colorado Health Foundation. A health fair is typically the best and lowest cost option to deliver preventive health care and improve equitable access and health outcomes.”

The free and affordable, low-cost health screenings offered at Health Fairs by 365 Health vary from site to site but can include blood pressure, vision, dental, stress and more. For more information about the Ignacio health fair and the available screenings that will be offered, or to make an appointment, visit <https://365health.org/health-fairs/spring/665/> screenings. For a complete list of statewide health fair locations, dates and times, visit <https://365health.org/healthfair-locations/>.

While walk-up screenings will be accepted, registering ahead of time is recommended. Medical professionals will be onsite to offer advice and assistance and help participants to decide which screenings are right for them.

“Recently, I hadn’t been feeling well so my sister-in-law urged me to attend a Health Fair by 365 Health in Greeley. Less than 48 hours after attending the health fair, I received a call from a

nurse who informed me that my thyroid blood test level was less than .01 and that I should contact my doctor,” said Terri Thomas of Loveland. “I did so right away and had further tests run and was diagnosed with hyperthyroidism. Through additional tests, I ultimately learned I was suffering from Graves’ disease. Had I not attended the health fair, I believe I would still be seeking answers. I’m feeling much better and am on the way to recovery, thanks to 365 Health staff and volunteers.”

“Our community-based health fairs and the free and affordable health screenings that are available are a necessary resource not only for Coloradans who lack access to preventive health care, but also those who have high deductible insurance plans or no insurance at all,” Drews said.

For those unable to attend a health fair, 365 Health and Quest Diagnostics have partnered to offer the same affordable health screenings at Quest Diagnostics Lab Patient Centers (PSC) located across Colorado. No doctor’s visit or insurance is needed.

Each year, 365 Health relies on the dedicated support of volunteers to offer free and affordable health screenings and help improve health awareness. Those interested in volunteering for a community health fair are encouraged to visit <https://365health.org/volunteer-1/>.

CHILDREN’S HEALTH

Tùuchupikivi Sùumuguavi “Good Brain, Strong Heart”

Positive childhood experiences

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

This is the second in a series of four articles this year about the effects childhood experiences can have on people throughout their lives. In the January article, we talked about negative childhood experiences and the lifelong impact they can have on physical and mental health. This month we will shift the conversation to the protective effects of positive childhood experiences.

The great news is that just as traumatic experiences in childhood can impact people into adulthood, loving and supportive experiences in childhood can also impact people into their adult lives. In 2015, a research study was done in Wisconsin that asked adults about their mental health and also about positive experiences they had in their childhood. The researchers found that if a person had positive experiences as a child, they were less likely



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

to have mental health struggles as an adult. They also discovered that the more positive experiences a person had as a child, the better their mental health was as an adult. More good news: the effect was the same for adults who had negative and difficult experiences as children. This means that even if hard things happen to a child, if they also have positive experiences, it can protect their mental health as adults. They are saying there is great hope!

In the next article, we will dive into what exactly is

meant by positive childhood experiences and figure out how we can support youth in these protective ways.

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

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

SUHC: Discontinuation of COVID 19 Testing and Removal of the Modular Building

Effective Friday, April 7, 2023, the Southern Ute Health Center is discontinuing COVID 19 testing operations in the modular building to prepare for the Health Center’s lab expansion project. Symptomatic Health Center patients can call to schedule an appointment to be seen by a provider, and the need for testing can be evaluated at the time of their visit.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum archive

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics we be continued at the Health Center and appointments can be made by calling 970-563-2357. If you reach the voicemail for that extension, please leave a message with your request to be scheduled for a vaccination and a callback number. Contact the Health Center at 970-563-4581 for information.



COME JOIN US!

Where : SunUte Rec Center Capote Room

When : Wednesdays, 4-5pm

SunUte Membership required. Assistance is available.

For more information call:

Abel Velasquez (rec center) 563-2651

Stacy Concelman (health center) 563-2366



Family Spirit Home Visiting Services Now Available In Our Community!

Are you pregnant or have a child under 3 years old?

Contact us today to build a strong future for your family!

Family Spirit participants receive visits and support from pregnancy through their baby’s 3rd birthday. Home visitors share education, social support and resources for caregivers and their young children.

Interested? Call Lilley Powell at the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581



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Online Recruitment, Grooming and Exploitation: A community forum about human trafficking in Colorado



Tuesday May 2nd 11:30am-1:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: This discussion will be hosted both virtually and in-person. Please indicate your preference when you register. Snacks will be provided for those who join us in person!

Patrick A. Lucero Library
1315 E. 7th St.
Pueblo, CO



Please RSVP by clicking this live link



Join the Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking (LCHT) in collaboration with the Alliance to Combat Trafficking (ACTH) - Pueblo for an important discussion on how traffickers are using technology to recruit and groom youth into labor and sexual exploitation. Since 2020, LCHT has been convening Colorado’s Human Trafficking Partnership Leaders with the goal of supporting and sustaining collaborative efforts to combat human trafficking at the community level. This is an extension of that effort. This forum will highlight the work of ACTH-Pueblo. You will hear from national and local advocates and law enforcement about what they have seen and what is being done to address online exploitation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- ACTH- Pueblo members and community partners
- Leaders from Colorado’s 20 human trafficking coalitions
- Please note: Pre-registration is required

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- How ACTH-Pueblo’s long-standing partnership has evolved over a decade
- Coalition building promising practices
- Southern Colorado human trafficking cases
- Practitioners and law enforcement sharing what they are doing to stop exploitation and seek justice

The Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking (combathumantrafficking.org) is a leader in Colorado’s anti-trafficking movement. Since 2005, we have trained over 53,000 professionals and community members; conducted research to drive action and inform policy change; operated the statewide 24/7 human trafficking hotline; and developed over 190 future human rights leaders.





courtesy SUIMA

Some of the SUIMA upper elementary students are waiting to go outside after their pizza lunch; pictured here are Eko Howe, Aeden Richards, Saniyya Valdez, Sibrya Larry, Osias Goodtracks, Joe Howell, and Meskviwv Wesley.

SUIMA

Pe’ekwatü ‘Eagle’s Nest’

Reading the Southern Ute language

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Using the Tribal Council approved Ute Dictionary, I have been trying to provide information to help with reading the Southern Ute Language. I hope you find these useful as we continue to grow the language.

ch – as in chaghay – sounds like ch in chat – means to sew
gh – as in ‘apaghay – sounds like g but further back in the throat – means to speak
kh – as in chakhachi – sounds like k but further back in the throat – means younger brother
qh – as in qoqho – sounds like k but even further back in the throat – means bullsnake

In the Drum edition from two weeks ago:

g – as in núugani – sounds like g in get – means tipi
k – as in kiipæ – sounds like k in kitty – means elbow
m – as in mamachi – sounds like m in mat – means woman
n – as in na’awaapuuni – sounds like n in not – means beautiful
p – as in paa – sounds like p in pat – means water
q – as in qoqho – sound like k, but further back in the throat – means bullsnake
r – as in núruachi – sounds like t in the word butter – means baby

In the Drum edition from four weeks ago:

‘ – as in taa’ – sounds like the air space between uh’oh



courtesy SUIMA

Ute Language teacher, Shawna Steffler, works with Toddler 3 student, Violet Powell, to help her learn some basic Ute language words.

– ‘ivetæ – underline – means these vowels are devoiced.
a – as in taa’ – sounds like a in father – means shirt, clothes
e – as in ‘ivetæ – sounds like e in met – means ‘on here’
i – as in ‘ivetæ – sounds like i in Wii – means ‘on here’
o – as in ‘aghochi – sounds like o in note – means ‘dish’
ø – as in ‘øaqarø – sounds like er in her – means yellow
u – as in ‘uwaræ – sounds like o in who – means ‘rain’
æ – as in ææ – sounds like oo while frowning - means ‘yes’

“Long Ago”

A story written in Ute by the SUIMA lower elementary students.

Wítas nuuchiu pa’ama-

nuni; Akatavuchi, Ayøvi, Kwiaghatupiivatæ, Muguavi, Muuratachi, Míipuchi, Kwanamuguavi, Sukusapaghatæ, Cassius, ‘Ununiræwa kiyay páanukwitæ tææravachi. Tav-inikyaaqh, tari’iaqh, mi’ichi-uwatiaqh. Kwiaghatæpiia-tæ cha’apagæ pagucha’anap-wa ‘uruvas inimiipuchæ. Sukusapaghatæ chayaghana-ivichi. Muuratachi tamu’ini páanukwitæ. Ayøvi chaæa qhaqháaræchi. Muguavi ‘uu’ini. ‘Ununiræ ‘uwapaghapáanukwitæ. Akatavuchi ka’aræpa’atæ karænapæ. Cassius tayænikwáatæ. Kwana-muguavi ‘inighani.

English translation:

Long ago all the Utes: Red Rabbit, Dove, Bear, Heart, Hummingbird Small, Eagle-heart, One Horned Rhino, Cassius, and Thunder were outside playing in the Pine River. It was a day of sunshine. It was hot. There was a little rain. Bear was running to catch a fish with a fishing pole that was a little straight. Dove caught a chicken. Heart farted. Thunder jumped in the river. Red Rabbit was restless in a chair. Cassius was on a bicycle. Eagle-heart made a house.

Almost ready for Sante Fe!



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Building Maintenance Division Head, Gerard Gallegos, purchases goods during the SUIMA Bake Sale. As the school year nears an end the Upper Elementary students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy sell baked goods in the Hall of Warriors on Thursday, April 13. The students have worked hard all year, fundraising for their upcoming end-of-year trip to Santa Fe, N.M.

Ute Language Guide Maria Rivera browses the selection of baked goods during the SUIMA Bake Sale, employees gathered in the Hall of Warriors in support of the Upper Elementary students and their endeavors.



Multi-Purpose Facility
April Beading Class
"Unfinished Projects"
Tuesday - Thursday, April 24, 25 & 26, 2023



Two Day Sessions: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Two Evening Sessions: Tuesday & Wednesday 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Need help finishing your beading projects?

Bring your unfinished beading projects.

Space is limited call to sign-up.



