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Winner of 2 Colorado Press Association & 5 Society of Professional Journalists Awards in 2018

## BASKETBALL

### Gomez sisters head Down Under for basketball tourney

Ten days to travel, compete and see Australia

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal members, Avionne and Ebonee Gomez caught their flight early Monday morning, circling the globe for the first time, their destination: Australia. The two girls will spend ten days in the Land Down Under as part of a cultural exchange and basketball tournament, dubbed the 2018 Down Under Sports Hoops Classic. The game play will take place at Australia's new Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre.

"This is a once in a lifetime experience for everyone who participates. Each athlete learns a different style of play due to international rules (FIBA), which allows athletes to compete in a more up-temp game," said Justin Klein, National Basketball Coach with Down Under Sports.

The two-day tournament will have an Olympic style format with competition for gold, silver, and bronze medals. Basketball is just one of the many sports that will be hosted at this year's international competition. The Gold Coast is Australia's sixth largest city, sit-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Basketball all-stars, Avionne (right) and Ebonee Gomez (left) stand together for a portrait. The two girls headed to an international basketball competition in Australia, Monday, July 16, as part of the ten-day Down Under Sports program, which fosters sportsmanship and cultural exchange among athletes.

uated on the easternmost coastline of Queensland.

"I think this is a great honor to represent Colorado and our community," said Ignacio High School graduate Avionne Gomez. "We are going to the other side of the world, and meeting new people — this is a once in a lifetime opportunity." Gomez also encourages her peers to take the same, or similar, opportunities for themselves. Avionne Gomez recently signed her National Letter of Intent to play basketball for Johnson & Wales University in Denver, Colo.

The younger of the two sisters, Ebonee Gomez is a sophomore at IHS and plays basketball for her school, as well as participating in the 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in Toronto, Canada last summer. "I want my team to win, to bring back a medal and represent my community — this is a great experience," she said. The sisters will play on the same team, representing the United States, their team is called the Bengals.

Down Under Sports believes that sport is the inter-

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## CULTURE

### Uto-Aztecan Shonshonean-Numic Reunion comes to Ignacio

By Christina Herrera  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

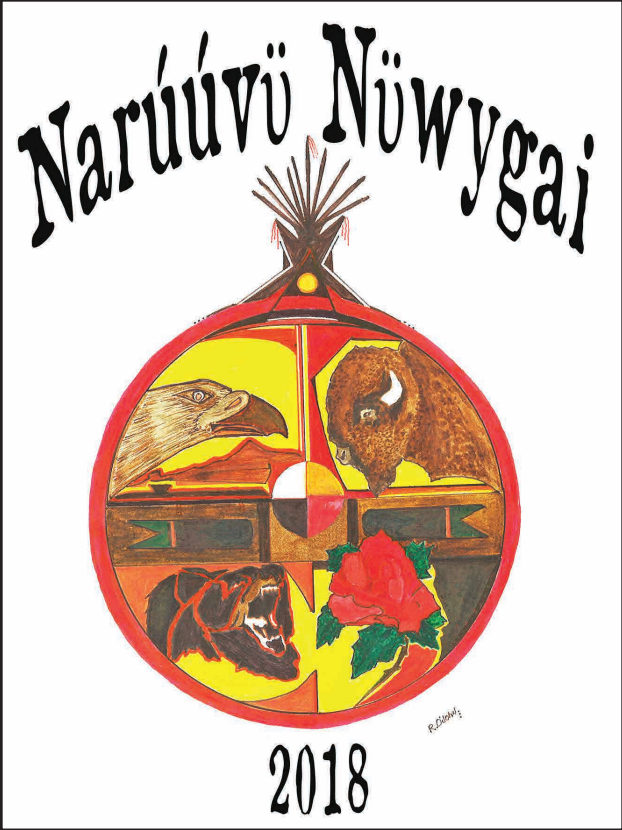
Each year the Shoshonean Reunion committee selects a site for the annual gathering. Representatives from the major tribes assists a host committee with their reunion planning. The hosts for the 19th annual reunion are the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Ute Tribe — the event will be held in Ignacio, Colo.

It's a great opportunity for the Tribe to show our similarities between culture and language within Ute and Shoshonean culture. "Our overall goal is to have a good reunion for all who visits us considering like one big family and acknowledging that, and that they know they do have family here in Ignacio and that they are Ute," said Edward Box III, Cultural Preservation Director for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The annual language reunions have been held in Idaho, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and now for the first time, they will be hosting the reunion in Colorado.

In the past reunions there were hand drum contests, fashion shows, song and dance presentations, workshop presentations, tours and relay races.

This year there will be



a cradleboard workshop, powwow yoga, and traditional hand games.

The purpose of Shoshonean Reunion is to emphasize cultural teachings; many craft people have contributed their knowledge and skills to the reunion demonstrations, displays and classes over the years.

Youth participants will get a free t-shirt for participating in the Youth Run. Currently there are about 486 participants. The Southern Ute Tribal Departments involved include: Sky Ute Casino Resort, Southern

Ute Museum and the Sunpowwow yoga, and traditional hand games.

The late Reeves Nahwooksy said in his letter about the history of the Shoshonean Reunions, "... But through each one the fact that we are one people in language and tradition but learn new customs in food and practices which makes us more knowledgeable and proud to be together."

Learn traditions and culture: July 23-25, 2018, for more information contact Dustin Weaver at 970-553-2987 or dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov.

## EDUCATION

### National UNITY Conference convenes in San Diego

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The 2018 United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference was held this year, Thursday, July 5 — Monday, July 9, at the Town & Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego, Calif. This year there were more than 1,800 attendees and 12 of those attendees were representing the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and Tribe. The conference brought tribal youth together for the largest Native youth leadership gathering in the country.

Laughing and healing seemed to be the common atmosphere of the conference, everywhere you looked there were youth growing, sharing stories, and inspiring hope.

The five-day conference agenda is like no other, participants had opportunities to attend keynote presentations, they had access to more than 25 workshops, they were all encouraged to participate in fun and unique peer-led fitness activities, with more than 50 exhibitors and vendors, and were able to experience the uniqueness of the National UNITY Conference through the talent night, and the annual banquet and dance.

According to the official website, the mission of UNITY is to, "Foster the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth, and to help build a strong, unified, and self-reliant Native Amer-



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute UNITY attendees pose for a photo on the last full day of workshops.

ica through greater youth involvement." UNITY is a national network organization promoting personal development, citizenship, and leadership among Native American youth.

UNITY has had a long history of inspiring and supporting the lives of American Indian youth — forty plus years.

"Supaman" is a well-known Native American dancer who uses hip hop and art to empower and spread the message of hope and faith through music. He was one of the renowned speakers and performers that were featured at the

UNITY conference. Each morning, the conference began with wellness warrior fitness demonstrations and activities were hosted in the convention center that taught the youth about leading a healthy and well-balanced journey through life and each of the 100 participants received a special gift.

To kick things off, a general morning session was held to exhibit cultural presentations, share UNITY news and speeches. In the ballrooms and courtyards, the Thompson brothers

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## FIRE RESTRICTIONS

### Southern Ute Reservation rescinds Stage 2 Fire Restrictions

Stage 1 Remain, Effective July 16

By Gus Gustafson  
SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY, BIA

Due to the recent rains, higher humidity and improved fire conditions, Stage II fire restrictions have been rescinded for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Although the threat of fast moving wildland fire has diminished, people are still asked to be cautious and use common sense when encountering or using fire. Stage I fire restrictions remain in place which prohibit open and agricultural burning.

Southern Ute Agency Fire Management personnel have responded to 27 fires within and bordering the reservation so far this fire season with the largest being the eight-acre Montezuma Creek Fire.

If you have any further questions, please contact



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Southern Ute Agency The Stage II Fire Restrictions will be rescinded at 6 a.m., July 16, 2018.

Southern Ute Agency Fire Management at 970-563-4571.



ENVIRONMENTAL

## Excavation project at Motor Pool a success

By Peter Diethrich  
SU ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROGRAMS

We would like to thank all of the staff for their patience and understanding while the Motor Pool fueling area was closed for the soils remediation project. We know that the fueling/paperwork process while Motor Pool was closed was a challenge, which demonstrates the importance of Motor Pool to the day-to-day operations of the Tribe. I would like to specifically thank the staff at Motor Pool, Purchasing, Building Maintenance and Legal for their assistance.

The cause of most of the spills and soil staining was due to vehicles that were in accidents being brought to Motor Pool for storage where the fluids had drained out. Of all of the areas of concern, the refueling area was the highest priority. There were some documented spills of significant size, but the majority was just an accumulation of little drips and spills that resulted in a substantial buildup over time.

