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FLC Board of Trustee Member and Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribal member, Ernest House Jr. and FLC Special Advisory to the President for Indigenous Affairs, Lee Bitsoi, place the removed panels into proper storage containers that will be relocated to the Center of Southwest Studies.

HISTORICAL RECORD

Fort Lewis takes further steps towards reconciliation

McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Hundreds of community members, students and college alumni gathered at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. on Monday, Sept. 6 to witness the ceremonial removal of the Fort Lewis College Indian Boarding School panels that were installed on to the beams of the clocktower that sits centrally on campus. The panels were removed because they depicted inaccurate and disrespectful historical experiences of the Indian Boarding School era.

“The panel removal was a great event, and it will continue to spark the ongoing conversation that has been happening nationally about boarding schools,” Fort Lewis College Board of Trustees member, Ernest House Jr. stated. “Hopefully there will be a more accurate



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin J. Baker thanks the large group in attendance for the ceremonial removal of the clocktower panels located on the Fort Lewis College campus.

portrayal and depiction of what happened, that the goal back then was assimilation of Native Americans into the Western society and how that directly relates to intergenerational traumas.”

From the late 1880s until 1920, the Federal Indian Policy of Assimilation was created to destroy traditional Indian cultural identi-

ties. By utilizing boarding schools, the United States had hoped to solve the “Indian Problem” by forcibly removing Indian children from families. In 1880 the Fort Lewis U.S. Army post had been relocated to Hesperus, Colo. from its original site near Pagosa Springs, Colo. It was de-

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Vets welcome riders to Ignacio



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr. welcomes the visiting motorcycle riders to the Southern Ute Reservation for the 9th Annual Veterans Memorial Run on Friday, Sept. 3. The annual destination ride is organized by the VFW, where riders travel to a place of significance to veterans in the local area — this year’s ride convened at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park for a chance to share in Southern Ute culture.

See more Veterans photos on page 11.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Fentanyl is deadly and it’s in our community

By Trennie Collins
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

What is this drug that has overtaken so many Indigenous communities and caused so many drug overdoses? Often overlooked and ignored in the world of opioids, fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 80-100 times stronger than morphine, to give you context of the potency, methadone is about three times stronger than morphine, heroin is about five times stronger, and fentanyl is 100 times stronger.

A small dose of fentanyl can have life threatening effects, as fentanyl quickly binds to opioid receptors and creates respiratory depression and can slow your breathing to the point of death. One of the popular reasons for its use is that it leads to spikes in dopamine, which makes users feel good and can lead to a rush of euphoria after taking the drug.

According to the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center, the current opioid related overdose death rate is 13.7 deaths per 100,000 Native Americans, which exceeds the national rate of 13.1 per 100,000.

Prescribed brand names are also known as Actiq, Duragesic, and Sublimaze, which do not include all the street names such as, Apache, China White, Dance Fever, TNT to name a few. The lethal potency of fentanyl is often contributed to the overdose potential, according to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. Fentanyl was developed for pain management treatment for cancer patients, applied to the skin by a patch, a shot, or as lozenges that are sucked like cough drops.

Colorado has seen a major increase of fentanyl deaths in recent years. In the year 2020 there were 540 fentanyl related deaths, compared



courtesy SUPD

The amount of white substance shown next to a penny is a lethal dose of fentanyl, according to federal agents at the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

to 20 years ago, where there were only five, according to the Colorado Vital Statistics Program and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Is it in our community? “Yes! 100%,” said Southern Ute Police Dept. Drug Detective Jacob Beech. “For the most part there’s a mix, a lot of methamphetamines are laced with fentanyl. We are also seeing a rise in fentanyl pills; the lethality of one of those pills can kill four people.”

When we talk about opioid usage in Native communities it brings up the question, does historical trauma have anything to do with substance abuse and how we as Native Americans handle our trauma or healing?

