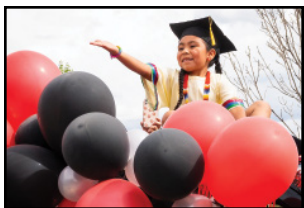




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Honoring the fallen soldiers



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Veterans Association held a small, intimate ceremony for Memorial Day, on Monday, May 31, 2021 in the Southern Ute Veteran's Memorial Park. Due to current COVID-restrictions – the larger ceremony that was traditionally held annually was scaled down significantly. The veterans raised and lowered flags to half-mast in recognition of those who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, prior to continuing the Memorial Day ceremony at the Bear Dance Bridge on the Pine River. The Veterans Association concluded the ceremony at the Ouray Memorial Cemetery. Pictured above in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park: Tim Watts (Army), Ronnie Baker (Army), Gordon Hammond (Marines), Bruce Valdez (Army), Howard Richards (Army), Russell Box Sr. (Air Force), Rod Grove (Army) and Bruce LeClaire (Army).

See more Memorial Day photos on page 11.

SUNUTE PARK

Introducing Piinu Nuuchi community skatepark!

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

When the SunUte Skatepark opened to the community in April of 2021, the park did not have an official name. The naming of the park was left to the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC). Together, the youth council spent time during the COVID-19 pandemic to review potential names and eventually voted upon the “Piinu Nucchi” name during a special meeting held in May of 2021.

Piinu Nucchi (Pino Nuche), is defined as the Pine River Utes, or Southern Utes. The spelling of the park was written to follow the Tom Givon Ute language books: the Ute Reference

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Cyrus Naranjo was among the first to get some action on the recently unveiled Piinu Nucchi skate park located within SunUte Park in Ignacio, Colo. Fences came down in April, and since that time, the park has been open to the public.

MEDIA ARCHIVES

Drum receives historic Chieftain newspapers

By Fabian Martinez
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Drum Archive received a donation of 75 issues of historic Ignacio Chieftain and Durango Herald newspapers from Bayfield's Pine River Library on Friday, May 7.

The donations included 40 Chieftain newspapers that date back to 1933 and gives an important look at the history of Ignacio, Bayfield and the surrounding area during the Great Depression and pre-World War II era. 32 of the papers donated were from June of 1967 to June of 1968. Two issues of the Durango Herald from 1982 were also inventoried, and so was a small local publication known as Today.

Prior to the donation, the Southern Ute Drum Archive was missing all issues of the Ignacio Chief-



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Historic issues of the Ignacio Chieftain were laid out and processed for inventory by the Southern Ute Drum Archive. 74 issues of the physical newspaper were donated by the Pine River Library on May 7, 2021.

tain from 1929 to 1940 and 1966-1968. With the addition of the year 1933 and 1967-68, the Southern Ute Drum Archive is more equipped to accept any research and potential photo requests dating before 1969 and the establishment of the Southern Ute Drum.

The Southern Ute Drum

Archive hopes to continue expanding its inventory to include a more accurate and complete record of newspapers to aid in requests from Southern Ute tribal members, Southern Ute tribal entities, community members, and scholars that are trying to get a better understanding of the contempo-

rary history of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the towns of Ignacio and Bayfield and Southwest Colorado.

The Southern Ute Drum Archive is currently accepting donations of any issues of Ignacio Chieftains from 1910-1940, 1969-1980; any issues of the Southern Ute Drum from 1969-1978; and the Southern Ute Drum Newsletter dating before 1969. Some of these newspapers have become increasingly rare and any donation will be helpful and graciously accepted.

The Southern Ute Drum Archive would like to thank the Pine River Library for their gracious donation of newspapers. The Drum Archive would also like to thank Pine River Library's Learning and Engagement Manager, Becky Van Den Berg and Office Manager, Michaela Wilson for facilitating the donation.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Amended Public Health Order of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

WHEREAS, authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council by the Constitution adopted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and approved November 4, 1936, and amended October 1, 1975, and August 27, 1991, to act for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution, “The inherent powers of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, including those set forth in [the Indian Reorganization Act], as amended, shall be exercised by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, subject only to limitations imposed by the Constitution and Statutes of the United States, by the regulations of the Department of the Interior and by this constitution.”; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 1(e) of the Constitution, “The Tribal Council may enact ordinances and codes to protect the peace, safety, property, health and general welfare of the members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe”; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 1(n) of the Constitution, Tribal Council has the authority, “To protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the [T]ribe, and to regulate the conduct of trade and the use and disposition of tribal property upon the reservation.”; and

WHEREAS, in Res. No. 2004-225, the Tribe approved the Southern Ute Community Emergency Operations Plan (“Plan”), the purpose of which is to identify the emergency management process and principles for managing and coordinating the overall response and recovery activities during periods of emergency/disaster resulting from a natural-or human-caused hazard; and

WHEREAS, Section IV(B) of the Plan identifies Emergency Management operational phases, including the Response Phase, which may include incident mitigation activities designed to limit the loss of life, personal injury

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Amended Safer at Home Order of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

WHEREAS, authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council by the Constitution adopted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and approved November 4, 1936, and amended October 1, 1975, and August 27, 1991, to act for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 1(n) of the Constitution, Tribal Council has the authority, “To protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the Tribe, and to regulate the conduct of trade and the use and disposition of tribal property upon the reservation.”; and

WHEREAS, in January 2020, the World Health Organization designated the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020, in Res. No. 2020-025, Tribal Council declared a state of emergency to respond to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, based on the increasing incidence of COVID-19 in the region and the danger COVID-19 posed to the tribal membership, on March 25, 2020, Tribal Council issued a Stay at Home Order requiring tribal members to stay at home unless performing essential activities; and

WHEREAS, since March 2020, the Tribe's Incident Management Team (“IMT”) and Tribal Council have been monitoring the spread of COVID-19 and actively managing the Tribe's response in accordance with the Southern Ute Community Emergency Operations Plan and Southern Ute Health Center Communicable Disease Response Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Ute Community Emergency Operations Plan identifies operational phases for the Tribe's emergency management activities, which phases include a Response Phase and a Recovery Phase; and

WHEREAS, as the Tribe moved into the Recovery Phase, Tribal Council adopted a Tribe-Wide Recovery Plan, which includes a system of phases and levels of pandemic management; and

WHEREAS, the phases include Phase 1 “Stay-at-Home;” Phase 2 “Safer at Home” (including Levels 1, 2, and 3 of Phase 2); Phase 3 “Protect Our Neighbor;” and Phase 4 “Fully Open;” and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2021, after the IMT recommended to Tribal Council that current data supported moving into a less restrictive phase than Phase 1 – Stay at Home, Tribal Council issued a Safer at Home Order, which superseded the Stay at Home Order and eased previously established restrictions; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council may issue additional Public Health Orders throughout the pandemic to implement or modify specific restrictions as circumstances warrant and new information becomes known; and

WHEREAS, based on the fact that a vaccine is readily available in and around the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and the risk of COVID-19 transmission has di-

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SUNUTE

SunUte open to tribal members starting in June

It's been a long time and we have missed you!



courtesy SunUte

Southern Ute tribal elder, Ula Gregory holds a bouquet of flowers.

By Robin Duffy-Wirth
SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

SunUte Community Center and the Multi-Purpose Facility (MPF) opened their doors on June 1 for tribal members and members of their immediate households. Our facilities will be limited and only available by reservation. SunUte's phased re-opening will begin with the fitness floor and pool – only with limited hours. The group exercise classes and Active Kid Care will follow and then the gymnasium will open.

Guests will be required to make a reservation to use both of the facilities. In order to make the reservation system work, SunUte staff will be updating all SunUte membership household information. Please give us a call at 970-563-0214, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. to do so. Once your membership information update is complete, staff will be ready to set each household up for online registration!

- Reservations are needed to use SunUte/MPF.
- o If your SunUte membership is updated, but you are unable to make a reservation online, please call front desk and we will gladly assist you.



courtesy SunUte

Southern Ute youth, Neveah Sandoval enjoys the pool.

- Rolling opening stages for SunUte members (No walk-ins will be allowed.)
 - o Southern Ute tribal members and family members on their SunUte membership.
 - o Tribal staff and family members on their SunUte membership.
 - o Community
- For information on reserving space at the Multi-Purpose Facility, please call 970-563-2640

Tribal Members, if you are interested in utilizing SunUte, and you have not received a call from us to update your SunUte membership, please call us! For your family members that paid: The number of days left on your membership on March 18, 2020 will be reinstated and you will receive an additional 14 days!

Please follow us on SunUte Facebook or the Tribal Council's Instagram for more information!

Thank you and if you have any questions please call:

- SunUte: 970-563-0214
- Robin Duffy-Wirth, SunUte Director: 970-749-7998
- Multi-Purpose Facility: 970-563-2640
- Elise Redd: 970-563-2641

114th Bayfield Fourth of July Celebration, July 4

Parade and vendor applications are now available for the 114th Bayfield Fourth of July celebration, Sun., July 4. Pick up applications in-person at Town Hall, Mon. – Thur., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and on Fri., from 9 a.m. – noon. On-line applications at <https://townofbayfield.colorado.gov/>. Parade entries, \$30. Food vendor permits begin at \$75. Merchandise vendors, \$50. All permits need to be returned on or before 4 p.m., Thur., June 24. No refunds will be available. Parade will begin at noon. Public advised to arrive early for parking and shuttles. Portions of the Buck Highway and Bayfield Parkway will be closed 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mill Street will be closed the entire day.

Southern Ute Sun Dance

Let Us be in Unity in Prayers to Heal and Protect All People in the World who need help from the Creator



Curfew will be enforced: 12AM to 4AM

July 9 -12, 2021

MANDATORY:

- ALL Dancers, Singers & Fire People will need to take a COVID-19 test, Drum Groups will be responsible for their Singers to abide by this requirement
- Families are encouraged to wear Face Coverings at Campsites
- Drummers are allowed to sit in the Corral, Nobody else is allowed to sit inside the Corral
- ALL Campers and Visitors must wear Face Coverings at the Corral
- You must stop at the SUPD Checkpoint before entering the Sun Dance Grounds
Please be respectful
- Social Distancing of 6 feet at the Corral

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC EXCEPT FOR THE INVITED GUESTS

- Invited Guest are Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribe
- Spouses of Ute people are welcome to attend the Sun Dance Ceremony
- All Families must do their own Shadehouses, a map for brush will be mailed to Head of Households
- There will be a Feast on the last day-Food pick up ONLY

Safer at Home Order Still In Effect

For more information please contact:
Sun Dance Chief Byron Frost at (970) 946-4061

Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

As the Utes have done for generations, they gathered May 27 – 30, 2011 at the Bear Dance Corral in Ignacio to welcome the spring and celebrate the coming of a new year. This year's festivities were accompanied by a host of others, including a powwow, an art fair, a softball tournament, and a day to remember the brave warriors who have served their Tribe and country in the armed services. The events served as a reminder that as much as some things change, many others remain as they've been for ages – such as the Southern Utes' vibrant spirit, the spirit of the bear.

This photo was first published in the May 20, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Georgia McKinley, Ute Language Coordinator, directs the students of the Southern Ute Indian Academy in singing a song she wrote for the Academy's first graduation ceremony held in Veteran's Park on May 24, 2001. The song entitled "Let's Walk Together," was sung entirely in the Ute language and was co-written by Tribal elder Annie Bettini.

This photo was published in the June 1, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch led veterans and families during the Walk of the Warriors ceremony. Southern Ute tribal elders were also honored on Chief Ouray Day during the Memorial Day weekend. Executive Officer Eugene Naranjo served as master of ceremonies for the event, and the Box family was also present to honor David Box, along with five other elders, during the day's festivities

This photo was published in the May 31, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

40 years ago

A photo from the corresponding issue 40 years ago was not available in the Drum archives. Look for the 40 years ago photo in the June 18, 2021 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

Step Back in Time at the Museum, June 8

The Pine River Valley Heritage Society Museum reopens, Tues., June 8. Located at 11 East Mill Street in Bayfield, operating hours are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. The exhibits include a one-room school house, a display honoring the military, history of local families, and the roots of the sheep ranching in the area. Information is on-line at www.pineriverheritage.org



Sharing songs of the Bear Dance



The youth were encouraged to select a growler that they would keep for the Bear Dance. As each student picked out their own growler, Ryder emphasized that each one was different and unique in its own way, but also equal to the others.



Tim Ryder used brand new axe handles to fashion wooden growlers for the participating students ahead of time.



Students were encouraged to wear masks and social distance, as they practiced using their growlers and sang Bear Dance songs at SunUte Park.



Bear Dance singers, Jake and Tim Ryder, sing together on a small portable growler box at SunUte Park — sharing Bear Dance songs with the youth in attendance.

Brothers and Bear Dance singers, Jake and Tim Ryder, invited a group of young boys to learn about the cultural etiquette for singing at the Bear Dance. The small workshop was organized by Daisy Bluestar and held at SunUte Park, Sunday, May 23. The singers were sharing their knowledge of the Bear Dance songs with the younger generation, who came to receive instruction. They stressed the importance of keeping the old songs alive, as well as the new ones, while also respecting the traditional ways of the Bear Dance. They emphasized that the growlers were not toys, and should be treated with respect, and safely stowed until it was time for the Bear Dance each spring — it would be the reasonability of the young men to care for their growlers.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

Ute Mountain Ute Sun Dance Towaoc, Co June 25 – 28, 2021

We ask that all be respectful of the spiritual ceremony which follows by some important rules.

- No ATV's or motorbikes
- Camera's, tapes\Video recorders and cellphones are not allowed around the medicine lodge.
- Women who are on their menstrual cycles will not be allowed near or around the medicine lodge.
- No loud music
- No alcohol, No drugs
- No fighting
- No fireworks



Ute Mountain Ute Tribe will not be liable for any accidents or thefts of any kind.

ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINKS AROUND THE SUN DANCE LODGE!!

Please observe all speed limits and traffic warning signs!

For more information please call:

SunDance Chief – Boyd Lopez (970) 317-8986

SunDance Sub Chief – Farley Ketchum Sr (970) 394-4777

SOUTHERN UTE JUNE 18-21, 2021 BEAR DANCE



BEAR DANCE CORRAL BLESSING: 10:30 a.m., Fri., June 18
BEAR DANCE FEAST: 12 p.m., Mon., June 21
BEAR DANCE CHIEF: Matthew J. Box

BEAR DANCE RULES:

- **Proof of vaccination will expedite entry into the Bear Dance, all other participants will be subject to COVID-19 screening protocol.**
- No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing.
- Photography, Video & Audio Recording is prohibited; except by members of the Ute Tribes.
- The Southern Ute Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft.
- The Pine River is RESTRICTED.

BEAR DANCE and/or FEAST ARE SUBJECT TO CANCEL DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS.
Bear Dance information contact: Bear Dance Chief - Matthew J. Box, 970-759-7038.
Vending information contact: 970-563-2983.



2021 SOUTHERN UTE BEARDANCE POWWOW

CANCELED

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Southern Ute Powwow committee has decided to not host a Beardance powwow this year.

We want to be able to celebrate powwow season with all our relations, and until we are able to do so safely, we believe this is the safest choice for our tribal nations.



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HEALTHY RECIPE

Try a goulash makeover

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN

SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Try this alternative comfort food with fresh ingredients fit for the summer table. Experiment with your favorite fresh veggies, herbs and spices. Enjoy!

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



courtesy Yummyly

Goulash Makeover

Ingredients:

8 oz. whole wheat elbow macaroni or rotini
1 teaspoon olive oil
1-pound lean ground turkey
1 onion, chopped
1 carrot, shredded
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 zucchini, shredded
2 large handfuls fresh spinach, chopped
1 28 oz. can no added salt diced tomatoes
1 teaspoon oregano
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Garnish: fresh chopped green onions, parsley and/or shredded cheese

Serves 8

Nutrition per serving: 226 Calories; 5.3g Fat; 28.8g Carbohydrates; 3.1g Fiber, 16.7g protein

Directions:

1. In a large pot, cook pasta according to directions for "al dente" (drain immediately when done).
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet on medium heat, cook turkey until no longer pink, about 8 minutes. Stirring frequently.
3. Add onions and carrots. cook for an additional 8 minutes, stir occasionally.
4. Add zucchini and spinach, stir to combine. Cook for 5 minutes.
5. Add garlic, tomatoes, oregano, salt, pepper and pasta, stir to combine. Cook on medium-low for an additional 8 minutes.
6. Serve garnished with green onion, parsley and/or shredded cheese.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Fatherhood is Sacred Walk, June 16

By Precious Collins

NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Native American men are important. In our Native American culture, we are taught many things about life, mother earth, connections, communication, ceremonies, and much more. A part of this discussion is how important each person, man, woman, child, and elder plays a role in our society and how we all have a time, space, and purpose in our family's structure.

Due to many risk factors, our Native American men have been hit hard with historical and family trauma, alcoholism, other drug addictions, neglect, and many other things that have made it difficult for them to hold their place in our families and community as healthy male role models. We need our fathers in so many ways. We count on them for social, emotional, traditional, and spiritual support and protection. We are calling on every single person in our community to show support for our fathers and to help our men become healthy Native American fathers that will help raise and support healthy children and families. Let's come together and celebrate those who are doing a great job being role models and those who are struggling, but want to find their way. Let show each other how important men are to the survival of our traditions and our people.

We invite you to the Fatherhood is Sacred Walk on Wednesday, June 16. The Southern Ute Division of Social Services, the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division, the Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club, the



Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department, the SunUte Community Center, and many more tribal departments and programs invite you to come and walk with us to not only honor our Native American men, but to also encourage them to keep striving to be healthy fathers and relatives to our people.

We need you. We need them. We welcome you to wear your traditional attire or beadwork (not required) and meet us in front of the Southern Ute Tribal Council Chambers where we will take a healthy one mile walk to show our support to one another but most of all to our Native American men.

On June 16 there will be two in-person walks available, one at noon and the other at 3 pm. 50 participants per walk maximum and please help us protect each other by bringing your mask.

If you can't make it to the in-person walk, please feel free to join us virtually on June 16 and take a stroll in your neighborhood or local park. Use the #SUITFatherhood2021 to show your support for our Native American men. To help us keep track of participants, please register for either the in-person or virtual walking events by going to: [suitfatherhood2021.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Looking for ways to improve your fathering abilities? One of the biggest barriers people don't ask for help is because they don't know who to ask or where to start. There are amazing services and people who can give you tips on how to improve your abilities to be a healthy father or male role model. The Southern Ute Division of Social Services is a great place to start or you can also reach out to the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division. We both have great professionals who you can ask advice from or even learn healthy ways to cope with stressors of fatherhood. To reach the Southern Ute Division of Social Services, please call 970.563.2335 or you can reach the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700.

Are you ready to help create a drug-free community? Want to help and be a part of the change? We are 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.

We have monthly coalition meetings and workshops to help our community understand the real story behind alcohol, meth, opioids, vaping, marijuana, and other drugs in our community. We need your help! All meeting are held virtually.

For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-5700 or email prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov

Upcoming Training or Events

FREE online Suicide Prevention Training: Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) for Southern Ute Tribe Employees, and Southern Ute Tribal Members. Let's all learn the warning signs and what to do if someone is experiencing a crisis. For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-5700 or email prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov

Native American Youth Talking Circles: A virtual space for youth to meet, talk, and share challenges and accomplishments. Peer support system for Native American Youth in 9-12 grade. Please contact Stephanie Garcia at 970-563-5700 or email sgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov or Lisa Pratchett at lpratch@southernute-nsn.gov to sign up.



Local Resources

- **Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division:** NEW LOCATION AND PHONE NUMBER! 4101 CR 222 Durango, CO 970-563-5700. For local Native Americans. We are here to support mental health, substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Please call to schedule an appointment to talk to someone.
- **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.
- **Southern Ute Police Department:** Anonymous Tip Hotline Do you have information about a crime? Please call 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.
- **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 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

- **24/7 Axis Crisis Line:** Southwest Colorado 970-247-5245 or Text 741741
- **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 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:** Which seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.

Hometown heroes



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Troop 0960 from Bayfield presented the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Staff at the Mesa Building with a "Hometown Hero" package on Thursday, May 20. Troops choose a group or organization to receive donated cookies each year. Recipients can be "heroes" in the community such as non-profit organizations, shelters, firefighters, local military groups, blood banks, or food banks. The Troop thanked the staff for all their dedication and the work that they have done in the community.

UPDATED HEALTH CENTER HOURS

NOTICE: Beginning June 1, 2021 the Southern Ute Health Center, including Pharmacy, Nursing and Dental will resume full work-day hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Health Center will be closed for lunch break from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

The Southern Ute Health Center has updated all operational hours, until further notice.

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

- **SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER (CLINIC):** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Closed 12 to 1 p.m. (Lunch).
 - **COVID-19 TESTING:** Mon. to Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - **LAB HOURS:** Mon. to Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - **PHARMACY:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Only window service will be offered. No Pharmacy access from inside the clinic.
 - **NURSING VISITS:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Appointment only. NO WALK-INS!
 - **DENTAL:** Mon., – Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **OPTOMETRY:** Mon., and Wed. only, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **PSYCHIATRY:** Visits are no longer being offered; Patients will be treated via tele-medicine.
- All **SPECIALTY MEDICINE:** All appointments will take place via tele-medicine. SUHC staff will be calling patients to make arrangements for service.
- All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:** Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.

Walking with SunUte for mental health



All participants in the “Walk for Mental Health” event stand together for a photo at Scott’s Pond.



SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth and Malia White Thunder take a short break at Scott’s Pond while walking during the “Walk for Mental Health” event.



Behavioral Health Manager, Mary Young, Behavioral Health Administrative Assistant, Kayla Wing and Social Services Administrative Assistant, Beth Santisteven hand out water and goodies for “Walk for Mental Health” participants.




Crystal Kelly rests on a bench at Scott’s Pond with her sons, Archer and Cedar Konkol.



SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth and Malia White Thunder take a short break at Scott’s Pond while walking during the “Walk for Mental Health” event.

During the month of May, which is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month, numerous events were hosted by the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division, SunUte Community Center, Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Program and the Multi-Purpose Facility to bring more information to the community about mental health. During the fourth week, there was: sewing, circuit fitness, walking and healthy alternative food classes held from Tuesday, May 25 through Friday, May 28. The highlight of the week was the “Walk for Mental Health” which was brought to the community by SunUte and featured a walk to Scott’s Pond from the SunUte Park area. The walk was held Thursday, May 25 and was attended by families, staff and community members.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum



YOUR MENTAL HEALTH IS IMPORTANT.

KNOW WHAT WORKS FOR YOU.

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division, Tribal Member Benefits, and the Southern Ute Tribal Human Resources presents:

HOW TO ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS

Know your options and take care of yourself.

Virtual event on Thursday, June 17th @ 3:00 PM
WebEx Event Link: <https://bit.ly/2RpguXo>
Event Registration Password: **sutm**

To register for this event, open a new web browser and go to the above WebEx Events link then click on the “(Register)” link next to Event status. You will need to enter the event registration password to open the registration form page to submit. 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.

Audio Conference Number: 1-415-655-0003
Audio Access Code*: 145 935 5686

*Event Registration is REQUIRED to verify Tribal Membership status.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT THE SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION
970.563.5700 OR EMAIL: PRCOLLINS@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV

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TREASURER'S
PANA-QARU 'URU
APAGHARU



Tribal Council Treasurer Marjorie Barry has shared the Pana-qaru 'uru 'apagharu "Money Talks" Quarterly Report on the Tribal Member Portal.

A hard copy version will be mailed to every tribal member household. To request a digital version, please contact Tribal Council Communication Specialist, Ms. Lindsay J. Box at 970.563.2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov.



Photo Credit: Jeremy Wade Shockley, Southern Ute Drum

Education bids farewell to 3!



Photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Education Department's Distance Learning Coordinator, Nicole Cabral, gets wrapped in a Pendleton blanket by Southern Ute elder, Lynda D'Wolf and Education Director, LaTitia Taylor on Thursday, May 27. After working with the Education Department for many years, Cabral is moving to Washington State to work with the Yakima Tribal College.



Nicole Cabral, ShaRay Rock, and Alicia (AJ) Nequatewa stand together for a portrait outside the Southern Ute Education building. The department hosted a farewell get together, to recognize each of them for their hard work and dedication — and wish them success going forward on their individual journeys.



Southern Ute Education Assistant, ShaRay Rock is moving to Las Vegas, Nev. and Southern Ute Education Assistant Alicia (AJ) Nequatewa, is moving back home to work with students at the Hopi Tribe in Arizona. They each received gift bags in recognition for their dedication and service to the Southern Ute community and the students they impacted.

Multi-Purpose Facility
Tribal Member June Craft Project



There is a limited supply of kits to distribute.
If you have received a kit in the past and haven't sent a picture of your completed project, please send before requesting this kit

Call to request your kit: 970-563-2641
or e-mail eredd@southernute-nsn.gov

Kits will be available on Monday June 7, 2021 for mailing or pick up at the Multi-Purpose Facility



Join us and learn
American Sign Language
at PCC Southwest

Learn ASL from the comfort of your home Thursday nights from 6-8 pm. Remote learning is ideal for community members. You can work with our instructor individually and with classmates, just as if you were in a traditional classroom setting.

Note: Students must have a computer, camera, and Internet to attend PCC remote classes.

Or, you can attend our ASL class in person on the Mancos campus, Friday afternoons from 1-3:30 pm.

For more information or to register, call 970.564.6201

Remote learning class: ASL 101 60H, Thursdays from 6-8 pm
Mancos campus class: ASL 101 VD1, Fridays from 1-3:30 pm



SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI ACADEMY

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2021-2022 School Calendar

275 Mouache Circle, P.O. Box 737 ms52
Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: (970) 563-0253 Fax: (970) 563-3695

Aug 16	Staff Returns
Aug 26	Back to School - Open House
Aug 30	1st Day for Students
Sep 6	Labor Day - No School
Sep 11	So. Ute Tribal Fair Parade
Oct 25-28	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct 29	No School - (in lieu of P/T Conferences)
Nov 11-12	Veterans Day - No School
Nov 17	End of First Trimester
Nov 17	Thanksgiving Meal
Nov 22-26	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 1	Progress Reports Sent Home
Dec 10	LCB Day - No School
Dec 11	Tribal Christmas Program
Dec 20-31	Christmas Break
Jan 3	Students and Staff Return
Jan 17	MLK Jr. Day - No School
Feb 14-17	Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb 18	No School - (in lieu of P/T Conferences)
Feb 21	Presidents Day - No School
Mar 2	End of Second Trimester
Mar 14	Progress Reports Sent Home
Mar 21-25	Spring Break
Apr 22	PDD Day - No School for Students
May 26	End of Third Trimester
May 26	Transition Ceremony
May 27	Bear Dance - 1/2 Day for Students
Jun 1	Last Day for Staff
Jun 1	Progress Reports Sent Home

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* PAG and Family Nights to be scheduled along with several additional school activities

No School

PDD (Professional Development Day) No School

Parent Teacher Conferences

Early Release

Transitional Ceremony

First & Last Day of School



SUIMA Transition celebrated outdoors



SUIMA Ute Language Guide, Maria Rivera emceed the event and introduced each student before their cruise down Ouray Drive.



