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TRIBAL MEDIA

NAJA announces National Native Media Award winners

Southern Ute Drum nets 16 media awards in 2020

By Jeremy Wade Shockley

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) recognized outstanding Indigenous journalism during a virtual ceremony held Thursday, Oct. 15. The annual competition recognizes excellence in reporting by Indigenous and non-Indigenous journalists from across the United States and Canada.

The Native American Journalists Association presented more than 250 awards recognizing the best coverage of Indian Country during the 2020 National Native Media Awards virtual ceremony via Zoom. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, NAJA postponed the 2020 National Native Media Conference until September 2021 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Surpassing last year's wins, the South-

ern Ute Drum staff earned a total of 16 media awards this year – setting a new record for NAJA accolades earned in a single year by the newspaper.

The wins were spread across the board, recognizing our publication's excellence in writing, reporting, photography, videography and social media content. The Southern Ute Drum also received an Honorable Mention for General Excellence in our respective division, an award which lends itself to overall quality of content and newspaper design. The Drum competes in Professional and Associate Divisions I & II, with a newspaper print circulation below 5,000.

Public Relations Coordinator Trennie Collins and Reporter/Photographer McKayla Lee took First Place in Best Multime-



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Drum Reporter/Photographer McKayla Lee won First Place for Best News Photo in the Professional Division with “Spirits run deep at Sand Creek.”

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Bobcats vanquish Vikings away, 27-18

Garcia logs 3 TD in season-opener



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Jace Carmenoros (63) gets congratulations from John Riepel (4) after rising to his feet with a first quarter-ending fumble recovery during the Bobcats' 2020 season-opener Thursday evening, Oct. 15, at Center. Carmenoros also logged a momentum-shifting quarterback sack in the second quarter as IHS defeated CHS 27-18.

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

En route to the team bus Thursday night, Oct. 15, following a strong season-opening effort, Ignacio junior quarterback Gabe Tucson summarized matters by saying, “We didn’t give up; we played until the clock ran out.”

Which was a good thing; IHS’ opponent, inspired by cancer-free coach Brian Ullery, had the same mentality.

And not until senior Habran De la Cruz, Tucson’s opposite number, was sacked for a five-yard loss with 6.9 seconds remaining on 4th-and-11 from the Ignacio 48-yard line could Ponch Garcia’s visiting Bobcats exhale in victorious relief upon Viking Field at Center Community Park.

“I’m ecstatic,” said senior running back Joe Garcia, who unofficially gained 127 yards rushing on 23 carries and scored three touchdowns in the 27-18 road win. “It feels great, winning your first ‘last’ game in high school.”

Able to somehow avoid disaster in the form of CHS running back Abraham

Echauri, who rapidly piled up 109 yards in the first quarter on only nine carries before being lost to a possible knee injury, the ‘Cats (1-0, 1-0 1A Southern Peaks) finally broke through late in the second quarter when Garcia capped a 6-play, 52-yard drive with an 18-yard burst around right end.

Having thrown the final block on the scoring run, junior receiver and kicker Shawn Campbell’s point-after attempt was blocked, but with only 31.8 ticks left in the half there was little the Vikes (0-2, 0-1) could do

against the 6-0 deficit.

Having ‘won’ the CHSAA-predetermined coin toss and deferring to the second half, Ignacio began the third quarter at their own 39 and proceeded to grind forward all the way to the Center 10 in 13 plays. But a false-start penalty pushed the Bobcats back five yards and CHS freshman Jesus Valdez then intercepted Tucson’s subsequent throw over the middle at the four.

Given that sudden morale boost with 6:19 left, Center went back to Echauri

TRIBAL ELECTIONS

Meet the Candidates Night canceled

Dear Tribal Members,

On March 25,2020 the Tribal Council and the Incident Management Team approved the “Stay at Home” order in an effort to protect the tribal membership during the coronavirus pandemic. Because of that order, and your efforts to protect yourselves, no tribal member living on the Reservation has become ill with the virus. While the virus has affected everyone around us, our membership has remained safe.

With the upcoming elections, I had hoped that we could find a way to safely conduct a Meet the Candidate’s night. However, over the past few weeks cases of the coronavirus have been steadily rising. On Friday, LaPlata County

had its single highest day for positive cases. Ute Mountain Ute has seen a large number of positive cases this past week as it has made exceptions to its stay at home order. I have discussed this with the Tribal Council and because of the continued need to keep our membership safe, I have decided to cancel Meet the Candidate’s night this year.


We also discussed holding Meet the Candidate’s night remotely. However, that raised problems with our limited broadband and disadvantaged many of our tribal members, particularly our elders, who do not have computer access.

However, I have reached out to KSUT. KSUT will be working with the can-

didates so that their platforms can be presented on the radio. In this way, the presentations can be made safely and will be available to all tribal members.

Once again, our priority is the safety of the tribal membership. Thank you for all you have done to protect yourselves, our youth, and our elders.

Sincerely,
Christine Sage, Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Tribute to Richards, Grove



Bruce LeClaire/SU veterans Association

Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Rudley Weaver, and Vice-Commander, Raymond Baker, presented plaques recognizing the previous Commander, Howard Richards Sr., and Vice-Commander, Rod Grove, for their years of service as Officers, Wednesday, Oct. 7. The recognition took place at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park on Tribal Campus. Both men served combat tours in Vietnam and remained instrumental in the long-standing success of the Southern Ute Veterans Association back at home in the decades that followed. The plaques read:

IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING EXCELLENCE,

Honoring Howard Richards Sr. / Rod Grove

With great appreciation for your many years of dedicated service as Commander/Vice Commander. Thank you for going above and beyond representing the Southern Ute Veterans. Your comrades salute you.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Southern Ute Utilities wastewater treatment facility incident

Statement from Chairman Christine Sage

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, emergency personnel were dispatched to the Southern Ute Wastewater Treatment Facility to assist with an individual who had become lodged and unconscious inside a sewage truck. The Southern Ute Utilities Division allows independent sewage companies to dump wastewater sewage because of the capability to treat the wastewater. Tribal staff noticed the truck had not moved and the sewage hose was unlatched and moving around freely. This alerted staff and they


approached the truck to assess the situation. As they came upon the truck, they noticed the driver had become lodged inside the tank and was unconscious due to the gas emitted from the waste. Staff immediately dispatched emergency services to extricate the driver who was in need of immediate medical care. Because of the great situational awareness displayed by tribal staff and quick assessment of the danger, the driver was able to seek emergency medical care. I

Christine Sage, Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Tim Wichlacz WW Plant Lead Operator, Kevin Standifer WW Plant Operator II are both recognized for their quick response to the recent incident at the Southern Ute Utilities Wastewater Treatment Facility in Ignacio, Colo.



2020 Annual Fall Clean-Up

Southern Ute Property and Facilities

Tyson Thompson, Director

970-563-2945

October 26 - October 30 from 8am -5pm ONLY! No pickups over the weekend or the week after.

Tribal Departments, Tribal Members and any tenant of the Southern Ute Housing Authority. We will not pick up for non-tribal tenants living in Tribal Member owned rental homes. All pick-ups must be within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation only. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE AREA and general trash **MUST BE BAGGED FOR PICK UP.** No Pickups will be made without prior scheduling with the homeowner or department.

If you have tires, only 4 tires per household will be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

We will not pull your trailer to the transfer station for you.

Tribal Elders. If you need assistance with bagging and piling of your trash, please contact the **TERO Department at 970-563-2291.**

All vehicle disposals please call Building Maintenance at 970-563-0265

HAZARDOUS WASTE. If think your trash is hazardous waste, or you cannot identify the waste, please call **Environmental Programs at 970-563-0135.** If the pickup teams suspect that your trash may contain hazardous waste, or it is not identifiable, we will call Environmental Programs.

Large site or dangerous HAZARDOUS WASTE testing and cleanup will be completed at the homeowner's expense


Motor Pool, 970-563-0280, Tribal Member homes west of the Pine River except those listed below.

Building Maintenance, 970-563-0265, Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes on Cr 314, Cr 315, Cr 316 and Cr 311. **ALL VEHICLES.**

Grounds Maintenance, 970-563-0272, Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes located in Cedar Point East & West, Ignacio Peak and the La Boca area west of the Pine River, Tribal Member tenants of Quichas apartments.

Construction Services, 970-563-0260, Tribal members in Ignacio city limits and Tribal Member homes east of the Pine River.

Southern Ute Housing Authority, 970-563-4575, Southern Ute Housing Authority renters and Senior Center occupants are to contact the Southern Ute Housing Authority.



Southern Ute Tribal Elder Carbon Monoxide Program

To order detector contact




Randi Rock
Tribal Housing
970.563.4710
285 Lakin St.

To schedule installation contact




Polly Blakenship
Construction Services
970.563.2500
270 Hwy 151

Tribal Housing is currently working in collaboration with the Executive Office to ensure the health and well-being of the Southern Ute Tribal Elders by purchasing a home carbon-monoxide detector for the primary residence of the Tribal Elder.

Tribal Elders (both on and off-reservation) who wish to participate in this program should contact Tribal Housing. Tribal Elders who reside on the reservation have the choice to install the carbon monoxide detector on their own or contact Construction Services to schedule an install date. Tribal Elders who reside off-reservation should contact Tribal Housing to verify their address for the carbon monoxide detector to be mailed directly to their residence.



Safety Tips



Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, confusion, drowsiness, increased heart rate, unconsciousness, convulsions, cardio-respiratory failure, and death.

In the event of an Emergency

Immediately leave the home and dial 911 for assistance. Do not return to the home until emergency responders have authorized you to do so.

SUPD - 970.564.4401

Warning Signs of a Carbon Monoxide Leak

- Yellow or orange flames, rather than blue.
- Dark stains on/around appliances.
- Increase condensation around windows.
- Pilot lights that frequently blow out.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Albuquerque-based architects Cynthia Figueroa-McInteer and Julie Walleisa paid a visit to the students of Southern Ute Montessori Head Start on Oct. 14 as part of their design strategy for a new Head Start building. The students were divided into small groups to work with the designers on features they'd like to see. One young students, Eva, is intently fulfilling her assignment as part of the classroom project.

This photo was published in the Oct. 22, 2010, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



courtesy SU CHR Dept./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

On Wednesday, August 16, the Adult Care participants embarked on a pontoon ride on the waters of Navajo Lake. Four participants of the program joined Tribal Services Director Gary Martinez, Debra Herrera and Cindy Gallegos on a fishing trip.

This photo was published in the Oct. 20, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The Southern Ute Health Services and CHR Staff attended the 2nd Annual Albuquerque Area CHR Conference on August 29-31, 1990. Beulah Kent and Matilda Sanistevan received awards during the conference.

This photo was published in the Oct. 26, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Georgia Pinnecoose was named the "Elementary Feature Teacher" in the October B.E.S. newsletter. Pinnecoose is a Southern Ute tribal member and a Ute Bilingual Aid for the first grade in the Ignacio Elementary School.

This photo was published in the Oct. 24, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



NAJA ANNOUNCES WINNERS • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Drum Editor Jeremy Wade Shockley won accolades in the Best Feature Photo category for this image at the Ft. Duchesne Bear Dance titled, “Honoring the flag.”

dia category for their joint efforts on the “45th Annual Denver March Powwow” video feature. Drum Composition Technician, Robert L. Ortiz and Collins also earned an honorable mention for their collaboration with KSUT on “Awaking the Warrior Within — featuring the Dream Warriors.”

Lee won First Place for Best News Photo in the Professional Division with “Spirits run deep at Sand Creek.” Ortiz won Third Place in the same category for “Celebrating Bear Dance, honoring Memorial Day.”

Lee took First Place in Best Health Coverage for her article titled, “Singing rivers red, for missing and murdered Indigenous women.” Collins won Third Place for “Sticker Shock takes over the Southwest.”

Lee won First Place in the category of Best Editorial for her piece titled, “Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.” She also earned an Honorable Mention for “All-star concert brings awareness to Aspen” in the category of Best Environmental Coverage.

In the category of Best News Story Lee took home First and Second place wins for “Preparations usher in spring celebrations” and “Youth leaders reunite at the University of Utah” respectively. Collins got an Honorable Mention for her article titled, “State Capitol honors Colorado’s first people.”

Southern Ute Drum Editor/Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley won First Place for Best Feature



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Robert L. Ortiz earned a spot in the Best News Photo category for his image of Veterans in the June feature titled “Celebrating Bear Dance, honoring Memorial Day.”

Photo in the Associate Divisions I & II Combined Categories for “Rodeo returns to Ignacio” in addition to a Third Place win in the same category for his photograph titled, “Honoring the flag.”

In the category of Best Photo of Native America, Shockley earned a Second Place win for “Pino Nuche honor the bear through dance.” In the Best Feature Story category Shockley’s article, “Ute elders share culture, tradition though seasonal stories” was recognized for an Honorable Mention.

NAJA recently announced

that, “The call for National Native Media Conference proposals has been extended through Feb. 1, 2021 to facilitate ideas, best practices in Indigenous media through training and workshops to support and enhance the knowledge and skills of journalists covering Indian Country.” September’s conference programming will focus on coverage of COVID-19 across Turtle Island and will be co-hosted in partnership with the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Public Relations Coordinator Trennie Collins and Drum Composition Technician, Robert L. Ortiz earned recognition for their collaboration with KSUT on “Awaking the Warrior Within — featuring the Dream Warriors.”

Celebrating Indigenous Day



photos courtesy Heather White Thunder

Shayne and Malia White Thunder wanted to represent their Ute culture this year for “Indigenous Day,” on Monday, Oct. 12. Lil’ Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder (left) represented herself from home; however, she did wear her dress and regalia during her zoom class for her peers to see.

Pumpkins delivered



Jon Broholm/SU Wildlife Division

A truckload of pumpkins sits below the “toe” of Sleeping Ute Mountain, ready for delivery to Ignacio, on Wednesday October 7. The pumpkins are part of a series of deliveries of produce this harvest season, gifts from the Ute Mountain Tribe for distribution to the Southern Ute Tribal membership.

Calling all Elders

Do you have a skill that you would like to share sewing, baking, beading, cooking, gardening, landscaping, etc.

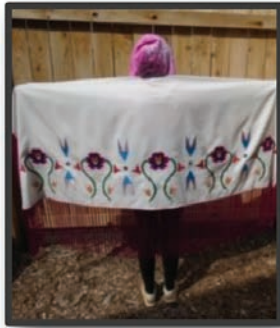
Record yourself or call Cultural Preservation Department for assistance

We are looking for activities that the community can do at home Elders sharing their knowledge is the best way

For more information, please call 970-563-2984



Multi-Purpose Facility Prettiest Shawl Contest



Winner : Jennifer GoodTracks



Priscilla Bancroft



Elsie Calabaza



Terry Box



Nova Burch

Help the Wisdom Keepers keep their Wisdom.

Get health screening tests and wellness check-ups each year at your local Urban Indian Health facility.