When Dr. Ron Shaw, president of the Association of American Indian Physicians, was interviewed on NPR on how the opioid crisis affects Native Americans he said, “Many Native American populations suffer from what is known as historical and intergenerational trauma, which has to do with historical events that have afflicted Native American tribes, everything from Wounded Knee to other issues that have affected us culturally that have caused kind of a historical shame that has transmitted across generations, even to succeeding generations,

that it has been shown to be associated with increased rates of depression, drug use and drug addiction.”

One hard reality of fentanyl is that it not only effects the user, but also the community as a whole, especially Native American communities — including the Southern Ute Reservation. Before colonization, Native Americans lived in lineage societies and extended family groups formed their communities. These families included people of blood and non-blood relatives. If we look at that in our current state as Native communities, a lot of that is still true.

“One thing the public, community and membership need to be aware of especially with fentanyl is touching it or being around it, it’s very lethal to anyone,” explained Southern Ute Police Detective Richard Herrera. “The Casino, to the grocery store, to bathrooms, especially being careful in public restrooms, public events. It’s really important for membership and community, they need to know it doesn’t take much; .002 micrograms can lead to an overdose.”

Accidental overdose is common with fentanyl. If .002 micrograms can lead to an overdose, what does that mean for everyday activities

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GARDENING

Reflections from the garden

By Denee Bex
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As the nights get cooler in our area, right now is a good time to reflect on what you did well this year and what you can improve on for next year. I doubt there is ever a perfect gardening season. Your garden might be bursting with life, but in less than a month frost will be here. Now is the time to take notes of the things you learned this year.

The garden always teaches us new lessons. For me and my family, I’m thinking of what we did well. This year was the first year I installed drip irrigation for part of the garden. I’ll tell you what, I was not expecting the explosion of vegetables I had this year. It was a lot more hands off for me, but that was a good thing. It gave me extra time to sit back, sip on my coffee and enjoy the garden. I am forgetful and tend to not water enough. I decided this year



Denee Bex/Special to the Drum

Cucumbers and chile harvested two weeks ago. I grilled the chile peppers and sliced the cucumbers for snacks.

would be the year I planned my irrigation system. I purchased a drip line system kit online and it was simple to set up. It took about three or four hours and voila! I saved hours and hours of hand watering.

Also, earlier this year I planned to carefully space my plants, but at the last minute I planted way closer. I wanted to experiment and see how close I could plant my veggies to increase my yield. I plant-

ed beans about four inches apart, tomatoes about a foot apart and cucumbers about a foot apart. I threw random chili pepper and basil plants where there was empty space. I was surprised how well they did and now I’m harvesting so much more in a little less space. Next year I will be planting my veggies closer. I also used a lot of homemade compost this year. I

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Covering historic murals



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Tribe's Environmental Programs Division (EPD) continues to work with May/Burch to assist in the documentation and preservation of historic murals from the boarding school era, these Native American scenes date back to the early 1930's located in currently vacant buildings throughout Tribal Campus.

Pedro Zargoza Jr. works alongside his father, Pedro Sr., of Western Specialty Contractors (Denver, Colo.) to cover and protect the large mural located in the HeadStart Gymnasium ahead of the upcoming abatement project.



Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Former state senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (above right) leads a Durango motorcycle parade alongside Southern Ute elder Bennett Thompson on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011.

This photo was first published in the Sept. 9, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