The contaminated soils project at Motor Pool dates back to 2014 when the Environmental Programs Division (EPD) hired a contractor to locate areas of contamination. At every contaminated area, the soil was excavated and field tested until the reading was non-detect for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH). The majority of the contamination consisted of gasoline, diesel, hydraulic fluid and other assorted fluids found in vehicles. All of the locations were excavated, tested, filled with clean soil and compacted



courtesy Peter Dietrich/SU Environmental Programs

Cottonwood Consulting out of Durango, Colo., takes a set of soil samples on site, testing for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH), to determine the exact depth of soil contamination.

for stability.

The project ran without any serious issues and there were some collateral benefits such as general clean up and locating all of the utility lines and mapping them. One of the most important of these was a fiber optic line that runs right down the south side of the Motor Pool area. In planning for the future, a concrete pad was poured at the refueling area that is reinforced with extra rebar and fiber to handle heavy vehicles from time to time. The concrete pad was specifically designed and constructed to contain small spills and make cleaning those spills much easier. Extra road

base was also brought in to raise the grade of some of the low spots to have storm water properly drain into the basin that was created for that purpose.

Although the refueling area is open again, there is still some work that EPD would like to do that includes spraying for weeds and taking measures to control and minimize future negative environmental issues at Motor Pool. A spill kit will be placed at the pumps, so if you have a spill, please do your part and clean it up. It is not the responsibility of the Motor Pool staff to address spills at the refueling area.

## Many Moons Ago



RC Lucero/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

A weekend of fun activities for the entire family is something everybody in Ignacio looks forward to during the San Ignacio Fiesta weekend, which is always held at the last full weekend in July. Just as every year, the parade is just the start of festivities. Pictured are the Grand Marshall's for the parade, Eddie, Jr. and Betty Box, who normally are handing out fun things for the children along the streets during the parade but this year they had the honor of being Grand Marshall.

This photo first appeared in the July 18, 2008, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

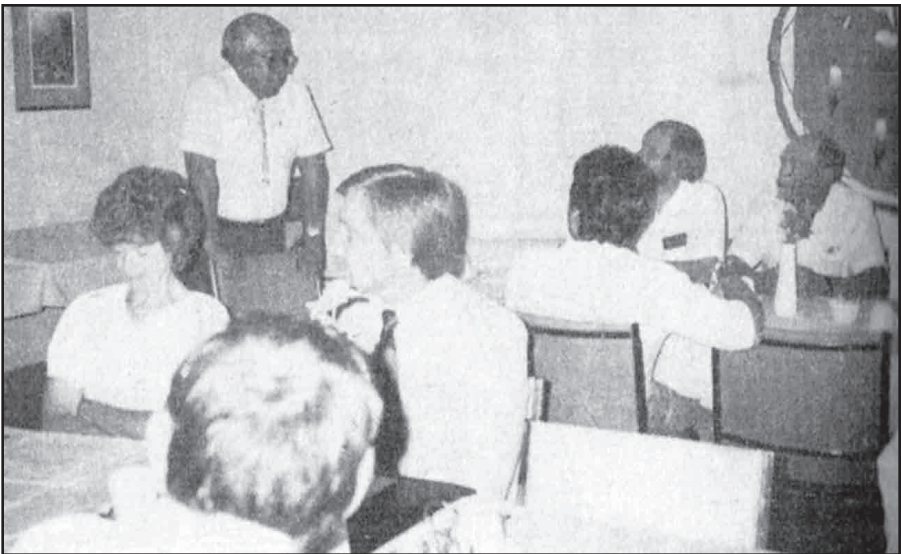


Janelle Doughty – SUNN/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

Like gold – running water on the Gallatin Range was scarce. So when the team found this runoff – it was “like finding gold!” exclaimed Janelle, who made sure to document the event.

This photo first appeared in the July 17, 1998, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

Tribal Chairman Leonard Buch and Town Manager Michael Lee welcomed the members of the Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities to Sky Ute Lodge for their Annual Summer meeting on July 15, 1988.

This photo first appeared in the July 22, 1988, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 40 years ago

Make them good and chocolately - the Johnson O'Malley tutoring students tried their collective hand at cooking Wednesday, July 19. Not only did they enjoy learning the secrets of baking, but there were also math problems involved, such as measuring out ½ cup. The cookies were sold at a bake sale Thursday.

This photo first appeared in the June 21, 1978, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## Campus cleanup



Christina Herrera/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal members: Kyle Rock, Lyle Yazzie, and Parnell Harrison, stand alongside summer Youth Employment Program worker Joseph Garcia. The Grounds Maintenance crew was landscaping around the Leonard C. Burch building, Thursday, June 28.



Izabella Howe/SU Drum

Parnell Harrison collects tree branches in front of the Leonard C. Burch building which he takes to his truck during a cleanup around the Southern Ute Tribal Campus, Thursday, June 28.





## Jicarilla youth visit museum



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Vice President of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Edward Velardi (far right) accompanies the summer youth program from Dulce, N.M. on a cultural tour of the Southern Ute Museum, Thursday, July 12.

Southern Ute Museum Director, Linda Baker explains how the design of the museum courtyard represents aspects of the Ute Bear Dance.



## SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

# Museum to participate in Collections Assessment

By Linda Baker  
SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

The Southern Ute Museum announces that it is one of 80 institutions from across the country selected to participate in the Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) program.

CAP helps museums improve the care of their collections by providing support for a conservation assessment of the museum's collections and buildings. The museum will work with a team of preservation professionals to identify preventive conservation priorities. The final assessment report will help the museum prioritize its collections care efforts in the coming years.

"Simply by applying for the CAP program, the Southern Ute Museum has shown a commitment to preserving cultural heritage," said Tifani Emig, Programs Director for FAIC.

The CAP program is administered by FAIC through a cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal grant making agency that supports museums and libraries.

### ABOUT SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

The Southern Ute Museum was created to preserve and educate the youth about Southern Ute culture and history. The museum's extensive collection supports research efforts through exhibitions and educational programming. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is located at 503 Ouray Drive in Ignacio, Colo. Learn more at [www.southernutemuseum.org](http://www.southernutemuseum.org)

### ABOUT FAIC

FAIC, the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic

& Artistic Works, supports conservation education, research, and outreach activities that increase understanding of our global cultural heritage. Learn more about FAIC at [www.conserva-tion-us.org/foundation](http://www.conserva-tion-us.org/foundation).

### ABOUT IMLS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and approximately 35,000 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, life-long learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov) and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## Youth empowered by language



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal elder, Linda Grove-D'Wolf teaches Ute language to a large group of summer Youth Employment Workers on Thursday, July 5 in the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's cafeteria. D'Wolf has created programs and tools in an effort to revitalize the Ute language in the digital age.

### Upcoming 2018 KSUT Events

#### PARTY IN THE PARK

Fri., July 20, 5 p.m. gates  
• Baracutanga  
• The Big Takeover  
Buckley Park, Durango  
\$20 advance • \$25 gate  
Children 12/under free  
with paying adult  
Rain or Shine

#### THE BLACK LILLIES

Thur., Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m.  
Henry Strater Theater  
Durango  
\$20 general admission

#### KSUT SILENT AUCTION

KSUT's 25th Annual  
Members' Party &  
Silent Auction  
Fri., Aug. 10,  
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Ska Brewing  
225 Girard, Bodo Park  
Durango  
\$25 admission

### Children Class For the Month of June, July, & August 2018

July- 14, 21, 28  
August 4, 11, 18

Saturday 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM  
Snacks will be provided

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum  
Museum Lobby

Instructor: Hanley Frost Sr. Cultural Education Coordinator

Arts & Crafts  
Loom Beading  
Chokers  
Necklaces  
Pouches  
Rock Art  
Water Coloring Painting

For more information contact:  
Hanley Frost Sr. Cultural Education Coordinator at  
(970)-563-2306

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## Still talking

July 23 to 25, 2018

Sky Ute Casino Events Center  
Ignacio, Colorado

Conference registration deadline: June 22, 2018  
For More Information Contact: Dustin Weaver at (970)-563-2987  
or [dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov)

# NATIVE VOICES

## NATIVE PEOPLES' CONCEPTS OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS

Visit at the Ignacio Community Library  
July 20th to the end of August  
Grand Opening Celebration  
July 28th at 1:00 p.m.

An interactive exhibition that examines concepts of health and medicine among contemporary American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians and features interviews with more than one hundred tribal leaders, healers, physicians, educators, and others.

NIH U.S. National Library of Medicine



Cooking does matter



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Cooking Matters class made salmon casserole and oatmeal peanut butter cookies, as part of their hands-on, six-week program in the Southern Ute Education kitchen, Thursday, July 12. The program is geared to teach families how to stretch their food budget, ensuring families get healthy meals at home, as part of the No Kid Hungry program. The class will also make a trip to the grocery store to learn how to shop for food, prior to graduating from the class.