Watch the video and learn more at ncuih.org/wisdomkeeper





HEALTHY RECIPES

Buffalo chili with butternut squash

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN

SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Chili. This brings to mind cold nights, sitting by the wood stove and a warm blanket. Enjoy this very healthy and delicious chili as the skies begin to darken early. Using bison and butternut squash bring a local flair to this family favorite.

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



Eat the Gains

Buffalo Chili

Ingredients

3 teaspoons olive oil
1 pound ground buffalo
1 onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup chili powder
1 tablespoon ground cumin
2 teaspoons coriander (optional)
1 small butternut squash, peeled, seeded, cubed
4 ripe plum tomatoes, chopped
3/4 cup green chilies, chopped
INSTEAD OF 9 and 10, you can use 2 cans RO-TEL diced tomatoes and green chilies
Two 14 oz. can of low sodium black beans, drained
3 cups water or low sodium chicken or beef broth (adding more as needed for desired consistency)
3 tablespoons chia seeds (optional)
Salt and pepper to taste

Nutrition Facts: Calories 272; Fat 8g; Total Carbohydrates 42g; Dietary Fiber 14g; Protein 15g; Sodium 155 mg
Serves 8-10

Stovetop Directions

1. Heat 2 teaspoons oil in large skillet, add buffalo and cook until done over medium-high heat, 5-8 minutes. Stir often to break up chunks.
2. Push meat to sides of pan, turn down heat to medium, add 1 teaspoon oil, cook onions and garlic until tender about 3-5 minutes, stir onions and meat together.
3. Mix in chili powder, cumin and coriander.
4. Add squash, beans and water/broth, stir all ingredients together.
5. Simmer mixture uncovered, 40-45 minutes or until squash is tender.
6. Add chia seeds, salt and pepper (optional.)

Crockpot Directions

1. Cook buffalo, onions and garlic as directed in step 1 and 2 above.
2. Place in crockpot and add remaining ingredients. Cook on high for 3-4 hours or low for 7-8 hours.
3. Serve topped with fresh cilantro, plain Greek yogurt, shredded cheese as desired.

BEHAVIOR HEALTH

BEE Heard: Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division

By Precious Collins

NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Do you know how to access treatment for alcohol and drug abuse?

What do you do when you think you might have an issue with drugs and / or alcohol? What do you do when you are concerned about a friend's or family member's alcohol and/or drug use?

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division under the Tribal Health Department has a variety of resources available to you, including:

- Individual therapy.
- Group therapy.
- Family therapy.
- Outpatient substance use treatment.
- Education and distribution of Narcan to prevent opioid-related deaths.
- Assessments and assisting individuals who need inpatient mental health or residential substance use treatment.
- Peer coaching.
- Care Coordination.
- Holistic approach including vocational support and nutrition education
- Community educational trainings around substance usage, mental health, and suicide prevention.
- Integrated work with the medical staff to provide medication-assisted treatment for substance use.



Right now, we are providing those services mainly by telephone. You can schedule an appointment by calling the front desk at 970-563-4581.

We are also expanding our services! In addition to the following staff, we are currently advertising for an Administrative Assistant and a Lead Therapist for the Substance Abuse program. Soon, we will also be hiring another licensed therapist, substance abuse counselors, and a patient care coordinator.

Current Staff:

- Mary Trujillo Young, Behavioral Health Manager / Psychologist
- Jennifer Goodtracks, Psychotherapist
- Ryan Sullivan, Licensed Professional Counselor focusing on substance abuse issues
- Marvinna Olguin, Peer Recovery Coach
- Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator
- Stephanie Garcia, Native Connections Behavioral Health Therapist (will soon be accepting new clients up to age 24)

MORE EXCITING NEWS TO COME!

How to contact us. If you have any questions or needing to see schedule an appointment, please contact the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581.

We are seeing people via telehealth for the protection of our staff and community members.

If it's after hours or on the weekend and it's an emergency, please contact the 24/7 Axis Health System Care Hotline at 970-247-5245.

Want to help and be a part of the change?

Looking for community members and youth to join the Prevention Coalition tasked to reduce youth substance usage, eliminate mental health stigma, and start the discussion around suicide and prevention.

Upcoming Prevention Coalition Meeting:

Coalition meetings are postponed until further notice. Contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-2487.

Upcoming Training:

FREE online Suicide Prevention Training: Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) for Southern Ute Tribe Employees and Southern Ute Tribal members and their family. Let's all learn the warning signs and what to do if someone is experiencing a crisis.

Please contact Precious Collins at 970-306-8131 or email prcollins@southern-ute-nsn.gov to sign up.

Upcoming Community Events:

Native Connections is partnering with the Southern Ute Wildlife Division and the Southern Ute Police Department on a project called Reducing Means to Suicide and Harm. We will be giving out free gun locks to all Native American families and individuals located on the Southern Ute Reservation (until supplies last). Please contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division for a gun lock 970-563-0130.



Grand finale!



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Rebecca McKibben, Culinary Manager with Manna Soup Kitchen partnered up with Lisa Smith, Dietician for Shining Mountain Health and Wellness partnered with Deanna Frost, the Southern Ute Tribe's Food Distribution Program Director to host the final installment in a video series highlighting culinary ideas, nutrition and cooking techniques in the Food Distribution's kitchen. Together, they prepared a number of simple and healthy dessert items made available to the community through the Southern Ute Food Distribution program in Ignacio. One of the highlights was a broiled grapefruit, topped with a honey glaze.

Stay tuned for the Facebook video feature online!

Southern Ute Health Center

Due to the evolving Covid 19 Outbreak the Southern Ute Health Center has updated all operational hours, until further notice.

- **OPTOMETRY:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 1 – 5 p.m., by appointment only. Call 970-563-2374 for all inquiries.
- **DENTAL:** Open from 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **HEALTH CENTER:** Open from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Respiratory ailment screenings will be conducted in the tent located behind the Health Center beginning at 8 a.m. Lab hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Physical Therapy appointments will be made from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. as requested.
- **NURSING VISITS** from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. by appointment only. **NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED!**

All PATIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CALL AHEAD FOR APPOINTMENTS, 970-563-4581.

- **DENTAL** will see patients Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **PHARMACY** hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 pm – **Only Window service will be offered, there will be no pharmacy access inside the clinic.**
- **PSYCHIATRY** visits will occur in the **Mouache Capote Building;** Patients will be called first to verify time of appointment
- All other **SPECIALTY MEDICINE** (Rheumatology, Neurophology) all are postponed, call the Health Center for more information.
- All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.

LOCAL RESOURCES

- **Southern Ute Health Center:** Behavior Health 69 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans. Call to schedule a counseling appointment.
- **Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-2331 for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **24/7 Axis Crisis Line:** Durango, CO You're not alone. With our 24/7 crisis services, help is on the way. Your health... We're in this together. 970-247-5245
- **St Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4241.
- **Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave, Ignacio, CO (currently located inside ELHI) 970-759-3633
- **Second Wind Fund of the Four Corners:** Believes that every child and youth at risk of suicide should have access to the mental health treatment they need. We match children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities, 720-962-0706.
- **Women's Resource Center:** Creates personal, social, and professional growth opportunities for all women in La Plata County, 970-247-1242.

24/7 STATE OR NATIONAL RESOURCES

- **Colorado Crisis Line:** 844-493-8255 or Text "TALK" to 38255. You'll immediately be put in contact with a trained counselor, ready to text with you about anything.
- **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Has both an online chat and a 24/7 phone line at 1-800-273-8255 if you are thinking of suicide or need help for a loved one.
- **The Trevor Project:** Seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.
- **We R Native:** Join the movement by liking them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/weRnative), signing up for the text messaging service (text NATIVE to 24587.)

Southern Ute Social Services



Child Abuse is paramount during this time, if you need to make a child abuse report please call Southern Ute Social Services at **970-563-KIDS** (5437). You can also reach Social Services through Southern Ute Dispatch at **970-563-4401.**

We also understand mental health is important, if you need to speak to a licensed therapist, please call social services main line **970-563-2339.**





CORONAVIRUS

Southern Ute Indian Tribe confirms first positive case of COVID-19

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe confirmed the first COVID-19 positive case among the tribal membership. The first positive case comes after almost six months of the Tribe’s ‘Stay at Home’ Order. The Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team (IMT) issued and continues to maintain the public health orders taking the utmost caution to protect the tribal community. The stringent approach to the pandemic has prevented an outbreak in the tribal community.

The individual who has tested positive does not reside on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and the IMT does not believe the tribal community is at risk for transmission. The Tribe and the IMT believe the situation to be contained. We

remain cautiously optimistic that we will be able to keep our membership safe, but please be aware that cases in the area are on the rise, including at Fort Lewis College and on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation. Please keep our sister Tribe and other neighbors in your thoughts and prayers.

The positive case comes as the Tribe holds the third Voluntary Drive-thru Viral Testing event. The event is open to the tribal membership, tribal staff, Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribe tribal membership, and local community. The ‘Stay at Home’ Order and public health order requiring the use of face coverings remain in effect.

If you are sick, please self-isolate. If your symptoms begin to worsen, please call your primary healthcare provider or the Southern Ute Health Center at 970.563.4581. Do

not arrive at your primary healthcare provider’s office without calling to notify the professionals of your symptoms. If you have questions, please contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 Call Center at 970.563.0214. The Call Center hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Please continue to practice good hygiene by washing your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. Cough and sneeze into the bend of your elbow or in a tissue, then throw the tissue away. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects in your home. As a reminder, please stay home and only leave for essential activities. When you must leave your home, continue to practice social distancing by staying six feet away from others. Stay connected with your loved ones and our tribal elders.

FLU SEASON

SJBPH announces flu clinics in Archuleta and La Plata Counties

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has released October dates and locations for flu clinics in both Archuleta and La Plata counties, with additional dates still to be added.

SJBPH is urging anyone over six months to get a flu shot.

Getting a flu shot this year is more important than ever: according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the addition of another respiratory illness on top of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic could overburden the health care system, strain testing capacity, and increase the risk of catching both diseases at once.

The cost of flu shots at SJBPH clinics is free to un- or under-insured or covered by insurance.

Upcoming flu clinics:

- Monday, Oct. 26, 1 – 4 pm – SJBPH Pagosa Springs Office, 502 8th Street, Pagosa Springs
- Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1 – 4 pm – Durango Public Library overflow parking lot (corner of E 3rd and 20th St.)

SJBPH will provide additional flu clinic dates and locations for populations who are particularly vulnerable to the flu, such as older adults, those without homes, and for Spanish-speaking community members. Visit SJBPH’s immunization page for updates.

Flu cases start to increase in October and typically peak in late December or early January before dropping off in the spring. Since it takes two weeks for the vaccine to take effect, October is the ideal time to get your flu shot.

Each year, the flu vaccine contains three to four dif-

ferent strains of the disease that officials expect to be the ones most in circulation during the current season. Even when a flu vaccine is not an exact match to the strain that winds up being most common in a season, it prompts the body to produce an immune response that will limit the severity of a person’s sickness.

“SJBPH truly appreciates local community members taking effective public health precautions to control the spread of COVID-19,” said Liane Jollon, SJBPH Executive Director. “We are urging everyone to get their flu shot as an additional public health precaution to make sure that our local health system is not overburdened and to ensure that people don’t get sick with both flu and COVID-19 at the same time,” she said.

For the most up to date information, visit SJBPH’s website at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>

TRIBAL HEALTH

Shrugging off shoulder pain

Surprisingly simple tips to heal a painful shoulder

By Dr. Stephen Stockhausen PT, DPT, OCS

Your shoulder is the most mobile joint in your body. In fact, there are few movements you make in which your shoulder doesn’t move. This is great for throwing and reaching, squeezing a hug or scratching that itchy spot between your shoulder blades. But when it hurts every little turn and twist throbs right to the bone and your arm feels like it weighs fifty pounds.

Shoulder pain is extremely common, especially as we age. If you develop shoulder pain do not be alarmed - most people with shoulder pain improve with physical therapy and exercise. So much so that physical therapy has been found to be more effective than surgery for many common shoulder injuries.

Shoulder pain has many causes. Falling, over-use, and poor posture are just a few of the common factors that can lead to a painful shoulder. Fortunately, by following two simple principles many types of shoulder pain can be quickly

fixed at home.

First, don’t stop moving! Shoulders are built for movement. Pain, weakness, and even fear are often valid causes for patients to want to stop using their injured shoulder, however it will only slow your recovery.

The rotator cuff is a group of four tiny muscles and tendons that help control the fine movements of the shoulder, and it is also the most common source of pain in the shoulder. Being so tiny these muscles often do not get much blood flow, and in our body blood flow equals healing. Movement is the best way to flush these injured tissues full of blood and speed up the healing process. It also helps to prevent stiffening of the shoulder, keeping it loose and limber until it heals. However, there is a catch ...

Second, keep the shoulder pain free!

Pain is annoying enough as is, but with it comes another pesky attribute – it turns muscles off. Neurogenic inhibition is a

fancy term that describes what happens when a muscle quits working properly because of pain.

When the shoulder hurts, the little rotator cuff muscles just throw in the towel and seemingly give up, slowing down your recovery.

Physical therapists have specific exercises that help to “wake up” the rotator cuff in a pain free manner, but you can also help to do this on your own at home.

Modifying your activity is the best way to keep these muscles active without flaring up your pain. If your arm hurts to lift overhead don’t reach up quite so high with that side. If it hurts to push or pull forcefully, only use that arm for light activities. The key is to use your injured arm as much as you can, but only in pain-free ways.

Unable to find an activity that is pain free? You likely need to be seen by a physical therapist or other healthcare practitioner. Call the Tribal Health Center and make an appointment today we would love to help you feel better quickly.

RELAPSE PREVENTION

from an INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVE

EVERY SUNDAY
10:30AM - 12:30PM
OCT 25TH - NOV 29TH

FREE & ONLINE VIA ZOOM
OPEN TO ANY MOTHER IN RECOVERY!

This 6 week series will offer education about the traumatic events & policies that have contributed to addiction and mental health challenges for Indigenous women, while offering relapse prevention strategies rooted in Indigenous land based healing modalities. We will explore how positive connections to identity, land, culture and community serve as strong foundations for relapse prevention. Trauma informed yoga and mindfulness practices will be offered during each session.

GOALS OF THE SERIES:

1. Learn about Indigenous land based forms of healing as relapse prevention strategies.
2. Develop a positive connection to our Indigenous Identity.
3. Deepen our ability to act as an Ally to Sacred Indigenous Teachings.
4. Strengthen our recovery through yoga & mindfulness movement practices.

*no yoga experience necessary, everyone welcome.

FACILITATOR : AVIS O'BRIEN

Email Frances at mrt.board@gmail.com to register



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 Call Center

Hours of Operation
Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
970.563.0214

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

STAY HOME

STAY IN TOUCH

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

If you are sick self-isolate. If your symptoms get worse call your healthcare provider. Tribal members & Southern Ute Health Center patients can call the Health Center at 970.563.4581 to schedule an appointment.

Photo Credit | Lindsay J. Box

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Violence has never been a Native American Tradition.