For more Information: 970-563-2640 or 970-563-2641
email: multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Upcoming events

- Every Friday – Fancy Fridays and Early Release
- April 27 – Truancy Code meeting for public comment at Multi-Purpose Facility 5:30p.m.
- April 28 – UE Fun Walk begins outside Tribal Council Chambers 1-2p.m.
- April 28 – UE Lemonade Sale during/after Fun Walk
- May 10 – Family Night celebration
- May 12 – Field Day
- May 16 – PAG via Zoom
- May 26 – End of the Year Ceremony on SUIMA school grounds at 9a.m.
- May 26 – Opening of Bear Dance 10 a.m.

Southern Ute Scholarship Program

Certificate, Associate, Bachelor, Master or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is July 3rd 2023
- Part-time scholarships are also available– applications are due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Certificate Scholarships-applications are due two weeks before classes start
- Scholarship applications are now available on-line or you can pick them up at the Education Center



Southern Ute Education Department
330 Burns Ave. Ignacio, CO 81137

For more information: Michael Kirsch
Academic Advisor
970-563- 2783
E-mail: mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi-Purpose Facility
Ribbon Shirt & Vest Classes



Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday May 9, 10 & 11, 2023
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Evening Classes 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Supply List:

Vest:

Child's size—1 Yard of 2 colors of fabric (outside & lining)

Adult sizes—1 1/2 yards of 2 colors of fabric (outside & lining)

Optional—double fold bias tape coordinating color

Shirts:

Child's size—2 Yards fabric, 3 yds single sided satin ribbon

Adult's size—3 1/2 Yards fabric, 2 colors of ribbons single sided satin ribbon—1 spool each color



256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or
e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



Planning a summer garden?



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Gardening in Southwest Colorado can present many challenges. This free program was offered to Southern Ute tribal members and other Natives. The workshop offered information on soil preparation, planting dates, and plant selection. There were also door prizes including, seeds and other gardening items. Southern Ute tribal elder, Marge Borst was among those in attendance, Thursday, April 6.

Kevin Mallow, Division Head for the Tribe's Agriculture Division presented a garden planning and preparation workshop, Thursday, April 6, at the Southern Ute Agriculture Division. A set of classes were presented at 3p.m. and 6 p.m. – respectively, inside the Agriculture Division office located off of CR 517.



courtesy Dayna Talamante-Montoya

Ignacio Middle School, 3rd Quarter honor roll students.

BOBCAT BULLETIN

Greetings from Ignacio Middle School

By Dayna M. Talamante-Montoya, Principal
IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

This second semester has flown by. We have had some exciting things happen at the Ignacio Middle School. For the first time in five years, we held a school wide spelling bee this semester. Each language arts grade level class held class competitions and the top 12 students competed in the second round with six heading to the final round. The final three were:

- Kirstyn Jameson, 1st
- Brandon Guzman-Griego, 2nd
- Selia Montoya 3rd

We are so proud of all of our students for stepping out of their comfort zone and competing.

We also held two honor roll breakfasts (One in January and the other in March) to honor our students who made a 3.5 or higher GPA. There will be a district wide Academic Awards Banquet on Monday, May 1 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Ignacio High School auditorium. Invitations should arrive shortly. Academic Awards is a recognition of those students who have achieved a 3.5 GPA for three quarters. It is a fabulous honor.

We also held a Character Counts activity right before spring break. We held our annual lock-in where students spend an evening in the school watching movies, eating snacks, and playing games. It has been one of the favorite rewards students have had over the years.

We just completed state testing. Thank you to parents and guardians for getting your students to school on time every day for testing. We had one of the best years of attendance for state testing. We held a BEAT CMAS assembly to encourage and explain to students why the test is important and to follow four simple steps:



courtesy Dayna Talamante-Montoya

Students attended the Colorado State Science Fair in Fort Collins, April 13-15. Congratulations to IMS' Paisley Vezeau and Selia Montoya as well as high school students Dylan Brann, Autumn Schulz (received three awards, including a 1st place) and Max Montoya (received honorable mention).



Dayna Talamante-Montoya
Principal
Ignacio Middle School

who made it to compete at the state level for the science fair from the middle school and three from the high school. Students attended the Colorado State Science Fair in Fort Collins organized by Mrs. Redman, April 13-15. Although our middle school students didn't receive official awards the experience was invaluable. Congratulations to IMS' Paisley Vezeau and Selia Montoya for their time and effort in producing experiments worthy of the state bid, as well as high school students Dylan Brann, Autumn Schulz (received three awards, including a 1st place) and Max Montoya (received honorable mention).

In terms of athletics, IMS has students participating in both track and soccer. Our track athletes looking to break PR's and soccer has enough students in its second year to have both an A and B team. Coach Duffy and Coach Jen Seibel are head coaches for track and Coach Talamante and Coach Lucero are coaches for soccer. All athletic events can be found on our website under athletics.

We are winding down our semester with our last month of school. We will be sending out summer school information soon, be on the lookout for it. As well as 5th and 8th grade transition tours will be happening. Our BAC meeting will be next Tuesday, April 25 at 4:15pm. We have a Facebook page and an IG page (@ignaciomidschool for both), please subscribe to keep up to date on info.

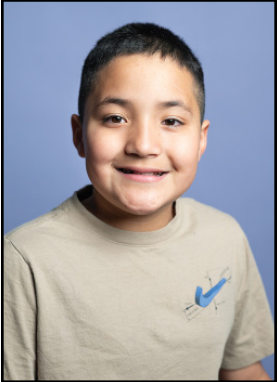
Upcoming dates

- April 25: BAC meeting @ 4:15 p.m.
- April 25: Multicultural meeting at admin 11:50 a.m.
- April 26: Soccer vs Durango Rec, 6th grade concession
- April 27: Track sprints at home, Spring Fling Dance
- April 29: 9 Health Fair, IHS Commons
- May 1: Academic Awards Banquet

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: A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Deserving; A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program; Interested in continuing his or her education; Interested in serving the Tribe and the community; and Approved by the Department of Education. An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and 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 p.m. 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.

Students of the season



Stephen Romero
Ignacio Middle School

Stephen Romero
My name is Stephen Romero, I attend Ignacio Middle School where I am a sixth grader. My parents are Dawnnet Naranjo and Abel Romero. Getting to see my friends and playing sports is what I like best about school. My favorite school subjects are science, math, and social studies. My positive role models are my mom, dad, Auntie Mandy, and Uncle Darren. I have a lot of interests, I'm not quite sure what I would do but when I grow up, I would like to be either a chef, doctor, veterinarian, or a professional athlete. I have been nominated Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Season for Winter 2023 because my teachers feel I have a very positive attitude about school, respect teachers and peers – I am a very fun person!

Stephan Romero is nominated by Southern Ute Education Teacher, Julie Stone: "It is a pleasure to nominate Stephen for this honor. He is well liked by teachers and other students; he is so much fun to be around! Teachers say, 'Stephen is the best! He makes us so happy and inspired, his attitude is so positive, and he is a joy to teach,'" – Julie Stone.

His family comments: Stephen is so much fun to be around, he makes friends everywhere he goes and can usually be seen with a football in his hand. He's very caring, goofy, and makes us laugh with his dancing, joking, and singing. Stephen has done so well this year keeping up with school while playing sports. We are so proud of you Stephen!



Dominique Rael
Ignacio High School

Dominique Rael
My name is Dominique Rael and I attend Ignacio High School, where I am a Senior. My parents are Jasmine Weaver and Jordan Rael. One thing I like about school is being able to see all my friends. My favorite subject is culinary because we make all kinds of food and learn more about cooking. I have been nominated Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Season for Spring 2023 because of my academic and personal growth throughout the school year.

Southern Ute Education Teacher, ShaRay Rock shares: "Dominique has showed great progress in her school-work. She has grown academically over the year; she is not afraid to ask for help when needed. Dominique is a wonderful student to work with."



Attention Tribal Membership!

NEW Proposed Truancy Code Public Meeting!!

WHEN: **APRIL 26, 2023**
WHERE: Multi-Purpose Building
TIME: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
(Lite Dinner will be provided!)

Parents, Guardians, and K-12 students are encouraged to attend either or both meetings!!

The comment period has been extended to May 17, 2023

Please contact Leslie Barnhart if you need a copy of the proposed new Truancy Code at (970) 563-2144 or lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov



Tribe welcomes Golden High School visit



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Golden High School students assemble for a photo within the SUIMA tipi. SUIMA Principal, Mari Jo Owens gave a tour of the academy campus to the students.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Anneke Powell and Sam Ryan further their Montessori teachings within one of the classrooms they toured at the Southern Ute Montessori Academy.

Students at Golden High School visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe during their Senior Seminar Southwest trip, April 10-13. The students spent two days visiting various Tribal Permanent Fund departments, including KSUT Tribal Radio and the Growth Fund. The students were given presentations on Southern Ute culture, traditions, language, and services each department provides to the Southern Ute membership. Golden High School seniors have visited Washington D.C., the Grand Canyon, hiked the Senora Desert and built ice caves in Winterpark, Colo. During their Southwest trip they will be visiting the Navajo Nation, Canyon de Chelly and other locations in the Southwest. The student group has visited the Southern Ute Tribe annually since 2012, excluding a two-year hiatus during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Following the presentations from the Southern Ute Wildlife Division, students had the opportunity to chat with the division employees and ask any questions they may have. Wildlife Biologist Garrett Peachey shared his experience working within the Division and his educational journey.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Education Coordinator, Raelynn Torres guides the Golden High School students through the Southern Ute Museum, speaking to the students about the roles carried by Ute women in daily lifestyle.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Acting Police Chief Derriyck Begaye of the Southern Ute Police Department presented the “leaders,” teachers of the Golden High School Senior Seminar with “Challenge Coin”. The coin is given as an honor when they are exchanged – to present their leaders, through their hard work and dedication to their students. Begaye said, “it was an honor to present them with it.”