Sylviann Valdez pours oatmeal into the bowl her niece, Jade, stirs. Keelyn Reynolds waits to assist in the cookie preparation.

Dayton Aguilar presses the fork into the oatmeal peanut butter cookies, as he puts on the finishing touches before they enter the oven.

TRANSPORTATION

Seat belt enforcement campaign begins in rural Colo.

Staff report  
COLO. DEPT. OF  
TRANSPORTATION

Starting Monday, July 16, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement agencies across the state will conduct a seven-day high-visibility Click It or Ticket enforcement period targeting rural areas of Colorado. These areas tend to have the lowest seat belt use rates in the state. Currently, Colorado’s state-wide seat belt use rate is 84 percent, ranking Colorado in the bottom third in the nation. According to a 2017 CDOT study, the four Colorado counties with the lowest seat belt use were all rural - La Plata (74 percent); Montezuma (74.4 percent); Cheyenne (75.2 percent); and Mesa (75.5 percent). These rates are well below the national average for seat belt use of 90 percent.

“Wearing a seat belt can easily become a matter of life or death,” said Darrell Link, director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. “It is the easiest way to protect yourself in a crash and can greatly enhance your chances of surviving.”

There were 233 unbelted deaths in passenger-vehicle crashes last year in Colorado – accounting for half of the 437 total passenger

vehicle fatalities in 2017. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that about 60 lives could be saved every year in Colorado if everyone buckled up.

In 2017 there were 28 fatalities in Weld County among people who were not buckled up. This represented over 50 percent of the total passenger vehicle fatalities (58) in that county for the year. Weld County has the second highest number of unbuckled fatalities of all counties in Colorado. El Paso County had the most (33).

As part of this year’s targeted outreach, CDOT is working with places of worship throughout Weld County to display creative seat belt messages on outdoor signs to remind local residents of the importance of buckling up. CDOT hopes this local, creative approach to seat belt safety makes a memorable and lasting impact in the area.

“Buckling your seatbelt should be the first thing you do when you get into a vehicle,” said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of the CSP. “The purpose of these enforcement periods is to make sure drivers and passengers get into the habit of using their seat belts every trip, no matter how short. It’s a habit that might just save your life.”

COLORADO’S SEAT BELT LAWS

- **Adults** — Colorado has a secondary enforcement law for adult drivers and front-seat passengers. Drivers can be ticketed for violating the seat belt law if they are stopped for another traffic violation.
- **Teens** — Colorado’s Graduated Drivers Licensing (GDL) law requires all drivers under 18 and their passengers, regardless of their age, to wear seat belts. This is a primary enforcement, meaning teens can be pulled over simply for not wearing a seat belt or having passengers without seat belts.
- **Children** — Colorado’s Child Passenger Safety law is a primary enforcement, meaning the driver can be stopped and ticketed if an officer sees an unrestrained or improperly restrained child under age 16 in the vehicle.

Fines for not wearing a seat belt start at \$65, and parents and caregivers found with an improperly restrained or unrestrained child can receive a minimum fine of \$82. Learn more about Click It or Ticket and Colorado’s seat belt laws at [codot.gov/safety/seatbelts-carseats](http://codot.gov/safety/seatbelts-carseats).

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For more information, please contact Abel Velasquez, Fitness Director at (970)563-2651.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
2018 GENERAL ELECTION  
TWO (2) TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2018 General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

**GENERAL ELECTION** – Friday, Nov. 2, 2018, 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.  
held at the SunUte Community Center in Ignacio, CO

**GENERAL ELECTION RESIDENCY DEADLINE** – Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018

**STATEMENT OF INTENTION DEADLINE** – Monday, Sept. 3, 2018, by 5:00 P.M.

**ELECTION BOARD DECISION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE** – Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018

**NOTICE OF ELECTION** – Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE** – Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018, by 5:00 P.M.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE** – Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018, by 5:00 P.M.

**EMERGENCY BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE** – Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018, by 5:00 P.M.

Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305  
Off-Reservation Tribal Members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
Email: [election@southemute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southemute-nsn.gov)

Elders celebrate over dinner



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth helps raffle prize winner Lillian Seibel with her flowers at the July Elder’s Dinner held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility on Monday, July 16.



Councilwoman Lorelei Cloud asks for help from Jeremiah Valdez to draw raffle tickets at the July Elder’s Dinner.

Southern Ute tribal elder, Gloria Frost gladly accepts her prize at the July Elder’s Dinner.

Lummi Bear Totem Reception

Sunday, July 22 at 12 p.m. (noon)

Speakers include: Pearl Casias – Southern Ute Elder and Tribal Council Member, Jewell James – House of Tears Carver, Ute Mountain Ute Elders Committee, Shaun Chapoose – Ute Tribe Council Uncompahgre Band Representative. The Southern Ute Museum is honored to receive the Lummi Nation Totem Pole, which will be at the Museum indefinitely. Community potluck will immediately follow reception in the Southern Ute Museum & Cultural Center Large Classroom. Speak with Jewell and Douglas James from the House of Tears Carvers. This event is FREE and OPEN to the public.





# Education Dept. honors 2018 graduates

The Southern Ute Education Department would like to honor and congratulate all 2018 graduates. The annual graduation banquet welcomed over 140 guests to recognize 54 graduates on their accomplishments. The Education Department would like to thank Southern Ute Tribal Council, Executive Office, Sky Ute Casino Resort, and our speakers for supporting the importance of academic achievement.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

### Dominika Joy

Associate of Applied Science  
Human Services  
Spring 2018  
San Juan College

### Stephanie Medina

Associate of Applied Science  
Health Information Technolowgy  
Spring 2018  
Kirkwood Community College

### Natalie Richards

Associate of Arts  
General Studies  
Spring 2018  
Pueblo Community College

### Timothy Scott

Associate of Applied Science  
Welding  
Spring 2018  
San Juan College

### Alissa White

Associate of Arts  
Liberal Arts  
Spring 2018  
San Juan College

### Rhonda Price

Associate of Arts  
Liberal Arts  
Spring 2018  
San Juan College

### Mariah Vigil

Associate of Applied Science  
Nursing  
Spring 2018  
Pueblo Community College

## BACHELOR DEGREES

### David Patrick Latham

Bachelor of Science  
Fitness Wellness  
Spring 2018  
Northern Arizona University

### Clayton Jefferson

Bachelor of Arts  
Sociology and Human Services  
Spring 2018  
Fort Lewis College

### Cloe Seibel

Bachelor of Arts  
Art  
Spring 2018  
Fort Lewis College

### Fabian Martinez

Bachelor of Arts  
History  
Spring 2018  
Fort Lewis College

### Raelynn Torres

Bachelor of Arts  
History  
Spring 2018  
Fort Lewis College

### Ian Doughty

Bachelor of Arts  
Economics  
Fall 2017  
University of Northern Colorado

## MASTERS DEGREES

### Amber Boswell

Master of Science  
Health Care Administration  
Summer 2017  
The University of Texas at Arlington

### Sheerena Baker

Master of Arts  
Indigenous Studies  
Spring 2017  
University of Kansas

### Academic Honors

- **Franklin O' John**, Pueblo Community College – Vice President's List
- **Natalie Richards**, Pueblo Community College – Dean's List
- **Jeanette Fullerton**, Colorado Christian University – Dean's List
- **Stephanie Medina**, Kirkwood Community College – Dean's List
- **Fabian Martinez**, Fort Lewis College – Dean's List

## GED

### Isiah Jamaal Walton

High School Equivalency Diploma  
Fall 2017  
Durango Adult Education Center

## CERTIFICATE

### Tasha Herrera

Paralegal Certificate Course  
Fall 2017  
Adam State University

### Stacey Oberly

Tiospaye Leadership Training Certificate  
Fall 2017  
Tiospaye



## JOM SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students must be registered with the JOM program. You will need to show proof their enrollment documentation. And if not enrolled you have to show proof that you are 1/4 Indian blood with your Certificate of Indian Blood (C.I.B.) and their birth certificate (To show blood lineage). Must be age 3 to 18, attend the Ignacio or Bayfield School District(s) or the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start

### \*\*DISTRIBUTION\*\*

\*\*Parents need to fill out a questionnaire before getting supplies.