Together. We can end the abuse.

Southern Ute Victim Services 970-563-0245
Southern Ute Social Services 970-563-2331
If an emergency, please call 911

Help end the silence. Report it if you see it.

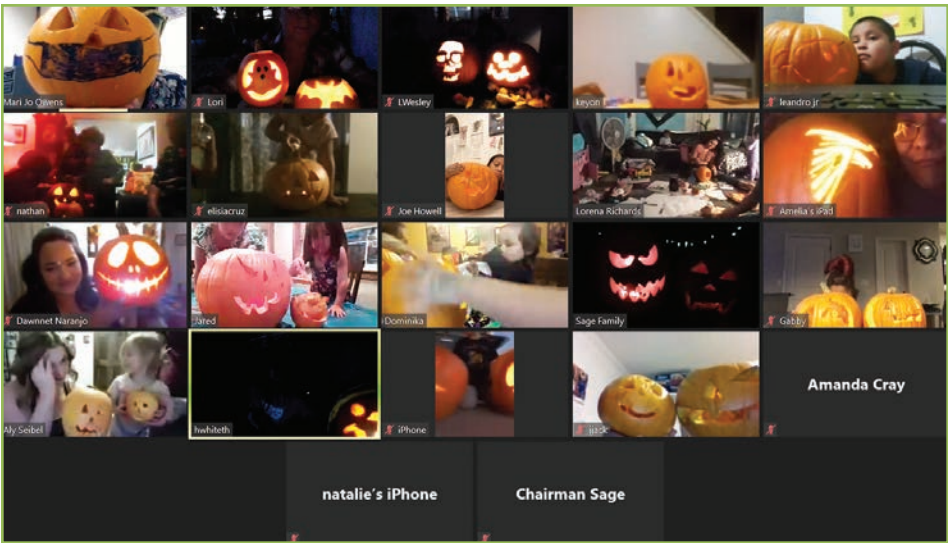


Richards: 2020 JOM recipient



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Andres Richards is currently attending Ignacio Middle School and is in the seventh grade. His parents are Frank and Angela Richards. The award was presented to the family by Public Education Specialist, Ellen Baker at Eagle Park in Bayfield, Colo. following school on Wednesday, Oct. 14. This is what his teacher said about him when she nominated him for the Elbert J. Floyd Award. “Another young man who did an awesome job this year is Andres Richards. He was always on time with his work, he was respectful and worked hard on everything that was placed in front of him. He also tried his hand at acting and was excellent,” exclaimed Angela Ballew.



courtesy Ms. Lori/SUIMA

Here is a screen shot that Ms. Lori Smith, our Upper Elementary teacher, took during Family Night! It was a fun night, ending with Freja-Olivia Randall pumpkin “spewing” it’s guts outside!! Theoden Greany was the first one to carve his pumpkin.

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Virtual teaching tips for parents

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

While SUIMA has been busy providing home-learning packets and remote, online learning, there is another vital piece to help our students during this school year. That piece is the parents.

While the teachers are doing all they can, if it weren’t for the parents, some students would not be able to attend their daily school lessons. Parents became instant teachers in the spring. Without any previous “teaching” knowledge, other than helping with homework, the parents stepped up and took on the role of guide/teacher/educator.

Here are a few tips to help you parents work through your dual role:

- **Embrace the differences and opportunities in learning at home.** Remote learning at home and on-campus learning won’t look or feel the same – and that’s okay. During this time, families have a unique opportunity to prioritize home and family, while supporting and learning about your child’s school life. Have fun with learning. Help your child research something together which may bring you closer by realizing you both like the same animal or sport.
- **Play board games.** Even though they may look like just something fun to do, many board games promote academic and social-emo-

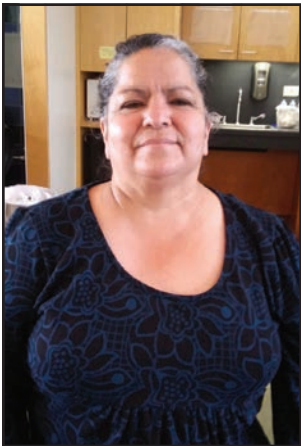
tional skills. Read books with your child, or have your child read to you. If you have magazines you can cut up, make a collage of things your family wants to do once COVID restrictions are lifted and life gets back to normal. Make playdough (SUIMA can provide you with a great recipe). Older students can practice fractions by making the playdough for younger siblings.

- **Give yourself credit.** All parents are experiencing a steep learning curve when it comes to teaching remote, online lessons. Reach out to the school for support and resources, just as your child reaches out to you for support and resources. If you are feeling too overwhelmed, it is okay to take a break. Set limits with your child so that you can also have time to complete your work if you are teleworking. Set up a schedule so that your child can see when he/she has to do school-work and when you have to do your work. Share the household chores and choose which chores can be saved for another time or day.
- **Communicate.** Talk with another adult if you need to. Reach out to your friends. Have a conversation with your child’s guide/teacher to keep them informed if you are struggling with taking on that role. Give yourself a time limit when sitting with at your computer. Limit get-

ting on it at night.
• **You matter and you are important.** Your role in this time has changed. Make time for yourself.

MONTESSORI GUIDE/TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Debbie Gonzales has been part of the SUIMA family when it was a school within a school; when it was called Blue Sky and was housed at the Education Center. Before Blue Sky, she worked at the Head Start.



courtesy SUIMA

Ms. Debbie Gonzales
SUIMA Toddler Guide

Debbie, and her husband Joe, have four children, 15 grandchildren and two dogs: Diamond and Buster. When Debbie is not working with the toddlers, she attends the many sporting events that her grandchildren participate in. She says the best part of working with children is the time she gets to spend with them and to watch and help them grow. To all the students, and parents, out there, Debbie would like to remind you to be confident and proud of who you are.

SUIMA PAG Meetings

Virtual Family Nights will be held from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting information will be sent via Remind text messaging to SUIMA Families.

Address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/41186549017>
Meeting ID: 411 865 4901
Passcode: SUIMAPAG

education is my JAM

NOVEMBER 10
6:00 PM

Master of Social Work available this summer

The University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work Four Corners Program is accepting applications for the Advanced Standing MSW program starting this summer 2021. Students with a bachelor’s degree in social work are eligible for the one-year program. Complete your application by January 15, 2021 and we waive the \$65.-application fee. Stipends in child welfare and opioid workforce expansion and Native American tuition support to eligible students are available. For more information, email janelle.doughty@du.edu.

INDIGital Coding Workshop

- Question time! What are the dates, hours and cost? Oct. 19 – Nov. 6 (Monday – Friday), 5 – 8 p.m. (EST time), 100 % Free
- So ... do we get snacks? We will be mailing you a welcome package with a smudge kit with medicines, supplies, snacks and a gift card for dinner (depending on location).
- Who can register? Anyone! You just have to be between 15 & 35 years old. You need a tablet/computer & an internet connection
- What are we going to learn? Please check out the curriculum from past iterations. The full schedule will be available at www.indigenousfriends.org in the following weeks
- Smoke signals: aaniin@indigenousfriends.org

INDIGital

October 19-
November 6
5PM-8PM
M-F

Mailed in package with medicines & gift card for dinner

Critical Technology + Traditional Knowledge +
Indigenous Futurisms + Coding
Online Course

Register!
www.indigenousfriends.org/indigital2020

SUIMA Family Nights

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Meeting ID: 411 865 4901
Passcode: SUIMAPAG

+ NEXT MEETING +
OCTOBER 21, 2020
PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST
NOV DATE: NOV 18, 2020

Looking for a change in professions?

If you have a Bachelors degree in any discipline this may be for you.
The state of Colorado is in need of more teachers.

Please join us for a virtual information session to learn how you can obtain your Colorado Teacher’s License through the Public Education & Business Coalition (PEBC) Teacher Residency. You will have an opportunity to meet members of our team, learn about our teacher residency model and application process, and the communities in your area where you can pursue a teacher’s license. No prior teaching experience is required.

- PEBC Residency Information Session - October 28, 2020
- PEBC Residency Information Session - November 10, 2020
- PEBC Residency Information Session - December 7, 2020



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Effective Public Health Orders

Stay at Home Order



YOU CAN:



Care for Family & Pets



Buy groceries or supplies for your home.



Obtain medical supplies



Engage in banking



Go to work or get things from work



Exercise and engage in non-group activities



Get or buy educational supplies



Maintain or buy things for the household



Face Covers Required



Indoors and Outdoors when social distancing measures are not possible

Both orders remain in effect until further notice.

SOUTHERN UTE COVID-19 CALL CENTER - 970.563.0214 MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

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Wash YOUR HANDS!



Multi-Purpose Facility's Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest

Categories:
Scariest
Funniest
Best

Submit your entry by 7:00 PM
October 31, 2020 by posting
on Instagram or Face book #MPF Pumpkin
More Info? Call 563-2640

Multi-Purpose Facility Virtual Costume Contest

Vote on
Instagram or Facebook
at 7:30 - 10:00 PM
Halloween Night

Categories:
Family Group
Scariest
Funniest
Best

Enter on Instagram
or Facebook
posting ends at 7:00 PM
#MPFcostume contest

For more information: 563-2640

Multi-Purpose Facility Haunted House Tour

Vote on
Instagram or Facebook
at 7:30 - 10:00 PM
Halloween Night

To enter your house
for the tour call the MPF at 563-2640
by 5:00 PM, October 28, 2020

TO HALLOWEEN OR NOT

Remember the Tribe remains at a Stay at Home Order and face coverings are required indoors and outdoors when social distancing measures are not possible.



Social distance and limit close contact

Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet or more from people you don't live with. Be particularly mindful in areas where it may be harder to keep this distance, such as restrooms and eating areas.

Wear masks

Wear a mask at all times when around people who don't live in your household to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

Do not use costume masks in place of cloth masks

Do not use a costume mask (such as for Halloween) as a substitute for a cloth mask unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers your mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around your face.

Do not wear a costume mask over a cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

Wash hands

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public¹



SOCIAL DISTANCING

People who should not attend in-person holiday celebrations

People with or exposed to COVID-19

Do not host or participate in any in-person festivities, if you or anyone in your household

- Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others
- Has symptoms of COVID-19
- Is waiting for COVID-19 viral test results
- May have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19

People at increased risk for severe illness

If you are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or live or work with someone at increased risk of severe illness, you should

- Avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household.
- Avoid larger gatherings and consider attending activities that pose lower risk if you decide to attend an in-person gathering with people who do not live in your household.¹

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. There are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween. If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.²

These lower risk activities can be safe alternatives:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with
- Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house¹



Moderate Risk Activities:

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard)
- Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart
- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
- Going to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest where appropriate mask use is enforced, and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing¹



Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door
- Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots
- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors
- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household
- Using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors
- Traveling to a rural fall festival that is not in your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19¹



¹COVID-19: Holiday Celebrations. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-changes/holiday-celebrations.html.



Tribe conducts third Covid-19 testing



Southern Ute tribal elders were given priority for testing at the start of each day.



Partnerships and collaborations have made each of these free COVID-19 testing events a success, from trained professionals administering the test, to the PPE and other supplies provided to the volunteers and workers.



Security helped keep the cars moving during the two-day testing event held outside of the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Veterans Affairs, held their two-day October drive through viral testing event for COVID-19, Wednesday, October 14, – Thursday, Oct. 15. The next event will be scheduled for December of this year at the Sky Ute Casino Resort in Ignacio, Colo.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Tribal volunteers were on hand to check in participants and keep things moving throughout each day of testing at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's parking lot in Ignacio, Colo.



OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE DAYS
**Monday
Wednesday
Friday**
8am – 12 PM

Mail run – 10:30am Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

**PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND ALLOW THE POST
OFFICE AMPLE TIME TO DISTRIBUTE MAIL**

**NO IN-PERSON SERVICES
AVAILABLE**

**AVAILABLE BY EMAIL/VOICEMAIL
Monday-Friday
8am-5pm**

*TIS is not responsible for the content of distributed information.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: THE STAY AT HOME ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

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SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPARTMENT



SUBMIT A TIP

Anonymous Tip Submissions

Do you have information about a crime?

Please call the Southern Ute Police Department Anonymous Tip Line - (970) 563-4999. This "Tip Line" was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The "Tip Line" is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it **DOES NOT** replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police number (970) 563-4401.

If you prefer, you may also submit an anonymous tip online by visiting:
<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/supd>




Tribal Member Portal Account Set Up

The Southern Ute Tribal Member Portal is a resource available to only enrolled members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Any request for access to the Tribal Member Portal will be verified. For access to the Tribal Member Portal please follow these steps:


1. Go to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website.
2. In the header, click on "Members"
3. Under login, click on the blue highlighted link "Register New Account"
4. Complete all forms. Staff are working quickly to verify and approve new accounts while working remotely from home and while working under the tribal 'Stay at Home' Order.
5. Use the login information found in your email to access the Tribal Member Portal.
6. Once you gain access you can change your password to your profile.

For assistance, please contact Ms. Lindsay Box at 970.563.2313 or via email lbox@southernute-nsn.gov



Where to listen to KSUT Tribal Radio

- KSUT Tribal Radio 91.3 FM (Ignacio)
- KUUT 89.7 FM (Farmington/n.w. N.M.)
- KZNM 100.9 FM (Towaoc)
- www.KSUT.org (Streaming live)



See what's new at KSUT

Take the virtual tour of the newly built KSUT Eddie Box Jr. Media Center at <https://www.ksut.org/post/>



Finance Department



DROP-BOX

The Finance Department has installed a mail drop-box to accommodate tribal membership needs for delivery of Finance-related documents or payments to the Finance Department. The drop-box is located at 365 Quary Drive, on the west side of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building. Documents that can be deposited into the drop-box include:

- COVID-19 Relief Grant Program applications
- Tribal Distribution documents
- Tribal Credit loan documents
- Accounts Receivable check payments
- Other Finance-related documents
- **NO CASH PAYMENTS** can be put in the drop-box

The drop-box will be checked at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All documents received in the drop-box will be stamped with the date they are received. For payments on customer accounts, the payment will be posted to the customer account on the date it is received (if received by 5:00 p.m.), and a receipt will be mailed by US Postal Service to the customer. All documents deposited in the drop-box will be forwarded to the appropriate tribal staff for timely processing.

If you have questions for Accounts Receivable/Customer Account please contact the Cashier at 970.563.0110; if you have questions for Tribal Credit please contact Tribal Credit at 970.563.4744; and if you have questions on the Tribal Distribution/COVID Relief Grant Program please contact the GL Manager at 970.563.2443



KSUT staff digs the new digs



Morning host DJ and Tribal Radio Program Director, Mike Santistevan mans the control board in the new KSUT Tribal Radio studio, Monday, Oct. 12. Beaming with excitement, he is joined by other Tribal Radio staff, Tribal Radio Music Director, Lorena Richards and Tribal Radio Station Manager, Sheila Nanaeto.



KSUT PSA Director and 'Morning Edition' host, Jim Belcher was the first officially on-air host to broadcast from the new building.