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

TIS Records Clerk, Jack Frost III shows Golden High School students the boxes of files and folders and how TIS archives and stores all the documents sent to the department.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Students shake hands with members of Southern Ute Tribal Council, thanking them for their encouragement to continue their education and for the hospitality from the Tribe throughout the entirety of their visit.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Each year, visiting Golden High School seniors get the opportunity to participate in live interviews with REZ-olution Radio Hour host, Robert Ortiz. During the interview, students shared their experiences throughout their Senior Seminar trip and gave shoutouts to friends, family, and loved ones.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

During day two of their trip, Golden High School seniors visit with the Cultural Preservation Department to learn more about the culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Students participated in a round dance and heard songs from the Southern Ute Singers, being invited to sing – student Nolan Spetzler takes a seat at the drum and follows along.



IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

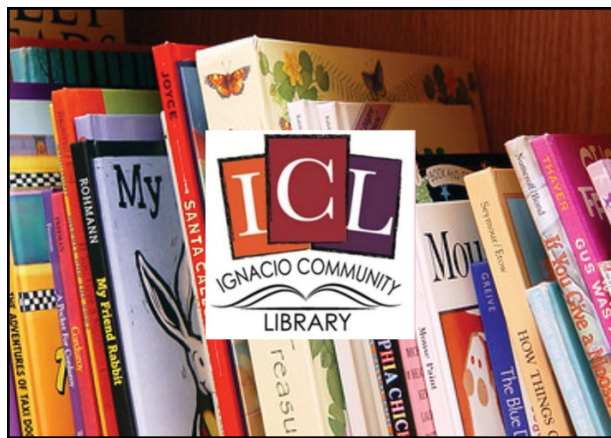
There's more to the story

By Marcia R. Vining
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

National Library Week is April 23rd through the 29th and is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries and library workers as well as promote library use and support. The theme for National Library Week 2023 is "There's More to the Story," illustrating the fact that in addition to the books in library collections, available in a variety of formats, libraries offer so much more. Many libraries, including yours, now lend items like state park and museum passes, games, digital devices, and tools. Library programming brings communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, story times, movie nights, maker groups, and lectures. And library infrastructure advances communities, providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, tech support and support for businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs.

On Wednesday, April 26 in the middle of National Library Week we celebrate National Library Outreach Day. Formerly known as National Bookmobile Day this name has been changed to reflect the expansion of library services to adapt and meet the needs of the public we serve.

Here in little Ignacio our library lacks none of these additions and is proud to provide our community with an ever-expanding



courtesy Ignacio Community Library

list of services, programs and equipment to meet the needs and feed the ambitions of our patrons. So it is with great excitement that Ignacio Community Library has acquired a Mobile Library, our newest addition to expand our ability to reach underserved and underrepresented communities. Formerly a 14-seat activity bus, it is being remodeled and reconfigured to meet its new mission and should be on the road by summer. The library staff is currently gathering suggestions and forming plans and partnerships for Mobile Library activities. More than likely Mobile Library duties will include remote story time and makerspace, business services, computer access and will act as a mobile hotspot. Of course, we will have a selection of books and DVDs for checkout and will be providing a delivery service for reserved titles.

ICL is also looking for the public's help in naming the new mobile library. Bookmobile may seem like an

obvious choice but as mentioned previously libraries are much more than books and a name that reflects these characteristics may be more appropriate. So, we are asking for your input and suggestions for names at this time. Some bookmobiles have been named after famous authors, others have catchy phrases such as Mobile Tomes, Obey the Read Limit, Traveling Libraries, Paperback Rider and Novel Approach. Please come in and add to our survey or call us with your suggestions.

If you have not had a chance to visit our library, please make a date and come in to see what we have to offer. Visitors from all over the country remark on how nice the building is and marvel at the wide choice of opportunities awaiting the curious. Schedules of programs can be found in the newsletter which can be accessed online with paper copies available at the library and soon to be available on the Mobile Library at a location near you.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Club Connect: Summer Club is around the corner

Sanchez and Watts: BGC youth of the month

Staff report

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

What does club mean to you?

"What I like about club is the gym, and getting to play football with my friends"

— BGC club member

Youth of the Month

We have two club members we want to recognize.

First is our Junior Youth of the Month which is awarded to Ray Sanchez III.



Ray Sanchez III
Youth of the Month

Staff all agree that Ray is super outgoing in group. He is very active in sports and is competitive. Not only that, but Ray is also very helpful in programming. He reminds us of Fairness, and Citizenship by speaking up for others. Thank you, Ray, for being yourself and being a great athlete!

Our second Youth of the Month award goes to Orion Watts.



When Orion is in group, he is very sociable with his friends. He sets a good example to all our young club members and likes to include everybody in group. He is very caring and respectful and plays fair. Orion grows as a person and a friend every single day. We look forward to seeing him at Club!

Congratulations to both Ray and Orion on behalf of BGCSU staff!

April birthday shout outs

- Avalyna, 10 years old
- Mason, 7 years old

BGC highlights

Summer Club is around the corner, and with that being said there are a few things you can do to secure a spot.

All parents/guardians need to attend one of our Summer Parent meetings. This is a requirement for your club member to be registered for Summer Club. And to secure their spot for Summer Club, be prepared to pay for

your club member(s) Summer Week(s). We accept cash or check.

All Summer Parent meetings, fees, time, location, and dates can be found on our 2023 Summer Club flyer. We have limited space available, but we will create a waitlist once our Summer Weeks become full. If you have any questions, please contact us at 970-563-4753 or bgcstaff@southernute-nsn.gov.

BGC Board of Director words

What made you want to be a part of our BGC team?

"As Board members we try to give back to the community. The Board as a whole supports our young people because the smallest contribution given collectively can add up to something greater. By giving back to our community through BGC, it makes the world a better place and seeing the smiles of the children is our reward. Unity is the key to best serving our young people and community."

BGC Announcements

- **May 9:** Summer Parent Meeting for tribal members only. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., SunUte Mouache rooms.
- **May 15:** Summer Parent Meeting open to everyone. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., SunUte Mouache rooms.
- **May 23:** Summer Parent Meeting open to everyone. 11a.m. – 1 p.m., SunUte Mouache rooms.



Orion Watts
Youth of the Month

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

2023 SUMMER CLUB
June 12-August 11
No Club the week of July 3-7th

Summer Fees
\$30/week for 1st child
\$20/week for 2nd child
\$10/week each additional child
\$10/week for Southern Ute Tribal Member or First Descendant Child
* For scholarship information, call (970) 563-2666

Meeting Dates
Southern Ute Tribal Member Only
5/9/2023 @ 5:30PM
Open to Everyone
5/15/2023 @ 5:30PM
5/23/2023 @ 12:00PM

Ages 6-18
Limited Space Available
Attendance to ONE meeting is mandatory. All meetings will be held at SunUte Community Center. Be prepared to pay when you attend for a guaranteed spot. We can accept cash or check payments.
A waitlist will be created once our summer weeks become full.

For any questions, contact us at (970) 563-4753 or bgcstaff@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi-Purpose Facility May Events

May
Sr. Breakfast—Wednesday May 3, 2023—10:00 —11:30 AM
Shawls & Vests—Tuesday—Thursday May 9-11, 2023
9:30 AM—3:00 PM & 5:30—7:30 PM
Sip Chat & Chew—Friday May 12, 2023—11:30 AM-1:30 PM
Bear Dance Sewing—Monday—Thursday May 15-18, 2023
9:30 AM—3:00 PM & 5:30—7:30 PM
Yard Sale—Saturday May 20, 2023—9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Bear Dance Sewing—Monday—Thursday May 22—23, 2023
9:30 AM—3:00 PM & 5:30—7:30 PM
Bear Dance Arts & Craft Fair—Monday May 29, 2023 9:00 AM—4:00 PM
Individual sewing assistance by appointment—Call Elise 970-563-2641
Need more information? Call the Multi-Purpose Facility 970-563-2640 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

DNR Open House



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Tribal Credit Division Head, Zebulan "Zeb" Vogenthaler and Tribal Housing Director, Gavin Martinez welcome visitors and share program information during the annual Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Open House, Wednesday, April 12.

Department of Natural Resources, Construction Services, Tribal Housing and Tribal Credit hosted an Open House. Representatives from each division were available to discuss programs & projects that serve the tribal membership. Southern Ute elder, and GIS Technician Eddie Box Jr. was on hand to answer questions about his department through the morning.



Multi-Purpose Facility May Senior Breakfast

Wednesday May 3, 2023
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Open to all Community Senior Citizens
55 years and older

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Child abuse prevention kick-off



Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students were given blue pinwheels in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Upper Elementary student Clementine Carrillo (center) and her peers, take great pleasure in the pinwheels they received.



Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzales gives welcome remarks along with the rest of the Southern Ute Royalty. Gonzales spoke to the importance of Child Abuse Prevention Month and welcomed attendees to the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum for the kick-off event.



Ignacio's own Southern Ute Singers, Jake Ryder and brother, Tim Ryder fill the Large Classroom of Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum with traditional songs.



Guest Speaker — Executive Officer Mike Olguin gave a heartfelt speech reflecting on his own childhood and the importance of breaking the cycle of child abuse.

The Southern Ute Social Services held their annual Child Abuse Awareness Kick-Off Event at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, Friday, April 7. Upper Elementary students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy performance traditional Ute Songs. Guest Speaker, Executive Officer Mike Olguin, Tribal Council, Southern Ute Royalty, and the Southern Ute Singers help make this event memorable. Attendees were able to meet the new Southern Ute Social Services (DSS) staff and enjoy refreshments as the Tribe kicked off the month of April in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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Ute Nations Day returns to State Capitol



Members of the Southern Ute Royalty stand together in the Senate Chambers for a photo with Colorado State Senator, Jessie Danielson (Democrat, Dist. 22), a strong advocate for Colorado's Ute tribes, Danielson gave formal introductions for the visiting tribal dignitaries during a special recognition on Ute Nations Day.

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Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran and Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr. brings in the American Flag at the State Capitol building. The Southern Ute Veterans Association provided the Color Guard for this year's event.

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the State of Colorado and sovereign Tribal governments is founded on a strong government-to-government relationship – Ute Nation's Day and the opportunity for the Ute tribes to have a seat at the table with state leadership is essential to that process. Following the formal recognition ceremony on Friday morning, both Southern Ute and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Councils had an opportunity to meet with Colorado Governor Jared Polis and Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera to discuss matters of importance to each of their respective sovereign nations.