**BAYFIELD SCHOOLS:** Monday and Tuesday, August 13, & 14, 2018 from 5:30p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education

**IGNACIO SCHOOLS:** Wednesday and Thursday, August 15, & 16, 2018 from 5:30p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education

*\*Clorox wipes, Tissue, Ziploc Bags, Playdoh, Water Bottle, Cleaning Wipes for Dry Erase Markers, Headphones/Earbud, Large Book Covers, and/or Computer Mouse not included.*

CALL AHEAD TO PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON LIST FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES. \*\*\*PLEASE have your child's Teachers name if they are Elementary level K-5<sup>th</sup>. This is very important that way your child will get the right school supply for their class.

Contact:  
Ellen S. Baker:  
esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov  
(970) 563-0235

## SUCAP

# Duck Race returns to Ignacio July 28, for San Ignacio Fiesta

## Southwest Ag cares for kids

### Staff report

### SUCAP

Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc. announces it's annual Duck Race for 2018.

Sponsored by Southwest Ag of Gem Village, Colo., the duck race will help raise funds for a new Head Start building in Ignacio. Only 500 ducks will be sold, so the possibility to win a cash prize of \$400, \$200 or \$100 is high. Ticket holders will be eligible for several door prize items as well.

Winners need not be present to claim their cash prizes, but those who want to watch the ducks edge each other out down the Pine River can come to Shoshone Park in Ignacio at 2pm on Saturday, July 28 to view the competition.



To race a duck, purchase a ticket for \$10 at the SUCAP Administration building (285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, open 8am-5pm M-F), or give Eileen or Nita a call at (970) 563-4517 and we will deliver your tickets to you. SUCAP's Head Start program vacated it's home of many decades in Oct. 2017 when asbestos was discovered in the main Head Start

building on the Southern Ute Tribal Campus. Our program is operating in temporary quarters at the Southern Ute Museum, but we need a facility of our own as soon as we can create one. With everyone behind the SUCAP Duck Race, we can get there that much faster.

Thank you for your concern for our kids!

Join us in celebrating 118 years of

# SAN IGNACIO FIESTA

**JULY 28– 29, 2018**  
**IGNACIO, CO**

let your light shine

**73rd Annual PARADE** Theme: **"Let Your Light Shine"**  
Saturday, July 28, 2018 AT 10:00 a.m., CASH PRIZES—No Entry Fee  
Line up & registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at Ignacio High School parking lot. Registration forms available online at [www.stignatius-ignacio.com](http://www.stignatius-ignacio.com) or at school on Saturday.

**FAMILY PARK EVENTS**  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PARADE AT TOWN PARK  
Back by popular demand, Live Music by:  
**"It's Jose"**  
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
[FOOD.GAMES.DUCK.RACE.CONTESTS](http://FOOD.GAMES.DUCK.RACE.CONTESTS)  
Interested in setting up a booth or for information, call 749-6830

**28TH ANNUAL HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT**  
Saturday—Immediately following Parade at Town Park  
Cash Prizes/Sweatshirts  
Sign up at Park by 11 a.m.  
\$5.00 per person per entry  
SINGLES & DOUBLES

**FIESTA DANCE**  
Saturday, July 28, 2018, 8:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m.  
LIVE MUSIC BY :  
**"JOKER'S WILD" and "ROYAL BROWN"**  
SKY UTE CASINO EVENT CENTER, \$15.00 PER PERSON  
Crowning of King & Queen Royalty 10:00 p.m.  
CASH BAR & CONCESSION

**SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018**  
**FIESTA MASS**, St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 10:30 a.m.  
**FIESTA DINNER**, 12:00 p.m.  
**BINGO FOR FUN . MUSIC. BAZAAR**  
**ANNUAL FIESTA RAFFLE**, 1:30 P.M.

**2018 SAN IGNACIO FIESTA RAFFLE**

Grand Prize: .....2 Inflatable Paddle Boards	9th Prize:.....\$200 Cash
2nd Prize:.....\$500 Cash	10th Prize:.....Seven Rivers Restaurant Gift Card
3rd Prize:.....Pendleton Blanket	11th Prize:.....Nutri Blender
4th Prize:.....Yeti Soft Cooler	12th Prize:.....Beats EP On-Ear Headphones
5th Prize:.....\$250 Cash	13th Prize:.....Rock 'n Roller Rink Family Pass
6th Prize:.....Handmade Quilt	14th Prize:.....Coffee Gift Basket
7th Prize:.....3 hrs. Big O Production	15th Prize:.....\$100 Cash
8th Prize:.....DeWalt Combo Drill Set	16th Prize:.....Native Necklace and Earrings

Drawing on Sunday 7/29 at 1:30 p.m. , St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 15449 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO \$1 each/6 for \$5 Need not be present to win.  
**CALL 563-4241 OR 749-6830 FOR YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS**

## Regional Conference Announcement

# 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

August 13 - 16, 2018  
**SKY UTE CASINO RESORT**  
Ignacio, Colorado

Sponsored By:  
**SOUTHWEST REGION - NAFWS**

Hosted By The:  
**Southern Ute Indian Tribe**

Hotel Information:  
**SKY UTE CASINO RESORT**

100 rooms have been blocked at the rate of \$120.00/night w/ 3.00% Room Tax  
To make room reservations call: (970) 563-7777  
Mention "Native American Fish and Wildlife"  
Deadline to make reservation: TBD

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE: \$200.00**

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION ONLY**  
(Cash, Credit Card or Checks will be accepted)

Make checks payable to: **NAFWS Southwest Region**

Poster Session: Agency and Tribal Exhibits

SW Region Conservation Officer Shoot Competition

Native American Arts and Crafts Vendors

Fund Raising – Bring Your Donations For The Auction  
Contact: Norman Jojola (505) 753-1451 or (505) 927-3494

FOR ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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# UNITY 2018



Miss Southern Ute, Lorraine Watts poses for a photo with fellow UNITY participants Lexy Young and Seraphina Chakee.

Photos by McKayla Lee  
The Southern Ute Drum

## UNITY CONVENES IN SAN DIEGO • FROM PAGE 1

held a discussion about “The Medicine Game” also known as lacrosse. Natia O Le Pasefoka shared cultural dances and songs with the youth. Youth leaders from the “ACORN” project talked about food sovereignty in collaboration with the California Indian Museum and Cultural Center. Endurance and wellness goal setting workshops were held for females and males by Ilima-Lei Macfarlane, an MMA Bellator Women’s Flyweight World Champion and Abram Benally from the American Ninja Warrior.



As UNITY ends, Elliot Hendren says goodbye to other participants during the closing ceremony on Monday, July 9.

third day, a talent show was held in the Grand Exhibit Hall to showcase the many talents of the youth in attendance there was also a night of storytelling and cultural sharing held around the UNITY fire. The fourth day began with a blessing by Chris Devers from the Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians and Brooke Simpson, “The Voice” finalist, gave a keynote speech and provided entertainment at the morning general session. Each Southern Ute youth attended the workshops held throughout the convention center that focused on tribal leadership, ancestral lands and the history of UNITY. The first track of workshops focused on banking and financial literacy, leadership and cultural inclusion and virtual suicide prevention for tribal youth. “It was challenging to participate in this workshop because I grew up being taught to not play with food” Lakota TwoCrow said about his time spent in the “Trying Healthy Foods to Combat Diabetes” workshop during the second track of the day. TwoCrow is a Southern Ute

tribal member, he has been attending the conference since 2014. The second track of workshops included presentations on language preservation, setting indigenous goals, powwow dancing, and advocacy building. In the third track, youth were encouraged to communicate, explore different careers and reclaim history. Bringing an end to the week, the 42nd Annual Unity Gala began around the UNITY drum where a blessing was offered before the start of dinner. At the gala, Brian Yazzie, a magician from the Navajo Nation provided the entertainment at the in the grand exhibit hall. UNITY news was shared, sponsors for the conference were recognized, awards were given, scholarships were presented, raffles were drawn and the dinner ended with an honor song. To end the conference, a closing ceremony was held at the UNITY fire where SleepyEye LaFromboise and Sheldon Smith provided a blessing ceremony and everyone grew excited for UNITY 2019 in Orlando, Florida!



Jace Carmanoros, Cyrus Naranjo and Dewayne Hendren sit together at the banquet dinner.



Nate Hendren shows off his healthy food creation during the “Healthy Foods to Combat Diabetes” workshop at the conference on Sunday, July 8.



Angelena Baker, Kaylin Weaver and Lexy Young leave the grand exhibit hall together after watching the talent show on Saturday, July 7.



Miss Southern Ute Lorraine Watts listens to a presenter at the “Exploring Health Careers” workshop on Sunday, July 8.

## Women get down to business



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal councilwoman, Lorelei Cloud gives a welcoming speech at the ninth annual Women’s Small Business Conference that was hosted on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Friday, July 13.

