



### News in brief

#### IGNACIO

##### Veterans Association reschedules meeting

The Southern Ute Veterans Association has cancelled its regular business meeting that was previously scheduled for Wednesday, March 7. The meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

##### Seeking Southern Ute, Native American elders

You are invited to come and share your culture and traditional expertise with the students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. You can choose the group size you will work with. You will be compensated with a stipend. For more information, call Georgia McKinley at 970-563-0253 ext. 2701.

##### Spring break field trips planned

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has scheduled field trips during spring break on Tuesday, April 3; Wednesday, April 4; and Thursday, April 5. The cost of each trip is \$10; Southern Ute tribal members and descendants are free. Space will be limited. For more information on times and availability, call the club at 970-563-4753.

##### Hunter education classes scheduled for March

Hunter education classes will take place in the Buckskin Charlie Room on the second floor of the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building. Students must attend all five classes: March 20, 22, 27, 28, and 29, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The minimum age is 12. Preregistration is required; register by calling the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Management at 970-563-0130. The cost of the class is \$10. Class requirements: Attendees must attend all classes, pass a written test, and demonstrate safe handling of firearms. The class is limited to 20 participants. Class restrictions: Do not bring firearms or ammunition to class; items will be provided. For other classes in the area, please call the Colorado Division of Wildlife for times and locations at 970-247-0855 or visit their website at <http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/HunterEducationCourses>.

##### Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

##### Natural Resources to host plan outreach meeting

A Natural Resource Management Plan tribal member outreach meeting will take place March 14 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. Two separate sessions have been scheduled, the first from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and the second from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Individuals may choose one of the two sessions. The purpose of the meeting is to scope for additional feedback from the tribal membership, especially cultural perspectives as they relate to natural resource management.

##### Thought of being a member of Tribal Council?

Attention tribal members ages 13 to 19 years of age: Are you concerned about issues facing tribal youth? Committed to make a difference in our community that will have a positive impact on the tribal youth? Then the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council may be for you. Become a leader, role model and voice for the tribal youth. For more information, contact McKean Walton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2314. Sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

#### DURANGO

##### Information sessions for adult learners

Are you ready to earn your bachelor's degree? Learn how at free informational sessions from Fort Lewis College. Sessions will cover opportunities for adult learners at FLC and explain how to enroll and apply for financial aid. Sessions are free and open to the public, and will take place every Wednesday in Program Room 3 at the Durango Public Library from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 970-247-7670.

**The Southern Ute  
Environmental Programs  
is offering free home radon  
testing to Tribal members.  
Please call Peter Dietrich  
for more information  
or to schedule an appointment.  
Priority to Elders and those  
with infants in their homes.  
970-563-0135 ext. 2238  
[pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us)**



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### 10 Years Ago

Roderick Grove of the Southern Ute Veterans Association presents an \$80 check to Nelda Martinez, group facilitator for the Southern Ute Tribal Court Juvenile Intervention Program. The money will be used to pay for 20 "activity visits" to the SunUte Community Center by the "kids at risk" who participate in Martinez's program. Also pictured is Southern Ute veteran Pete Gomez, a probation officer with the Tribal Court system. This photo first appeared in the March 8, 2002, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



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### 20 Years Ago

KSUT started out as a one room, 10-watt, primitive FM station in the mid-'70s. Today, the public radio station serves the entire Four Corners area with a brand new translator in Pagosa Springs. This photo first appeared in the March 9, 1992, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



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### 30 Years Ago

Kneeling (left to right): Merton Coriz (11), Tom Alires (31), Joe Martinez (13), Myron Baker (15), Sam Lansing (21), Rick Cate (35). Back Row; Larry Birch (23), Alex Cloud (43), Joe Gallegos (51), Brian Vermillion (45), Adrian Lucero (32), and Kevin Kasik. This photo first appeared in the March 12, 1982, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



Attention Tribal Members  
and Casino Patrons !

Beginning April 2nd the West Front Entrance of  
Sky Ute Casino will be designated as a

NO PARKING ZONE!

For our guest safety we will begin this procedure. Emergency  
vehicles must be able to easily enter this area. Also we will  
implement additional Southern Ute Tribal Elder parking near  
the front outside circle of the north parking area. All additional  
special parking areas will be identified. If you are a Southern  
Ute Tribal Elder and would like to receive a special parking  
permit to use one of these designated areas around the casino  
please see the Player Center for details.

All violator's vehicles who do not have a special  
permit for these areas will be ticketed and towed at owners  
expense! If you have any questions please call the  
General Manager's office at 970.563.1351.

THE CASINO APPRECIATES YOUR COOPERATION