"Ute Day at the Capitol is one way we strive to honor the state's earliest stewards who have lived off and cared for the land long before Colorado became a state," Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera said. "We are grateful for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes' continued legacy here in our state."

"We also acknowledge the Indigenous communities that once called this land home; but no longer reside in Colorado due to the violent and manipulative actions perpetrated by federal and state governments," Primavera said. "We must remember our past in hopes that we can offer solidarity and partnership in the present and greater opportunities for Coloradans living on and off tribal lands in the future."

Concerns raised directly to Governor Polis and the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs by the Southern Ute Tribal Council included, revenue from online sports betting, illegal gambling within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation boundaries, future funding of the state's Office of Liaison for Missing or Murdered Indigenous



Southern Ute Vice-Chairman, Lorelei Cloud addresses a few of the Tribe's concerns during a closed meeting with Governor Polis, Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera and the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs to discuss tribal issues at a state level on Friday, April 14.

Relatives – while also stating the need for more active engagement in the prevention and resolution of MMIR cases in Southwest Colorado – and the progress and support of a bill that would allow for Native students to wear their traditional regalia during formal commencement (graduation) ceremonies.

Tribal Council was also invited to attend a set of breakout sessions held in the State Services Building adjacent to the Colorado Capitol that afternoon, topics of discussion included Veterans Affairs, the Indian Child Welfare Act and Workforce Development. Members from each of the Ute councils attended the split sessions and provided ideas and feedback for their respective tribes, while also having the opportunity to meet face to face with key department heads on issue resolution, and future opportunities.

The formalities in the Colorado State Capitol building earlier that day began with a formal invocation in the Ute language by Ute Mountain Ute elder, Terry Knight Sr. and a Color Guard presentation by the Southern Ute Veterans Association. The Rocky Mountain Mustang Drum Group filled the halls of the Colorado Capitol with powerful singing – delivering an Honor Song and Flag Song in recognition of Ute Nations Day.

Governor Jared Polis and Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera each took turns giving recognition to Colorado's longest continuous residents – the Ute tribes. Southern Ute Chairman Melvin J. Baker and Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Manual Hart welcomed attendees and spoke to the importance of tribal sovereignty for future generations following the reading of the Ute Nations Day Proclamation by Governor Polis.

"We also want to acknowledge the tribes who call Colorado home – thank you for the many tribal leaders here today and the wealth of knowledge, tradition, and pride they bring to our Capitol today," Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera said. "It's an honor to partner with you. Thank you to the Rocky Mountain Mustang Drum Group for their powerful Honor Song and Flag Song to fill the halls of our state capitol. That was truly an impactful way to begin a meaningful day."

Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzales and Miss Ute Mountain, Iyonia Pavisook were recognized along with members of the Southern Ute Royalty and Ute Mountain Ute Royalty – of all ages. The tribal royalty and visiting dignitaries were then invited to a formal recognition in the House and Senate chambers. Colorado State Senator, Jessie Danielson (Democrat, Dist. 22) spoke on behalf of the State Senate, welcoming the Ute tribes and tribal royalty, while also recognizing the important legacy that the Utes hold for Colorado – both past and present.



Accompanied by Southern Ute Councilman Marvin Pinnecoose, the Rocky Mountain Mustang Drum Group filled the halls of the Colorado Capitol with powerful singing – delivering an Honor Song and Flag Song in recognition of Ute Nations Day.



The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Legal Department Director, David Smith — sits alongside tribal royalty during the Ute Nations Day recognition in the Colorado Senate Chambers.



Ute Mountain Ute Chairman, Manual Hart takes to the podium during the Ute Nations Day program to welcome attendees – emphasizing the importance of tribal sovereignty in the State of Colorado for the Ute tribes.



Members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council and Southern Ute Royalty (Not Pictured) are formally recognized during a special visit to the Colorado Senate Chambers for Ute Nations Day, Friday, April 14.



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Pursued by Montezuma-Cortez's Jordi Mahler (30), Ignacio's Autumn Sage (23) races after the ball Saturday, April 15, at M-CHS. The Lady Bobcats fell 6-1 on the road.

BOBCATS SOCCER

Girls' Soccer struggles at M-CHS

Slow start costly in IHS' 6-1 loss

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Not one to truly blow a gasket, even as a motivational tactic in the heat of battle, Ignacio Girls' Soccer head coach Alisha Gullion admitted she'd shocked herself with how fiery her halftime talk Saturday afternoon, April 15, to her team ended up being.

Hoping to see the sort of improved movement and energy which had helped the Lady Bobcats hound 3A Bayfield in a 4-2 road loss on the 11th, the skipper effectively informed her squad she hadn't yet seen anything close as match-hosting Montezuma-Cortez sat on a comfortable 5-0 cushion at intermission.

"They're kind of used to counting themselves out before we even start playing," she had said after IHS fell to BHS, but appeared to exit Wolverine Country Stadium with a sense of capability renewed by seniors Harmony Reynolds and Laci Brunson scoring one goal apiece, plus senior goalkeeper Trinity Strohl racking up 18 saves. "I know that they get in their heads sometimes, like, 'Oh



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ollyvia Howe (17) hops ahead of Bayfield's Tanna Owens (18) to take possession of the ball during the teams' showdown Tuesday, April 11, at BHS. The Lady Bobcats battled well in a 4-2 defeat.

... we know how it's going to go,' but ... we can compete with these teams. We are competitive!"

And despite lacking both

Brunson and junior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga in Ignacio's second meeting with

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

As Nucla shortstop P.J. Hulst (4) awaits the throw, Ignacio's Elliott Hendren (26) steals second base during the Bobcats' 11-1 rout of the Mustangs Friday afternoon, April 14, at IHS Field.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

Bobcats bomb Burros, 20-1 and 20-0

IHS explodes in distant Park County

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Not often can a baseball team say it scored more runs in a game than the thermometer counted degrees.

On Saturday, April 15, however, Ignacio authoritatively did just that.

And not once, but twice at a struggling South Park's expense.

Taxing the limits of the Burros' pitching, the Bobcats followed up a six-inning, 11-1 home win the previous afternoon over 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rival Nucla with four-inning victories of 20-1 and 20-0 up in Fahrenheit-lacking Fairplay. "You know, I expected them to go up there and do about the same thing they did here," said IHS head coach Duke Baker. "I expected them to do their jobs and follow through, and we won both games. I expected nothing less of these boys."

And even with the temperature, colder than already expected, reportedly only in the upper teens, the 'Cats (6-3, 3-0 SJB�) stayed as warm as possible by spending as little time out in the field as possible; the squad scored at least three runs in each inning except the doubleheader's very first, in which IHS tallied just a scratch.

But that brief, innocent look was certainly deceiving. And after ending the second inning having cut the guests' growing lead back down to 4-1, the 2A Southern Peaks Leaguers felt Ignacio's full fury the rest of the way in falling to 1-8 overall.

In Game 1, IHS senior Epipie Quintana – who'd fired a complete-game no-hitter on the mound against NHS – went 2-for-4 with a double, reached via two SPHS errors, scored three runs and plated three. 1-for-3 against the Mustangs, senior Zane



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Ignacio's Stoney White Thunder (10) greets Nucla's Steele Arnold with a successful tag denying the Mustang a steal of third base during action Friday afternoon, April 14, at IHS Field. The Bobcats dominated the Mustangs 11-1.

Olguin improved to 3-3 with a walk, three runs and one RBI while again batting in the nine-hole.

Scoring two runs and plating one, junior Rylan Maez ended up 2-for-3 with a triple and was hit by a pitch. Junior Phillip Quintana was plunked once and drew a conventional base-on-balls in finishing 2-2 with a triple, two runs and one RBI. Freshman Stoney White Thunder went 1-3 with a walk, run and RBI, and junior Elliott Hendren went 1-1 with a walk, two runs and one RBI.

Losing pitcher Dyllan Newman (3.1 IP, 18 R, 10 ER, 5 BB, 3 K) ended up 1-for-2 with a triple, and scored the locals' only run against IHS junior Devante Montoya (W; 4 IP, 2 BB, 8 K) via a groundout off the

bat of fellow junior Justin Miller (0-2).

Phillip Quintana would start and finish Game 2 on the hill, earning the win after allowing just one hit, bean-balling one Burro but walking none, and striking out ten – or one less than the number of fielding errors South Park reportedly committed.

After going to a rare 0-for-5 atop Baker's order in the opener, Montoya went 2-4 with two runs plus a ribbie. Rylan Maez whacked another triple – giving him a three-bagger in three consecutive games – and finished 1-3 with a hit-by-pitch, three runs and one batted in. Phillip Quintana went 1-3 with a triple, walk, three runs and three RBI in his own support, and Ep-

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BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

Valiant at the Velasquez

IHS wins four events at home meet

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Heaving the heavy sphere 37 feet, 3 inches, Ignacio junior Kyle Rima placed first in the shot put, and the Bobcats' 1,600- and 3,200-meter relays also finished first as IHS' boys came in fourth on their side of the April 8, 2023, Abel Velasquez Invitational.

All told, the 'Cats earned 76 team points at their home meet, landing them behind only Durango (89), Pagosa Springs (90) and 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rival Dove Creek (96) as 12 teams factored into the final standings.

Running the 4x400 race, Ignacio sophomore Kendrick Nossaman, freshman Lincoln deKay, senior John Riepel and junior Corey Gomez brought the baton across the finish line in a winning time of 4:00.18, beating second-place Bayfield's entered quartet by 6.36 ticks. The only two schools represented in the 4x800 event, IHS' foursome – freshmen James Martin, Dillon Brann and Trace Crane, plus Gomez – again bested the Wolverines, 10:00.25 to 10:30.57.

Rima also threw well in the discus and placed second with a best throw of 103 feet, 7 inches. deKay placed second in both the 110- and 300-meter hurdles – clocking 18.67 and 47.77 seconds, respectively – and Nossaman was runner-up in the 400m dash (56.20). Martin

placed third in the 1,600m run (5:31.90), Riepel flew a fourth-place 17'7.5" in the long jump and added fifth-place points in the Rimapaced shot (32'4").