Hosting the 'Morning Blend,' KSUT Station/Program Director, Ken "Kenny B" Brott broadcasts from the new Four Corners studio.



The satellite also made the move to the new building, KSUT Station Manager Rob Rawls and engineer Scott Henning, with the aid of Eagle Crane employees, position the satellite on the first day of broadcasting. The satellite was operational in time for afternoon programming.

With excitement and anticipation in the air, on-air and in-studio, KSUT staff officially made the move to the newly built Eddie Box Jr. Media Center on Indigenous People's Day, Monday, Oct. 12. The Four Corners studio was the first official broadcast from the new studios, with Jim Belcher's 'Morning Edition,' followed by Kenny B's 'Morning Blend.' KSUT Tribal Radio also broadcast from the new studio, with Native Morning Show host Mike Santistevan. KSUT will now broadcast and produce all programming from the new building.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Big Game Hunting Season

Big Game permits will be available beginning Monday, August 17th, 2020. Please call (970) 563-0130 to make arrangements for pick-up. Due to Covid-19 we are also encouraging tribal members to have them mailed, if possible.

Big Game Season Dates:

SUIT Reservation

Deer, Elk & Fall Turkey

Early Archery Aug.29– Sept.11

General Sept.12 – Dec.31

Brunot Area

Deer, Elk & Fall Turkey

Sept. 2nd – Nov. 22nd



Lake Capote
will be closing for the 2020 Season
Sunday, October 25th.

Attention State Hunters

Due to the Stay-at-Home orders put in place by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the following access areas have been closed and the Lands Division will not be issuing Crossing Permits to State hunters for these areas:

- Chimney Rock/Haystack Mountain
- Washington Flats
- Turkey Creek

Please contact the Lands Division for further information at [970-563-0126](tel:970-563-0126).



UPDATE:

Southern Ute 2021 January Cow Hunt will only be offered to Local Southern Ute 1st Descendants.

All Southern Ute 1st Descendant applicants must reside within the designated "Safe Zone" as defined by the IMT and Tribal Council.

Applications will be taken through December 18th, 2020

Please Call the Wildlife Division for more information:
(970) 563-0130



REMINDER to HUNTERS
BIG GAME VALIDATIONS
ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL
HARVESTED BUCKS & BULLS

Please call to make an appointment:

Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00 p.m.
970-563-2416 or 970-563-2418

Or during office hours at:
Tuesday-Thursday 8:00-12:00 p.m.
970-563-0130




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THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Special Election • Oct. 30, 2020

General Election • Nov. 6, 2020



SOUTHERN UTE ELECTION BOARD

Southern Ute Indian Tribe General Election 2020 and Southern Ute Indian Tribe **Special Election 2020**

COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & VOTING DAY PROCEDURES

Due to COVID-19 the Election Board will be supervising and administering the **Southern Ute Indian Tribe General Election 2020** and **Southern Ute Indian Tribe Special Election 2020** as an outdoor voting event at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, CO.

- Voting Booths will be located outside in between the two entrances to the building.
- An "X" will be marked on the ramp every six (6) feet where voters will stand when more than one voter is present.
- We ask all voters to please wear a mask. If you do not have one we will provide a disposable one for your use.
- Sanitizing of the voting booths will occur throughout the day and hand sanitizer will be provided for your use.

The counting of the ballots will be closed session, only the board members and personnel assisting the board in this process will be allowed for safety due to it being in an enclosed area.

Tribal Membership will be able to access the WebEx for the broadcasting of the two events scheduled for the Election Board regarding the respected ballot counts for the upcoming elections are also attached with this flyer.

For Absentee Ballot contact Election Board 970-563-2303 or 970-563-2305
Off-Reservation Tribal Members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303

Southern Ute Indian Tribe **Special Election 2020** WebEx Ballot Count

2020 Special Election Ballot Count


Friday, October 30, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Webex Event Link: <http://bit.ly/SU2020se>

To register for this event, open a new web browser and go to the above Webex Events link then click on the "Register" link. You will need to enter the event registration password below to begin. Once your event registration is approved, a confirmation email will be sent, please save or print as you will need to unique code to join the event either by computer, cell phone or telephone.



Event Registration Password: **sutm**

***Event Registration is REQUIRED to verify Tribal Membership status.**



Event Information: 2020 Special Election Ballot Count

Registration is required to join this event. If you have not registered, please do so now.



Event status: Not started (Register)

Date and time: Friday, October 30, 2020 7:00 pm
Mountain Daylight Time (Denver: GMT-06:00)
[Change time zone](#)

Program: SUIT Membership Registration

Duration: 4 hours

Description: In this era of COVID-19 and the on-going mandated stay at home order, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Election Board is providing this live stream event of the Special Election ballot count to the membership.

Event Registration is REQUIRED to verify Tribal Membership status.

By joining this event, you are accepting the Cisco Webex [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Statement](#).

For Absentee Ballot contact Election Board 970-563-2303 or 970-563-2305
Off-Reservation Tribal Members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303

Southern Ute Indian Tribe **General Election 2020** WebEx Ballot Count

2020 General Election Ballot Count


Friday, November 6, 2020 at 7:00pm

Webex Event Link: <http://bit.ly/SU2020ge>

To register for this event, open a new web browser and navigate to the above link then click on the "Register" link. You will need to enter the event registration password is below to begin. When you receive your event approval confirmation, please save or print as you will need to unique code to join the event either by computer, cell phone or telephone.



Event Registration Password: **sutm**

***Event Registration is REQUIRED to verify Tribal Membership status.**



Event Information: 2020 General Election Ballot Count

Registration is required to join this event. If you have not registered, please do so now.



Event status: Not started (Register)

Date and time: Friday, November 6, 2020 7:00 pm
Mountain Standard Time (Denver: GMT-07:00)
[Change time zone](#)

Program: SUIT Membership Registration

Duration: 4 hours

Description: In this era of COVID-19 and the on-going mandated stay at home order, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Election Board is providing this live stream event of the General Election ballot count to the membership.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION OCTOBER 30, 2020

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER NOTICE: VOTE FOR 1 (ONE)

- ☐ Vanessa P. Torres
- ☐ Corliss M. Taylor
- ☐ Marty M Pinnecoose

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2020 SPECIAL ELECTION ONE (1) TRIBAL COUNCIL SEAT

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming **2020 Special Election** according to the Constitution and Election Code.

SPECIAL ELECTION - Friday, October 30, 2020 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE - Wednesday, October 21, 2020 by 5 P.M.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE - Wednesday, October 21, 2020 by 5 P.M.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE REQUEST DEADLINE - Thursday, October 29, 2020 by 5 P.M.

THE 2020 SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT 285 LAKIN STREET

Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2729

Off-Reservation Tribal Member: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303

Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 06, 2020

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN NOTICE: VOTE FOR 1 (ONE)

- ☐ Renee J. Cloud
- ☐ Clement J Frost
- ☐ Christine Sage
- ☐ Melvin J. Baker
- ☐ Lorelei Cloud

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS NOTICE: VOTE FOR 2 (TWO)

- ☐ Edward B. Box III
- ☐ Lindsay J. Box
- ☐ John J Washington
- ☐ Adam Red
- ☐ Linda K. Baker
- ☐ Conrad Thompson
- ☐ Alex S. Cloud
- ☐ James M. Olguin
- ☐ Stacey Oberly
- ☐ Cedric J. Chavez
- ☐ Elise V. Redd
- ☐ Cheryl A. Frost

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE(S) RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION TRIBAL CHAIRMAN AND TWO (2) COUNCIL SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming **2020 General Election** according to the Constitution and the Election Code.

GENERAL ELECTION - Friday, November 06, 2020 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE - Wednesday, October 28, 2020 by 5 P.M.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE - Wednesday, October 28, 2020 by 5 P.M.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE REQUEST DEADLINE - Thursday, November 05, 2020 by 5 P.M.

THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT 285 LAKIN STREET

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Special Election Candidate Statements

COUNCIL CANDIDATE
Corliss M. Taylor

Mique' puum / Greetings Fellow Tribal Members,

First of all, I would like to extend my well wishes during these uncertain times to you and family as we adapt and practice measures to stay healthy and safe. Secondly as a candidate for the upcoming "Special Election" sharing some of my reasons for running in this one year term remaining. My knowledge and experience come from serving on our tribal council from December 1997 to December 2000 which I greatly appreciate to be given the opportunity to know what the position entails.

During this time the Amoco statement was completed with funds to establish the tribe's financial plan which provided the membership with financial stability when the per capita was depleted and replaced by dividends. Construction and Development of the Southern Ute Academy, SunUte Rec-



reation Center to name a few projects. Financial improvements were implemented to the Education Scholarship Program and Minors Trust Fund. Since this will be for 12 months it's my position to see what policies and procedures are truly working for our membership with assistance from tribal membership input. Technically nothing is written in stone and changes, amendments, removal and edits are possible with all the necessary data and a concerted tribal council.

On a realistic note, I am not going to giving any false hopes to the membership but abide by our Constitution of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation which is an important valid document. Being familiar with the "Chain of Command" in the tribal organization is crucial when being an advocate for tribal member concern as not to jeopardize their situation. Also, like to "pay it forward" to newly elected council members on what it means to be a council member as was mentored to me from previous members during my term.

Living on the Southern Ute Reservation, most know where I reside and welcome any questions or input. Appreciate your vote on Friday, October 30, 2020.

Thank you,
Corliss M. Taylor,
Southern Ute
Tribal Member

COUNCIL CANDIDATE
Vanessa P. Torres

Maiku Pino Nuuchi

My name is Vanessa Pinnecoose Torres. I am seeking the seat for the Special Election for Southern Ute Tribal Council on October 30, 2020. My parents are Georgia Watts McKinley and the late Sammy E. Pinnecoose. My maternal grandparents are Dolly Black Watts and George Watts. My paternal grandparents are Sarah Russell and Fred Pinnecoose. I am married to Mark Torres and have a daughter, Raelynn Torres. I enjoy hunting, fishing, and participating in our traditional dances and cultural activities. My current occupation is the Senior Probation Officer/Wellness Case Manager for the Southern Ute Tribal Court. I have been working in the Judicial system for the past eleven years. I have worked for the Sky Ute Lodge and Casino since 1993 until 2009. I have had various jobs within the casino and leaving my position as Senior Property Shift Manager. I have also served on the Southern Ute Gaming Committee from 2015-2018.



Within the one-year term I would like to address these three topics: mental health, employment, and housing.

Mental Health

There is a need for mental health resources within our tribe. The resources that we do have are limited or are non-existing for certain mental conditions. There is a need for our tribe/community for a Treatment Center to house Sober Living, a support system with counseling and testing. Instead of having scattered support systems there should be one central area which would house all the components. There currently is a Drug Task Force working on solutions to these issues.

We are spending large amounts of funds on Tribal members to attend treatment centers off the reservations. Why not invest in a treatment center of our own? We have Tribal Members struggling with alcohol and drugs, which effects not only their well-being but also families, this also includes suicide, depression and trauma that is affecting our community. This would be one of main priorities to address and move forward to accomplish a center for our back general meetings.

Employment

Employment is crucial for our people, we need to encourage our young adults to obtain a job, a trade or higher education which in turn helps them learn life skills, job skills and financial responsibility. We need to hire our tribal members and do more internships for them to meet the minimum qualifications of the job. Our tribal policies and procedure must be enforced in all departments to ensure accountability, there have been far too many departments not following policy and procedures. Everybody should be treated equal and to be held accountable for all tribal employees. During this pandemic it would be a good time to review the departments staffing/positions to see what is needed in the operations of the core values of the tribe.

Housing

There have always been issues regarding housing for tribal members. The question is, do Tribal Members need homes or apartments? There needs to be protocols in place in order to rent these apartments or buy these homes. If this issue could ever be resolved, these apartments and houses would be built in an affordable range to meet the tribal members' need.

The decisions we make echo through our generation and generations to come. I will try my best to make positive decisions for our membership. We need to come together as a tribe and be successful. I humbly ask for your vote on October 30, 2020.

Thank You,
Vanessa P. Torres

“Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much”

☒ **Vote**

Corliss M. Taylor

Special Election, October 30, 2020



Knowledgeable/Experienced former Council Member

VOTE

MARTY PINNECOOSE

☒

THANK YOU,
EVELYN PINNECOOSE RUSSELL

"We are all in this together."

Vote

 **VANESSA P. TORRES**

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

OCTOBER 30, 2020

SPECIAL ELECTION






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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Special Election

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COUNCIL CONNECT SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19 & TRIBAL "STAY AT HOME" ORDER

STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF COUNCIL CONNECT. SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE COVID-19 UPDATES, CHANGES ON TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS THAT IMPACT TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Tribal Council Updates will be posted to social media platforms.

FRIDAY MORNING

Chairman Sage will provide updates on KSUT Tribal Radio every Friday at 9:00 A.M.

TUNE IN ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION AT 91.3 FM, IN TOWOAC AT 100.9, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT KSUT.ORG



General Election Candidate Statements

CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE Melvin J. Baker

Greetings Tribal Member-ship!
My name is Melvin Baker, everyone knows me as Mel. I am a Candidate in this year's Tribal Election. I am running for the Chairman's Seat for our Tribe. My experience includes a total of nine years as a Tribal Council Member, Acting Chairman and Vice Chairman, I was also the Tribal Housing Director for five years.

Having nine years of experience I feel that I am ready to take on the challenge of running for the Chairman of our Tribe. I believe a lot of changes need to be made, for the betterment of the membership. Sitting on the Tribal Council at times it seemed like the Tribal Council was powerless. It seemed like directors had more power than the Tribal Council. That needs to change, we need to make sure that the Tribal Council as elected officials manage tribal affairs to the best of their ability for the membership. We need to have Executive Officers that work with the Tribal Council and not against them. Together we all can make a difference. Not only should the Executive Office oversee the Permanent Fund Administration, but work for the membership to the best of their ability. Working together as a team is a must for the membership. Not one Tribal Councilman or Chairman can fix everything, we must work together. If elected the first thing I would do is to sit down with current Tribal Council and come up with priorities and goals of what we would like to accomplish in the next three years. I would like to hear what they all would like to address or work on. Put all our thoughts together and prioritize the things that we would like to accomplish. One of my concerns is the need for more housing for our membership. It feels like we are always told we can't do this or that, but we can. We need to have staff that can assist the Tribal Council with solutions to resolve the many issues that are at hand.

Tribal housing – We need to have staff that can assist and work with Tribal Council to come up with solutions to resolve affordable tribal housing issues. Identify more homesite locations not only subdivisions but also scattered sites. Assuring that the identified sites have adequate infrastructure, water, sewer, electricity etc. We need to depend on our staff to look for Grant Funding opportunities that can help offset cost for future housing.