Southern Ute Vocational Rehab director, Bobbie Rosa and Vocational Rehab Employment Counselor, Louise Wilson smile for a photo at the Women’s Small Business Conference networking hour on Friday, July 13.



## All Artists, Artisans, & Crafters Welcome



Traditional & Contemporary  
Native Fashion Show  
Contact: Elise Redd @ 970-563-2641

This is an outdoor event  
bring your canopy, tables and chairs  
booth spaces \$20 (12X12)  
Food Trailers & Trucks  
Tell us your specialty  
We are looking for variety

## Arts & Crafts Fair in Ute Park

256 Ute Road Ignacio CO  
Saturday September 1, 2018  
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Fashion Show at 3:00 PM

To participate call - Multi-Purpose Facility 970-563-4784  
or email: eredd@southernute-nsn.gov





Field trippers and SunUte staff smile for a photo outside of Meow Wolf after experiencing the unique storytelling and interactive house of eternal return.

**S**unUte Recreation headed down to New Mexico for a recreation field trip that took them to Cliff's Amusement Park in Albuquerque and to Meow Wolf in Santa Fe, N.M. The trip kicked off on Saturday, July 14 with the 18 participants visiting the thrilling rides and cooling waterpark that Cliff's offered. The morning of Sunday, July 15 the trippers explored the House of Eternal Return at the Meow Wolf museum which featured new forms of storytelling, unique art pieces and 21st Century interactions.



Morgan Jameson, Gabriel Pinnecoose and Ezekiel Howell explore the hidden passageways of the interactive house inside Meow Wolf.



Dewayne Hendren, Quentin Baker and Christopher Hayes wait outside the Meow Wolf house.

# SunUte tours Land of Enchantment

Photos by McKayla Lee  
The Southern Ute Drum



The kids patiently wait in line for their wristbands at Cliff's Amusement Park.



Davian Herrera, Dewayne Hendren and Tylee Pinnecoose take a break from exploring and play some arcade games with chaperone Sean Etsitty.



SunUte chaperone, Kelsey Frost smiles for a picture with Mathew Jameson, Quentin Baker and Kylan Velasco on top of a tree house.



## Recreation Field Trip

**Where: Lake Nighthorse**

**When: July 27th**

Sign Up at SunUte Community Center Front Desk.

We will be visiting Lake Nighthorse for fun day of fishing.

Lunch is provided.

For more Information call SunUte @ 970-563-2652 or 2655

Check-In time: 8:30 am

Vans Depart @ 9:00 am

Returning to SunUte @ Approx. 5:00pm

**\$5 for Tribal Members & 1st Descendants**

**\$10 for Non Tribal Members**

**Ages: 8-16**



**19 spots available!**

**Beat the Heat**



**Basketball League**  
**Boys & Girls Divisions**



**12-14 yrs old**



**15-18 yrs old**

Registration Fee: \$25  
SU Tribal Members \$20  
Deadline July 19th  
**Starts Monday July 23, 2018**

For more information contact SunUte Recreation 563-0214  
Shalaunda x2664 Virgil x2652 Kelsey x2660 Dmitri x2655





IHS TRACK

# Elite-level athlete eager to instruct at IHS

Jumpers Camp to feature Olympic hopeful

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Tenth-best at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials, and a Team USA hopeful for the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, West Texas A&M University high jump coach Susan Jackson will be the featured instructor at Ignacio High School's upcoming Jumpers Camp.

Originally from Napa, Calif., Jackson scored the 2012 NCAA Division II National Outdoor Championship – as a Western State Colorado University junior – in the high jump with a 5-foot, 11.5-inch best inside CSU-Pueblo's Neta & Eddie DeRose ThunderBowl.

"I am always excited to be back in Colorado; it's a beautiful place with prime summer weather," she said Thursday afternoon, July 12. "I don't get the chance to go back often enough."

"When I was at Western, I helped out at the summer camps they put on as well as helped run a camp through the rec center for kids 5-16," she continued. "I loved doing it ... look forward to getting back into it!"

"I just happened to contact her," said John Gurule, the Bobcat boys' head coach, "and she was open to doing it! She's familiar to the area, an alumnus from Western ... in Gunnison, and just recently took eighth place [clearing 5'10"] at the USATF Championships about three weeks ago."

Scheduled for July 31 and August 1, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, attendees ranging from sixth grade to college-grade can expect to learn drills, strategies, and skill work to advance their performances to the next level.

"Not many coaches know correct drills or correct biomechanics of each event to help individuals tap into their full potential," Jackson said. "The primary focus is getting them a correct approach and feeling even if it is only for



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Track & Field boys' head coach John Gurule (left) strategizes with recently graduated thrower Natoni Cundiff during the 2018 season. Coaching aids any athlete's success, and IHS will welcome one at the end of July for a special jumper-oriented summer camp.

one to two days. Once you have the correct approach you can focus on biomechanics and how to fix the smaller things to help them."

"It mostly depends on what level the athlete is at; if they just need polishing or if they are just starting out," she noted. "Same with coaches; it will depend on how much they know about programming and drill knowledge."

From her track-and-field start through the Napa Track Club at age nine, up through the past four years as an elite-level athlete, Jackson emphasized external lesson and internal drive as being equal essentials for success.

"I've had many coaches in my past, but a few stick out and how they were willing to coach me – I wasn't the easiest; I was a major head case and they helped me realize my true potential," she recalled. "I go into each meet preparing myself, going over the feeling of each movement I make and how it should look. I try not to look at the past ... unless it is film for my 'mental game.'"

And through coaching others, she's always looking for more footage.

"When I see someone I'm assisting doing what I'm doing wrong, it not only helps ... what I say," said Jackson, a member of Teams RunGum and Zensah, "but mentally I hear my own corrections and it forces me to go over

them with the athlete kind of like a 'double' practice."

"Each athlete may hear the same thing, but in different ways," she added. "It's all about communication and what clicks to trigger the athlete to do what you're asking."

"The common denominator is always confidence level. They may have the ability to be great, but it may hide because they have no confidence in themselves. Coaching is something that helps ... break that mental issue."

That is to say, break it down to build them up.

"We're really excited for it," Gurule stated. "We have had people sign up from Kirtland, to Bloomfield, Cortez ... It's a great chance for the community, and hopefully will fill a void. Everything's going really good, and everybody's working really hard preparing," he continued. "We're looking forward to continuing 'the grind' and preparing for next season!"

Priced at \$50 per athlete, \$25 per coach, registration can be done in person at the event or via a special PayPal link: <http://paypal.me/JohnGurule>. Lunch will be served both days, and a trainer will also be available. Additional questions can be directed to Gurule via e-mail at [Gurulejohn@hotmail.com](mailto:Gurulejohn@hotmail.com) or [jgurule@ignacioschools.org](mailto:jgurule@ignacioschools.org) or phone 970-946-8080.

## Cutting to the chase



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Rose Johnson and her horse, "Flirten Cat" competed in the \$25K novice horse non-pro category and placed third at the Caught in the Crossfire event Thursday, July 12.



The annual Four Corners Crossfire Cutting show took place at the Southern Ute Fairgrounds, held at the indoor arena on Thursday, July 12.

The horse cutting event brought contestants from across the nation to compete at the seventh annual Four Corners Crossfire Cutting show.

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national language common to all countries around the world, that it can remove cultural and international barriers. "...to use the common language of sports to bridge the continents," said George O'Scanlon, President of Down Under Sports.

The teams will compete for their medals with a two-day tournament bracket, but the main aspect of the program is cultural exchange, where athletes will get to know each other off the court, for the remainder of the trip athletes will visit

iconic locations throughout Australia.

The mission is to promote growth, development, and self-esteem of the individual athlete through sport; to forge friendships that bridge cultural divides and stand the test of time.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Avionne Gomez pushes the ball during the 2017-2018 basketball season.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ebony Gomez goes up for a shot during the 2017-2018 basketball season.

### Sky Ute Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

- **Tres Rios Junior National Finals Rodeo: August 17-19**  
Qualifying for children ages 12-19 in Breakaway and Calf roping. Participants from all over the US will compete for slots for the NFR in Las Vegas, NV in November.



Info & future events: [www.skyutefairgrounds.com](http://www.skyutefairgrounds.com)

Sky Ute Fairgrounds located at 200 East HWY 151, Ignacio, CO 81137

## SunUte Summer Softball League

Entry Fee: 225.00      Deadline: July 13th

TEAM PAYMENT MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE PLAYING THE 1ST GAME.

Tuesday Nights Men's	July 17th
Wednesday Nights COED	July 18th
Thursday Nights Women's	July 19th

For more information call SunUte Recreation Department 970-563-0214  
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## SUCAP's Annual DUCK Race

Saturday, July 28th, 2018  
2:00 P.M.