DCHS senior Kendall Gardner finished second with a 36'4" best, and Durango junior Leith Davis was third with a 34'7".

Crane placed sixth in the discus (89'11") and deKay did likewise in the pole vault (8'8") with freshman Zane Pontine following in seventh (8'2"). Freshman Norman Hackett placed seventh in the triple jump with his 28'9.5" best.

Junior Maci Barnes led the Lady 'Cats with her first-place result in the 800m run. Clocking 2:34.23, she finished 5.46 seconds ahead of PSHS junior Annie O'Donnell, and earned ten of Ignacio's sixth-place 37 team points. O'Donnell and the Lady Pirates, however, piled up 160 and earned the team title over second-place Durango (96) and SJBLers Nucla (64).

Junior Kacey Brown posted a time of 6:43.16

and scored second-place points in the 1,600 meters, and IHS was also runner-up in the 4x400 with freshman Juliann Avila, Brown, junior Lauren deKay and Barnes combining for a 4:55.05 trailing only Durango's 4:51.88 (a blazing 11.66 seconds faster than that quartet's No. 1 seed time).

Barnes fared well in the long jump, recording a fourth-place 14'2.5", and Brown took fourth in the discus with a 71'11" maximum. deKay cleared 7'2" in the pole vault and finished fifth, and Avila placed seventh in the high jump with her 4'6" best.

She added an eighth in the 100m hurdles (20.66), while deKay took eighth in the 800 (3:07.26) and freshman Samantha Riddell eighth in the 200 (31.44).

After competing next at the Bayfield Invitational No. 2 on Tuesday, April 18, Ignacio will take part in Durango's Ron Keller Invitational on Saturday, April 22, then travel to Cortez for the M-CHS Panther Invitational on the 28th.

2023 Abel Velasquez Invitational

GIRLS' TEAM STANDINGS

1. Pagosa Springs 160, 2. Durango 96, 3. Nucla 64, 4. Dove Creek 54, 5. Dolores 42, 6. IGNACIO 37, 7. Bayfield 22, 8. Del Norte 19, T-9. Mancos & Sargent 18.

BOYS' TEAM STANDINGS

1. Dove Creek 96, 2. Pagosa Springs 90, 3. Durango 89, 4. IGNACIO 76, T-5. Sargent & Mancos 33, 7. Nucla 29, 8. Dolores 28, 9. Bayfield 20, 10. Del Norte 17, T-11. Creede & Montezuma-Cortez 14.

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M-CHS, the Lady 'Cats backed up the boss' claim almost immediately in the second half.

After being out-shot by an unofficial 16-1 margin (12-1 in shots-on-goal) before the break, IHS at last broke through when Reynolds gained possession near the scorer's table at midfield, sped along the sideline all the way into striking range, and then put IHS' first second-half try past Montezuma-Cortez goalie Aubrey Rutherford in the 43rd minute.

Just two minutes later, however, the thrill was gone.

Rather than known playmakers Jordi Mahler, Sophia Shepard or Anna Jensen, M-CHS junior Janae Boyd led a rush deep into the offensive end and drew Strohl far off her line. Strohl managed to deflect the ball before it really became a shot, but the ball skittered away to her left and M-CHS senior Carlie McClellan booted it into an unguarded net for the locals' sixth goal.

Shepard had gotten the scoring started with goals in the sixth and tenth minutes. Mahler then marked in the 17th, 22nd (via a penalty kick awarded after a foul called against Lady 'Cat Jillian Middlebrook) and 27th minutes for a hat trick, with Shepard assisting on Mahler's first goal and Jensen her third.

And though no more offensive highlights came for Ignacio (0-6 overall, 0-2 2A Intermountain-South), the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds (15) receives congratulations from Laci Brunson (11) after scoring a first-half goal Tuesday, April 11, at Bayfield. Brunson would score during the second half, but the Lady Bobcats fell 4-2.

Lady Bobcats left on something of an upbeat note following Strohl's diving denial of a Lady Panther's likely 78th-minute goal.

Unofficially, she saved ten of M-CHS' 16 shots-on-goal; Rutherford stopped three of IHS' four. The Lady Panthers (4-3, 2-0 3A Southwestern) also gained seven corner kicks to the Lady Bobcats' three in the non-league clash.

Looking ahead, Ignacio will resume league play Friday, April 21, at Ridgway. Results from M-CHS' visit on the 20th, completing a 2023 trilogy, were unavailable at press time, as were those from IHS' 4/18 trip to Pagosa Springs (1-6, 0-3 3A SWL). The Lady Pirates had logged their first win – a 10-0 rout of 2A Lake County up in Leadville – just five days before.

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pie Quintana ended up 0-2 but logged three runs after reaching base via a walk, a hit-by-pitch and an error.

Returning to varsity action, junior Nate Hendren went 1-1 in three plate appearances, with two runs and as many RBI, while White Thunder finished 1-2 with two walks, three runs and two batted in. Junior Marcus Maez, however, may have had the best stat line of all; Ignacio's second baseman ended up 3-for-3 with a walk, two runs and

an impressive five RBI.

"We practiced all week and, as you could tell, that practice is coming through. It's showing that what we're doing is working," Baker said. "The bottom half (of the batting order) is rolling it over to the top half – that's all I ask, for them to put the ball in play. And they're doing it."

Looking ahead to upcoming action, Ignacio will travel Friday, April 21, to 3A Intermountain power Bayfield. First pitch against the Wolverines is set for 3 p.m.

The Bobcats will then host 2A Trinidad for two on the 22nd, beginning at 11 a.m.

Results from IHS' scheduled April 18 single at Dove Creek, however, were unavailable at press time. The Bulldogs went into the game standing 1-2 in SJBL play and 6-6 overall after stringing together five straight blowout wins, including a 33-1 thrashing of 2A Western Slope member Grand Valley – the 4/18 destination for Nucla (4-5, 0-2 SJBL) – up in Parachute.

NAIG Informational Meeting
Team Colorado
Where: SunUte Meeting Rooms
April 27th, 7:00pm
Topics: Registration Fee, Sport Venues, Air Fare

For Information Call Recreation. Virgil 970-563-2652, Jenn 970-563-2667, Bird 970-563-664

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

CO 151 remains closed south of Chimney Rock National Monument

Water flow levels must recede before repairs can be made

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

CO Highway 151 remains closed south of the US Highway 160 junction, between Pagosa Springs and Arboles. Heavy spring run-off in Stollsteimer Creek, near Chimney Rock National Monument, has eroded the shoulder of the roadway causing a safety risk for drivers.

Colorado Department of Transportation crews have been monitoring the site daily and working toward a temporary fix to get at least one lane open for alternating traffic. Water levels must subside before any temporary or permanent repairs can be made.

The closure was put in place last week, Tuesday, April 11, after CDOT was alerted of erosion issues on the highway caused by heavy spring run-off. Large volumes of water carrying natural debris washed away much of the creek channel and



courtesy CDOT

CDOT maintenance crews observed heavy run-off on Tuesday, April 11, from snowmelt carrying high volumes of water both around and through two 12 feet in diameter culverts located under CO 151, 10 miles north of Arboles, Colo.

earth surrounding the metal culverts, causing a high potential for sinkholes to form underneath the road surface.

Traffic Impacts

CO 151 Traffic impacts will include:

- Motorists should expect a long-term closure to be in place on CO 151 until further notice.
- South closure point is located at MP 28.1, north of Old Gallegos Road.

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- North closure point is located at MP 29, south of Cabazon Canyon Road.
- Do not attempt to bypass road barricades at the closure points.
- Travelers are encouraged to seek alternative routes and check COtrip.org for the most current road conditions.

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For complete coverage, scores, standings and Bobcats sports updates visit the Southern Ute Drum's website www.sudrum.com

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ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Little Miss Southern Ute Alt.

Shayne White Thunder

Mique Nuchu,
My name is Shayne Morning Star White Thunder. My Ute name is Təməsi'iru "Winter Rose." My grandmother Mikki gave me that name because I was born in winter and the rose signifies our people. My Cheyenne name is Azem'heh "Rearing Woman." I am named after my Nishgit (grandma) Bobbie.

I am the current 2022-2023 Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate. I am nine years old, and I attend school at Florida Mesa Elementary in Durango, Colo. My mother is Heather White Thunder, and my father is Seth Roubideaux. My paternal grandmother is Mikki Naranjo, and my great-grandparents are the late Eugene Naranjo and the late Dixie Naranjo. My maternal grandparents are Bobbie White Thunder from El Reno, Okla. and the late Ross Denny. I come from the Moache-Capote bands and I'm a descendent of Buckskin Charlie. I am also Cheyenne and Arapaho from my mother's side.

I like to read, play video games, draw/paint, ride my



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

scooter, and I am learning how to bead and sew. I enjoy representing the Southern Ute Tribe and I continue to learn every day.

The following are events that I have attended and participated in this quarter:

January 2023
Durango Public Schools NAPAC Round Dance – I danced and had fun!

February 2023
Valentines Round Dance and Powwow – It was fun to do all of the activities there and to dance

Monthly Sip, Chat, & Chew event – I made Valentine cards to pass out to Elders.

SUIMA asked me and my sister to do a dance performance for the students. I like to share my dancing with people and try to encourage other kids to dance.

Royalty sponsored a Ute Story Telling event – I told a story about my great, great grandmas, Annetta Frost and Bertha Grove told my grandma Mikki about "basket lady" and I told another story about where my White Thunder name came from.

March 2023

Denver March Powwow – I danced and got to meet Miss Indian World! It was so fun!

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

Tog'oiaak'

Shayne Morning Star

White Thunder

Little Miss Southern Alternate
2022-2023

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

THE VALUE OF LOCAL NEWS, TRIBAL MEDIA

Maykh, Piinu nuuchiu!