Brothers, Atticus and Cassius Harlan, both transitioning from SUIMA's Primary level, wave to the crowd as they proceed along the parade route.



Photos by Fabian Martinez
The Southern Ute Drum



The Sothern Ute Veterans Association began the SUIMA Transition Parade by marching with the flags along with Little Brave, Andre Baker-Bluestar and Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White on Thursday, May 20. An honor song was provided by Yellow Jacket and a prayer followed by Executive Officer, James M. Olguin.



Myla, Sakarii and Osias Goodtracks celebrate their academic achievement and ride in style as they approach Tribal Council's station to receive their gift.



Chairman Melvin J. Baker gives a small gift to a transitioning student as a token of congratulations and celebration for all the hard work this school year.



Members of Southern Tribal Council attended the event in support and celebration. Councilmember Ramona Eagle cheers on those SUIMA students transitioning this school year with a handmade sign.

SUIMA staff celebrates Transition



courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA staff gather for a group photo prior to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Transition Ceremony Parade, Thursday, May 21. The staff at SUIMA wishes everyone a safe and healthy summer!

End of the year excitement was at a high as the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) celebrated and honored those students who will be transitioning to the next level or into Public Schools with a parade-like event on Thursday, May 20. The event featured drumming from singers, Yellow Jacket; a walking of colors from the Southern Ute Veterans Association; and support from Southern Ute Royalty. Teachers, family members, and Tribal Council gathered along the sidewalks of Ouray Drive to cheer on the transitioning students. The cars of parents and family members were elaborately decorated to show support for students as they proceeded along the route. COVID-19 restrictions were enforced and those in attendance were required to wear masks and practice social distancing, but that did not dampen the excitement of the day.



Congratulations

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021



Andrea Bean*
Aledo High School
Willow Park, Texas



Marcus Bean*
Aledo High School
Willow Park, Texas



Marisa Carmenoros*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Jawadin Corona
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Christopher Cloud*
Goal High School
Durango, Colorado



Joseph Garcia*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Alexandra GoodTracks*
Ocate High School
Las Cruces, New Mexico



Ebonee Gomez*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



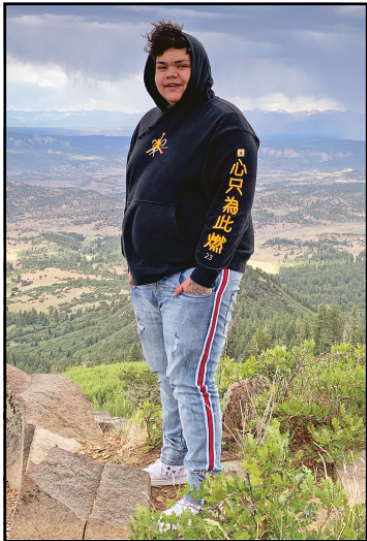
Amanda Henderson
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Ayana Hight*
Bayfield High School
Bayfield, Colorado



Gerald Howe*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Nathaniel Howe*
Bayfield High School
Bayfield, Colorado



Torrica Howe
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



January Murray*
Uintah River High School
Ft. Duchesne, Utah



Jeremiah Najar*
Montrose High School
Montrose, Colorado



Jerrika Rarick
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Christopher Toledo*
Bloomfield High School
Bloomfield, New Mexico



Ouray Watts*
Durango High School
Durango, Colorado

Photo unavailable: Dillon Thompson, graduate from Goal Academy, Durango, Colo.



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CONGRATS
2021
GRADS!

From the staff of
The Southern Ute
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Scholarships are available for the 2021-2022 academic year

Southern Ute Scholarship Program

Certificate, Associate, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is 5:00 PM July 1st 2021
- Part-time scholarships are also available-Due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Scholarship applications are now on-line
- Find it on the Tribal Website in the Education Department



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



For more information: Michael Kirsch-
Academic Advisor
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Ignacio graduation makes a comeback!



Beaming with pride upon receiving his diploma, Joseph Garcia makes a few adjustments before taking his seat.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Vanessa Gonzales hoists her diploma high, as the graduation parade makes it's way south on Goddard Ave.



Jarrika Rarick waves from the podium as she and her classmates take the first steps towards a future beyond high school.

After being derailed by the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020, the Ignacio High School carried on with a custom-tailored Commencement Ceremony on the Ignacio Athletic Field on Saturday, May 29. Each student was allowed five guests to sit on the field in “family pods,” and were seated among other families as social distancing was adhered to. A look back at the 2020 graduation had the graduates receive their diploma’s in a drive-thru ceremony. This year, although some COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, masks were an option, the ceremony commenced as a more traditional ceremony. This is the second consecutive year Ignacio entertained a Graduation Parade after the ceremony concluded.



Jawadin Corona and Dylan LaBarthe lead the future graduates in the traditional “Switching of the Tassel,” symbolizing the students have now successfully graduated from the Ignacio High School.



Southern Ute Tribal Council members, Dr. Stacey Oberly and Ramona Eagle show support for the graduates.



Charlize Valdez hugs her father, Chris Valdez, during the Parent Dedication portion of the commencement ceremony.



Cousins, and classmates, Torrica Howe and Gerald Howe proudly hold up their hard-earned diplomas after the Graduation Ceremony.



Valedictorian, Amanda Henderson throws candy to the patrons of the Ignacio Graduation Parade. This marked the second consecutive year a parade followed the graduation.



Kindergarteners advance to first grade!



Ember Vigil blows a kiss to the families, teachers and students who watch on as the kindergarten graduates drive through the Ignacio Elementary School parking lot.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum



Kindergarten graduate, Shyla Watts waves goodbye to her teachers one last time before her summer begins.



Ammonie Johnson rides on the front of his mom, Candi Johnson's car through the Ignacio Elementary Parking Lot during the Kinder graduation.



Robbie Archuleta smiles broadly as he leaves the elementary school, he returns in the fall as a first grader.



Charles Alston beams with excitement as he waits in the parade line for kindergarten graduates to drive through and celebrate with their teachers.

NAYO celebrates graduates



Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club Chief Executive Officer, Bruce LeClaire offers the closing prayer at the Native American Graduation in Durango on Wednesday, May 19.



Durango 9-R Graduate, Ouray Watts stands with his family after receiving a Pendleton blanket and blessing from the coordinators of the Native American Graduation.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum



Native American Durango 9-R Graduate, Ethan Casias stands for a photo with his grandparents Veronica and Ernest "Muz" Pinnecoose.

Recognizing Bayfield grads



Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Nathaniel Jacob Howe graduated from Bayfield High School – Class of 2021 on Sunday, May 16. Howe is pictured standing with his grandparents Florann Howe and Howard D. Richards Sr. following the ceremony. Also graduating from Bayfield High School was Southern Ute tribal member, Ayanna Mara Hight (Not pictured).



To the fallen heroes



Southern Ute Veterans salute during the raising and lowering of the flags in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park, as a song was sung by Bruce LeClaire.



Veterans Association members, Bruce Valdez, Gordon Hammond and Bruce LeClaire proceed to the Bear Dance Bridge from Veterans Memorial Park.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 31 the Southern Ute Veterans Association held a scaled down ceremony, in comparison to years previous, due to current COVID-19 restrictions implemented by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Members of the veteran's association raised and lowered flags to half-mast in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park. Veteran Russell Box Sr. gave the invocation. Veterans, Bruce Valdez, Gordon Hammond and Bruce LeClaire carried flags to the Bear Dance Bridge overlooking the Pine River. A song was sung by Dewayne Richards, and a prayer was offered, and a wreath was tossed into the Pine River by Bruce LeClaire for those lost at sea. The group proceeded to the Ouray Memorial Cemetery and final respects were made to those buried in the cemetery. Rod Grove said a prayer and thanked those who were in the cemetery and Ronnie Baker conducted the "Taps" to close the ceremony.



Dewayne Richards sang an honor song on the Bear Dance Bridge.



Bruce LeClaire tossed a wreath in the Pine River for those military personnel lost at sea.



Rod Grove said a prayer and spoke to those in attendance in Ouray Cemetery.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Ronnie Baker conducted the "Taps," as the Veterans Association presented the colors.



Southern Ute Veterans Association members, Gordon Hammond (Marines), Bruce Valdez (Army), Howard Richards Sr. (Army), Rod Grove (Army) and Bruce LeClaire (Army) stand at attention for a photo in front of the historic Ouray and Buckskin Charlie monuments.



Wellness Court honors Rock



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Kevin Rock receives a Pendleton blanket from the Southern Ute Court and staff. The blanket is for completing the tuuCai Wellness Court on Thursday, May 27. Wellness Court is a special court that gets involved when someone is repeatedly being arrested and charged with criminal offenses, is not following court conditions, and/or continues to abuse alcohol or drugs. The court is specifically designed to help individuals overcome their personal struggles and move forward in a positive way. The ceremony was held in the Southern Ute Tribal Courtroom and followed all COVID-19 restrictions.

CARES Act provides locally



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Food Distribution Stock Clerk, Brandon Silva packages a bag of food during the CARES Act Food Distribution on Wednesday, May 26 at the Southern Ute Food Distribution Building.

Southern Ute tribal member, Edward Box III fills out paperwork to receive a package of food during the CARES Act Food Distribution on Wednesday, May 26 at the Southern Ute Food Distribution Building. The food boxes were available to the public on a first come, first serve basis.



DANCING SPIRIT COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

Camp Creative at Dancing Spirit

School is out for the summer and Dancing Spirit is excited to be gearing up for Camp Creative!

What: A week long, in-person Art Camp with daily games, activities, arts & crafts and of course, a lunch break to visit with friends.

When: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Session 1: June 7 – 11
- Session 2: July 12 – 16
- Session 3: August 9 – 13

Where: 115 Ute Street (The ELHI Community Center), Room 21

Cost: \$120 per session (If you sign up for all three sessions, total cost will only be \$300. Payment due on/before the first class).

Other Information: Each student needs to bring a water bottle and a sack lunch each day. Please be aware that we will be spending time outside each day, so jackets are required and sunscreen is recommended.

For information on COVID Safety Requirements, please visit us online.

For more information or to register, please call us at 970-563-4600 or visit us online at www.dancingspiritcommunityartscenter.org.



BABY WIPES DISBURSEMENT

FEMA HAS DONATED A LARGE SOURCE OF BABY WIPES FOR DISBURSEMENT TO THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP AND ITS COMMUNITY AS AVAILABLE. APPOINTMENTS FOR PICK-UP ON TRIBAL CAMPUS OR REQUESTS RECEIVED OFF OF THE TRIBAL RESERVATION CAN BE MADE WITH MR. TYSON THOMPSON, PROPERTY AND FACILITIES DIRECTOR, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., AT (970) 563-2945.



Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Contact Information

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Members are working in office and remote while in Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 2. Tribal offices remain closed, reopening information will be forthcoming. Council is still available for questions via phone and email.

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LAWN SERVICES Tribal Elder & Disabled

Lawn maintenance services are available to Tribal Elders through the TERO office on Monday THROUGH Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

To arrange for this service, please call the TERO office at 970.563.2291

Tribal Members are encouraged to register for the CodeRED emergency notification system. This service is FREE and will send you voice or text alerts of an emergency situation near your location.



SIGN UP ONLINE AT

onsolve.com/landing/sign-up-for-codered-emergency-alerts/



DOWNLOAD THE APP ON THE APP STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY





Lake Capote is Now Open to the General Public

Thursday-Sunday

Sunup to Sundown

For more information, please call 970-883-2273 or visit our website at <https://www.lakecapote.com>





BRUNOT RARE GAME

3 BIG HORN SHEEP

2 MOUNTIAN GOAT

2 MOOSE

2021 Brunot Rare Game Application

EXTENDED DEADLINE

Friday, June 11th, 2021

How to apply:

1. Call the Wildlife Office at (970) 563-0130 to pick up an application/or

2. Go to the Southern Ute Hunting website below and download the application. Mail- SUIT Wildlife Division or Email: npearson@southernute-nsn.gov

ATTN: Rare Game Application PO BOX 737, Ignacio, 81137

<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/natural-resources/wildlife-resource-management/hunting/>

In search of tribal members with irrigated assignment land

Due to current and upcoming expected drought conditions, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Range Division is looking for Southern Ute tribal members who have irrigated assignment land and would be willing to lease out on a short-term basis. If you are interested, please call the Southern Ute Range Division at 970-563-4780 ext. 2912.

SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE
JUNE 18 – 21, 2021

SOUTHERN UTE SUN DANCE
JULY 9 – 12, 2021




CUSTOM FARM

If you're looking to get your land in the right condition for the upcoming hay season, we offer a wide range of assistance, if you need scheduling for any services listed below, see our current rates for this year's hay season. Give me a call at 970-563-2900, our team will get the job done. My name is Micco Wesley, Custom Farm Supervisor. Mvto (Thank you).



Aeration.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Brush Hogging/Rotor Tilling.....	\$ 30.00	/Hr
Corrugating/Culti-Pak.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Disking/Disk-plowing.....	\$ 30.00	/Hr
Ditching/Ditch Cleaning.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Fertilizer Application.....	\$ 30.00	/Hr
Harrowing.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Land Leveling.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Planting.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Plowing: 3 Bottom Plow.....	\$ 30.00	/Hr
Plowing: 4-5 Bottom Plow.....	\$ 46.00	/Hr
Post Hole Digging/Pounding.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
V-Ripper.....	\$ 38.00	/Hr
Swathing.....	\$ 48.00	/Hr
Raking.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Baling: Large Round.....	\$ 10.00	/Bale
Baling: Large Square.....	\$ 15.00	/Bale
Baling: Small Square.....	\$ 0.50	/Bale
Stacking: ≤ 5 miles Hauling.....	\$ 0.40	/Bale
≥ 5.01-15 miles Hauling.....	\$ 0.60	/Bale
Stacking Lg. Round.....	\$ 4.00	/+RTM**
Stacking Lg. Square.....	\$ 5.00	/+RTM**
Hauling Livestock --- (Round Trip)...	\$ 0.50	/Mile
Snow Plowing for Livestock.....	\$ 35.00	/Hr
One-Way Mileage Per Day.....	\$ 0.35	/Mile

SUPD swearing in K-9 Unit



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

On Wednesday, May 12 Southern Ute Tribal Councilwoman Linda Baker shared kind words of welcome to the newly sworn in SUPD officers Adrian Wauneka and K-9 Raven in on the steps of the Tribal Court.