TICKETS: \$10.00

Race is during San Ignacio Fiesta

For more information please contact SUCAP Central Administration at (970)563-4517 or go online to [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org)

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## Betty Box retires



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Longtime Sky Ute Casino Resort employee Betty Box said her farewells at a going away party held at the Casino, Thursday, July 12. She has worked numerous positions within the organization, spanning decades, and dating back to the original Casino facility. Members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council, colleagues and family all joined together to wish Box the best in her retirement.

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### HAPPY REST OF THE YEAR

During this time of the “sacred Sundance season,” I would like to wish my Family circle, a wonderful and happy rest of the year.

I especially want to wish my grandchildren a joyful summer, may the creator watch over all of you. I would also like to send good vibrations to my “other” sister, Margaret Hummingbird Red, your strength and endurance is astounding. Also, Rodney, stay strong.

All My Relations,  
Cindy Buckskin

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## Notice of Revised Land Assignment Code

On July 10, 2018, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-116, approving a revised Land Assignment Code. The revised Land Assignment Code supersedes the version of the Land Assignment Code that the Tribal Council approved on November 7, 2017.

The revised Land Assignment Code includes revisions curing two alleged defects that the Bureau of Indian Affairs cited as grounds for not approving the Code. For clarification, the Tribal Council adopted certain additional revisions. The revised Land Assignment Code is effective upon the date of publication of this notice.

For your information, the Tribe's Department of Tribal Information Services has posted a copy of the Code on the Tribe's tribal member website. Upon request, the Tribal Information Services Department will mail a hard copy of the revised Code to tribal members.

To request a hard copy, contact Director, Edna Frost, at 970-563-2250. If you have questions, contact the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Lena Atencio at 970-563-2263, or [la-tencio@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:la-tencio@southernute-nsn.gov) or the Lands Division Head, Germaine Ewing, at 970-563-2228 or [gewing@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:gewing@southernute-nsn.gov).

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2017 Annual Report

The 2017 Southern Ute Indian Tribe Annual Report is available, come to the Southern Ute Drum office or the Tribal Information Services (TIS) office. If you want it mailed to you, contact TIS.

The Southern Ute Drum and the Tribal Information Services offices are located on the Southern Ute Tribal Campus in Ignacio.

Contact the Southern Ute Drum or Tribal Information Services offices at 970-563-0100.



## COUNCIL CONNECT SCHEDULE

LISTEN TO COUNCIL CONNECT ON KSUT TRIBAL RADIO FROM 02:30-03:00 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES.

SHOWS WILL COVER SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL INITIATIVES, CHANGES ON TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS THAT IMPACT TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, COUNCIL BUSINESS TRIP UPDATES, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

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## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2018-NC-0150

Lydia Raelynn Chavez, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Lydia Raelynn Chavez has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Lydia Raelynn Herrera. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than August 10, 2018 at 5 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2018.

BY THE COURT, Kayla Wing, Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2018-NC-0153

Deidre Demi C. Sells, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Deidre Demi Charley Sells has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Demi Charley Sells. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than August 17, 2018 at 5 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2018.

BY THE COURT, Kayla Wing, Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2018-NC-0157

Sherryll A. Pinnecoose, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Sherryll A. Pinnecoose has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Annabelle Isley Pinnecoose. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than August 10, 2018 at 5 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2018.

BY THE COURT, Kayla Wing, Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2018-PR-0143

Alicia Morning Star Groves Neash, Deceased

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

before the Tribal Court at the above address on August 20, 2018 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2018

Kayla Wing, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2018-NC-0141

Dedra Elizabeth White, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Dedra Elizabeth White has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Dedra Elizabeth White Eagle.

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than August 3, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2018.

BY THE COURT, Kayla Wing, Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2018-NC-0147

Nancy Rose Weaver, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Nancy Rose Weaver has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nancy Rose Muniz.

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than August 10, 2018 at 5 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2018.

BY THE COURT, Kayla Wing, Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2018-NC-0149

Nalani Amber Thompson, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Nalani Amber Thompson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nalani Amber Howe.

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than July 20, 2018 at 5 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 28th day of June, 2018.

BY THE COURT, Kara Cuthair, Court Clerk

BP America Production Company is attempting to contact the following individuals in reference to a land transaction:

- Mr. Anthony Gunn
- Ms. Althea M. Litz
- Ms. Marie A. Gunn
- Ms. Sandra J. Gunn

Please contact Miles Venzara with BP at 970-986-6779.



## Monthly Crochet Project Class with Kathi Gurule Sunday July 22, 2018 1:00 - 4:00 PM



Multi-Purpose Facility

256 Ute Road Ignacio, CO

For supply list or more information: 563-4784

or [eredd@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:eredd@southernute-nsn.gov)

## Notice to the Tribal Membership

The Tribal Information Services (TIS) Department will no longer provide information on deceased tribal members without the consent of the immediate family. The newly established policy is to provide the family the right to privacy. TIS will notify only the Departments that provide direct services to the membership. The flags will continue to be lowered in honor of the deceased.

## Drum Deadline

Next issue:  
**Aug. 3**

Deadline:  
**July 30**

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

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## REQUEST FOR BIDS Apartment Sidewalk Replacement Project

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is advertising request for proposals for the Apartment Sidewalk Replacement Project to remove and replace sidewalks located on Shoshone Street on the Southern Ute Reservation. The bid proposal should include cost of labor and materials in completing this project. Prospective bidders are asked to contact Eric Spady or Tracie Baker at 970-563-4575, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A project specification packet can be obtained at the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority office at 760 Shoshone Ave., Ignacio, CO. There is a \$25 non-refundable fee for each set of plans. A mandatory site visit for this project is scheduled for July 31, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. Bid deadline is August 14, 2018 at 3 p.m. Bids must be sealed. Bid opening is August 15, 2018 at 10 a.m. at said office privately opened. All bids must adhere to the Southern Ute Indian TERO Ordinance and the Federal Indian Preference Statutes, 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Davis-Bacon Wage Rates for LaPlata County are in effect; Uniform Builders Code (UBC) and Tribal Crossing Permits must be obtained. Bids not responsive and responsible will be rejected.

## 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, August 8, 2018 from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building- EPD Large Conference Room located at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137. The agenda will include Call to Order/Introductions, New Business, Minor Source Program Updates, CDPHE Updates, Open Discussion/Questions and Public Comment, and Schedule Next Commission Meeting. For more information or a copy of the meeting agenda please contact Ms. Marlene Scott-Jewett, Air Quality Analyst 1 at 970-563-2219 or visit the Commission website at: [www.southern-ute-nsn.gov/environmental-commission](http://www.southern-ute-nsn.gov/environmental-commission)

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## REQUEST FOR BIDS Catering for the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow

The Southern Ute PowWow Committee is seeking catering bids for the Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair PowWow September 7-9, 2018. There will be a planned menu for the three days. Bids are due by August 9, 2018, 4 pm. Contact Hilda Burch at TERO or call 970-563-0117 – if you have any questions. Southern Ute PowWow Committee is seeking bids for Clean-up crew for the Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Pow wow, September 7-9, 2018. The clean-up crew will be cleaning up the inside arena of the pow wow during the sessions and afterwards. Bids are due by August 9, 2018, 4 pm. Contact Hilda Burch at TERO or call 970-563-0117 – if you have any questions.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS Oxford Tract Short Term Pasture Lease

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is accepting bids for a short-term pasture lease of the Oxford Tract northern pasture only. The pasture is approximately 560 acres. There are 63 Animal Unit Months of forage available for lease, the time frame available will be determined on the number of Animal Units to be grazed. Water may be limited and water hauling may be required. The successful bidder will be responsible for conducting fence maintenance prior to placing cattle in the pasture. A liability waiver will be required. The minimum bid is \$13 per Animal Unit Month. Written bids are being accepted until 5pm on August 1, 2018 at the Southern Ute Range Division Office located at 575 County Road 517, Ignacio, CO. The lease will be awarded to the highest bidder. For more information please contact the Southern Ute Range Division at 970-563-4780.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS Asphalt Contractors for Labor & Material to Sealcoat & Restripe Sky Ute Fairgrounds Parking Lot

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds is requesting bids from qualified asphalt contractors for labor and material to sealcoat and restripe the parking lot at the Sky Ute fairgrounds, located at 200 Hwy 151, Ignacio, Co 81137. Please contact Jay Dee Brunson at 970-563-5542 for bid information, no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 20, 2018. Thank you for your time and consideration with this matter. The Southern Ute Indian Tribes Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) establishes a preference for contracting and subcontracting with certified Native American-owned businesses. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified with TERO. For more information on certification contact TERO at 970-563-0117.