With a few days of warm weather, spring runoff has begun. Whether it is water being released from local dams or shallow ponds being formed in natural depression, weather and water interact to form interesting results. From farmer to rafter, it is important to know what spring runoff will bring to everyone. It is also important for everyone to be aware of their surroundings. One form of media that provides information about past activities, articles of interest, important notices, and upcoming events, is our Southern Ute Drum newspaper.

The Drum is divided into sections, so if someone has a particular interest, they can look under sub-headings of News, Culture, Health, Education, Sports, Voices, Notices, and Classified to find articles of interest. When looking at the paper or online version of the Drum, it is natural to focus on one or several subjects. But what about the contents of the Drum not read? After reading your favorite section and looking at

photos of friends and relatives, read the articles you skipped over. This will provide you with a broad base of information about the Tribe and the community.

A suggestion to anyone contemplating running for Tribal Council is to practice reading articles outside of your interest in any publication, whether that is the Drum, People magazine, Indian Country Today, Cowboys and Indians magazine, Rolling Stone, etc. Read the masthead as well. Just as the masthead of a publication provides information about editor, staff, location and contact information, a Tribal Council packet provides information about department, subject, presenting staff and contact information. Tribal councilors are expected to read packets of departmental information before meetings.

By reading the Southern Ute Drum from the first to the last page, you become self-educated about your tribe and the community we live in. It's a form of self-education and good practice for reading Tribal Council packets.

Linda K. Baker

THE IMPORTANCE OF HOLY WEEK

On April 1st, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, over 70 pilgrims met at 8am at St. Bartholomew Mission Church in Bayfield to kick-start their Holy Week celebrations with a half-day penitential walk to St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church in Ignacio, Colo. At the beginning of the walk, with the faithful gathered around the altar, Fr. Cesar Arras, CR, encouraged and reminded the people of the importance of Holy Week, the meaning of sacrifice, perseverance and holiness. After that, the priest blessed the two life-size crosses for the procession and in silence, all began their walk in the name of the Lord.

The procession was led by the Confirmation class who carried the 6-foot-tall crosses. The group walked together, often stopping for brief moments to listen and pray to the Stations of the Cross. Water, snacks and a portable toilet were available throughout the event. The day was sunny and mild as the pilgrims headed southwest on Rainbow Road and walked to St. Ignatius Parish, ten miles away. The participants ranged in age, from an infant in a stroller to senior citizens. A pilgrim couple even brought their two leashed dogs to

walk along. As people walked, some chatted, and others prayed silently.

As pilgrims arrived to St. Ignatius Church, parishioners unable to do the walk due to age or physical impediments waited for pilgrims by the bell tower to hailed them as they arrived by ringing of the church bell to remind them that their pilgrimage had come to a conclusion and it was now the time to contemplate the Lord in his holy temple and thank him for all his goodness to towards us. For those still on the way, the sound coming out of the bell tower was like the encouraging voice of the Lord prompting them to keep going and not despair for he is near.

Our 2023 Penitential Walk was a true success. It offered the faithful of our three communities the opportunity to pray, meet new people and contemplate the beauty of God's Creation. The event concluded with the people's thanksgiving to God through the Eucharist. After the liturgical celebration we all enjoyed homemade chicken soup, bread and some time in fellowship at the parish hall.

Rev. P. Cesar M. Arras, CR Theat
Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish

NEWCOMERS

The Ute's first met white people during the 1500's. Explorers from Spain decided that they wanted the Ute's land. The Utes refused to give up their land. They drove the explorers away. Three hundred years later, the U.S. Government learned that there was copper on the Ute's land.

The government wanted the land for settlers who would mine the copper; soldiers soon arrived. After many battles the Utes were forced to give up their land and move onto reservations.

Many settlers traveled west in search of metal such as copper and gold. The U.S. Government was happy to have the Ute's

land, but they were afraid that the Utes would attack the white settlers who had moved there. They learned that a young Ute man, Ouray, knew how to speak several languages including English. Ever since he has made his promise, Ouray had learned all about the U.S. Government laws and how they affected the Native Americans in North America.

Chief Ouray died in 1880 at the age of 47 and the U.S. Government took even more land at gun point. The Utes faced many of the same challenges as the Pueblo Indians. The Utes did not suffer the same fate as long as Chief Ouray was alive.

Joseph Rael Jr.

Correction

In a photo published in the April 7, 2023 issue of the Drum, Jerone Olguin was misidentified as Jerone Baker.

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Royalty unite in Denver



courtesy Heather White Thunder

Southern Ute Royalty and Miss Indian World (2022) Tashina Red Hawk and Denver March Powwow Princess (2022) Tessa Holds the Enemy Abbey stand for a photo together at the Denver March Powwow in Denver, Colo., March 17-19.



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Sat. April 22, 2023 @ 11:00am

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Notice of New Tribal Truancy Code & Request for Tribal Member Comments

At the direction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, the Tribe's Legal Department is seeking comments on the proposed new Truancy Code. A copy of the new Code can be found at this link on the Education Department website: Proposed Truancy Code. Please use the contact numbers at the end of this notice to obtain a hard copy of the proposed Truancy Code or to submit comments. This is a new Code developed by the Tribe's Truancy Team and representatives of various departments, including Education, Social Services, Justice & Regulatory, and Legal. The new Code will appear as Title 31 in the Southern Ute Law and Order Code.

Summary of the proposed Code:

- 1. The purpose of the Code is to ensure that all Tribal member children and those eligible for Tribal membership, as well as all Native children residing or attending school within the exterior boundaries of the reservation, have the benefit of a fulfilling educational experience.
- 2. The Truancy Code makes school attendance mandatory and ensures that children and families follow school attendance policies, or the progress requirements of on-line or home-schooling educational programs that do not have attendance policies.
- 3. The Code requires that parents, guardians, and custodians ensure their child's attendance at school (or progress in their on-line or home school educational program) and participate in any process that occurs if their child is not attaining school attendance (or on-line and home school progress) goals.

Truancy Team:

- 1. The Truancy Team is made up of representatives of the Education, Social Services, and Justice and Regulatory Programs, and may include others at the family's request such as school representatives, elders, or community representatives.
- 2. If a child is not meeting attendance or on-line/home school progress goals, the Truancy Team will meet with the family and develop an individualized plan to help support the child and family.
- 3. The individualized truancy plan may include assistance with tutoring, counseling, and access to services to eliminate or remediate the causes for the child's unexcused absences, or for student's enrolled in online/home school programs, insufficient progress.

Enforcement:

- 1. If a child or family fails to cooperate with or follow the Truancy Plan, the Code contains several enforcement options, including:
 - Law enforcement returning the child to school or home.
 - The Education Department or CRO filing a petition in Children's Court and requesting the Court issue an order requiring school attendance.
- 2. If a case is referred to the Children's Court, the Court may issue orders not only requiring school attendance, but also community service for both the parents, custodians, or guardians and the child, tutoring for the child, behavioral health or drug and alcohol assessments, counseling, curfew, removal of electronics from children's possession, or home detention. As a last resort, the Court may also impose financial penalties, issue contempt citations, or take other measures as described in Article 5 of the Truancy Code.

Public Comments:

The Tribal Council requests that all Tribal Members review the entire code and provide comments no later than May 17, 2023 to the Legal Department at:

- Email: dasmith@southernute-nsn.gov or lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: David Smith or Leslie Barnhart, Legal Dept., Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo., 81137.
- Hand delivery: Legal Department, Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colo., 81137.
- Phone: 970-563-2144
- Website: https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/education/

Public Meetings:

Two public meetings for Tribal Members are scheduled to discuss the proposed Truancy Code. Parents, guardians, and K-12 students are encouraged to attend:

- April 12, 2023 - Sun Ute Community Center Capote Room from noon to 1:30 p.m.
- April 26, 2023 - Multi-Purpose Building from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

For further information please contact: Leslie Barnhart, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone (970) 563-2144; email: lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE
Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado
Environmental Commission Meeting

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission (Commission) will meet on Wednesday, April 26, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building- EPD Large Conference Room located at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colo. 81137. The agenda will include Call to Order/Introductions, New Business, Tribal Air Quality Program Updates, Minor Source Program Update, Reservation Air Code Revisions, CDPHE Updates, Open Discussion/Questions and Public Comment, and Schedule Next Commission Meeting. For more information on the meeting, how to attend virtually, or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda please contact Mr. Matt Wampler, Air Quality Technical Manager at (970) 563-2202 or visit the Commission website at: https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/.../air.../env-commission/

REQUEST FOR BID
Terminal Food & Beverage Concession Agreement
at the Durango La Plata County Airport

Separate sealed proposals for the Terminal Food & Beverage Concession Agreement at the Durango La Plata County Airport project will be received by the City of Durango until 3:00 PM (Local Time) on May 4, 2023. The City of Durango invites interested, qualified parties to submit proposals for the services outlined in this advertisement, to administer its airport terminal food, beverage, and vending concession program. Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting: April 5, 2023 Time: 12:00 p.m. (Local Time). Airport Conference Room, 1000 Airport Road, Durango, CO 81303 Virtual option available: Click here to join the meeting. Bid proposals must be submitted via Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado. It is the sole responsibility of the respondent to see that the proposal is received before the submission deadline. Late proposals will not be considered. Bid documents and/or supporting information may be downloaded, at no charge, from the following web site: www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado Click on "Vendor Registration" or "Vendor Login", as applicable. Or at the City of Durango's website: www.DurangoGov.org. No addendums or plans will be available on the City's website. The City of Durango reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the City, to be in the best interest of the City of Durango. This project is being bid in accordance with the City of Durango Purchasing Policy.



REQUEST FOR BID
Southern Ute Indian Tribe Aerial Fiber Optic
Construction

Southern Ute Shared Services, a division of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe), requests a written response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to be the aerial fiber optic construction contractor for the Highway 151 segment of the Tribe's Broadband Modernization project. Complete details can be found on the Tribe's broadband project website (https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/broadband-modernization-project/). Proposals will be received through April 28, 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 Tribe.