Southern Ute Tribal Court Judge, Scott Moore swears in newly hired SUPD Officer Adrian Wauneka and his K-9 detecting dog, Raven.

La Plata County Sheriff's Office will help the Southern Ute Police Department and their first ever K-9, Raven, with the fight on illegal drugs.

Southern Ute Stream Fishing is Now Open to Non-Member Permit Holders.

For more information call the Southern Ute Wildlife Office

(970) 563-0130



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FROM WATER RESOURCE DIVISION

Drought Conditions on the Reservation

The 2020-21 winter snowpack was below average across Southwestern Colorado and severe drought conditions will persist throughout the region.

Pine River Indian Irrigation Project (PRIIP) Water Supply: Vallecito Reservoir is not forecasted to fill to full capacity this year. Irrigators on the PRIIP will NOT have a full supply of water for the 2021 irrigation season. A small number of PRIIP irrigators that rely on non-BIA ditches/private ditches for delivery of PRIIP water may have difficulty receiving water if that ditch exhausts its water allotment. A majority of the ditches on the PRIIP are now on and water is available for irrigation purposes by PRIIP irrigators. Current projections indicate a 60-65% supply of irrigation water, and ditches will run at 80-85% of normal flow to extend the season. Irrigation water is expected to only last until mid-August if conditions do not improve.

Florida River Irrigation Water Supply: Lemon Reservoir is not forecasted to fill to full capacity this year. Irrigators supplied by the Florida Project and Florida River can expect a 35% supply of irrigation water this irrigation season. If conditions do not improve, the Florida Project will likely exhaust water supplies by the beginning of July, ending the irrigation season. The project is on and irrigators are able to call for their water.

Range Land Conditions: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Range division is finding precipitation amounts on the range are at approximately 30 percent below normal for this time of year. This, along with a very dry fall have reduced the forage amount on the range to approximately 45 percent below normal production. The Range division is limiting the 2021 grazing to two months on Tribal Range lands to offset the drought conditions and to leave enough forage for wildlife. Tribal permittee's will have to use their base property for their cows this year after the two-month grazing season is over. Permittee's will be looking for irrigated pasture this year as well. The Range division will be using this time to clean ponds and fix fence in anticipation of good precipitation and hopefully a full grazing season next year.

Agricultural Expectations: The Agriculture Division is working a full schedule. We are expecting approximately 40% reduction in produced hay but are expecting a 40% increase to hay values. Even though production will be lower total value may make for the lost production. Focus on best management practices for irrigation is essential. Irrigators should be using every ounce of water that is available to them. Diligent irrigation will maintain forages and the crop that is produced will have a greater value because drought conditions have increased the demand for hay.

Wildlife Impacts: Prolonged drought conditions can impact wildlife in several ways, but most significantly through the reduction or elimination of suitable plant food sources. In response, drought-stressed animals will move greater and greater distances in search of food, sometimes bringing them into conflict with people. To avoid potentially dangerous encounters, residents should diligently remove or secure any potential food sources that may attract wildlife, such as loose garbage and refuse, trash bins, pet food, and barbecue grills. With artificial foods eliminated, animals will generally move on to suitable natural food sources and conflict will be avoided. However, if an animal remains in an area and presents a risk to people or property, or you observe an animal that appears sick or disoriented, DO NOT approach the animal. Please contact Tribal Dispatch (970-563-4401) or the Wildlife Division (970-563-0130) so that the situation can be evaluated and appropriate measures taken.

For questions, please contact the respective Department of Natural Resources Divisions:

Water Resources: 563-9482 • Range: 970-563-4780 • Agriculture: 970-563-0220 • Wildlife: 970-563-0130



CORONAVIRUS

IllumiNative and UIHI launch ‘For the Love of Our People’ campaign

Staff report
PYRAMID COMMUNICATIONS

To build on successful vaccine rollouts in Indian Country, organizations to engage Indigenous artists and social media influencers to share resources. IllumiNative and Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) partnered to launch a COVID-19 vaccine campaign – For the Love of Our People – to bring together Native health experts and creatives to provide engaging, up-to-date information about COVID-19 vaccines and other COVID-19-related topics.

The campaign website provides access to frequently asked questions, conversation guides, videos from Indigenous health professionals, news updates, and social media resources that allow for others to engage with the campaign.

“This campaign builds



upon Indian Country’s strength and our success in the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines,” said Abigail Echo-Hawk (Pawnee), director of UIHI. “Tribes and urban Indian health programs have been more than leaders, they are the example of how it should be done. We can use momentum to ensure our communities are 100% safe and healthy.”

As of May 21, a dashboard published by the CDC that tracks the number of COVID-19 vaccinations shows that American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest vaccination

rates of any race/ethnicity in the country.

In January, UIHI released a report with the first national data of American Indians and Alaska Natives regarding their knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about COVID-19 vaccines. Out of 1,435 American Indians and Alaska Natives from 318 different tribes across 46 states, 75% said they would be willing to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. 74% of participants believed getting vaccinated is their responsibility to their community.

“The pandemic isn’t over yet, and it’s important that our people have access to resources directly from Native experts to navigate all the information coming at us,” said Crystal Echo Hawk (Pawnee), founder and executive director of IllumiNative. “This campaign does that while building on Indigenous values.”

CORONAVIRUS

SJBPH and Durango Business Improvement District

Announce “Our Shot Rewards” vaccine promotion

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

Coupon sheets with free and discounted items at local businesses will be available to all residents receiving COVID vaccination at select SJBPH clinics starting May 26, in Durango, Colo.

Thanks to the generous support of local businesses, the Durango Business Improvement District (BID) and San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) are announcing “Our Shot Rewards” for individuals who have yet to receive the COVID vaccine. Any resident who receives their first dose of COVID vaccination at a SJBPH clinic starting Wednesday, May 26, will receive an Our Shot Rewards coupon sheet. The promotion has a total value of \$80 and includes a collection of free items and discounts at local businesses. The offer is good while supplies last and the coupons expire August 15, 2021.

Our Shot Rewards coupon sheets will be handed out at the following clinics and will be available to residents receiving either Johnson & Johnson or their first dose of Pfizer vaccine:

- Wednesday, May 26 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Fort Lewis College Student Life Center, Durango, 1000 Rim Dr.
- Johnson & Johnson vaccine from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Appointments available.
- Pfizer vaccine from 1 to 6 p.m.: Appointments available.

- Saturday, May 29 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Fort Lewis College Student Life Center, Durango, 1000 Rim Dr.
- Johnson & Johnson vaccine from 10 a.m. – noon: Appointments available.
- Pfizer vaccine from 12 to 3 p.m.: Appointments available.

“The business community has been tremendously supportive and resilient throughout the pandemic. SJBPH is excited to partner with BID on a vaccine promotion that will motivate more of the community to get their COVID vaccine,” said Liane Jollon, SJBPH Executive Director. “Getting vaccinated and increasing our collective immunity is the best way to support our local businesses and propel us forward on the road to recovery. We hope that people who have been putting off their vaccine will take advantage of this offer and protect themselves and their family right away,” Jollon added.

“One of the things that makes our community so great is that our local businesses rally together and really care about our community. The Our Shot Rewards deals will help motivate more of the community to get vaccinated, which in turn helps our businesses and our local economy. Getting vaccinated is a win for everyone. It keeps you safe, keeps the community healthy, and will help our businesses bounce back stronger than ever,” said Tim Walsworth, Durango

Business Improvement District Executive Director.

The following local businesses have generously offered to participate in Our Shot Rewards and are providing free and discounted offers:

- Eolus Bar and Dining
- Lazy One
- Get Fused
- Father’s Daughter Pizzeria
- Cream Bean Berry
- Fuzziwigs Candy Factory
- Rose Duds
- Animas Trading Company
- Pine Needle Mountaineering & Pine Needle Dry Goods
- Twilight Toys

The COVID vaccine is now available to all residents ages 12 and up. Youth ages 12 to 17 are only eligible for Pfizer vaccine and should verify the vaccine type being offered before signing up for an appointment or walking into a clinic. Minors must have a signed parental consent form which can be completed online when registering or at the clinic. Although advance registration is preferred, walk-ins are also welcome at upcoming clinics. The vaccine is free, and no ID is required.

Additional information about the COVID vaccine, and links to make appointments from other vaccine providers offering Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, and Pfizer clinics, can be found on SJBPH’s website: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

Southern Ute Tribal Members Protecting our Past, Present & Future

The strength to overcome obstacles is demonstrated throughout the history of our people. Today, we are faced with new challenges that require us to come together to keep each other safe. The pandemic has lasted more than a year, which means a year without our ceremonies, social gatherings, and a year without being able to spend time with our loved ones that allow us to do the very things that define us as Ute people. We must continue our safe practices so that we can overcome these obstacles to continue our culture and traditions in the safest ways that we can. Help us encourage and protect our people, by educating the importance of becoming vaccinated. Your personal perspective can help explain how vaccinations ultimately protect our culture and afford us an opportunity to continue our traditions. The Southern Ute Incident Management’s Communication Team will accept video, recorded and written testimonials encouraging the safe health practices, getting vaccinated & tested, or any encouraging message to promote a positive and healthy mental and physical environment to our tribal membership and surrounding communities.

Who: Southern Ute Tribal Members, tribal staff, and Community members.

What: Testimonials and feedback: safety practices, consistent testing and why vaccination is important to you or why you choose to remain unvaccinated.

Where: Submit written testimonials to the TIS Department email: tis@southernute-nsn.gov. Submit video or recorded testimonials to Ms. Lindsay Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist via text at 970-553-0287.

Please continue to protect our people by wearing face coverings, practicing basic hygiene, and maintaining a safe distance from others. For more information please call the TIS Department at: 970-563-2281.

Tawi Nuuchu na-gukwi-vani Covid-19 “Together, we can fight COVID-19.”

All testimonials will be shared to the Tribe’s social sites unless otherwise stated upon submission

Approved by: SUIT IMT 5/11/2021



TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19
“TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19”
CHALLENGE

The Tribe is in Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 3. Please continue to follow the appropriate COVID-19 restrictions and current public health order regarding face coverings. Together, we can fight COVID-19 and keep our community and future safe!

WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!























Win a Tawi Nuuchu Na-gukwi-vani COVID-19 shirt by submitting your photo wearing a face covering. Stopping the spread of COVID-19 takes each one of us to do our part to keep our community safe! We want to feature our community in this campaign. Individuals who submit their photo(s) will receive a long sleeve shirt in the mail to help spread awareness to wear your face covering. Submit photos to Tribal Council Communication Specialist at 970.553.0287 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov. A limited number of shirts are available and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Challenge is open to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members & tribal staff.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE TRIBAL WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Designed & Published by Lindsay J. Box

Safer at Home Activities			Low Risk
Unvaccinated Individuals	Outdoor	Vaccinated Individuals	Caution*
		mask encouraged	High Risk
	Outdoor activities with your household		
	An outdoor gathering of up to 50 fully vaccinated family and friends		
	Visiting the SunUte Skate park and community parks		
	An outdoor gathering of up to 50 fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals		
	Dining outdoors with individuals from multiple households		
	Attend a crowded, outdoor event; Bear Dance, Sun Dance, Community events, and prayers.		
	Indoor		
	Tribal Member appointments on Tribal Campus; tribal staff interacting with others		
	Grocery and other indoor shopping		
	All public transportation; Road Runner, bus, airplane, carpool		
	An indoor gathering of up to 25 fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals from multiple households		
	Any indoor establishment; Casino, restaurant, business		

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Even if you have been vaccinated, we respect your choice to continue protecting others by wearing face coverings, practicing basic hygiene, and maintaining a safe distance from others when necessary. To schedule your vaccine please call the Southern Ute Health Center at: (970)563-4581.

CONTINUED CORONAVIRUS COVERAGE

Stay up to date with the Coronavirus news, updates and the Southern Ute Tribe, check online:

- www.southernute-nsn.gov
- Facebook at www.facebook.com/southernute
- CDC at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus



COMMUNICATIONS

SunUte Call Center has been phased out

By Amy Barry
SOUTHERN UTE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

As the Southern Ute Incident Management Team continues to work with the tribal government and its entities, the Southern Ute Call Center is demobilized as of Tuesday, June 1, 2021 and the tribal government service providers have re-instituted communication with tribal membership and clients as the government phases back into operation. Updates on the continued transition of modified ser-

vices with respect to tribal departments and service providers will continue to be provided to the tribal membership via the Southern Ute Drum newspaper, KSUT, social media posts and the tribal member website portal as they develop and as the government continues to evaluate the government's ability to operate safely.

As previously reported, many valuable lessons have been learned and key points noted. The IMT's PIO/Communications Team will continue to streamline the Call Center protocol should the tribal government request this IMT function in the future.