## Boards, Committees and Commission Vacancies

### APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled - The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has three (3) vacancies. The Committee shall include employees of the Tribe who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of tribal member mentoring and employment in order to make a positive contribution to both the committee and to the objectives of the program. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. Members serve on a voluntary basis. It is the policy and intent of the Tribe that the Apprentice Program Committee be appointed to administer an Apprenticeship program that provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible tribal members. All interested Southern Ute tribal members and Tribal employees who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Human Resources Department at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or in person at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

### ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair and Rodeo Queens to serve on the Royalty Committee. Two positions are open for two former royalty members. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137.

### TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Credit Committee is looking for eligible Tribal Member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for three (3) years. This is a compensated Committee, and, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. Credit Committee will submit approved applicant recommendation to Tribal Council for final appointment. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass criminal background and reference checks, per the Credit Committee By-laws. The duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Committee Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee’s annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137. Questions, speak with Daniel Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

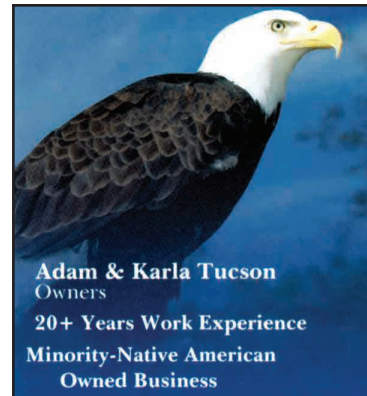
### WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Closing 7/31/18 – SUIT Tribal Members Needed For Wildlife Advisory Board Vacancies. The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill THREE seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant’s knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Information, contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

### WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD SEEKS YOUTH

Open Until Filled – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year Tribal Member only position – between the ages of 14 and 18 – may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Information, contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

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### Dental Assistant

Closing date 7/24/18 – Under dentist supervision, responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour

### Detention Officer

Closing date 7/25/18 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

### Director of Education Apprentice

Closing date 7/24/18 – Southern Ute tribal member only. Day-to-day administrative operations for the Education Department's Higher Education, Vocational Training and Adult Education, Public Education and the Montessori Academy, including but not limited to: all Higher Education related programs of the Tribe, promoting the education of Tribal members and providing education to adult Tribal members, all Public Education and Montessori related programs of the Tribe, promoting the education of Tribal members from pre-natal through adult education and supporting Indian Children in the public schools and private schools to reach their educational goals to allow them to be a self-supporting member of their community.

### Loan Specialist

Closing date 7/19/18 – Provides clerical, secretarial, and client support to the Tribal Credit Division as needed. Presents positive and professional image to Tribal employees and the public. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

### Principal

Closing date 7/20/18 – Administrative oversight, including planning, development, implementation and evaluation of the teaching program provided through the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy for children, ages birth through thirteen.

### Speech & Language Therapist (Part-time w/ benefits)

Closing date 7/24/18 – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services.

### Clinic Nurse

Open Until Filled – Registered Nurse providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

### Endocrinologist (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Providing specialty endocrinology services to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

### Family Practice Physician

Open Until Filled – Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

### Home & Community Health Services Manager

Open Until Filled – Management and administration of all community and home-based health services, programs, and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. The duration of this position is contingent upon grant funding. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

### Human Resources Director

Open Until Filled – Under general direction of

the Executive Officer, is responsible for management of the Human Resources Department, Employee Benefits Division, and the Health and Safety Management Division within the Tribal Organization. Incumbent is responsible for planning activities, overseeing direction of the HR Department and establishing an internal evaluation process for the Department. Oversees the operational, administrative and strategic management of Permanent Fund's Human Resource programs, policies, and procedures. Ensures recruitment and employment; compensation and benefits; automated and manual record-keeping systems; employee training; employee relations; policy formulation and implementation; and performance development and evaluation programs are maintained in accordance with established tribal and federal laws, regulations, policies, and procedures. Will have responsibility for the day-to-day supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors.

### Internal Auditor

Open Until Filled – Performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to assess risk and identify control deficiencies, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. Develops and implements internal audit processes and procedures, serves as project manager of the Performance Management and Key Performance Indicator program, and recommends improvements to business processes that will promote overall efficiency, productivity and profitability. Reports functionally to Tribal Council and administratively to the Tribal Council Chair (or delegate).

### Patrol Officer

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 19; \$21.32/hour.

### Physical Therapist

Open Until Filled – Works in the tribal health center with diabetes-specific patients, and provides homecare for Southern Ute Tribal Members. Expected to assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.

### Police Sergeant

Open Until Filled – Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

### Scorekeeper

Open Until Filled – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Department. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

### Swimming Instructor (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Coordinator, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, breakdown of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

### Umpire/Referee

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

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

### Bowling Shift Leader (Full-time)

All aspects of center's operations, including entertainment, events and parties, equipment, and company initiatives in the absence of the Bowling Coordinator and Director of Bingo and Recreation. Must consistently deliver exceptional guest service and build these relations through soliciting feedback, addressing and resolving customer complaints. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 2 years of bowling center experience OR 3 years customer service or hospitality experience. Must have at least one-year supervisory experience. Group event sales, event/party planning or promotional experience preferred.

### Busser (Full-time)

Performs multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Busser job duties include clearing off and sanitizing tables for next group guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Busser will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. Must be at least 16 years old. Must have reliable transportation. Must have a minimum of an 8th grade education, able to read and write at an 8th grade level. Must have basic mathematical skills. Must be able to work as a team and demonstrate a willingness to learn.

### Deep Cleaning Staff (Graves, Full-time)

Responsible for the cleanliness of the entire kitchen as instructed by facilities management and/or supervisor. Deep cleaning staff will clean food and beverage facilities and equipment. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old. Must be able to take and provide written and oral direction in English. Must be available to work all shifts including nights, holidays and weekends.

### Event Staff (Full-time)

Primary responsibilities include assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up and re-set of events in all banquet areas. Requires that you achieve and maintain the highest level of guest service, as well as maintaining professional interactions, safe working conditions and teamwork. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old. 21 years of age or older preferred in order to serve alcohol. Must have a valid driver's license and must be driver insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have food handling experience. Prefer work experience in all areas of Banquet events and catering; setting up events, food lines, beverage set-up, service procedures.

### Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Prior experience in one or more related fields preferred. Must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

### \*Housekeeping Staff (Days, Full-time)

Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. High School Diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 21 years old. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred.

### Line Cook (Full-time)

Preparation of the A La Carte menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Requires one to be an excellent team player and trust worthy. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 17 years old. Must have at least one-year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 4 months In House training or presently attending school. Must demonstrate cooperation, support skills and willingness to learn. Must have knowledge of standards of food preparation, serving and kitchen procedures.

### \*Multi-Games Dealer (Full-time)

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

### \*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise delegated. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

### \*Player Development Manager (Full-time)

Daily operations and administrative duties of the Sky Ute Casino Resort Player Development department. Operational oversight and administration of the staffing requirements and schedules of the Player Development Hosts, Player's Club Supervisor, and Player's Club Representatives. Guest service and retention of High Value Players, and guests to Sky Ute Casino Resort, increasing and managing rated players and assuring that all guests have a quality gaming experience. Active on the casino floor, and provides engaging leadership and training. May be required to work irregular hours and extended shifts including late nights, early mornings, weekends and holidays, as business needs dictate. Reports directly to the Director of Marketing. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency required; Bachelor's Degree required. Must have a minimum of 4 years' experience as a Supervisor or Resort Host and/or equivalent combination of 7 years direct interaction with guests in a gaming environment. Previous Casino host or club (player tracking program) and comp evaluation experience preferred. Must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

### \*Property Shift Manager (Part-time w/Benefits)

Key License coverage for the Casino gaming area, providing leadership and oversight in the operation of all Casino activities in the absence of the General Manager. Assists in maintaining efficient gaming operations in accordance with the Division of Gaming Regulations of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Assists and monitors that appropriate actions are taken to ensure the safeguarding of company assets and the health and safety of guests and employees of the property. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Must demonstrate proficient knowledge of all casino resort property operations including slots, table games/casino, bingo, hotel and restaurant operations. Minimum 2 years supervisory or management experience required. Must be able to demonstrate the use of good common sense and independent judgment in resolving guest and employee issues.

### Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning (20) hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Requires the ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. Duties of this job are physically demanding and may be stressful at times, particularly during peak season periods. Cleaning an average of 12 guest rooms and during peak season, up to 20 guest rooms per shift. Must be at least 18 years of age. High School Diploma/equivalency preferred. One-year previous experience preferred in hotel or hospitality business.