Public Notice of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission Meeting

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission (Commission) will meet on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building- EPD Large Conference Room located at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137. The agenda will include Call to Order/ Introductions, New Business, Tribal Air Quality Program Updates, Minor Source Program Update, Reservation Air Code Revisions, CDPHE Updates, Open Discussion/ Questions and Public Comment, and Schedule Next Commission Meeting. For more information on the meeting, how to attend virtually, or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda please contact Mr. Matt Wampler, Air Quality Technical Manager at (970) 563-2202 or visit the Commission website at: https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/

Tribal Wills Clinic
May 22-26, 2023

Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Complex Building
125 Mike Walsh Road, Towaoc, CO

For an appointment call 505-716-6788 before May 20, 2023

The Tribal Wills Clinic is a group of volunteers including law students and licensed attorneys, who donate their time to help Tribal Members write wills.

Why Wills?

- Federal law includes provisions that say how Indian Trust Lands pass after a Tribal Member passes on.
- Over time, parcels may have been split into hundreds of small shares as Indian Trust Land passed from generation to generation. This process is called "fractionation."
- A federal law, A.I.P.R.A., is now attempting to decrease fractionation by providing that most Indian Trust Land will go only to the one oldest descendant – unless the owner writes a will.
- To make sure that your Trust Land, and other important items of property go to the people you want to have that property, you should write a will.

Celebrate a well-lived life by making sure that your wishes are carried out by the next generation. To make sure that your wishes are respected after you pass, please consider drafting a will, either through our program or with a local attorney.

What does it cost?

- Our services are entirely free.
- At a law firm in Denver, the cost for a will would be about \$2,500 and the process would take about two weeks.

How long does the process take?

- About two hours on two different days.
- On the first day you will talk with a law student about what you would like to have included in your documents. You will have plenty of time to ask questions.
- That night the law student will write up all of the documents, and have them checked by a licensed attorney.
- On a second day, when the documents are ready, you will come back for the signing ceremony, which will take at least an hour, as the law student goes over everything to be sure that it is right.

Things to think about for a Will

- **Names of Friends and Family who will be Included in the Will** – To save time at the interview, write down the names of the friends and family you want to mention in the will. Include the birthdate, address, cellphone number, enrollment or census number for each person, if you know it.
- **Special Gifts** – What is important for specific family members to have?
- **Personal Representative** – Who should take charge to make sure your wishes are carried out after you pass on?
- **Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common** – If you want to give a piece of land to be owned by several people at the same time, you will need to decide whether you want them to own the property as Joint Tenants or as Tenants in Common.
- **Joint Tenants** means that the last person surviving will own all of the land. **Tenants in Common** means that as each person passes on, that person's share goes into his or her estate. The law student will explain more about this.



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Benefits Resources Specialist

Closes 4/25/23 – Conducts Tribal Member Health Benefits Department (TMHBD) patient/client health benefit and resource eligibility screening and provides and explains information regarding health benefit/resource programs available such as Medicare, Medicaid, Department of Veterans Affairs, Bureau of Employment Compensation, and Third-Party Liability. Provides assistance in the application process for all Native Americans. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

Heavy Equipment Operator – Tribal Planning

Closes 5/2/23 – Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Tribal Planning Department. Pay grade N9; Pay range is \$16.88 to \$21.11/hour.

Patient Registration Clerk

Closes 5/5/23 – Greeting patients, recording accurate and complete information for all patients on the RPMS database, including demographics, insurance information, verifying insurance, and completing forms required for patient visit. Works with other departments, clinics, outside agencies and hospitals. Provides clerical support, answers telephone, data entry, and provides great customer service. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

Police Lieutenant

Closes 5/2/23 – Under general supervision of the Chief of Police coordinates the efforts of the radio communications division, community resource division, and the victim services program to achieve the objectives of the police department. Serves as Acting Police Chief in the absence of the Police Chief. Pay grade E17; Pay starts at \$75,321.13/yearly

Recreation Coordinator

Closes 5/1/23 – Develops, implements, and monitors all recreation programs for SunUte Community Center. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

Shining Mountain Health & Wellness Program Manager

Closes 4/25/23 – Oversight of the Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Division, which includes the Diabetes Program and Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) reports, Diabetes Management System (DMS) audit, grant applications, staff supervision/management, and program management. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Supervisory Dentist

Closes 4/24/23 – Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided, and quality standards are met. Pay grade 21Ex; Pay starts at \$143,281.09/year. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

After School Program Attendant

Open Until Filled – 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.

Assistant Environmental Program Manager

Open Until Filled – Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Summer Program)

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. The summer program runs from May 30 – August 11, 2023. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$12.32/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 – 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 activi-

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

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/hour depending on experience and includes a \$2,000 sign-on bonus.

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.

Detention Officer

Open Until Filled – 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.

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 (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – 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. Length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Early Childhood Teacher

Open Until Filled – Professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – 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 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.

Grants Program Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Works in cooperation with Tribal Court administrators to strategically plan the development of the Court's programs, by statistically measuring their effectiveness, administering and reporting for existing grants as they are required, handling budget modifications, participating with Tribal Court in the administration of its budget, researching methods to improve effectiveness of Tribal Court programs, and writing grant proposals to support improvement and funding. Pay grade E13; the pay range begins at \$49,517.56/year.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

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

- Teacher Assistant
- Substitute Teacher
- Therapist
- Finance Administrator

- Bus Drivers
- Assistant Transit Division Director
- Addiction Counselor

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

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

- Bus Driver
- District Communications Specialist
- Elementary Teacher
- High School Assistant Cross Country Coach
- High School Asst. Principal/Athletic Director
- High School Math Teacher
- High School PE Teacher
- High School Science Teacher

- Middle School Assistant Cross Country Coach
- Middle School Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Middle School Head Volleyball Coach
- Middle School/High School Music Teacher
- Middle School Girls Head Basketball Coach
- Mid. School Language Arts (English) Teacher
- Transportation Director

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

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 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 (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Assist in the management of the Permanent Fund Endowment which includes the care and custody of funds and other 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 will be located in Three Springs.

Legal Assistant – Public Defender's Office (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Southern Ute Public Defender. Routine office duties which also include the preparation of criminal, traffic, juvenile delinquency, and involuntary commitment cases for hearings, trials, and appeals. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

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 Trainee

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

Peer Recovery Coach

Open Until Filled – Will engage individuals with substance use disorders with a goal of referral into treatment and recovery services. Goal is to connect people in need of treatment to services within their communities and across the state. 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. Temporary/part-time at a pay rate of \$30/hour.

Receptionist – Tribal Information Services

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

Registered Nurse

Open Until Filled – Full-time temporary position 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. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Social Worker

Open Until Filled – 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.

Sun Ute Receptionist (Southern Ute members only)

Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute members only)

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

TERO Compliance Officer (Temp/Part-time) (Native Americans only)

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute members only)

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

Tribal Attorney

Open Until Filled – Works with other attorneys in the Tribe's in-house Legal Department to provide legal representation, advice, and support to Tribal Council, Tribal officials, and Tribal Departments on a broad range of subjects. A strong command of Federal Indian law and understanding of tribal sovereignty 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.

Water Quality Specialist: Animas River Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Develops and administers the San Juan Watershed water quality program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.63/year.



Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp 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.

Human Resources Administrative Assistant – SUGF Human Resources (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 4/21/23 – Provides general office and administrative support to the Growth Fund Human Resources office, including benefits administration, and training and development, maintaining an orderly and efficient office environment. Minute taking, meeting arrangements, and special events; interacts with Growth Fund employees, Southern Ute Indian Tribal employees, applicants, Tribal members, and the public in an efficient, courteous and helpful manner.

Executive Assistant – SUGF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/1/23 – Working directly with the Executive Director to provide administrative support including, scheduling, correspondence, data management, report generation, organizing calendars and coordinating travel. Act as a liaison in a professional and courteous manner and manage the information flow for the Executive Director.

Environmental, Health and Safety Specialist III-Air Quality – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 4/28/23 – Promoting 'EHS awareness, compliance and stewardship' throughout the organization to all employees. Multiple programs which minimize or eliminates worker safety, environmental, and regulatory risks to Red Willow Production Company. Development, execution, and training of EHS programs and initiatives. Will have an emphasis on air quality programs and compliance.

Operational Accounting and Special Projects Supervisor – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 4/28/23 – Ensuring timely and accurate production volumes are available for all oil and gas properties, operated and non-operated, for use in processes utilizing actual production data including revenue accounting, regulatory reporting, and budget analysis. Performs allocation process on operated volumes with input from Gas Marketing to feed the revenue generation process. Provide timely filing of all regulatory production reporting and oversees the daily workflow related to special projects, their development, and implementation.

Treasury Analyst –SUGF Accounting and Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 4/28/23 – Will support the Growth Fund Treasury Manager with day-to-day treasury functions, financial reporting, and analysis. Regularly communicates with external partners to procure and maintain contracts, bank documents, and other agreements. Supports internal departments with banking and investment procedures per policy. Performs banking, financing, and investment data analysis to support daily decision-making processes for effective cash and asset management. Assists with regular forecasting and budgeting processes.

General Accountant – GSUGF Accounting and Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 4/30/23 – 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 Assistant/Receptionist Trainee – SUGF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/3/23 – This trainee program is designed to provide training and experience for up to 18 months to learn and be responsible for coordination of office duties and job functions including maintaining positive and effective working relationships with coworkers, supervisors, and the public. So. Ute Tribal Members only.

Facilities Assistant Manager – SUGF Facilities (Ignacio, CO)

Close Date: 5/5/23 – 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.

Landman I – SUGF Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/5/23 – Developing, obtaining, and maintaining orderly and accurate land records, including tribal surface leases and rights-of-way, and coordinates energy projects within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Works with operators on tribal lands to coordinate and participate in on-sites for oil and gas projects.

Landman II – SUGF Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/5/23 – Developing, obtaining, and maintaining orderly and accurate land records for Energy Department, which includes Tribal Leases, rights-of-way, surface leases, and co-ordinating energy projects within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Works with operators to coordinate and participate in on-sites for oil and gas projects. Works with others in the correct use of land data; responds to communications from interest owners; prepares reports as needed.

Portfolio Manager-Investments – GF Private Equity (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/12/23 – Providing support in analyzing, selecting, closing, and managing Private Equity investments.