Please continue to call the Southern Ute Tribe's main switchboard line at (970) 563-0100 or the tribal department's main line as listed in the 2020 Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Service Guide for inquiries related to any tribal services currently provided by the tribal government. If you are unsure of a department extension or name, please dial 0, to be connected to a receptionist who can expedite your request.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of June 2, 2021)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases		SUHC Vaccination Update
238 Positives		Upcoming 1st Dose Clinics & Availability
170 Recovered		6/3 (Pfizer) 1
9453 Total Tests		6/10 (Moderna) FULL
		6/16 (Pfizer) 8
		6/18 (Moderna) 7

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases		Vaccine Eligibility: Anyone 18 years of age and older (12 years and older for Pfizer)
92 Positives		Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581
65 Recovered		
3 Deaths		

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19 "TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"

SUHC VACCINE UPDATE

As of June 2, 2021

Vaccines Administered		Dose by Eligible Group		Percent Fully Vaccinated
SU Tribal Members 634		Other 2385 (34%)		SU Tribal Members 59% 1st Dose
SU Household 316		SU Tribal Members & Household 950 (14%)		Tribal Staff 58% 1st Dose
IHS Beneficiaries 1850		Tribal Staff & Insured Dependents 1531 (22%)		SU Tribal Members 41% 2nd Dose
IHS Household 284		IHS Beneficiaries & Household 2134 (30%)		Tribal Staff 42% 2nd Dose
Tribal Staff 1148				
Insured Dependents 383				
Educators (PLC/11/T) 247				
Other (Ages 65+ & Non-Eligible Persons) 2072				

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19 "TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

All tribal buildings on the tribal campus are

CLOSED

to all visitors in accordance with the "Stay at Home" Order issued on March 25, 2020 which remains in effect until further notice.

Tribal members who require entry to conduct business with a tribal department must call ahead to schedule an appointment with tribal staff. If you have arrived for your scheduled appointment, please call the tribal department or staff to notify them of your arrival. Tribal staff will allow access only under these circumstances. All visitors and staff are expected to comply with the tribal public health order requiring the use of appropriate face covering while inside the building. Please practice social distancing and other public health guidelines.

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19 "Together, we will fight COVID-19"

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER • FROM PAGE 1

ry, property damage, and unfavorable outcomes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Plan, Section IV(B)(3), response activities may include ongoing public health and testing processes, immunizations, isolation, or quarantine; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Plan, Section V(F), the Tribal Council's duties in an emergency or disaster include, among other things, signing a resolution declaring an emergency or disaster to protect life and preserve property and the environment by ensuring prevention, preparation, and response measures are in place; and

WHEREAS, in January 2020, the World Health Organization designated the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in Res. No. 2020-025, Tribal Council declared a state of emergency to respond to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in Res. No. 2020-031, Tribal Council approved the Southern Ute Health Center Communicable Disease Response Plan, which allows for, among other things, infection control precautions, including contact, droplet, and airborne precautions; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, Tribal Council issued a Stay at Home Order limiting visitation to the Reservation and restricting activities to only those activities that were deemed to be essential; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2020, Tribal Council issued a Public Health Order requiring face coverings indoors at all times and outdoors when other social distancing measures were not possible; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2021, as COVID-19 cases began to level off and a coronavirus vaccine became more readily available in and around the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Tribal Council issued a Safer at Home Order, which superseded the Stay at Home Order and eased previously established restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") recently eased recommendations for when face coverings should be worn; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the interests of public health and safety to continue to require face coverings indoors unless a person is alone; and

WHEREAS, as the number of vaccinated people nationwide has grown and the risk of COVID-19 transmission has therefore decreased, and research shows that COVID-19 is less transmissible in well ventilated outdoor spaces when compared to indoor spaces, Tribal Council finds it is no longer necessary to require people to wear face coverings while outdoors.

NOW THEREFORE, TRIBAL COUNCIL HEREBY ORDERS:

1. All individuals over two years old must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when entering or moving within any public indoor space, unless the individual is alone in the room.
2. Face covering means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers only the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face, and that fits snugly but comfortably against the side of the face and remains in place without the use of one's hands. Face coverings include, but are not limited to, bandanas, medical masks, cloth masks, buffs, and gaiters. Businesses have the discretion to have more restrictive face covering protocols. Face coverings do not include any mask that incorporates a one-way valve (typical-

ly a raised plastic cylinder about the size of a quarter on the front or side of the mask) that is designed to facilitate easy exhaling, and such masks are not to be used to comply with this Order. Valves of that type without filters permit droplet release from the mask and can put others nearby at risk.

3. Public indoor space means any enclosed indoor area that is public or privately owned, managed, or operated to which individuals have access by right or by invitation, expressed or implied, and that is accessible to the public, serves as a place of employment, or is an entity providing services. Public indoor space does not mean a person's residence, including a room in a motel or hotel.
4. No owner, operator, or manager of a public indoor space may provide services to individuals or allow an individual to enter or move within that public indoor space, unless the individual is wearing a face covering as required by this Public Health Order.
5. Owners, operators, or managers of public indoor spaces must post signs at entrance(s) instructing individuals of their legal obligation under this Order to wear a face covering when entering or moving within a public indoor space.
6. Individuals two years old and younger are exempt from the requirements of this Order. Individuals ages three years old to nine years old are exempt from the requirements of this Order if they cannot medically tolerate a face covering.
7. Individuals performing the following activities are exempt from the requirements of this Order while the activity is being performed:
 - a. Individuals who are hearing impaired or otherwise disabled or who are communicating with someone who is hearing impaired or otherwise disabled and where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication;
 - b. Individuals who are seated at a food service establishment;
 - c. Individuals who are exercising alone or with others from the individual's household when a face covering would interfere with the activity;
 - d. Individuals who are receiving a personal service where the temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service;
 - e. Individuals who enter a business or receive services and are asked to temporarily remove a face covering for identification purposes;
 - f. Individuals who are actively engaged in a public safety role such as law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel;
 - g. Individuals who are officiating at a religious service; or
 - h. Individuals who are giving a speech for broadcast or an audience.
8. This order supersedes the Public Health Order regarding face coverings that was issued on July 17, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2021 and will continue until it is no longer necessary as deemed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Date: 6-1-21
By: Melvin J. Baker

SAFER AT HOME ORDER • FROM PAGE 1

minated, Tribal Council finds it appropriate to amend previously established requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, TRIBAL COUNCIL HEREBY ORDERS:

1. There are three different levels of the Safer at Home Phase, and the level in effect at any given time shall be established by the IMT based on the criteria identified in the Tribe-Wide Recovery Plan, Appendix A.
2. Phase 2 - Safer at Home that was put into effect on March 29, 2021 remains in effect.
3. All persons who come within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation and are within the jurisdiction of the Tribe shall comply with this Order and any other Public Health Order then in effect.
4. Contractors working on the Reservation shall continue to complete a health screening before entering an indoor workspace.
5. Outdoor and certain indoor activities continue to be permissible, provided those activities comply with the Event Caps in effect at the time of the activity.
6. Tribal entities and departments shall continue to follow their reopening plans.
7. This Amended Safer at Home Order supersedes the Safer at Home Order put into effect on March 29, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2021 and will be in effect until further notice.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Date: 6-1-21
By: Melvin J. Baker



BOBCATS BASEBALL

No. 4 Hotchkiss sweeps 'Cats 14-4, 13-3

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Whittling away an hour-long delay while waiting a replacement umpire's arrival to what was slated to be a 10 a.m. doubleheader Saturday, May 29, at Ignacio, Hotchkiss' players nonetheless commenced competition with a game of tic-tac-toe involving a baseball inked with the familiar 9-square grid, then tossed to and fro with the Bobcats until victory was achieved.

At least in theory; asked which crew won, one Bulldog at first responded he believed the game had ended in a draw, while others laughed as they weren't even sure the game – especially the one in question – had actually been completed.

"There was, like, twenty games on that one ball!" joked a different HHS respondent. Action on the diamond, thankfully, would contain no such uncertainty.

Ranked No. 4 in the CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll going in, Hotchkiss' strength at the plate and in the field produced a mercy rule-shortened, six-inning 14-4 victory in the day's opener, and later a 13-3 win which went the regulation seven.

"We were hitting the ball well, from (out of) the ... gate until the end," said junior designated hitter Tyler Marks (3-5, 2B, R, 3 RBI in Game 1; 0-2, 2 BB, R, RBI in Game 2). "That's something we did right, and we fielded the ball. Our practices have been really intense; we've just been improving daily."

"Our entire starting roster, varsity, has been playing together for the past, like, five or six years," he added, while also noting that the squad – already sporting 'North Fork Miners' shirts underneath their HHS-red jerseys, in anticipation of the recently-formed Hotchkiss-Paonia collective's official 2021-22 debut – has zero seniors. "So we (blend) well together."

"And you know, this is never an easy trip – a long road trip, staying overnight – and they really showed up ready to play. I'm very proud of that," head coach Blake Carlquist said. "Credit to Ignacio; they can swing it! They were ready to ... put the ball in play and made us work for everything."

Seemingly able all day to snatch out of the air numerous sharply hit Bobcat liners, one could sense that junior Parker Pene's robbery of IHS senior Adam House during the fifth inning of Game 2 was likely the clincher. With the 'Cats struggling to break through



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Phillip Quintana (9) comes up short in a bid to swipe third base against Hotchkiss during the sixth inning of the Bobcats' second game with the Bulldogs on Saturday, May 29, at IHS Field. HHS pulled off a 14-4, 13-3 sweep.

against Bulldog sophomore Yandel Guereque, House slashed a one-out rocket to the Hotchkiss shortstop's left, which Pene – the winning pitcher-of-record in Game 1 (House took the loss) – incredibly speared with an airborne dive.

"That was big," Guereque said. "I thought it was going to get on the ground, but Parker dove and got it!"

Able to retire ten Bobcats consecutively during one stretch, Guereque (W, CG; 7 IP, 4 H, 3 R, ER, 3 BB, 5 K) was crafting a two-hit shutout until IHS managed to scratch out three runs during a last-ditch seventh highlighted by freshman shortstop Jacob Gallegos' RBI-double plating junior Gabe Tucson (L; 6 IP, 8 H, 6 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 5 K). Gallegos would then score via Devante Montoya's one-out groundout to Pene, but Guereque brought the show to a close striking out lead-off 'Cat Jace Carmenoros.

All told, Ignacio's finest moments occurred in Game 1. Down 3-0 after the twin-bill's very first half-inning, following a two-out Bulldog rally keyed by freshman third baseman Hunter Moreno's two-RBI double off House (3.1 IP, 11 H, 9 R, 8 ER, 4 BB, K), the Bobcats answered in short order. Carmenoros would reach base on an error by then-shortstop Guereque and later score via a wild Pene pitch to Eppie Quintana (1-4, R), after being bumped up to third base by Phillip Quintana's single.

Phillip Quintana (1-4) would then score via senior catcher Lawrence Toledo's two-out infield single, but rightfielder Lane Allen then halted the comeback flagging down a Tucson screamer which had extra bases practically written all over it. Hotchkiss would later pound out three two-out runs in the top of the third inning, but Ignacio would parlay a two-out walk to Clint Talamante-Benavidez into a run when Toledo (1-2, BB, RBI) also drew a walk and Tucson (2-3, 2B, 2 RBI) singled to center.

But 6-3 would be the

closest IHS would approach the rest of the day; Hotchkiss all but put the opener to rest in the top of the fourth, with junior Coulson Hollembeak (1-2, INT-BB, BB, HBP, 2 R, 4 RBI) bashing a one-out, two-run homer to left and Marks driving home Moreno (2-2, 2B, 2 BB, SAC-FLY, 3 R, 4 RBI) two batters later with a double to left.

No. 9 hitter Matt Pacht would go 3-for-4 in Game 1 with two runs scored plus an RBI, while Pene (4.2 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 9 K) would end up 1-for-3 with two walks, two runs and a ribbie.

In Game 2, Gallegos finished 1-2 with a walk, run and an RBI. Phillip Quintana and Talamante-Benavidez each went 1-3, while Toledo went 1-3 with a run. Hollembeak, meanwhile, went 3-5 with a ground-rule double, a run and two batted in. First baseman Ian Aguilera went 3-5 with a run and two RBI, while Guereque went 1-4 with a double, walk, three runs and two RBI.

Leftfielder Will Poutre enjoyed a strong outing, reaching base all five of his plate appearances in finishing 2-4 (he also reached via two IHS errors) with a walk. Catcher Drayden Taylor had turned the trick in Game 1; tagged by two pitches and also issued a walk, he also doubled once and reached via a fielder's choice.

Up next for Ignacio will be a 2A/1A San Juan Basin League test Saturday, June 5, at Dove Creek with first pitch set for 11 a.m. Standing 2-6 overall after facing HHS (9-1), results from the Bobcats' 6/2 two-fer versus Parachute-based Grand Valley (0-12) were unavailable at press time.

And despite the hapless Cardinals having been outscored 45-0 in their previous two outings, Tucson had one piece of advice to offer his teammates, so to avoid any sort of disastrous upset:

"Come prepared. Don't doubt any team," he said. "And don't give up; there's always an inning to play – to go do work!"

BOBCATS SOCCER

Lady Bobcats up for finishing at all costs

Skeleton side still making its SWL bones

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Forced to postpone a May 17 match with then-third-ranked Telluride due to having only nine serviceable players at her disposal, then left with no choice but to visit No. 5 Crested Butte on the 25th with just ten (the Lady Titans gamely reciprocated and sent out onto the pitch as many), Ignacio head coach Alisha Gullion was really hoping to rumble Thurs., May 28, with Ridgway having at least the conventional minimum 11 individuals available.

That target was hit, with one active substitute even in uniform.

"Yeah, that felt great," she said afterwards. "And I'd told them at the beginning of the season ... We have a very new team, starting over after last year, and ... if we can field a team, learn, get some experience, and finish our season, I will be very happy. It looks like we're on that trajectory."