Indian reservation roads – As some of you may know, some of the roads on the reservation that are utilized for hunting, cutting firewood, post or leisure are not maintained for suitable driving conditions. Why aren't the roads being maintained like they used to be back in the day. I know with Federal dollars being allocated to the BIA, they are limited on what they can do for the road maintenance. Is it possible to 638 the road maintenance dollars and the Tribe utilize what funding has been allocated by hiring a seasonal road crew to maintain the roads? We must be thinking of other personnel that use those roads, fire suppression, wildlife officers, natural resources, etc. Along some of the same roads you travel you see how bad the fence lines are. I have mentioned this



before, still the fences remain the same. To address these issues, wouldn't it be nice to bring back a tribal reservation crew, create job opportunities for tribal members. Opportunities like this would give some tribal members a chance for employment.

Water – We need to regroup and look at the water situations on the reservation. Animas LaPlata Project for example; The water is there but it seems like the only one currently benefiting is recreation for Durango. I don't believe either the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe or The Southern Ute Tribe are benefiting from any generated revenue. I could be wrong, but nevertheless these are discussions that need to occur between both tribes. We could incorporate past leaders from both tribes who sat at the table initially when this was all being discussed- utilize their knowledge and come up with ideas that will benefit both tribes. Only through discussion between both tribes can we come up with solutions. Another water concern is why is the Pine River always so dry in the summer months. I know we own a certain amount of acre feet of water in the Vallecito reservoir. I have heard that this is an issue with tribal members who live south of town in the LaBoca area, with no water or dilapidated delivery systems it can be a burden to them. We need to address the pro's and cons of the Seven Rivers that flow through the reservation. We know there is a drought but what does this say for the water quality of all water that runs through our tribal land. What does that say for the aquatic life of the rivers and streams. It has impacts to the fish, birds, frogs, snakes and all other animals that use and depend on the water like deer, elk, bears, etc. This is an important issue I'd like to discuss with Tribal Council.

Health Care – Are we doing an adequate job for our members with regard to health issues? Do we need to look into building a new health care facility for our members? We need input from our Tribal Members to see if they are fully satisfied with existing services. Staff would need to look into what it would take to build a new health center if one is needed. It takes quite a while to research all that is needed if the tribe decided to build a new facility. How much would it cost? Is grant funding available that we can tap into to offset costs? Where would it be located, would it include any services that relate to diabetes, such as dialysis needs? Health care is very important to all of our members both on and off the reservation, this is just another topic that I would like to discuss with the Tribal Council.

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected just about everyone whether it be Federal, State or Tribal governments.

CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE Lorelei Cloud

Mayhk,
My name is Lorelei Cloud and I am running for Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

I give thanks to my ancestors and past leaders for their commitments and labors for making it possible for our Southern Ute Tribe to be blessed with success in the modern world. Today all of us to have these riches because of them. As an example, we can see with our own eyes our beautiful building, our athletic and ceremonial parks and the new skate park. There is a place for everyone. Our children have an amazing array of opportunities to follow their dreams, be it for arts, science, or business. They can go to anywhere in the world to pursue their education. I know no other tribe that offers this gift. I completely support these systems and when they return, they will enrich our lives in a good way. We can add to their character by celebrating our Ute traditions with them.

I must take a moment to thank and honor Leonard C. Burch for his visionary and successful plans for our tribe. His worldly experiences taught him to plan for future generations. He loved us all. We are a model for other tribes seeking to better the lives of their people. My grandmother, Sunshine C. Smith and Leonard C. Burch are my inspiration. They taught me to love our Ute ways as well as my life-long love for Sundance, Bear Dance, singing our Ute songs as well as teaching my children to keep the Ute ways alive.

I have been on Tribal Council for the past five years and I have observed that we have been operating on a failing system causing disharmony among our people. The Tribal Council is voted in by the Tribal People and I intend to strengthen that power for you. Power is achieved with clear communication. I will have a set schedule of monthly town hall meet-



ing and quarterly meetings for the next three years, as well as mentorships for our members with directors and division heads. Please understand that I will always listen to your concerns.

I am committed, I am dedicated, and I am devoted to make good on my promise to encourage all members to understand and participate in our policies and actions. This beautiful reservation is our only home and I embrace the opportunity to make it a harmonious community. I will leave a legacy with a foundation of truth, innovated solutions and the pride to be a Ute. I promise with my whole being to honor every member and will be a model of care and transparency. I will stand by you and we will walk the great Red Road together with the blessing from our Great Creator.

Lorelei Cloud

CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE Renee J. Cloud

Southern Ute Indian Tribe-Membership

Dear Tribal Member,
I am one of several candidates striving for the Tribal Chairman's position. With on-going tribal issues, I am not silent anymore, as I feel I am a voice for the tribal members who seek help; I agree that we need leadership to assist us- not work against us. I also see that we are so "unrepresented" by the present Tribal Council, because they are elected by their big family and friends. If they get re-elected we will be in the same situation. A classical situation we all are familiar with.

At any rate to introduce myself - I am an individual with knowledge of the Ute History, our reservation; speak and understand the Ute Language. Educated to the highest level; have knowledge of the Southern Ute Tribal Constitution and its contents. I have worked in many tribal departments overtime and understand the Tribal Organization and its operations.

At this time – I believe understanding our Tribal Government operations; communicating with the membership is "essential" in order to survive in this turbulent economy. If I am your choice as the Chairman we can enhance employment issues, create programs that meet our needs; we can overcome many unfair business prac-

tices through compliance and accountability; we can enhance housing issues, medical issues, grants calling for head count of tribal members to get funds that never reach or serve us, etc.

Looking back at the past we had a campus plan to expand our government services, now we have a ghost campus. Decision made by Tribal Council was not the best. Peaceful Spirit was shut down without notice; Petition for funding for the tribal members the BP settlement was shot down. Plus they discussed outsourcing prisoners in our tribal jail to La Plata County, and Pagosa Spring and downsized the police force to save money. I don't call this taking care of Tribal business, our workforce or voting against the membership was a good decision.

Further, our Tribal Government is "shut down" since January, 2020 without warning or notice to the membership or even a general meeting to let us know what their intentions was going to be. When I heard this news I met with them in January encouraged them to notify the membership, but never heard any reply. Now months later I noticed a few employees working up to 10 people at max, while other employees stay at home get paid

VOTE

LORELEI CLOUD

CHAIRMAN

NOV. 6, 2020

“Together we can create the change we need for our future.”

INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

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General Election Candidate Statements

CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE Christine Sage

Mique’
Hello,
Southern Ute Indian Tribal members,
I am Christine Sage and I’m running for re-election as Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I have so much more work to get completed. I would like your vote on November 6, 2020 to get more work started.

I am a responsible, always willing to learn, honest, lead by example, Ute woman. To be honest and transparent is important here as Chairman. If a tribal member is to ask me what is the Tribe working on, I do and have provided information to this Tribal member, that’s my honesty and transparency. My mother and father, Esther Coyote Baker and Chris A. Baker, Sr. have taught me to have the best intentions to determine how to be honest and have the strength to carry this forward. I have their thoughts and words in my heart every day as I do my job as Chairman to the best of my ability. I am a wife, mother, and Grandmother to my pride and joy. They are the reasons I carry myself proudly and with resilience. I come from a ranching, farming, and political family. Where I grew up in LaBoca I hold that place dear to me.

This COVID-19 virus, pandemic, is a challenging time for our tribe and the world. I am proud to say our membership is following the orders that the Tribal Council has put into place. This started on February 18, 2020 with the formation of the IMT. During these meetings the Council was unanimously in approval with the forming of IMT and the orders that are present today. The virus is making life difficult and we need to keep all Tribal members and staff safe, it’s invisible so we never know where it is going, who’s going to get it, and how long



it’s going to last. We get our data to make the determinations for the safety and the health of our Tribal elders, our Tribal children, those at risk who have health issues, our membership as a whole, and the Tribal staff. This year was overtaken by the pandemic, COVID-19. With each other’s support we can get through this together!

The work still needs to happen, as Chairman we keep working for the future of our Tribe which is very important both near and far. I don’t like “Status Quo”, that’s been around here too long and it’s time to improve our Tribe, economically, technologically, with our water, and our lands. There are ways to improve. When this pandemic subsides, the General Meetings and Town Halls will continue.

I ask for your vote as Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. My job has not been totally accomplished, I have more to get finished: Tribal issues, Governmental issues, County issues, and State issues. With your support and vote, I will step up and make our voices heard for the betterment of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. There is much that I have started and would like for these issues to continue to support the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Southern Ute Indian Tribal membership.

*Tavuchu-Tog’oiak,
Thank you very much,
Christine Sage*

MELVIN BAKER • FROM PAGE 12

What does the future look like for The Southern Ute Tribe? I know we all can’t wait for this to come to an end, when we can freely travel, go shopping, visit family and enjoy recreational activities. But, for us as a Tribe what are the impacts to our Tribal Government, Casino and Growth Fund? I’m sure there has been some losses for all, but where do we go from here? How do we recuperate what has been lost? Perhaps we may never recuperate our losses, just as a lot of businesses have had to close their doors and go out of business. I believe we are okay but we need to be prepared for the future in the event of another pandemic. We need to write policies to protect our Tribal dollars in the event that we have to shut down our tribe again in the future. We need to have a game plan in place that says some employees may not receive a full paycheck. What that language would say would only come from a series of meetings between the Tribal Council and our Finance team. I heard that some tribes were only paying employees 60% of their salaries. Do we need to add this to contract employees as well? Just some thoughts as we move forward in the future.

Tribal Member Veterans – I would like to bring to the table our Tribal Veterans. I don’t feel like our Veterans have been given the recognition they deserve. We need to do a better job of respecting our Veterans who have served our Country for our freedom. It seems like everywhere you go, Veterans are being honored for their services. Again, all I am saying is what can we do to pay respect to those who served in all branches of the armed forces to include those we have lost. I feel we need to do a better job of honoring them.

Budgets – The yearly Permanent Fund budget. It’s the approved funding we need each and every year to provide services to the Tribal Membership. I would like to work with the Tribal Council and the Executive Office

to really scrutinize each and every department of the tribe. We need to look at what is currently being provided and whether or not we’ve outgrown certain services or if there is a need for other services. We need a checks and balances of each department. Let’s get a true snapshot of each department. Can we reduce the yearly budget? We will only know through meetings between the Tribal Council, Department directors and the Executive Office that over sees all departments. It seems like a lot of work, but it can be done at the direction of the Tribal Council.

Culture and Language – As you know we have lost many of our elders who knew and lived the language and culture of our Tribe. Every year we seem to lose some of that knowledge. As we move forward, we need to use what resources we have left before it is too late. We all need to work together to do what we can to preserve our language and culture. No more fighting and bickering, let’s use our available resources to accomplish this goal.

In closing, there is so much more I could say, but I need to save that for another day. Stay home and do your part to protect your families from this pandemic. I want to thank the entire membership on and off the reservation for stepping up and voting for the candidates of your choice. I would also like to thank each and every candidate for stepping up and putting your name on the ballot for the special election, the Chairman seat, and the two Tribal Council seats that are up this year. This shows that you do care about the future of our Tribe. Good luck to all candidates in this year’s election. God Bless each and every one of you and your families.

Please feel free to give me a call at 970-769-2763 if you have any questions you would like to discuss.

*May the Creator watch
over you always,
Mel Baker*

COUNCIL CANDIDATE Linda K. Baker

Maiku’ Pinunuuchi,
I am the granddaughter of “Casey” Baker and Edna Baker. My father is Archie Baker (Southern Ute) and my mother is Diana Baker (Navajo). My name is Linda K. Baker, and I am a candidate for Tribal Council.

I have Three Platforms with three sub-headings. They are:

- Tribal identity (language, culture, enrollment)
- Equal opportunity (programs, employment, off-reservation access)
- Quality assurance (finance, performance, accountability)

I would like to make it clear - issues important to you need to be included with this small list. One issue from each platform is described below:

Tribal identity: Enrollment. Information about First Descendants needs to be formally gathered to help determine enrollment and impact upon the tribe.

Equal opportunity: Off-reservation access. This includes representation as well as access to programs provided to tribal members who live within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. Topics include: mental and health care, elder care, health options, home improvement, housing, and emergency assistance.

Quality assurance: Accountability. Determine efficiency of departmental operations, and apply policies consistently to all employees in regards to performance, budget and employment.

I believe focusing and completing projects with deadlines is important in moving the internal operations of the tribe forward. Examples of my experience with decision-making and deadlines are the Southern Ute Gaming Commission and the Native American Resource Group/Denver Museum of Nature and Science (grants, exhibit dead-



lines, presentations).
I am team oriented, as evident by the successful and timely completion of projects developed with staff and members of different organizations, including the Denver Museum of Nature and Science (NAGPRA/Special Projects), Fort Lewis College (Native American Center Academic Advisor, Center of Southwest Studies Assistant Curator), Colorado Indian Education Committee, and KSUT board of Directors.

My formal education includes graduating from Fort Lewis College with a degree in History and a Secondary Teaching Certification, and Master of Public Administration coursework at the University of Colorado-Denver, Non-Profit concentration.

- I look for solutions and decisions in a timely manner.
- I am not afraid to ask questions.
- I am detailed oriented and persistent.
- I am approachable and open to communication.
- I read and research information.

I am a team player willing to make a commitment toward the overall well-being of our tribal members. Thank you for taking the time to read my submission. I would appreciate your vote on Friday, November 6, 2020.

*Tog’oiak’
Linda Baker*

RENEE CLOUD • FROM PAGE 12

for doing nothing, including Tribal Council. At present while I understand safety and the controversial news about the virus, I think our office needs to be open with safety measures in order to serve the membership-we are a government operation.

In addition, its Election time November 6th; and

there are certain tribal council members seeking reelection violating our Constitution/ election ordinance. Many members spoke to me about this issue and all the other issues – they are concerned – we need to fix this problem. This election is going to be critical elect someone who understands

us. I feel I can be this individual – your vote will count.

In closing thank you for your support if you do; and may the Creator Bless and keep us safe. Contact me if you have questions.

*Renee J. Cloud,
Tribal Council
Chairman Candidate*

**ELECT
RENEE J. CLOUD
FOR
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN
ON**

NOVEMBER 06, 2020

****TRIBAL MEMBERS FIRST
UNDER MY LEADERSHIP IN
ALL ASPECTS OF OUR
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT**



*Positive Change
Make a Difference*



**ELECT
ELISE V. REDD**



Vote
CHRISTINE
SAGE
FOR CHAIRMAN



*“If I could do it
before, I can do
it again.
Keep Moving
Forward.”*



General Election Candidate Statements

COUNCIL CANDIDATE Lindsay J. Box

I have to apologize to my Elders for speaking before them. My name is Lindsay J. Box. I am the daughter of Jann Smith and the late Orian Box, egap’. My paternal grandparents are Fritz and Pearl Posey-Box, egap’. My maternal grandparents are Howard and Joan Sacket, egap’.

I care for my people. I care for the tribal members who have passed, those who are here today, and those yet to come. I am thankful for our ancestors and the Tribal Elders who fought for us, so we can be here and those who have sacrificed, so we can enjoy the lifestyles we have today.