### \*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. The first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. They must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. Must have a high school diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have two years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

### \*Surveillance Agent (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities. Must have High School diploma/equivalent. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have prior experience in Surveillance, a Casino gaming department, or equivalent. Knowledge of Table Games including Blackjack, Three Card Poker, various Poker Games, Craps and Roulette preferred. Must have computer skills and working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.

*\*Must be 21 years old.*

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### Production Accounting Technician II – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 7/27/18 – Analyzing the integrity of data received from outside operated properties and facilitate the communication with the appropriate personnel to edit and correct invalid data in company operated software programs and databases.

## So. Ute Shared Services (SUSS) • Job announcements

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### Support Analyst – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 7/27/18 – Configuration, installation, and support of the end-user computing environment including all desktop hardware, operating system, end user applications and responsible for production support of PeopleSoft, Kronos and other Shared Services applications for the end user/customer. Provide enterprise-wide applications support with emphasis on the functional view of production applications. Provides day-to-day end-user support related to PeopleSoft, Kronos, other Shared Services business productivity applications and end-user hardware.

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## FLY FISHING

# Life, Lemons, and Echo Reservoir

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When I was growing up, I was always told, “When life hands you a lemon, make lemonade.” That’s great for children. However, as I have aged and matured, when life hands me a lemon, I now put it in a gin and tonic. Maturity and age can be wonderful things.

Recently, when the San Juan National Forest was closed due to the forest fire, I was left with the lemon choice. One, I could sit around, pout, and drink gin and tonics with lemons in them. Or, I could find an alternative to quench my fly fishing habit. I chose the latter. That choice led me to Echo Reservoir, located just south of Pagosa Springs on Highway 84. Even though I had fished Echo Reservoir last year, I had pretty much forgotten about it when Lake Nighthorse opened. However, when Lake Nighthorse closed, for good reason, Echo Reservoir came to the forefront of my aging mind.

Echo Reservoir is 212 acres, at an elevation of 7,23 feet, and is managed by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Judging from the two times I have fished Echo Reservoir, it was obvious Parks and Wildlife was doing a good job. The lake is 50-feet deep at its deepest point. There are also lots of shallow areas well-covered in plants and reeds. This diversity allows



for lots of rainbow trout, bass, pan fish, and channel catfish. The trout, pan fish, and bass, were catchable on dry flies and poppers. I didn’t try to catch the catfish, but I imagine a Woolly Bugger fished deep and slowly stripped would produce catfish. I’ll have to try that next time I fly fish Echo Reservoir.

While power boats are allowed on Echo Reservoir, being as small as it is, there is a no wake rule. (That gives you lots of practice for the no wake days at Lake Nighthorse.) There is a boat ramp and a small unpaved parking area. So, after launching a boat, make sure you park leaving room for other trucks with boat trailers. When you enter the launching area you will discover there are no fees or boat inspections. This is good and bad. Having no inspection station makes for a quick launch. However, it can also make the lake seem over-crowded. The lake is for the enjoyment of anybody that shows up. It is

meant to be used.

I saw several other power boats, stand up paddle boards, canoes, kayaks, and various types of inflatables. I also saw: dads helping their children fish, young families walking the shoreline enjoying the lake, and folks sitting under a tree watching their bobbers. At the west end of the lake, where the dam is, there are shallow flats that people can wade out and fish from. At different locations there are also bathroom facilities. Further, the lake is day use only. Camping and camp fires are not allowed

As for things to look for when at the lake, I saw so many different types of birds I lost count. I saw a bear walking across an open field watching everyone enjoying their day at the lake. I got the feeling the bear really wanted to go for a swim, but thought better of that idea. While I didn’t see any deer or elk, I know they are there.

There is not much in the way of buffers to protect you from the afternoon winds. So, as the winds picked up, and blew straight down the lake, I found myself having to tie on something that sank. After a short period of that I just anchored the boat and enjoyed a nice picnic lunch and watched everyone having a good day.

Even if your favorite lake is open, Echo Reservoir is a great change of pace. Drive over and give it a try.

## SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST

# Fire Restrictions lifted on San Juan National Forest

Staff report  
SAN JUAN NAT’L FOREST

The San Juan National Forest is lifting all fire restrictions on Forest Service Land, effective Thursday, July 12 at midnight. Recent thunderstorms have brought much needed moisture to the area. More rain is expected over the next few weeks. The thunderstorms have produced more rain in some areas than others. The current average fire danger is low. The Dolores Ranger District has received the most rainfall, while the Pagosa Ranger District has received the least. The Weminuche wilderness and adjacent high elevations have received substantially more rainfall. The lower elevations and the BLM Tres Rios office has received less. The BLM land around Silverton will also be lifting

the lower elevation BLM land around Dolores and Durango will stay at Stage 1 (campfires are only allowed in established campgrounds).

While the thunderstorms are also bringing lightning and new fire starts, the humidity is high and fires are easily controlled and put out. Human starts have been almost nonexistent.

Fire restriction decisions are based on fire behavior, ability to control a fire once it starts, firefighting resources available, ignition indices of forest fuels, temperatures, wind and observed and predicted weather. Most of the Forest has received sufficient rainfall and fires have been easily controlled. However, the public is reminded to use caution with fires. Do not leave campfires unattended or smoldering cigarette butts.

Closures for the Burro and 416 Fire remain

in effect and city, county and BLM fire restrictions remain in effect. Check with your local offices for current fire restrictions. Those living near fire burn scars should also be vigilant for potential debris flows and sign up with the CodeRed emergency notification system at [http://bit.ly/CodeRed\\_signup](http://bit.ly/CodeRed_signup).

For more Forest Service fire restriction and closure information, contact the San Juan National Forest at 970-247-4874, or visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/san-juan/firerestrictions>. You can also follow @SanJuan-NF on Twitter and Facebook. For BLM fire information, visit <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-information/colorado/>.

To report a fire on federal lands, please contact the Durango Interagency Fire Dispatch Center at 970-385-1324.

## Drought conditions persist



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Despite recent rainfall, water levels remain much lower than average for the region. The shoreline continues to recede at Vallecito Lake, as the demand for water exceeds the runoff. Recent precipitation did allow for La Plata County and the Southern Ute Reservation to downgrade fire restrictions, but Southwest Colorado remains in an extreme drought following a mild winter.

## LA PLATA COUNTY

# Commissioners downgrade fire restrictions from Stage 3 to Stage 2

Staff report  
LA PLATA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

La Plata County Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday unanimously approved a resolution downgrading from Stage III to Stage II fire restrictions for the unincorporated area of La Plata County and all lands owned by La Plata County, excluding those private lands in the towns of Bayfield and Ignacio, the city of Durango or any federal or tribal lands. The resolution is effective immediately.

The fire chiefs and the Sheriff, acting as the fire marshal, have considered the fire restriction criteria when making recommendations as to whether the fire restrictions should be downgraded from Stage III. These criteria include:

1. Measured thousand-hour fuel moisture content is 12% or less.
2. Seasonal energy release

component is above the 80th percentile.

3. Three-day mean burning index is above the 80th percentile.
4. Ignition component is 80 percent or above.
5. Fire danger rating adjective class is VERY HIGH or EXTREME.
6. Fire occurrence is impacting available suppression resources making adequate initial attack difficult.
7. Local area preparedness level is 3 or above.
8. Local area is receiving a high occurrence of fires and human-caused risk is expected to increase.
9. Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.
10. Implementation of existing fire restrictions is not adequately reducing human-caused fires.

The guidelines for downgrading from Stage III to Stage II requires a reduction to six or fewer of the

above conditions that will apply for a period of seven days with a predicted trend toward continued improvement. The guideline for reducing from a Stage II to Stage I is a reduction to four or fewer of the above conditions. The only one of the 10 criteria that remains in place is measured thousand hour fuel moisture content, which is currently at nine percent.

Under these and all fire restrictions, the fire chiefs in La Plata County, as well as the La Plata County Sheriff have authority to make exceptions to prohibitions if they deem such actions to be safe, appropriate and prudent in their professional opinions.

The Board of County Commissioners will consider downgrading to Stage I fire restrictions at a special business meeting at 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, in the County Administration Board Room, 1101 E. 2nd Ave., Durango.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, July 20

90°F mostly sunny  
10% chance of showers/thunderstorms

Saturday, July 21

87°F partly sunny  
slight chance of showers

Sunday, July 22

88°F mostly sunny

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

## Community Yard Sale

Sunday July 22, 2018

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

## Multi-Purpose Facility's Haunted House Fund Raiser

Join us for lunch, & great baked goods

Friday July 27, 2018

Lunch - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Bake Sale - 10A-3PM

In the Gathering Room

Menu will be available Wednesday July 25, 2018

call for more info or to donate - 970-563-2640

Volunteers welcome