Bumped from the week-starting CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll's Top 12, RHS – previously ranked No. 9, but upon arrival at IHS Field the second-highest 'Others Receiving Votes' team, despite an 11-1 rout Saturday, May 22, of then-No. 10 Del Norte – dressed seven sophomores and three juniors, including goalkeeper Aynsleigh Wood, for the occasion (their two seniors were committed elsewhere).



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Alexis Ortiz (2) races a Ridgway player for possession during 2A Southwestern League action this past Thursday, May 27, at IHS Field.

And with Gullion and counterpart Trevor Peterson agreeing to a 10-v-10 tilt, the Lady Demons converted youth into energy. Taking advantage of the more-vacant pitch, the go-go guests registered six goals both before and after intermission in prevailing 12-2 in 2A Southwestern League girls' soccer.

Sophomore Courtney Southall got the scoring started just five minutes in, cornering the ball out to fellow soph Maizy Gordon, who then returned the ball to Southall on an overlap run behind Gordon and deeper into IHS' 18-yard box. Barely three minutes later, however, the Lady Bobcats equalized with freshman Darlyn Lechuga-Mendoza beating Wood to the goalie's left.

"It started with Center; she could just pop it through their defensive line every time. Nice ball-handling, nice control, and

she's fast," Gullion said. "Center game she had a couple shots on goal, and Crested Butte she was able to get it up there again."

"We just kept talking in practice every day," Lechuga-Mendoza said, of the Lady Bobcats' collective desire to put a ball across an opponent's goal line. "And I was pretty excited – I was worried I wasn't going to make it! – but was confident."

But later in the same eighth minute of play, Ridgway retook the lead, 2-1, when the playmaking Gordon successfully shot low and to keeper Emily Cundiff's left. Gordon then accelerated the pace with another goal in the 10th minute and completed a hat trick in the 22nd by battling through defender Alexis Pontine's physical challenge for another low-left strike.

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BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

Thinclads put forth best effort at the PRI

Ignacio girls tenth overall in Bayfield

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With graduation at Ignacio High happening the same day, Bobcat Track & Field still managed to compete at the May 22, 2021, Pine River Invitational inside Bayfield's Wolverine Country Stadium. Young would place seventh overall in 30.70 seconds; included in the same heat, Montezuma-Cortez's Avery Wright won the event in 28.44.

Most occurred on the girls' side of things; paced by junior sprinter Lexy Young's three top-ten performances, the Lady 'Cats accumulated 21 team points and ranked tenth when all was said and mostly done. With wind and rain arriving in force prior to the meet-ending boys' and girls' 4x400-meter relays, the decision was made to call it a day with Durango nowhere near to being caught; the Lady Demons racked up 183.5 points, more than doubling up 3A Montezuma-Cortez's 85 and 3A Alamosa's 76.

Young placed fifth in the 100-meter dash, with her 14.24-second time ending up only 0.01 slower than DHS sophomore Ava McClellan's and 1.12 behind M-CHS junior Avery Wright's winner. IHS sophomore Trinity Strohl ended up 24th in 16.57.

Young would take seventh in the 200, clocking 30.70 seconds (Wright won in 28.44), while sophomore teammate Harmony Reynolds finished 20th in 34.60. Wright would complete a solid sprint sweep with her



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Lexy Young (8) runs alongside Dolores' Akira Edwards during Heat No. 4 of the girls' 200-meter dash at the May 22, 2021, Pine River Invitational inside Bayfield's Wolverine Country Stadium. Young would place seventh overall in 30.70 seconds; included in the same heat, Montezuma-Cortez's Avery Wright won the event in 28.44.

first place 1:01.12 in the 400, while IHS sophomore Laci Brunson placed seventh in 1:12.38 and Young tenth in 1:13.63.

The 800m medley relay unit placed third out of three entries, clocking 2:26.78.

Freshman Lauren deKay came in 14th in the 800m run, recording a time of 3:30.80, and Strohl finished 21st in 3:58.47. Freshman Moriah Ashley starred in the 1,600, placing eighth (out of 19) in 7 minutes, 17.23 seconds, and deKay took 13th in 7:43.24. Ashley also took on the 3,200 meters and placed fourth out of four in a time of 16 minutes, 0.64 seconds (DHS junior Tea Forrest, by comparison, won in 12:39.23).

In the field, Brunson placed eighth in the long jump with a best leap of 13 feet, 7.75 inches, while ju-

nior Alexis Pontine – this spring a dual-sport track/soccer athlete – tied AHS sophomore Heather Lee for 11th in the shot put with a best 25'7" heave. Pontine's discus effort was even more impressive; she placed ninth with a 78'7" best.

The Bobcat boys, meanwhile, were shut out of the scoring but had several near misses.

Freshman distance runner Camron Cooper turned in a team-leading tenth-place (out of 19) time of 2:27.16 in the 800, and also took tenth (again out of 19) in the 1,600 with his 5:19.89. Sophomore John Riepel finished 12th in the 100, clocking 13.35 seconds, and also finished 13th in the 200 with his 28.09.

Junior Tyler Barnes ended

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TRIBAL OBITUARIES



FROST – Deanna Beth Frost was born on May 30, 1982 in Aberdeen, Washington to Byron and Etta Frost.

Ms. Frost was a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. She attended a Private School in Colorado Springs and graduated in 2001. From there she studied Visual Communications at the Illinois Institute of Art in Chicago, Illinois. She attended Pivot Point Academy of Chicago where she obtained her Cosmetology License in 2005.

She was the Boxing Event Coordinator for Left Hook Promotions, she coordinated successful boxing events with her brother Brian and her father.

Ms. Frost came from a Spiritual Family both on her Frost and Red side. Her Father is the Sundance Chief for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ms. Frost was very honored to help feed the people during Sundance time.

In her younger years Ms. Frost was an Ambassador for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and held the titles of Little Miss Southern Ute, and when she got older, Miss Southern Ute. Ms. Frost also held

the title, Miss Indian Colorado. She was a traditional dancer and enjoyed Powwows.

Ms. Frost passion was to help her people by making sure they knew about nutrition, and she coordinated programs by making cooking videos and recipes when she was the Apprentice Director for the Shining Mountain Health and Wellness. She also coordinated the program, Train-the-Trainer with Cooking Matters and was a Community Organizer Fellow at Growing Partners of Southwest Colorado. She was the current Manager of Food Distribution, and she loved her staff and wanted to see them be successful!

Deanna’s Pride and Joy were her two boys, Richard and Ivan whom she loved dearly! She was an awesome role model and mother, she made sure her boys got the best education and showed them opportunities off the reservation by traveling with them. She was the backbone of her family and took care of them all!

Ms. Frost had an infectious smile and loved to laugh and tease her friends, especially her sister-cousin Tara! She always made sure to show her friends how much she celebrated them by throwing the BEST birthday parties, even if she had to travel the World to see them! Ms. Frost was the “meat and cheese” and will be missed dearly!

Ms. Frost left this Earth to be with the Creator on May 23, 2021. She leaves behind her two beautiful boys, Richard Jack and Ivan Bent Joseph. Her Parents, Byron and Etta Frost, her older brother Brian Frost, and a huge family, all which loved her very much! She is preceded in death by her younger brother Aaron Jack Frost.

Services for Deanna were held on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at Hood Mortuary, Durango. A viewing was held, with funeral services. Cremation will take place.

PIINU NUUCHI SKATEPARK • FROM PAGE 1

Grammar (published 2011; originally 1980), the Ute Texts (published 2013; originally 1985), and the Dictionary (originally 1979).

“I have been very impressed with the teamwork the youth leaders have shown; it makes me proud and warms my heart to see them all come together during this time,” Youth Employment Program and Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council Coordinator, Dustin Weaver stated. “They have seen this project through to the end for the community to use and enjoy.”

With the recent move to Level 3 of Phase II “Safer at Home” — the mandate on wearing a mask outside has been lifted. “We can begin making plans for a grand opening and we will work closely with SCSYAC and Precious Collins, the Native Connections Coordinator,” said SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth. The grand opening event has the potential to draw more than the current limit of 50 people for an outdoor event, so it will be postponed until it can be done safely. SunUte emphasized that the planning for the event will begin now. “I just want to thank the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for providing this beautiful park,” Duffy-Wirth expressed.

The opening of the Piinu Nuuchi community skatepark to the public was a

team effort between SunUte recreation division, and the Grounds Maintenance crew to keep the park operational. Since the skate park was open to the public during this past month, SunUte staff as well as the Southern Ute Police Department Resource Officers have been at the park to ensure that all riders wore a mask.

“All of us at SunUte have been honored to be a part of the skatepark. It has been a joy working with the SCSYAC and Dustin Weaver. They went through a process to name the park and I was excited to hear their final choice, I believe it is not only well thought out and meaningful, but it lets visitors understand that the skatepark is on the Southern Ute Reservation,” Duffy-Wirth explained.

UPDATED SKATEPARK RULES

DO:

- 1. Use at your own risk. Southern Ute Indian Tribe is not responsible for injuries or theft.
- 2. Show your kindness and respect.
- 3. Play your music, please no offensive language.
- 4. Supervise children under the age of 12.
- 5. Dispose of your trash properly.
- 6. Wear closed toe shoes and shirts.
- 7. Remain outside of the park if you are a spec-

tator.

- 8. Skateboards, inline skates, scooters and bikes are allowed (no pegs).

DON’T

- 1. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco/vaping or drugs; ARE PROHIBITED.
- 2. No food or glass containers in skatepark.
- 3. Tagging or placement of stickers is prohibited.
- 4. Gang and/or gang activity is strictly prohibited at this park.
- 5. Outside obstacles are not allowed in the skatepark.
- 6. Altering of park surfaces/waxing surfaces is prohibited.
- 7. Pets or motorized equipment are not allowed.
- 8. Loitering is not allowed after facility is closed.

ADDITIONALLY

- 1. Failure to comply with the rules may result in suspension from the facility.
- 2. This facility may be closed by SunUte for reasons such as weather, maintenance, etc.
- 3. Contests or competitions are prohibited unless sanctioned by SunUte.
- Call SunUte @ 970-563-0214 to report any problems with the skatepark.
- Call SUPD @ 970-563-0225 if you need police assistance.
- Call 911 immediately if there is an emergency.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

Mr. Lee Briggs – Rest In Peace
September 27, 1932- May 11, 2021

Ulysses “Lee” Briggs, One of the greatest men too ever work for the Southern Utes. He was a pioneer in more than one aspect of his life. Born September 27, 1932. His family moved to the Southwest from Texas. In that story west, they got stuck on Wolf creek Pass in a snowstorm. That was a chilly night as an infant and the family.

Lee came to the tribe as a math tutor. It didn’t take long before he became Director of Education Department. He took on that task, like a bull in a china shop, with vision and determination. Under staffed and a tiny budget, he built an education department, like no other. With the purchase of the current location on Lakin St., was a great move for the department. Out of the “dungeon” the new building was centrally positioned between all Ignacio’s schools. Employing certified teachers and other professionals too assist tribal members and JOM students in the public schools, K-12.

The programs in this department: Higher Education, Adult Education, Library, In-school/After-school tutoring, Computer labs, Recreation, and Culture. Big frying pan. Lee always had the tribal members educational needs as his focus. Following the words of council member Edward Box, Sr. “The Battles of the future will not be fought with bows and arrows. The future warrior battles will be fought with education, tribal members wearing suits and ties, carrying briefcases.”

The nostalgia of his legacy included sending middle school kids to CU Boulder and CSU Fort Collins on Rec-educational visits. Spending a week on each college campus. Living in the dorms, eating in the campus diners and attending college class. Every thing from planet environment, agriculture, math and science introduction for young NDN kids to ponder. There were also plenty of recreation activities as well. Both campuses have Indian Clubs and using vision and knowledge of higher education he successfully established tuition waivers at both universities. Fort Lewis College in Durango also offers a tuition waiver. But that doesn’t mean education is free there are books, fees and living expenses. In the beginning each tribal members re-

quest was handled on a case-by-case need. He developed a system to fund higher education on guidelines that had built in requirements for success.

I’ll speak for every person that ever work under his tutelage and proclaim Mr. Briggs as the greatest person they ever had the privilege to admire. He was a very hands on man, concerned about the development and enrichment of personnel and a safe working environment. He always had an open door policy. If you had a concern or idea you could always know that he was there to listen and advise. I had that privilege for almost ten years as his assistant. As one of my first tasks was to fulfill a promise he made to high school students. And that was to take them to Albuquerque to visit colleges. Well that turned into annual spring break trips across the USA visiting college and IT schools. Then the blue cheese bus came along and we could take more students on our trips.

The year was 1996 and Tribal Council had a retreat for departmental updates to the leadership for planning process of the tribe. Considering the tribe just received a \$200 million windfall from the Coal Bed Methane Supreme Court case. Then during Educations presentation, the idea of opening a tribal school was entertained and approved. Master planner John Jurrius lead council in the development of the upper campus, where the school, rec-center and administration buildings sit today.

For the record, Mr. Briggs also convinced council to divide up the way minor trust fund monies are distributed. Requiring money management classes and graduation before money could be distributed.

Upon his retirement, he divided the division into three separate departments, Higher Education, Public Education and Private Education/Tribal School with three newly Master Graduates as department heads, all tribal members.

I will always cherish my friendship and his comradely, leadership and commitment that he had for our people.

*Richard L. Jefferson
Former Assistant Education Director
1990-2000*

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Source: <https://archive.epa.gov/epawaste/conservation/wastewise/web/html/>

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division General Assistance Program Manager, Jeff Seebach at 970-563-2272 or jseebach@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions, comments or concerns.