I was born in Durango and raised on the Reservation. I graduated from Ignacio High School. I received two bachelor’s degrees (American Indian Studies and Sociology) from Fort Lewis College. I also attended New Mexico State University working on a master’s degree but did not complete that degree program.

I have held positions with the Tribe in the Cultural Preservation Department, Southern Ute Museum, Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and currently in Tribal Council Affairs. This experience has given me the opportunity to learn the importance of our traditions and culture. It has also enabled me to emphasize my devotion to helping develop our youth into the next generation of tribal staff and leaders. These experiences have helped me develop into a balanced woman with a breadth of experience. These positions each has challenged me in many ways and transformed me into a leader.

My upbringing, education, experiences, and compassion for our people have made me a youthful leader. I know that I have what it takes to be an influential and reasoned member of Tribal Council. I believe a leader puts her people first. Most importantly a leader should have a strong cultural foundation. A leader should be educated but also capable of thinking independently and critically. She also stays committed to learning and growing her knowledge to make the most informed decisions. A leader should also have a fierce work ethic. A leader should demonstrate consistency. A leader should put her people first. A leader does not accept “no” as an answer without exhausting every option, utilizing vital problem-solving skills. I am committed to demonstrating these essential attributes.

At this juncture, it is more important than ever that we elect serious leaders who are capable of handling serious problems. We have seen what happens when there is a lack of leadership, decision-making, and planning. We need to elect leaders who want to serve their people, who want to make the most informed decisions in the best interests of the Tribe as a whole. We need leaders who are humble and gracious, while exercising authority in the best interests of our people in the most respectful way.

I am asking for your trust, because I understand the role and responsibilities of this office. I know these seats should always prioritize the tribal membership. I will place the membership first. Without the tribal membership, we are nothing. With-



out leadership to represent the people, the Tribe will continue our status quo or worse, regress. I know the work required to get back on track and to start moving forward. I am committed to listening to our people, to follow-up on concerns raised AND to return what I have discovered. Questions and concerns should never be left unheard and without resolution. I am committed to using my conflict resolution skills to unify leadership, our government, and most importantly our people.

Today’s world demands strong, humble, grounded, honest, knowledgeable leadership. The pandemic has shown us the necessity of proper planning. It has shown us why we must reduce the tribal budget. Why underperforming investments and departments must be held accountable. Tribal Council has the authority to demand better plans and smarter investments. I am committed to asking the tough questions, pushing back on the spending, plans, and understanding the cost/benefit to the tribal members. Consolidation of services and elimination of redundant efforts will greatly improve the effectiveness of the Tribe and reduce tribal budgets. Additionally, flattening the organizational structure - making the hierarchy less “top heavy” among all tribal entities would greatly improve efficiency. There is no need for so many managers, presidents, vice-presidents, and directors. The decline in the oil and gas industry only solidified the need to diversify our portfolio and ensure the other components of our portfolio are performing well. For numerous years, our investments have performed exceptionally well in the bull market. The positive returns of the bull market cannot be sustained forever and we must be prepared for a bear market. Volatility also comes from national and world events including the current pandemic. Now, more than ever, we must be smart with our tribal endowment to plan for our future. It is vital that we have informed leadership who have the skills to think critically and who have the analytical abilities the Tribe deserves. When leadership is being asked to approve hundreds of millions of dollars in investments, we must do so from an informed position. As the Tribe continues to progress, our leaders must be able to think of new opportunities and not be afraid to ask questions about commercial ventures or investments. I promise to always ask hard questions, think critically, and stand up for what I believe is in the best interests of the tribal membership. Our leadership MUST know how the Tribe makes money and what the risks

COUNCIL CANDIDATE Cedric J. Chavez

Greetings Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member-ship,

My name is Cedric J. Chavez, and I would like to Thank You! Thank you for allowing me to represent you as a member of your Tribal Council, it has truly been an honor.

Three years ago I put my wrench down and put my name in the hat with no knowledge of the outcome or how my candidacy would be taken but there was definitely something calling me to stand up and make a difference, stand up and do what is right for the tribe and the membership, no matter how difficult the path may be.

With a large amount of support from the People and the belief that change can be accomplished through faith and hard work I have nearly completed my first term of service to the Tribe and the Membership, although it has not been an easy task, it has truly been one of the most eye opening experiences I have ever been allowed to be a part of and I am very grateful for the opportunity you have given me to be of service to you.

As my term comes to an end, I have made the decision to put my name in the hat again because there is still work that needs to be taken care of.

My initial run for office focused on the fact that Tribal Members are feeling left out of their own Tribe and that the decision making processes are questionable especially when it came to the oversight of the Tribe and the overall accountability it has to its Membership. At the end of the day that is all anyone was really asking for, but accountability is tough to measure across the board. Any decision made leaves room for measured accountability to go right out the window because one decision can lead to an underservice to the organization



or those it serves and that is where we must look to bridge those divides.

By no means is the organization perfect but it has many great qualities that have been organized and brought forth by the Leadership of the past to benefit the Membership that we have today and I believe that while we are not there yet we can accomplish so much more especially as individuals. Our Tribe has fought long and hard in the name of self determination and utilizing the resources made available to us as people we can have our own piece of that determination if we seize those opportunities and run with them.

In my time on the Tribal Council I have worked to ensure there is equality when it comes to the decision making process and I look forward to continuing that work for you especially when it comes to the accountability the Tribe has to its People.

I respectfully ask for your support and I encourage you to exercise your right to vote in our elections and to be a part of the government that serves you. Together we can keep change alive and well for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Honoring those who have brought us to where we are, as we look to a better future for the Tribe and the People it serves.

I thank you all for your time and support, it is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Cedric J.Chavez

COUNCIL CANDIDATE Cheryl A. Frost

Mique Peuhown. Hello everyone. My name is Cheryl Ardena Frost. My parents are Shirley Ardena Red Frost and Stanley Reed Frost ahgahp. My paternal grandparents are Andrew Frost ahgahp and Bertha Norris Frost ahgahp. My maternal grandparents are Bird Colorow Red ahgahp and Nana Eaton Red ahgahp.

I am coming to the end of my first three-year term on the Tribal Council and I am seeking re-election.

The last three years have been challenging. Challenging for many reasons but mostly due to my opinions, thoughts, ideas, words, viewpoints, world view, and who I am as a person, were put on the spot and highlighted. The past three years were also challenging since I had to decide whether I was going to be right or wrong in tribal council work sessions and meetings. Lastly, I was challenged to determine if I was going to be consistent w/ my values and decision-making process. I decided I wanted to be consistent and true to who I am as a person and to honor all those ancestors who fought for the Southern Ute people’s continued existence and to honor those people who raised me.

I knew I had to keep showing up each day to fight the good fight for us all regardless of all other issues in my personal life. I continue to show up for meetings, work sessions, events, board meetings, and other tribal and non-tribal activities. The Chairman and the tribal Administration, of which I am a part, took the hits. We took the non-scandals that were manipulated into the hopes that the tribe would view them as scandalous. We took the punches as often-times the Chairman and Administration were denied the opportunity to exercise, to the fullest extent, those decision-making processes that are supposed to be guaranteed by the Tribal Constitution. We listened to the words during meetings but not quite being able to participate in what was stated privately but we kept ourselves moving forward. We kept the tribal government moving in a forward direction. With all the changes the tribe undertook, I believe wholeheartedly these will have a positive effect on the tribe.

Most recently the issue that has been most time-consuming is the tribe’s response to the Covid-19, also known as, the Coronavirus. This has been particularly hard on everybody. Perhaps, not so much to those who are used to being homebound, although, they hear from others what is going on in the world and they cannot help but feel anxious and worried for the people, too. While our tribe did not ever shut down, some parts of our businesses, including the permanent fund, were closed to the tribal members and public and employees placed on either essential or non-essential employment status.

The tribe did receive assistance from the U.S. Treasury. Funding from the CARES Act has helped



somewhat to take the financial burden from the tribe, including, loans to tribal members who are experiencing financial hardship due to the Covid-19. While the Tribe has been fiscally conservative, we must continue to do so in order to be here in perpetuity. We owe this to our ancestors who fought for us and who made decisions for us so we could be here today, tomorrow, and like those who have gone on before us have always stated, into perpetuity since we have always been here, in time immemorial.

In closing, I want to state that the last three years have been life changing. Yes, I have made mistakes with my words and to those who I have offended, particularly the young ones, my apologies. I am also changed in how I view the world with greater appreciation for the times I was able to travel the USA and overseas. I view the tribe, with a much greater appreciation, and for really, all of us who can say we are Southern Ute, both enrollees and descendants. Foremost, my life has changed in a very personal manner.

My father has passed on and now I must learn to move forward without him. I must figure out how to use the knowledge he shared with me, without him. I need to figure out how I am to say goodbye to the person who gave me my voice; literally, he gave me my voice. What I mean is as a baby, I was mute. I did not make the normal baby sounds. My dad worked with me to make me cry, to make baby sounds, and then helped me learn to speak. He gave me my love of reading. He gave me love of words and my immense enjoyment of the English language. I must now continue to move forward, without him.

This is my only opportunity to make my case for re-election. As you all know by now, there will be no Meet the Candidates Night. The circumstances in the world and in our local area does not make this feasible. It is also prudent of the Chairman, who I support, to not have a MTCN for the Chairman has the responsibility of this event. It was not an easy decision. It may even be controversial but considering how unusual the year 2020 has been and with this pandemic having spread worldwide, it is better to be cautious. It is prudent to say no MTCN than to open the doors to possibly invite the Covid-19 in and take up residence on our reservation.

Thank you all for reading.

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Cheryl A. Frost

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Special Election
Oct. 30, 2020

General Election
Nov. 6, 2020



Conrad Thompson

Moving forward into this new world of business we need to embrace technology, while remembering where we came from. Use our resources to save Ute Culture by giving the people a platform to voice



Prayers to you and yours, I'm for the membership and I stand by the membership.

Conrad Thompson
For Tribal Council

John J. Washington

My asset is COMMUNICATION. I have spoken to many tribal members not only in private as a friend but also during working hours as an employee. I have worked for the Permanent Fund and have had tribal members communicate their trust, ideas, viewpoints, and concerns, to me and asking for my thoughts and advice in



Our homes are sacred to us all, especially since we are spending the majority of our time (tele)working, caring for grandchildren, our children homeschooled, and spending family time together. These are our precious moments for now and in time home repairs will become a problem for some. We need to make sure our homes are functioning, safe, and warm for the coming winter.

John Washington

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- **TRIBAL IDENTITY**
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- **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**
(Programs, Employment, Off-Reservation Access)
- **QUALITY ASSURANCE**
(Finance, Performance, Accountability)



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LINDSAY BOX • FROM PAGE 14

I view the tribal organization as a family business. However, it's currently a family business that has been mismanaged and lost sight of its priorities. If I were elected, I would advocate for a succession plan within the entire organization with the goal of increasing tribal member employment. This succession plan would hand the business back to the tribal membership. New and vacant positions soon to be posted should first consider how a tribal member can be hired or trained for the role. I would advocate for more trainee or Apprentice positions, installing a career ladder model to get tribal members in supervisor positions. The recently revised TERO Code does not go far enough and should again be revised to prioritize tribal member employment. I

I hope that some of what I've said here has resonated with you and will help you make an informed decision on November 6, 2020.

Lindsay Box



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Charlize Valdez (533) pursues Kremmling West Grand's Joy Hast (538) during the final mile of the 2020 CHSAA State Cross-Country Championships' Class 2A girls' race Saturday, Oct. 17, at Norris-Penrose Event Center. It was Valdez's second time competing in the yearly grand finale.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Avaleena Nanaeto (554) rounds a first-mile curve during the 2020 CHSAA State Cross-Country Championships' Class 2A girls' race Saturday, Oct. 17, at Norris-Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs. It was already Nanaeto's third appearance in the yearly grand finale.

BOBCAT GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

Excellent Eighth: Lady 'Cats solid at State

Freshman, senior pace third-year unit in Colo. Springs

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Last fall, actions spoke louder than words for Ignacio Girls' Cross-Country.

"We like to hang out and run hard," explained Avaleena Nanaeto. "When we're calm, we're not that talkative ... but then we get pumped, ready to go. It's a beautiful crew."

And on a beautiful afternoon one coronavirus-crazed year later, the Lady Bobcats' efforts Saturday, Oct. 17, out in El Paso County at the CHSAA State Championships showed just how lovely the program's looking

through three years of rebirth. Still stoked by an incredible first-place performance at the previous Friday's Class 2A-Region IV Championships held in Delta, the squad not only qualified as a team – also a first – but concluded the 2020 campaign posting a top-ten result.

Paced by freshman Maci Barnes, the San Juan Basin League's clear-cut Rookie of the Year (if such an award existed), and bolstered by two-time State qualifier Charlize Valdez plus three-timer Nanaeto, IHS placed eighth with an adjusted score-4 total of

147 points.

By comparison, Peyton placed seventh with 122, while Buena Vista bagged the title with a race-low 31. Lake County (41) left for Leadville with the runner-up hardware, and Lyons (93) loped past Colorado Springs Christian (98) into third.

After clocking a third-place 20:44.11 at speed-enhancing Confluence Park, Barnes battled out a 22:35.90 on the more challenging Norris-Penrose Event Center route and captured 27th place.

"When we're running I

Lady 'Cats page 20

Congrats Girls' XC Champs!



courtesy Ignacio School District

The Ignacio Girls 2A Cross-Country Regional Champions, and on to State in Colorado Springs, Colo., (left to right), senior Vanessa Gonzales, senior Charlize Valdez, head coach Daniel Holley, junior Avaleena Nanaeto, freshman Maci Barnes, junior Alannah Gomez and assistant coach Alizabeth Williams.

Cats on the run



courtesy Lisa Olguin

The middle school boys' and girls' teams finished their first cross-country season Thursday, Oct. 15 in Cortez, Colo. Both Bobcat teams had a great athletics season despite the ongoing coronavirus pandemic!

BOBCATS VANQUISH VIKINGS • FROM PAGE 1

replacement Cael Ruggles, and the big sophomore plowed forward for 11 yards in three tries. IHS sophomore Jace Carmenoros, however, then barged in to sack De la Cruz for a five-yard loss, and senior Dylan Labarthe then intercepted De la Cruz on the very next and made a short return back to the line of scrimmage.

Three Garcia totes from the Viking 10 paid off with a three-yard TD and 2:25 left, and the 'Cats successfully faked the PAT with Tucson, the holder in the formation, flinging a 2-point conversion to senior Lawrence Toledo.

Down 14-0, things quickly got worse for Center as on their next offensive play Valdez gained one yard but lost the ball – which bounced straight into the hands of Ignacio's John Riepel, lying on his back at the bottom of the pile. Nine seconds after setting up shop at the Viking 32 with 2:08 remaining, the guests were celebrating in the end zone again as Garcia took a Tucson give left, then rerouted himself right to follow a key block thrown by senior center Peyton Baker and motor untouched to paydirt. Campbell's PAT kick was good, and IHS appeared to be cruising to a lop-sided conquest.