Fund Accountant – GF Private Equity, LLC (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/13/23 – Finance and accounting support of the Company's investment program with primary responsibility for processing capital calls, distributions and financial reports related to a large and growing portfolio of private equity fund investments, recording complex investment transactions and relevant data into the deal management system of PeopleSoft for accurate reporting, coordinating fund wire activity, and preparing appropriate reports and analysis to support the company's objectives.

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.

Bingo Coordinator

Directs and oversees the day-to-day activities of the Bingo Dept. Oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, reward and disciplining employees, addressing complaints and resolving problems/concerns; and to ensure high quality customer service. Ensure compliance with the Casino's policies & procedures and applicable Gaming regulations. Maintain a high standard of guest service within the Bingo Dept., actively promotes positive customer and employee relations by ensuring that excellent customer service is continually provided. Reports to the Casino GM.

*Bingo Staff (Part-time)

Servicing guests during Bingo games, 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.

*Career Development Coordinator (Full-time)

Will provide career and educational guidance to the Casino Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) employees through career skills training, mentorship and to promote management opportunities. Career development, coordination and presentation of training and development programs for all SUIT employees. Will manage and actively recruit new candidates for the CDP program. Works in conjunction with the Department Director/Managers to promote career advancement.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

*Count Team Staff

Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the Gaming Revenue Departments. Pulls the containers and counts or verifies the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

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/from the airport as needed.

*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*Facilities Tech (Full-time)

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

*Fine Dining Server

Provide an exceptional fine 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.

*Fine Dining Bartender

Provide an exceptional fine dining/lounge experience by delivering first class guest service of beverages and cocktails. Possess an extensive knowledge of mixed drinks and wine. 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.

Front Desk Staff

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests' luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

*Lead Facilities Technician 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 & Facility operations/maintenance.

Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

*Night Auditor (Full-time)

Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers and promotes the Casino Hotel. Answering phones, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

*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, implementing the marketing strategy while maintaining the highest level of customer service and guest interaction. Communicating with advertising agencies to coordinate all Marketing assets for events and promotions.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

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

*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

*Senior Facilities Staff Member (Full-time)

Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

*Slot 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.

*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.

*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.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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

Business Applications Analyst II – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/19/23 – Assisting with business applications analysis, support, and use of the Tribe's integrated oil and gas business software. Interface with users of software to evaluate needs and develop business solutions utilizing IT technology.

Business Applications Analyst III – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/19/23 – Leading business applications analysis, support, and use of the Tribe's integrated oil and gas business software. Interface with users of software to evaluate needs and develop business solutions utilizing IT technology.



Southern Ute Tribal Member Career Fair

The Permanent Fund Human Resources Department will be hosting a Southern Ute Tribal Member Only Career Fair. The Growth Fund and Sky Ute Casino are also invited.

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Sky Ute Casino Event Center
8:00AM to 3:00PM

Contact: Rochelle Aguilar – HR Career Coordinator
970-563-2990

raguilar@southernute-nsn.gov

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

Attention: We prefer all applications by email GRLopez@utemountain.org or ceyeto@utemountain.org or TWare@utemountain.org or fax to 970-564-5528.

- Natural Resource, Heavy Equipment Operator – Closing 5/1/23
- Tribal Parks, PT-Maintenance Worker – Closing 6/1/23
- CFR, P/T Presenting Officer – Open until filled
- Child Development Center, Education Manager – Open until filled
- Child Development Center, F/T Assistant Head Start Teacher – Open until filled
- CHR, Community Health Representative – Open until filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open until filled
- Environmental, Water Quality Manager – Open until filled
- Higher Education, Adult Education Instructor – Open until filled
- KCA, Elementary Teacher (3) – Open until filled
- Media/Echo, Journalist – Open until filled
- Minerals, Auditor – Open until filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Administrative Assistant – Open until filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Community Trainer – Open until filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Suicide Prevention Coordinator – Open until filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, UA/BA Tech (male) – Open until filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Youth Services Coordinator – Open until filled
- Planning, Transportation Specialist – Open until filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open until filled
- Public Safety, Security (2) – Open until filled
- Public Works, Director – Open until filled
- Public Works, P/T Office Assistant – Open until filled
- Public Works, Plumber's Helper – Open until filled
- THPO, Contract Administrator – Open until filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III – Open until filled
- Ute Counseling, Director – Open until filled
- WM Recreation Center, P/T Assistant Director – Open until filled
- WM-Seniors, Cook/Assistant – Open until filled
- WM-Education, Adult Education Coach – Open until filled
- WM-Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open until filled



NATURAL RESOURCES

Local collaborative seeks participants for equitable land access study

Staff Report
LA PLATA OPEN SPACE
CONSERVANCY

La Plata Open Space Conservancy (LPOSC), Montezuma Land Conservancy (MLC), and the Old Fort (of Fort Lewis College) have created a collaborative for a year-long study to better understand the needs and barriers to improve equitable land access in Southwest Colorado. Beginning in March of this year, representatives from the three organizations along with community member partners will host five meetings throughout La Plata and Montezuma Counties for dialogue between landowners and land seekers about improving access to land for new farmers and those from historically marginalized communities. The meetings will be facilitated by Sagebrush Ltd.

“According to the Agrarian Trust, 400 million acres of land in the United States is changing hands as thousands of farmers and ranchers retire, yet the next generation of farmers struggle to access land,” said Adrienne Dorsy, Executive Director of La Plata Open Space Conservancy. “Southwestern Colorado is no exception to this challenge, so our collaborative is dedicated to exploring different types of land

access models and better understanding the role that land trusts can play in improving equitable access to land.”

Recognizing the need to explore ways in which to expand access to farmland for the next generation of farmers, and maintain agricultural conservation values, LPOSC and MLC began discussions with key stakeholders in the community, including The Old Fort and its Farmer Training Program, last fall.

Southwestern Colorado faces increased turnover of landowners of farmland, with many of the new owners unable or unwilling to continue sustainably farming land that is so critical to produce food and to fuel a vibrant economy in our largely rural communities. Our region has seen vastly increased development pressure on open lands in recent years.

Inequities in farmland access in Southwestern Colorado, as across the country, are a serious problem. According to the Agrarian Trust, “most farmland is owned by nonfarmers... [the] vast majority (80 percent) of farmworkers are people of color, yet people of color own just a tiny fraction of US farmland – less than 2 percent.”

The Farmer Training Program at Fort Lewis Col-

lege has been part of the conversations, and program coordinator Elicia Whittlesey says that “addressing land access for beginning farmers is part of building an equitable and vital food system. Farming is challenging in this region, and yet it is a viable way to make a living when stable land access is within reach. As the Farmer Training Program, we’re encouraged by this collaborative effort and look forward to hearing from the community.”

The Collaborative seeks to better understand the barriers new farmers and other land seekers are facing to accessing land, building equity in land, and how land trusts can play a role in supporting enhanced access to land for agricultural purposes. Multiple initiatives may arise from this wide-ranging effort, building on existing work in our two counties and piloting new projects.

The community meetings are open to all members of the public and will be held on the following dates:

- Monday, April 24: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Southern Ute Museum, 503 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO.

To register to attend, please visit www.lposc.org or www.montezumaland.org.

Struttin’ his stuff



courtesy Rudley Weaver

A tom turkey was spotted Thursday, April 13, just east of the old casino grounds by Southern Ute elder Rudley Weaver. The tom was strutting his stuff while leading a flock of hens. A “tom” is a male turkey, usually larger and more colorful than the hens – toms have quite elaborate, brightly colored plumage – which they enjoy showing off.



BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS



3 Big Horn Sheep
2 Mountain Goat
2 Moose

The Wildlife Division will be accepting
Brunot Rare Game Applications the month of MAY.
The drawing will be held in June.

All applications will be submitted online:

<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/rare-game-app/>

Members can also visit the Brunot Hunting website to find the link
<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/natural-resources/wildlife-resource-management/hunting/brunot-area-hunting-and-fishing/>

If you have any questions, please call the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

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- 5 Legal rights to someone else’s property
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- 11 In the lead
- 12 “This is fun!”
- 13 --- Ketl, Chacoan great house
- 15 Internet revenue source
- 16 Color quality
- 17 Sort of fly
- 18 Out of keeping
- 21 Mild expletive
- 22 Seemingly boundless
- 23 Splenetic trait
- 25 “Little” 1960s singer
- 26 One of 100 in D C
- 27 “The --- of the Sixth Happiness” (1958 Ingrid Bergman film)
- 30 California Indian Community
- 32 Big Apple stage award
- 33 Retouch after a fly out
- 34 Doll to tickle
- 35 Outer limits
- 36 “--- Herr” (“Cabaret” tune)

Down

- 1 Alabama Choctaw band
- 2 School psychologist’s concern
- 3 Dish with parmesan cheese and croutons
- 4 “--- of the Tiger”
- 5 Doctor’s replacement
- 6 On cloud nine
- 7 Summer in Nice
- 8 Can’t be done
- 9 Start growing
- 14 Saturn’s wife
- 16 Highly sought shares
- 19 Insurrectionist --- Turner
- 20 --- Palmas, Canary Islands
- 21 Set aside
- 23 Shamus
- 24 Certain tides
- 28 ---ipuu, Nez Percé self-name
- 29 For red letters, it’s a gas!
- 31 Soft sheepskin boot
- 32 Computer reseller, for short

Answers for this crossword will appear in May 5 issue of the Drum.

Answers for April 7, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Bats, 5 Avril, 10 Et al, 11 Leonid, 13 Nebo, 14 Pee Dee, 15 Duluth, 17 Situ, 18 Special, 20 Fox, 21 The buff, 23 Ace, 25 Regress, 28 Luna, 30 Tear-up, 31 Annuli, 33 Ceil, 34 Shiraz, 35 Anti, 36 A sale, 37 Stet.
Down: 1 Bends, 2 Ate up, 3 Table tennis, 4 Slouch, 5 Alphabetize, 6 Vee, 7 Roes, 8 Indifferent, 9 Lie to, 12 Deux, 16 Tier, 19 Luge, 22 Fracas, 23 Alas, 24 Cunha, 26 Suite, 27 Split, 29 Aura, 32 LAL.

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