Veterans Annual River Float & Picnic

Mountain Waters Rafting & Adventures, the Durango VFW, American Legion and Elks Lodge are pleased to announce the 4th annual picnic and FREE raft trips to honor Veterans & their Families. Sunday, June 27 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Durango VFW. Raft trip registration starts at 10:30. Cuevas Tacos lunch special free for Veterans and \$10 for all others. Information available at Mountain Waters Rafting Community Web-page or Info@DurangoRafting.com

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Deadline
June 14

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STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT REMAINS POSTPONED WHILE IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME" LEVEL 3.

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

FRIDAY
MORNING

Tribal Council Updates
will be posted to social
media platforms.

Chairman Baker or Vice Chairman
Valdez 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



Grazing Short Term Standard Lease

Red Willow Production, LLC is offering to all Tribal membership, the opportunity to enter a submission for a grazing short term standard lease form contract ("Lease"). There will be a lottery selection for the right to the Lease due to the level of interest. The person who is drawn is required to sign the Lease and pay a \$5,000 dollar payment to Red Willow Production, LLC within 10 days after being drawn. The Lease is a standard lease form and will allow for a maximum of 100 head of cattle for a 3 month period to graze. The Lease boundaries are below:



Section: 5 Township: 32 Range: 7 NW/4, NW/4 NE/4 & N3/4 N/2 SW/4
Section: 6 Township: 32 Range: 7 NE/4, E/2 NW/4 & NE/4 SE/4

Being 501.256 acres more or less; La Plata, County, Colorado
La Plata County Parcel Number: 616505200128

The submission deadline closes Friday, June 18, 2021 at 5 p.m. All submissions must be made in writing and mailed or emailed to: Red Willow Production, LLC, ATTN: James Crittenden, 14933 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-442-1046, jcrittenden@rwpc.us Please contact James Crittenden with any questions you may have at the contact information provided above.

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority has received a fund called the EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP)

**This funding will help with ANY person renting within the exterior
boundries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.**

To be eligible, the Housing Authority will need to determine the following:

- **That one or more individuals within the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or experiences other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19**
- **That one or more individuals with the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.**
- **The household has a household income at or below 80 percent of the are median income.**

**To get an application, you can pick one up at the
Housing Authority office, via email or postal mail.**

**For information, contact Jennifer Salazar or
Cutke Edwards at 970-563-4575.**



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NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0054-CV-PR
Arlene Ann Millich, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JULY 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 27th of May, 2021.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0059-CV-PR
Suzette Dee Humpy, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **AUGUST 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 28th of May, 2021
Marlene Price , Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0058-CV-PR
Deanna Beth Frost, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JULY 20, 2021 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 27th of May, 2021.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0020-CV-PR
Lilly Price, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JUNE 28, 2021 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary .

Dated this 17th of May, 2021
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. The closing date is Friday, July 16, 2021 at 5 p.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

SU TRIBAL MEMBERS WANTED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Closing 7/30/31 – The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill THREE seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. 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 letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For information, contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, July 30, 2021.

APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has three (3) vacancies. The Committee shall include employees of the Tribe who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of tribal member mentoring and employment to make a positive contribution to both the committee and to the objectives of the program. At large members for the Committee can also be considered. A majority of the Committee shall be tribal members. Members serve on a voluntary basis. It is the policy and intent of the Tribe that the Apprentice Program Committee be appointed to administer an Apprenticeship program that provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible tribal members. All interested Southern Ute tribal members, who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Human Resources Dept. at PO Box 737,

Ignacio, CO 81137, or in person at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open until filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking a volunteer Board Member positions. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the www.bgcso.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking (2) Full time and (1) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full-time Gaming Commission position term is 2 years 6 months. Second Full Time Gaming Commission position 11 month term. One Alternate Gaming position is a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

Open until filled – JOM has TWO (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY Seeking School Board Candidates

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking five (5) interested candidates to sit on their school board. Interested persons must be over the age of 18. Are you interested in helping shape the future? What about serving children and your community? The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking members for its school board. Being on a school board can be a rewarding experience when you realize you are helping ensure a good education for the tribal member youth in our community. If you are interested in working with a team of like-minded individuals who wish to bring excellence to academics, then being a SUIMA School Board member is for you. With Resolution 2020-142, signed on Oct. 13, 2020, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy has been given permission to form their own School Board Separate from Tribal Council. With the majority of the Board being tribal members, the School Board will uphold SUIMA's mission as it provides a strong educational foundation to preserve and share the Southern Ute Indian culture and language within a Montessori environment. The purpose of the SUIMA School Board is to work with the Tribal Council to ensure that SUIMA has sufficient resources; helps oversee SUIMA's operations and administration; and regularly updates the Tribal Council. Interested parties may submit a letter of interest to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, PO Box 737 #52, Ignacio, CO 81137; or by bringing the letter of interest to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy office; or by emailing the letter of interest to the SUIMA Principal at mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov.

Lots for Sale

Two 1.06ac.and 1.03 ac. lots for sale in Arboles 2 min. from Navajo lake water and electric included, posts on each corner for fencing. lot cleared for a 1000 sq. foot house. 35k each.

Medline home-care bed for sale

Medline long term care bed (model 1100) for sale. Excellent condition! \$1,500 OBO. Including mattress. Call Brenda at 970-880-2737

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week.
**Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors distribution is 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

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| • Distribution, Friday, Oct. 29: | NOON, Monday, Oct. 25, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 10: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 24: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Thursday Dec. 9: | NOON, Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 20: | NOON, Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 |



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.

Utilities Operator I – GF Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 6/9/21 – Under the general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor, this position assists with water hauling duties, the operation of the Southern Ute Transfer Station and maintenance of the water distribution, wastewater collection and natural gas systems. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent is required. Must have a valid Class “B” Commercial Driver’s License for state of residency; six months experience as a Class “B” water truck driver; and experience in the safe operation of power equipment and tools used in the construction industry. Must maintain a telephone for on-call duties; able to work on-call, irregular hours (shift work), holidays and weekends. Must be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Controller – GF Properties Group (Durango, CO)

Closing 6/11/21 – Directing and participating in accounting and financial reporting functions to establish, implement and maintain accounting principles, practices, and procedures; as well as, assist in strategic planning, and the analysis of the portfolio performance. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in Accounting, Finance, or a closely related field is required. Must have eight years full-time experience, five years of which must be in a senior level accounting position, in business accounting or public accounting or auditing under FASB guidelines with five years’ experience in a property management related field or income producing properties. Must have supervisory experience. Must have experience in the creation and production of financial reporting formats utilizing software report writing features and/or Excel that involve ratio analysis, trend analysis, graphic presentations of financial data, and creative display and analysis of key performance indicators. Must have computer experience with advanced knowledge of Microsoft Windows, MS Word, MS Excel and MS PowerPoint. Must have financial reporting experience and experience working with external and/or internal auditors. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under GF Properties Group vehicle insurance policy.

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.

Business Intelligence Developer I – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Close 6/15/21 – Performing data analysis, develops reports in Microsoft Power BI and SSRS, and contributes to the design and deployment of data models and assists in administration of the Microsoft BI infrastructure including Power BI Report Server and SQL Server environments. Minimum Qualifications: A high school diploma and four years full time relevant software, data analysis or reporting experience; OR an Associate Degree and two years full time relevant software, data analysis or reporting experience; OR a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science, Engineering or Business/ Finance; is required. Must have knowledge of at least one major coding language including Java, C#, C++, Python or Ruby, knowledge of data base structures and SQL programming, and an understanding of Software Development Lifecycle is required. Must have strong verbal and written communication skills, must have or be able to obtain, Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) certification, Southern Ute Indian Tribe Gaming Support license, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) certification, and any other licenses or certifications required or requested by Southern Ute Shared Services within the first 6 months of hire, a valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable through the Company vehicle insurance policy, and must pass a criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Director – National Museum of the American Indian

The Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian is starting the search process for the position of Museum Director, and is seeking qualified candidates from across the Americas. The museum is seeking candidates who can steward the museum’s initiatives as it works towards equity and social justice for the Native peoples of the Western Hemisphere through education, inspiration, and empowerment. Position Summary: Responsible for promoting, sustaining and further developing a more informed understanding of Native peoples using a “One NMAI” approach linking all three facilities and following the guiding philosophy of being a place where the voices of the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas are primary in the interpretation of Native histories and cultures. Must understand and promote the Museum’s role, through exhibits, education, scholarship, publications, convenings and online platforms, in affirming the centrality of Indigenous Peoples and cultures in shaping our past, present and future. Will lead and inspire the Museum’s dedicated staff, steward and improve the Museum’s financial health, oversee day-to-day management, maintain the Museum’s relationships with the Tribal Nations, provide strategic direction for the organization, and be a leading voice on Native American cultural affairs. Will supervise and manage a senior leadership team of Associate Directors responsible for the detailed management of the Museum’s Assets and Operations, Scholarship and Research, Learning and Programs, Advancement and Administration. Will also be supported by an experienced and dedicated Deputy Director. Will play a crucial role in fundraising, and work in close collaboration with the Museum’s Board of Trustees and committed donor community. Represents the NMAI in Smithsonian leadership forums and engages with the leaders of other Smithsonian museums and research units and administrative offices on matters of common concern.
Full job description, on USA Jobs at: www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/603249100

TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information • 970-563-0117

Job descriptions and applications available at TERO office, 151 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo.

- **Hydrovac Operator CDL - Bayfield, CO - Immediate Opening**
<https://aa006.taleo.net/careersection/jobdetail.ftl?job=210561&lang=en>
- **Hydrovac Operator CDL - Bayfield, CO - Immediate Opening**
<https://aa006.taleo.net/careersection/jobdetail.ftl?job=210560&lang=en>

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

Administrative Assistant II, Culture Department (So. Ute Member Only)

Closes 6/9/21 – Provides administrative support for the Culture Department, including secretarial duties, filing, clerical and information system support, including office records management services. Position starts at \$16.88/hour.

Deputy Court Clerk

Closes 6/8/21 – Provides clerical support to judges and public for Southern Ute Tribal Court matters. Position starts at \$18.32/hour.

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator (Trainee)

Closes 6/11/21 – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor trainee will learn routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. May require an employee to be placed on a winter furlough period of at least two months per year, but not more than four months. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N9 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases to assure that key goals are met. Upon successful completion of the training curriculum, incumbent will assume the Heavy Equipment Operator position.

Media Archivist (So. Ute Member Only)

Closes 6/18/21 – Under general supervision of the Media Manager, organizes, inventories, and implements professional archiving practices to ensure the best preservation methods are used to maintain historic newspapers, photographs, film negatives and other materials under the care of The Southern Ute Drum. This position starts at \$15.61/hour

Receptionist

Closes 6/18/21 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. This position starts at \$12.54/hour

Air Quality Analyst II

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, provides oversight and management of the Air Quality Monitoring Program and technical assistance to the Air Quality Planning and Assessment team within the Tribal Air Quality Program. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on renewed funding. Position starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Construction Project Manager

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Housing Department Director, incumbent assists in the management and coordination of all functions and activities required to initiate and manage all phases of construction projects through completion. After a period of no more than 2 years, this employee will train and mentor a Tribal member as a Project Manager “Trainee” or Apprentice type position. Position starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Construction Services Repairman

Open Until Filled – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Position starts at \$14.48/hour.

Cultural Education Coordinator (So. Ute Member Only)

Open Until Filled – Design and development of the cultural and language curriculum which shall be used in teaching and instruction to tribal members, staff, clients, and community. Responsible for working with the Ute Language Teachers, Elders, and Southern Ute tribal members on an individual basis, sharing ideas and materials on how to assist in learning and retaining Ute language and culture. Assists tribal members, staff, clients, and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Culture Department. Incorporating the Ute history, culture, and folklore into the language and culture curriculum and instruction. Position starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Detention Officer

Under general supervision of the Detention Open Until Filled – Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Position starts at \$19.93/hour.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Senior Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position starts at \$18.32/hour.

Events/Heritage Coordinator (So. Ute Member Only)

Open Until Filled – Planning and organizing various traditional cultural events, develops heritage tourism activities, and coordinates cultural camp for youth. Position starts at \$18.32/hour.

Health Center Support Services Manager

Open Until Filled – Supervision and management of front office operations within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records and referral services within the Health Center. A key focus will be to establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support at all times. Position starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Lands Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provides general information to the Tribal Membership and general public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. Position starts at \$15.61/hour.

Language & Culture Educator (Part-time) – (Ute Members Only: So., No., Ute Mtn.)

Open Until Filled – Assists Tribal Members, staff, clients, and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Cultural Preservation Department. Responsible for teaching the Ute history, culture, and folklore through the language and culture curriculum and instruction.

Medical AR Technician

Open Until Filled – Performs accounts receivable activities including receiving and posting payments into the tribal health accounts receivable software package, following up on unpaid claims, and recommending third party billing enhancements to improve billing efficiency and effectiveness. Position starts at \$16.88/hour.

Part-time Dentist (with benefits)

Open Until Filled – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division.

Patrol Officer I

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Position starts at \$21.75/hour.

Payroll Manager

Open Until Filled – Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures. Position starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Senior Detention Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Position starts at \$21.75/hour.

Social Worker

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

TEAM Worker (So. Ute Member Only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Water Attorney

Open Until Filled – 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.

Water Quality Specialist / Animas River Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Develops and administers the San Juan Watershed water quality program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is solely grant funded. Employment is contingent upon annual funding from the US EPA grant funding or other outside sources. Position starts at \$23.51/hour.

Water Resources Technician

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the Division Head, with day-to-day direction from the Water Resources Specialist, provides technical level support to professional staff to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. Position starts at \$19.93/hour.



Head Start Building Survey

Tribal Council requests tribal member input on Ute history!