"It wasn't there," Garcia said, explaining how his longest jaunt of the night began, "and then I looked to the other side and the field was just wide-open. I was super-excited, and just took off! My teammates, they just set everything up ... couldn't do it without them."

"Once we got that momentum we just wanted to keep pushing, keep pushing," said Tucson.

And push the 'Cats did, with Labarthe foiling a desperate carry by Center punter Omar Hernandez. Called in to boot possession away, Hernandez was unable to collect the snap cleanly and, with multiple white jerseys swarming, elected to take off running towards open space to his left. But after gaining seven panicked yards, Labarthe blasted him backwards with a shot akin to the famed Atwater-on-Okoye hit unforgettable to fans of the NFL's Denver Broncos.

With only 0:03.2 showing on the scoreboard clock, that was more or less how the third quarter expired, but Ignacio failed to again capitalize and Campbell punted after a brief three-and-out. Junior Victor Almeida's return from his own 5 gained 58 yards to the Bobcat 37 with 11:02 left in the game, and the Vikings finally produced points four plays later via a 10-yard Ruggles romp with 9:44 left.

With Tucson crashing in right alongside him, Riepel managed to block De la Cruz's PAT try. But despite still holding a 21-6 advantage, the 'Cats again went three-and-out from their own 40 on their next series and Campbell's punt set Center up at their own 40 with 8:31 to go.

And powered by a 19-yard run by sophomore Alexis Villagomez and a 23-yard Ruggles rush, CHS completed the 60-yard drive with De la Cruz tossing a three-yard TD to senior Carlos Almeida. But De la Cruz's 2-point run attempt failed,



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Outline Ignacio quarterback Gabe Tucson (11) loosens up his throwing arm prior to the Bobcats' season-opening visit to Center Thursday evening, Oct. 15. Tucson exceeded 150 yards passing and fired a crucial fourth-quarter touchdown to Dylan Labarthe as IHS held off the host Vikings 27-18.

and with 4:20 left Ignacio's lead was cut to 21-12.

Finally responding with the previous quarter's energy, IHS fought back with a 7-play, 50-yard surge – ending with Tucson zipping a dart left to Labarthe, whose legs then finished the 27-yard play with 3:23 still left.

"Had to get it in there; it was fourth down ... I just had to punch it in," Tucson recalled afterwards. "Felt pretty good."

Forced to attempt an unplanned pass after Tucson couldn't control the snap on the PAT, Campbell's throw into the end zone went incomplete, but the Bobcats still led by 15 points ... and appeared wanting more, as Carmenoros – who'd already recovered a fumble ending the first quarter (Echauri may have been injured on the same play) – recovered a Campbell squib kick the Vikings couldn't at CHS' 32.

With Riepel in at quarterback, the plan was simple: Control the ball, work the clock. Garcia gained nine yards on first down, but lost two on second and Riepel gained none on third. Calamity ensued on fourth, as the ball popped out of Riepel's hands as he scrambled left and took a near-perfect bounce into Victor Almeida's. With unguarded green before him, Almeida won a 67-yard race to the end zone, and Center was back to within 27-18 with 1:09 still remaining.

Labarthe snuffed out Ruggles' conversion run, but the Vikings incredibly recovered the expected onside kick, giving themselves more last-minute hope from the Ignacio 47.

But Campbell deflected De la Cruz's long first-down throw and De la Cruz threw incomplete on second. Trying to take the 'Cats by surprise, Center stayed grounded on 3rd-and-10 and De la Cruz gave to Victor Almeida in hopes of another speedy burst. But the trickery resulted in a one-yard loss and on fourth down, IHS had the obvious desperation heave covered.

"Gives us a good jump-off to the season," said Tucson, who unofficially finished 13-of-30 passing for 158 yards.

Gaining 14 yards on his

lone carry, Toledo also logged five receptions for 60 yards. Labarthe caught three throws for 55, Riepel snagged three for 20 and Campbell two for 23.

With the dangerous Echauri unavailable, De la Cruz unofficially went 2-of-10 passing in defeat for only two yards. Ruggles unofficially gained a valiant 81 yards on 16 hard runs, and was dropped for negative yardage only on the very first one. Sacked multiple times, De la Cruz netted zero yards on 13 carries.

LOOKING AHEAD

Ignacio will next host Dolores (0-2, 0-1 SPC) at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at IHS Field.

"We've just got to do the same thing, but not let our heads hang down when something bad happens," said Tucson, asked how Ignacio will prepare for DHS based on their work at Center.

"We're going to come (out) swinging," Garcia added. "I think it's going to be a real fun game for us."

Routed 52-0 at home by non-conference Hotchkiss back on Oct. 8, the Bears then took a 69-0 thrashing from Centauri (2-0, 1-0) Friday night, Oct. 16, in La Jara – where the Bobcats will travel for a 1 p.m. start Friday, Oct. 30.

'SUP WITH THAT

Regarding IHS' originally-scheduled – but scrubbed six days before kickoff – Oct. 10 season-opener at home versus non-conference Meeker, there were questions as to whether the cancellation would count as a forfeit loss for the 'Cats (and win for the Cowboys) as it was not coronavirus-caused.

Yet as of press time, neither Ignacio nor Meeker lists the contest on their respective maxpreps.com schedules; MHS is shown as standing 2-0 after a 36-14 home win over Craig-based 2A Moffat County – Meeker's replacement opponent – on Friday, Oct. 9, and a 48-0 flogging of 1A Western Slope Conference foe Gunnison on the 16th.

Keep reading the Drum for an update should the situation change.

More Bobcats Online

For complete Bobcats Sports standings and rankings online at www.sudrum.com



SUNUTE

Community Center refund policy due to Covid-19 closure

Greetings SunUte Members,

SunUte has been closed for about seven months now and we miss all of you! We truly care about each of you and hope that all of you are in good health and getting outside to enjoy the beautiful weather. As you can well imagine, the gravity of COVID-19 and the subsequent closure caught us by surprise. If I look back to March 18, I would not have dreamt the COVID-19 restrictions would have lasted this long, but they do, and I respect the Tribe for their approach to this pandemic.

I have received a handful of calls regarding membership refunds. SunUte is not giving refunds at this time, however, when we reopen each member will get every single day that they missed due to COVID-19 closure added back onto their membership. This addition of days will begin March 18, 2020 and the number of days you receive will be dependent upon how long your membership had left prior to our closure date. For example, if you had 45 days left when we closed in March, there will be 45 days added onto your membership when we reopen.

I have also received a few phone calls from Tribal staff that were having money deducted from their paycheck for their SunUte membership. SunUte members that are not tribal employees pay the full amount for their membership upfront,

whereas employees are afforded not only a 50% discount, but an agreed upon amount of money taken out of their paycheck until the membership is paid off. The last day any money was taken out of a tribal paycheck was on July 18, 2020. All employees will also receive days lost due to COVID-19 closure added back onto their membership.

There is no cost to tribal members for a SunUte membership.

For each call or email I receive I respond quickly. I have not received any complaints thus far regarding our approach to refunds.

SunUte's fitness division has been working with the Legal department to figure out a way we can zoom group exercise classes to you directly, but the liability issue has not yet been resolved.

If you are looking for workouts for yourself or for youth, please check out our Facebook page. We also post tips on how to stay mentally healthy as we all navigate these strange and uncertain times.

If anyone needs to speak to me personally, please feel free to contact me.

Email: rwirth@southernute-nsn.gov
Phone: 970-749-7998

*Thank you and stay safe,
Robin Duffy-Wirth, Director,
SunUte Community Center*

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

VOTE LOCAL, IT MATTERS

Dear Editor,

I find that I am often overwhelmed, as many people are, with large-scale and complex issues like social justice, homelessness and climate change. As an individual I am unsure how I can make a meaningful impact. However, one way I know I can make a difference is to vote in local elections, as it is the best chance I have to influence the outcome. Local elections are sometimes won by dozens of votes and I could be one of those votes. This year, I'm excited to be able to vote for Marsha Porter-Norton, someone I know and trust.

Marsha Porter-Norton leads by example. She has shown through her campaign and her career the ability to successfully tackle issues at a local level. On the campaign, instead of doing a traditional fundraiser for

her birthday, she did a "food"-raiser for local food banks. In a professional setting, I worked with Marsha on a river restoration project for nearly a decade. She was instrumental in bringing (and keeping) together stakeholders with diverse interests to find common ground. She was able to navigate through a multitude of differing viewpoints to set and implement a common vision. She helped us get the work done in a way that everyone was proud of.

Marsha cares deeply about the people in La Plata County and our values. She respects that we are all different and contribute uniquely to our community. My vote for Marsha will make a difference for this community, and I'm proud of that.

*Best regards,
Stacy Beough*

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Election Board Vacancy

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking two (2) Alternate Board Members. The closing date is Friday, October 23, 2020 at 5:00p.m. Qualifications; 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe- Election Board P.O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970- 563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Wildlife Advisory Board Vacancy Southern Ute Tribal Members

Open until filled – The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill TWO 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. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Tribal Member Hearing & Supplemental Comment Period

Draft Water Quality Standards & Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Procedures

For all interested tribal members, a live on-line hearing regarding the Tribe's draft Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Procedures will be held on Oct. 15, 2020 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Tribal members can register and attend the meeting via Web-Ex on the Tribal Member Portal. The live-online hearing will be recorded and posted on the Tribal Member Portal for tribal members to view at their convenience.

A 60-day tribal member comment period on the Environmental Programs Division's proposed tribal water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures will be from **Monday August 31, 2020 through Friday October 30, 2020**.

You can submit your comments by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: wqs@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Water Quality Standards Committee, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colo. 81137.
- Phone: (970) 563-4705, extension 7901 to comment on the water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures.

What does this mean for the Tribe?

- Protecting the Tribe's water resources from pollution.
- Protecting tribal member health and welfare.
- Protecting wildlife and aquatic species.
- Exercising tribal sovereignty.

What are water quality standards?

- A legal basis for controlling pollutants entering tribal waters (such as those from wastewater plants and industrial facilities).
- Describes the condition of the water body.
- Classify water bodies into designated uses (such as, recreation, agriculture, public water supply, protection of fish and wildlife).
- Establish numeric and narrative criteria for pollutants in tribal waters.

To what water bodies will the Tribe's water quality standards apply?

- All water bodies within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (such as, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands) over which the Tribe has authority for establishing water quality standards.

What are Section 401 Certification Procedures?

- Procedures the Tribe will follow to issue 401 water quality certifications.
- A 401 water quality certification is needed for projects that require a federal permit (such as, pipeline construction projects that may impact water quality).
- Under Clean Water Act section 401, the Tribe has the authority to review and certify certain projects for impacts to water quality.
- If the Tribe believes a project could negatively impact tribal waters, the Tribe can add conditions to the federal permit that provide increased protection of tribal waters (such as, installing erosion control berms).

HAY FOR SALE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Tribe's Agriculture Division has a limited amount of hay for sale to Tribal members.

This hay is being produced on a parcel of Tribal Land managed by the Agriculture Division. The hay is about 50% alfalfa mixed with grass. Third cut will be baled in small-square bales weighing approximately 65 pounds.

The price is \$7 per bale and there is a limit of 160 small bales until Nov. 1, 2020.

Small lots of less than 30 bales may be picked up at the Agriculture Division. Purchases exceeding 30 bales may be delivered by Division staff within a 15-mile radius of Ignacio. Currently second cut, all large bales, are stacked under cover and are \$125 per bale.



Feed analysis report on the second cut came back at 17.7% Crude Protein, 38.0% ADF, and 59.7% TDN. All hay is available to Tribal members only and on first come first served basis.

Contact the Agriculture Division at 970-563-2900 to purchase.

ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS

La Plata County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Greg Dotson
970-382-6150
1970 E 3rd Ave, Suite 102 • Durango, CO 81301

There is also a link with more information:
www.co.laplata.co.us/services/health_and_human_services/veterans_services/office_hours_in_bayfield_and_ignacio.php

SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION DEPT. Johnson O'Malley Committee Vacancy

JOM has FOUR vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department or if you have any question you can contact Ellen at 970-563-0235, or by email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov

Requirements:

- Two-year term

- Meet once a month as a committee
 - You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled with JOM program)
 - Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee
- What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

SOUTHERN UTE FORESTRY Firewood Public Service Announcement

The 2020/2021 firewood season began Oct. 1, 2020 and will run through April 30, 2021. Firewood will only be distributed (made available for pickup or delivery) Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. during COVID-19 Phase 1 restrictions. To qualify for the firewood program, you must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member 18-years or older and have a means (firewood place or wood stove) to burn firewood at your primary residence. In order to qualify for delivery, you must be a Tribal elder and live within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (a copy of the approved procedures is available upon request from the Forestry Division). For questions call 970-563-4780.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Historic Building Abatement

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified consultant to perform abatement of regulated building materials in a culturally and historically significant building on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Campus, the Head Start School Building and Gymnasium (HSSB). For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Alexandra Ratcliff, General Assistance Program Manager, aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov

Proposals will be received through November 30, 2020.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses.

Certification information, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

House for sale by owner

3500 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, 2 car garage and out-building on 8.82 acres of assigned land. 970-317-1029.

Home for sale

4 Bedroom, 2 baths, Family Room, Living Room, Laundry Room, Pantry. Home is located at 310 Mountain Dew Circle in the Cedar Point West Subdivision. Upgraded Refrigerator and Stove. Home WILL NEED to be moved!! For more info call 970-759-7294 or 970-759-0686.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE LA BOCA BRIDGE



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will implement a bridge deck replacement project for the La Boca bridge, located on La Boca Ranch Road off Hwy 172 at MP 1.1, south of Ignacio, Colorado. The road is access to Indian Mesa, and points south in northern New Mexico. At a minimum, the bridge will be closed for construction throughout the month of October, 2020. Depending on weather conditions, etc., the closure could be extended. For more information please contact Gary Faulks at 970-563-2723 or Douglas McDonald at 970-563-2271. If there is an emergency please contact the Southern Ute Police Department at 970-563-4401.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #18, 149 CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2020-0118-CV-NC
Roxane Frost Bigleggins, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Roxane Frost Bigleggins filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Roxane Frost Washington. As of October 19, 2020, no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Roxane Frost Bigleggins name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Roxane Frost Washington.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2020.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge



Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

Attention: We prefer all applications by email hjacket@utemountain.org or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

Job Openings as of Oct. 5, 2020

DEPARTMENT	POSITION	CLOSING DATE
Environmental	Air Quality- Technician I	10/23/20
Child Development Center	PT Assistant Cook	Until Filled
White Mesa Recreation	Director	Until Filled
Diabetes Program/White Mesa	CNA/Health Technician	Until Filled
White Mesa Recreation	Part Time Assistant	Until Filled
Judicial Services	Court Clerk I	Until Filled
Judicial Services	Bailiff	Until Filled
White Mesa Elder Program	Cook/Assistant	Until Filled
Social Services	Case Worker I	Until Filled
Social Services	Preservation Case Worker	Until Filled
Diabetes Prevention	Diabetes Nurse	Until Filled
Child Development Center	Family Service Manager	Until Filled
Mineral Audit	Auditor	Until Filled
Public Safety	Police Officer	Until Filled

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

President and Chief Operating Officer – GF Private Equity Group (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 11/3/20 – Managing the day to day activities of GF Private Equity Group, LLC, (the “Company”) in accordance with the Company’s approved budgets and business plans. Developing and recommending the Company’s budgets and business plans. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and eight years of directly applicable experience with an investment bank, merchant bank, investment management organization, a private equity fund or a valuation consultant firm; OR Master’s degree in Business Administration and five years of directly applicable experience with an investment bank, merchant bank, investment management organization, a private equity fund, or a valuation consultant firm is required. Must have at least two years management experience involving the supervision of one or more employees and at least two years of experience in a leadership role of project leadership or training and mentoring junior staff. Must have well-developed skills in investment analysis; deal structuring and financing; industry research; and, general business and profit-center management responsibility. Must have experience with budget preparation and compliance. Must have a command of the “vocabulary of investment,” supported by a solid understanding of various investment principles, terms and quantitative measures. Must have computer experience with working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Must also be fully competent in MS PowerPoint for presentation material. Must be proficient in composing professional correspondence, completing sophisticated written investment reports, drafting investment proposals, reviewing contracts and writing presentation materials. Must be able to demonstrate the ability to manage the investment process effectively from the origination of the opportunity through consummation and show a high degree of focus and intensity with respect to following-through, completing assignments, and “closing” transactions. Must have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Tribal Officials, Tribal staff and managers, Growth Fund management and staff, outside agencies, companies, partners and the public. Must have the ability to reconcile differing viewpoints and build consensus solutions. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable by the Growth Fund vehicle insurance carrier.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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

Chief Information Officer – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 11/10/20 – Operations of the Tribe’s Shared Services organization (SUSS). SUSS is responsible for serving as the shared information technology service provider for the Tribe’s Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and Sky Ute Casino Resort. This position reports directly to the SUSS Committee, composed of the Permanent Fund Executive Officer, the Growth Fund Executive Director, and the Casino General Manager. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in MIS, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering or related field and fifteen years diverse experience in the Information Technology industry, ten of which must be supporting: accounting, human resources or ERP systems. Must have five years supervisory experience. Must have five years experience in senior Information Technology management. Must have five years experience managing information technology systems in a business environment. Must have experience with budget preparation and compliance. Must have experience with enterprise network infrastructure and security design and industry best practices in a hybrid cloud environment. Must have experience with computer operations and help desk management. Experience in a Microsoft 365 and Azure environment. Must have knowledge of common Operating Systems such as Windows 10, Windows 2016 and Windows 2019. Must possess strong leadership and communication skills. Must have strong computer-based data management and analysis skills and troubleshooting skills. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must be able to obtain a Southern Ute Indian Tribe Gaming Support License and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) Certification. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe’s website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions.
If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Air Quality Technician

Closes 10/29/20 – Operation and maintenance of all air quality monitoring equipment, and assuring quality control objectives are met through weekly precision measurements, monthly calibrations, and quarterly audits. Database management responsibilities include data reduction, production reports, and maintaining auxiliary instrument programs. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Behavioral Health Administrative Assistant

Closes 10/26/20 – First line of communication for substance abuse treatment program. Interface with patients, other service centers, departments, outside agencies, hospitals, clinics, etc. Provide clerical/administrative support. Greet patients, answers telephones, data entry, and performs a variety of complex scheduling activities. Position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Chief Investment Officer

Closes 10/29/20 – The development, maintenance, and oversight of Permanent Fund Investments, including the care and custody of funds and other financial assets, and investment manager selection and evaluation through consistent communication and due diligence review. Other responsibilities include management of the Permanent Fund Endowment Asset Allocation, in collaboration with the Investment Committee and investment advisors, and management of investment staff.

Forestry Fuels Crew Member

Closes 11/2/20 – Southern Ute tribal members only. Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Department of Natural Resources in a professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects in order to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

Substance Abuse Program Lead Therapist

Closes 10/26/20 – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis treatment. This position will supervise day-to-day services, counselors, and therapists within the Substance Abuse program, including CAC-I / CAT and CAC-II / CAS counselors working to achieve CAC-III / CAS credentialing. This position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade 23; \$69,597.00/year

Tribal Water Attorney

Closes 10/29/20 – Under the supervision of the Legal Department Director, attorney will serve as a member of the Tribe’s Legal Department, with principal responsibility for representing the Tribe on water matters. Where time allows, the attorney will represent the Tribe in other matters that require the Legal Department’s attention, including code review and drafting, litigation, contract review, and employment matters.

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. This position also provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal Members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Court Information Analyst

Open Until Filled – Works in cooperation with Tribal Court administrators to strategically plan the development of the Court’s programs, by statistically measuring the effectiveness of current court programs, researching methods to improve effectiveness, and writing grant proposals to support improvements and funding. Position is partially grant funded. Continued full-time employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the grant. Pay grade 21; \$55,006/year.

Dental Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under dentist supervision, Perio-Dental Assistant is 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 20; \$23.51/hour.

Detention Cook

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Detention Division Head

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Justice and Regulatory Department Director, plans, organizes, directs, and reviews the administrative activities of the Southern Ute Detention Program and Facility. Pay grade 24; \$78,315/year.

Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Elementary Teacher

A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child’s progress in each domain area. Position is paid on the Education Scale.

Family Court Caseworker

Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

Medical Assistant (Temporary)

Providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Patrol Officer

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 Education Teacher

A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child’s progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Physical Education. Position is paid on the Education Scale.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/ benefits)

Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of physical therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Security Officer

Open Until Filled – Will provide security for throughout Tribal Campus. Duties will include patrolling and observing the activities of persons in and around the Moache Capote building. Work involves assessing problem situations and exercising tact and judgment in bringing about their resolution. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

Social Services Division Head

Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services including child/adult welfare protective services, family, group and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Title IV B-Foster Care program, Colorado State Human Services and related Programs and Contract/Grants. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

TEAM Worker – Southern Ute Tribal Member only

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

TERO Worker

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

TERO Business Nours

8 a.m. – 12 noon • Monday – Friday; unless a Tribal/Federal holiday
Call 970-563-0117

If you come to the TERO office in person, wear a mask, and temperature will be taken upon entry of the department.



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LADY 'CATS SOLID AT STATE • FROM PAGE 12

always try to tell her ‘Don’t look back! Don’t look back!’” Valdez said. “I had a feeling that she would be up with us.”

A senior running her final prep-level long-distance race, Valdez crossed the finish line next with a 50th-place 23:52.20 and steady junior Alannah Gomez re-assumed vital No. 3 status with a 53rd-place 24:00.40.

Nanaeto, who’d outlegged Gomez by 1.72 seconds at regionals as the pair placed 21st and 22nd, completed her junior year clocking 24:51.30 in Colorado Springs and earning 75th, while senior Vanessa Gonzales – like Nanaeto, one of Ignacio’s 2018 ‘founders’ still on the varsity – placed 90th in 27:15.30.

“A lot of the meets in the area here are really hilly, have a lot of dirt,” head coach Daniel Holley said, comparing the NPEC circuit to similar layouts found in the southwest. “So it was awesome!”

Colorado Springs-area junior standout Ella Johnson of The Vanguard School earned the individual crown in 19:34.50, with Peyton junior Eowyn Dalbec (19:43.70) and BVHS junior Mallory Salazar (20:19.90) her nearest threats. Junior Sophia Bull (20:21.50) of Denver Christian – which, like Vanguard, did not qualify for team scoring – finished fourth, and LCHS’ sister duo of sophomore Adele (20:25.70) and freshman Rose (20:30.40) Horning took fifth and sixth, respectively.

No one neared the 2A girls’ NPEC-record time of 18:52.00, set in ’17 by Nederland then-sophomore Helen Cross, now a freshman on the Carleton College (Northfield, Minn.; NCAA Div. III) roster.

Barnes’ time at Region IV ranked behind only Crested Butte Community School sophomore Ruby Pendy (20:31.58) and Carbondale-based Colorado Rocky Mountain School junior Morgan Karow (20:39.09). Valdez took 11th in 21:47.57, followed by Nanaeto (21st, 23:00.74), Gomez (22nd, 23:02.46) and Gonzales (42nd, 24:39.16) – all making for an adjusted score-4 meet-low of 51 points.

CRMS (69), Kremmling West Grand (71) and Hotchkiss (87) claimed the other State berths.

Pendy took tenth at State with a 21:09.70, but Karow was unable to compete and did not take the starter’s gun.

BOBCAT BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Boys’ XC season bogs down in Delta
Reborn program takes 12th at regionals

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Proudly representing Ignacio High one last time this fall, the Bobcat boys’ cross-country crew boasted one runner breaking the 20-minute barrier as the program’s 2020 rebirth season ended Friday afternoon, Oct. 9, in Delta.

Competing at the Class 2A-Region IV Championships, IHS’ adjusted score-4 total of 173 points earned the team a respectable 12th place out of 17 squads packing energetic Confluence Park.

With State-qualifying standards different from the upper classifications’ this season due to the COVID-19 pandemic predicament, four teams from each 2A regional were awarded spots in Colorado Springs: San Juan Basin Leaguers Ouray (a winning meet-low 57 points), Rangely (92), Grand Junction Caprock Academy (94), and Parachute Grand Valley (98).

For Ignacio, freshman Philip Quintana’s first prep season ended with a 36th-place 19:54.05. Senior Dylan Labarthe’s first – and, unfortunately, only – cross-country campaign concluded with a 41st-place 20:12.65, followed by sophomore Eppie Quintana in 46th (20:44.16) and junior Gabe Tucson in 53rd (21:33.53).

Freshman Trajan Garcia – like Labarthe, Tucson, inactive junior Jeremy Roderick and injured junior Tyler Barnes an Ignacio Football participant awaiting that season’s sudden restart – rounded out the Bobcat contingent taking 58th in 22:07.67, but was far from back-of-the-pack status; there were 81 finishers in the race.

Individually, Crested Butte Community School’s Connor Williams dominated end-to-end and clocked a first-place 16:36.08, with OHS’ Vincent Schierenberg (17:35.61) and Oak Creek-based Soroco’s Alex Colby (17:35.65) almost a full minute behind but separated by just a fraction of a second. Paonia’s Alyster Birk was a close fourth in 17:37.49.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum



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Ignacio freshman Maci Barnes (514) pulls up alongside Buena Vista’s Kadance Kelso (510) during the final mile of the 2020 CHSAA State Cross-Country Championships’ Class 2A girls’ race Saturday, Oct. 17, at Norris-Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs.

Ignacio senior Vanessa Gonzales (599) runs during the final quarter-mile of the 2020 CHSAA State Cross-Country Championships’ Class 2A girls’ race Saturday, Oct. 17, at Norris-Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs.

2020 CHSAA State Championships
Class 2A Girls’ Team Standings

- 1.Buena Vista 31, 2.Lake County 41, 3.Lyons 93, 4.Colorado Springs Christian 98, 5.La Jara Centauri 106, 6.Fort Collins Heritage Christian Academy 110, 7.Peyton 122, **8.IGNACIO** 147, 9.Yuma 151, 10.Kremmling West Grand 154, 11.Wray 157, 12.Hotchkiss 164*, 13.Golden View Classical Academy 164, 14.Rocky Ford 214, 15.Rye 229. (*HHS placed above GVCA due to a higher-placing No. 5 runner.)

2020 Class 2A-Region IV Girls’ Team Standings

- 1.IGNACIO 51**, 2.Carbondale Colorado Rocky Mountain School 69, 3.Kremmling West Grand 71, 4.Hotchkiss 87, 5.Oak Creek Soroco 91, 6.Mancos 102, 7.Meeker 110, 8.Grand Junction Caprock Academy 121, 9.Telluride 136, 10.Paonia 143*, 11.Crested Butte Community School 143, 12.Rangely 163, 13.Ouray 176. (*PHS placed above CBCS due to a higher-placing No. 5 runner.)

The Southern Ute Drum’s
Crossword Puzzle

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11 Jeweled headress

12 A tenth part

13 Ancient

14 In any way

15 “Blue Hawaii” prop

16 Mornings

18 Dram

19 People of Panama and Colombia

21 The --- dance, important summer event

22 --- Head, first agent for Tabeguache Utes

24 UN labor standard agency

25 Past tense of bid

26 US Army medical branch

27 Favorite

28 Automotive power measure

31 Swelter

33 Top gear for a lunch lady

35 Scoops water out of a boat

36 Fragrance

37 Rainbowlike

38 Captures
- Down**

1 Aircraft for short runways

2 One of 100 in Scrabble

3 Something fashionable on the left?

4 Malachite is one

5 Some other time

6 Airport guesses, in short

7 “The --- and the Pendulum” (Edgar Allan Poe)

8 Deranged bot takes out collection of laws

9 California people formerly known as Costanoans

10 Fuse

17 For all I know

20 Something odd on high

21 A yardstick, briefly

22 One-dimensional

23 Bothers for a long time

26 Chiquitita quartet

27 Vet’s affliction

29 Sweet --- Alabama

30 Such as Newtons and Palm Pilots

32 Instruction to a Spanish hen?

34 Whoopi belongs to it

Answers for this crossword will appear in Nov. 6 issue of the Drum.

Answers for Oct. 9, 2020 Crossword Puzzle:
Across: 1 Vibe, 5 NRC, 8 AAAs, 9 Lakota, 12 Recessional, 14 Yak, 15 AAL, 16 TNT, 17 Curt, 19 Lego, 20 Slogs, 22 Manos, 23 Uh-uh, 24 Wept, 25 Can, 26 Bed, 27 IPA, 30 A Star is Born, 33 Parker, 34 Suet, 35 Yaw, 36 Asks.
Down: 1 Vary, 2 IAEA, 3 Back country, 4 ESE, 5 Nail, 6 RKO, 7 Contentious, 9 LSAT, 10 Tango, 11 Altos, 13 SARS, 18 Ugh, 19 Lap, 20 SUCAP, 21 Lhasa, 22 Meds, 24 Weir, 26 Brew, 28 Pre-K, 29 Ants, 31 Aka, 32 BSA.



did you know?

You can comment on the proposed tribal water quality standards until October 30th. Visit the Tribal Member Portal for more information!

Source: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/>

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division General Assistance Program Manager, Alexandra Ratcliff at 970-563-2256 or aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions, comments or concerns.



Air Quality in real time!

Friendly reminder – you can visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division Ambient Air Quality Monitoring page to find updates on air quality throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation as well as real-time EPA Air Quality Index health forecasts.



The link to the Tribe’s Air Quality Stations: www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Oct. 23



70°F sunny

light to variable winds in afternoon

Saturday, Oct. 24



68°F sunny

Sunday, Oct. 25



62°F partly sunny

chance of showers in afternoon

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