The Head Start building is considered to be one of the last salvageable Indian Boarding School era structures in the State of Colorado. The building contains a mural, by artist Sam Ray, which depicts traditional Ute life. Tribal Council and the Cultural Preservation Department encourage enrolled Southern Ute tribal members to complete the survey which will assist in determining whether to rehabilitate and repurpose the Head Start building or if the building should be demolished. Your feedback is important.

The survey can be completed in the following ways:

Tribal Members can complete the final survey by going to the Tribal Member Portal to find the Survey Monkey link, hard copies can be delivered to the drop box placed at the entrance of the Southern Ute Museum round-a-bout, or by calling the Tribal Council Comment Line at 970.563.4705, extension 7902.

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**Deadline to complete the final survey will be
Monday, June 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**



FLY FISHING

Road trip reinstated

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Last year due to Covid, SWMBO (she who must be obeyed) and I had to cancel our annual spring road trip. This year the virus wasn't so rampant, and we had received both shoots, so a trip was planned. When it was all said and done, the road trip took five weeks, and had us traveling 4,500 miles, through six states. The trip was designed to hug the Wild Bunch and fly fish. Which one was more important depended on who you talked to, me or SWMBO.

The drive took us southeast through the vast open spaces of New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma. Areas we hadn't seen in over a year. We drove through hundreds of thousand acres of flat land. The vastness is home to cows, oil wells, wind turbines, and irrigation pivot systems. Our route then took us into Arkansas and Tennessee, where, at a coffee shop I was quickly reminded that honey and sugar are not just table condiments; they are in fact how our waitresses referred to me. I love Arkansas, it can be so civil. The area through Arkansas and into Tennessee is also referred to as the Bible Belt. Billboards and restaurant marquees are used to remind you of that. As we drove into Arkansas a billboard reminded us that Jesus Saves. My favorite restaurant marque in Tennessee, at a bar and cafe, on a Sunday for open-mike night of gospel music said, "beer,



bar-b-q, and Jesus"

Enough travelogue. We got to Tennessee, I hugged three-fifths of the Wild Bunch, the other two-fifths would come later; it was time to fly fish. The first fly fishing happened on a small muddy stock pond at the VRBO SWMBO had found for us. This pond reminded me to be prepared for anything when fly fishing. I discovered the pond was full of catfish, and one very large black bass. I further found their favorite fly was a red San Juan Worm; go figure.

Tennessee has an endless number of ponds, lakes, and rivers to fly fish. The Duck River, where I floated and fished, is known for its large population of different species of bass. Using poppers and streamers my son-in-law and I caught largemouth, smallmouth, and rock bass. We also saw a grand total of three other people. For the rest of our time in Tennessee I investigated the area ponds and small lakes in subdivisions. The ponds held perch and smallmouth bass. When you're traveling, don't

overlook the ponds in subdivisions and apartment complexes which can provide hours of fly fishing.

Texas was the next stop to fish with friends from Texas and Colorado. We picked up one of our group at the Austin airport, drove to New Braunfels and met up with the two other fly fishermen. Here SWMBO left us to fly fish while she enjoyed four solitary days in the Texas Hill Country. Our three days of fly fishing on two lakes and one river produced a large variety of warm water fish. Our two guides had us catching; large and small-mouth bass, gar, palomino trout, rainbow trout, and perch. The fish were caught on poppers, streamers, and large nymphs using six-or seven-weight rods.

After the group headed home SWMBO and I went to Austin to visit the other two-fifths of the Wild Bunch. However, true to my fly fishing ethic, I managed to cast a fly in the park pond where this Wild Bunch lives. Here I offered to let the oldest member of the Austin chapter of the Wild Bunch reel in any fish I caught. He thought the swing set looked more fun and left me to cast on my own. I did manage to catch a couple of perch before I, too, went to the swing set.

I recommend a road trip to anybody that can get away. Fly fishing in new locations is always fun. Plus, road signs and waitresses in coffee shops along the route will remind you of what a great country we live.

THINCLADS PUT FORTH BEST • FROM PAGE 16

up 16th in 28.96. Neither Riepel nor Barnes, however, recorded a successful pole vault, nor Cooper a qualifying long jump.

Junior thrower Alric Hudson managed to place 15th in the shot with a 33'5.5" best. Classmate Jeremy Roderick was 19th at 32'2", and freshman Kyle Rima 25th at 23'6". Durango junior William Knight and 2A Mancos junior Connor Showalter, however, were on another plane; the former won with a throw of 49 feet, 7.5 inches, while the latter earned second with a 48-footer.

Hudson would finish 13th in the discus, with a peak throw of 104'9", while Roderick and Rima

were each unable to record a distance. DHS sophomore Joshua Bates would win with a 145'2" launch; Showalter (144'6") again settled for second.

All told, Durango captured the boys' team title with 151 points; 3A Pagosa Springs

was runner-up with 83.5.

Up next on the schedule, Ignacio was to travel to Mancos on Saturday, May 29, for the Blue Jay Invitational (results were unavailable at press time), then hit DHS' Ron Keller Invitational on Sat., June 5.

2021 Pine River Invitational Girls' Standings

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Durango 183.5 | 9. Mancos 28 |
| 2. Montezuma-Cortez 85 | 10. IGNACIO 21 |
| 3. Alamosa 76 | 11. Mosca Sangre de |
| 4. Pagosa Springs 52 | Cristo 20 |
| 5. Bayfield 47.5 | 12. Monte Vista 12.5 |
| 6. La Jara Centauri 41 | 13. Sanford 4 |
| 7. Del Norte 34.5 | 14. Dolores 1 |
| 8. Dove Creek 30 | |

BOBCATS FINISHING AT ALL COSTS • FROM PAGE 16

Gordon would lift a 20-yard free kick in the 27th minute over Cundiff and just beneath the crossbar for RHS' fifth goal, and junior Anna Bartschi then took a Southall pass all the way up the near sideline, past the IHS bench, to score in the 29th – giving the outsiders a 6-1 halftime advantage.

"Her first year in goal would have been last year. And remember, she got concussed at the very beginning and we thought she was going to be out And then we were ALL 'out,'" said Gullion, referencing the COVID-cancelled 2020 season. "But this season, she's definitely learned a lot, but there's a lot she's still working on. We just started figuring out the 'coming out' of goal, taking them down when they're in the box ... and she had some really good saves that way."

Credited with 14 in a 10-0 loss at CBCS, Cundiff would log 13 against the Lady Demons (Wood unofficially booked six) before Gordon ended the day in the 63rd minute splitting two defenders for a quick 1-v-1 versus the recently graduated senior, giving her five goals. South-

all, Bartschi and sophomore Eleni Wallin each totaled two, and sophomore Lily Berwanger one.

Lechuga-Mendoza, meanwhile, would score again in the 53rd minute, trimming the deficit at the time to 9-2.

"At first she was kind of uncomfortable deciding between center-mid and wing," Gullion recalled, "but she's got such speed that the wing is a great spot for her. Seeing her doing what she's been doing ... but succeeding and getting those goals was very exciting to see."

With some SWL squads electing to shut down their respective seasons due to illness, numbers, or something as simple as summer-itis, Ignacio's upcoming schedule has shrunk. The Lady 'Cats (0-5, 0-5 SWL) have now had both their matches against Telluride, each already rescheduled at least once – including one to Tuesday, June 8 – combined into what will be a Memorial Day doubleheader. Action is slated to start at 11 a.m. Mon., May 31, and will play out in reduced-length halves.

The next day, IHS will welcome Del Norte for a 12

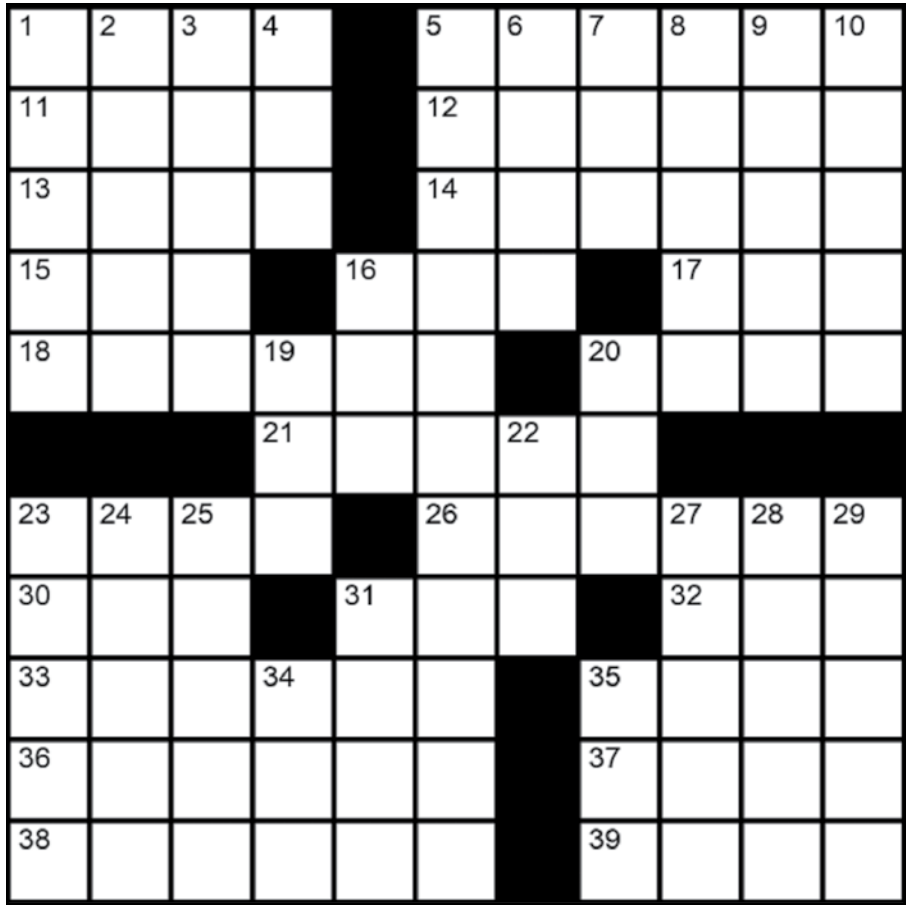
p.m. kickoff. Like Center, DNHS will then wrap up their season early, following a neutral-site clash with THS shortly after facing Ignacio. Ridgway (4-2, 4-2), meanwhile, will square off against Crested Butte in the first of two postseason-caliber meetings.

"We almost lost that Del Norte game, and I was very disappointed about that ... because we (lost) 5-1 (to) Del Norte before and that was our first game," said Gullion. "We've grown so much since then, that I did not want to lose ... that second game. So Leo (athletic director Garand) got together with the other AD and we were able to figure it out."

Still denied in the end a second go-round with CHS (originally set for Friday, June 4, out in the San Luis Valley), the Lady 'Cats will close out their unusual, truncated 2021 campaign at 11 a.m. Sat., June 5, at home versus CBCS.

"I'm okay with the condensed games and the scheduling as long as we were able to keep that game and finish our season," Gullion said. "I'm just so happy that we're one of the teams that gets to finish out."

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Product-banning agency
- 5 Peak known to the Navajo as Sisnaajini
- 11 Burundi's largest ethnic group
- 12 Repair some origami, perhaps
- 13 Jogger's accessory, often
- 14 Fetus-to-be
- 15 60 secs
- 16 Talk a lot
- 17 National wealth letters
- 18 Academy freshmen
- 20 Suitable
- 21 Mess up
- 23 Interceptor weapons
- 26 Rebuilt sty for snowman
- 30 Old card game
- 31 Even so
- 32 "The Jungle Book" python
- 33 Czech capital
- 35 Solid
- 36 Durango organ
- 37 Outgoing email initials
- 38 Wise old sayings
- 39 Court-controlling org.

Down

- 1 Ronald Reagan acted with one in "Bedtime for Bonzo"
- 2 It grows in the dark
- 3 Sort of Sioux
- 4 Re-chewed chow
- 5 Beerfest ads confused nurses
- 6 Apollo vehicles, briefly
- 7 McChord or Andrews, for example
- 8 Fjord country, to its own people
- 9 Bank robber --- Barrow
- 10 Ratify
- 16 Former GM small car marque
- 19 Air-rifle ammo
- 20 Conductance unit
- 22 Old-style computer screen
- 23 Dominant
- 24 Drilled
- 25 Late 18th century Ute Chief
- 27 Reads quickly
- 28 "The Goldfinch" author Donna ---
- 29 Constituent band of the White River Utes
- 31 Log time?
- 34 Stage joke
- 35 Tallahassee campus

Answers for this crossword will appear in June 18 issue of the Drum.

Answers for May 21, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Added, 6 Casts, 11 Drake, 12 Abort, 13 Lings, 14 Nadia, 15 AFC, 16 Key, 18 APB, 19 Item, 21 Losses, 23 Leans, 25 Logs on, 28 Tack, 32 UVA, 33 Cdr, 35 Due, 36 Perce, 38 Oyate, 40 Urban, 41 Begin, 42 Stowe, 43 Epees. Down: 1 Adlai, 2 Drift, 3 Dance, 4 EKG, 5 Desk, 6 Canyon, 7 ABA, 8 Sodas, 9 Tripe, 10 Stabs, 17 Eland, 20 Mls, 22 SST, 24 Eocene, 25 Lupus, 26 Overt, 27 Garbo, 29 Adage, 30 Cutie, 31 Keens, 34 Robe, 37 Caw, 39 Yep.

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 aiwr quality throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation as well as real-time EPA Air Quality Index health forecasts.

Link to the Tribe's Air Quality Stations below:

www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, June 4



85°F mostly sunny
20% chance showers/t-storms in p.m.

Saturday, June 5



88°F mostly sunny
20% chance showers/t-storms in p.m.

Sunday, June 6



84°F mostly sunny
20% chance showers/t-storms in p.m.

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