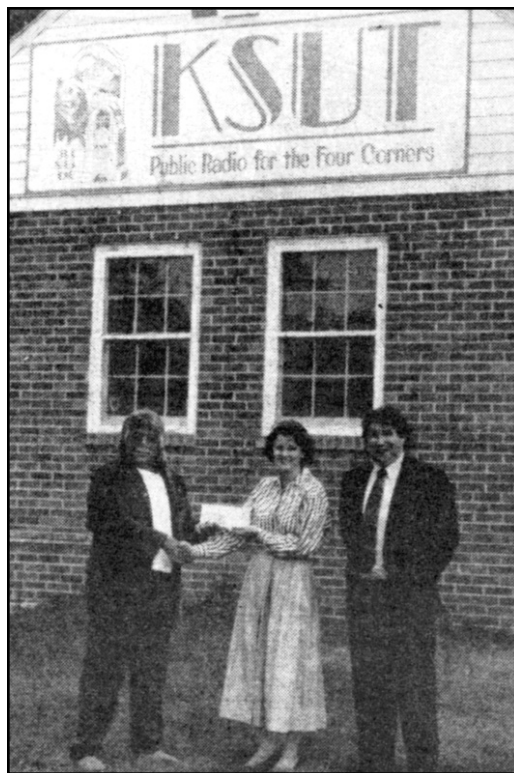


SU Drum archive

20 years ago

As many children played and met their teachers and classmates on the first day of school on Tuesday, September 4, at the Southern Ute Indian Academy, some kids were already hard at work like Sydney Santistevan, who was hard at work on her assignment with her teacher, Edwina Watts.

This photo was published in the Sept. 7, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Lane Eskew/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Public Affairs Representative, Becky Nash of the Shell Oil Company Foundation in Houston gave a donation to KSUT Radio Station. The check was handed to Board Member, Eddie Box Jr. and Station Manager, Carlos Sena. This photo was published in the Sept. 9, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Winner of the 1981-82 Miss Southern Ute title is 18-year-old Williamette Thompson, the daughter of William Thompson of Ignacio. First attendant is 19-year-old Leona Burch, daughter of Leonard C. Burch.

This photo was published in the Sept. 11, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Save the Date

2021 General Election Meet-the-Candidates Night

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

COVID Safety Guidelines will be followed. A Web-Ex Event will be offered to tribal members who are unable to attend in-person and registration information will be forthcoming. The event will also be available through KSUT Tribal Radio at 91.3 FM in Ignacio, 100.9 in Towaoc, CO, and 89.7 in Farmington, NM.

For additional information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970.563.2319.

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Ute speaker brunch



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute Cultural Education Coordinator, Crystal Rizzo talks with two elders in attendance of the Ute Speaker Brunch held on Friday, Sept. 3 in the Large Classroom at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum. The event allowed for tribal elders and other members to meet employees of the Cultural Department and voice their concerns and suggestions for the department.

Events and Heritage Coordinator, Jack Frost III helps aid Southern Ute tribal elder, Pearl Casias with her breakfast, which was provided by the Southern Ute Culture Department. The Culture Department hopes to make this event a monthly occurrence as it was requested by the tribal membership.



Southern Ute Cultural Director, Shelly Thompson converses with tribal elder, Ray C. Frost. The brunch brought tribal members and elders together to hone their conversational Ute language skills and converse in a casual setting.



FORT LEWIS TAKES STEPS • FROM PAGE 1



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Leaders from both the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribes represented the State of Colorado’s original residents. The land in which the old Fort Lewis was built is located within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and close to the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation.

commissioned in 1892 where it became the Fort Lewis Indian School. The fort was only one of two-dozen off reservation boarding schools that existed in the 1800s where children from the Mescale-ro Apache tribes, Jicarilla Apache, White Mountain Apache, San Carlos Apache, Papagos, Pimas, Navajo and Ute tribes attended school.

As the federal government pushed for the assimilation of Native children, boarding schools like Fort Lewis forbid the use of Indigenous languages and children were told to abandon their culture. Though schools like this used extreme tactics and devastating methods to achieve this, they ultimately failed to terminate Indigenous cultures.

“It’s important that we don’t shy away from the history, that we don’t sweep it under the rug, we want to deal with it directly,” House said.

The Fort Lewis Indian School ceased operations in 1910. The property and buildings in Hesperus were transferred over to the state of Colorado where it was established as an “agricultural and mechanic arts high school.” That deed came with two conditions: that the land would be used for an educational institution and was “to be maintained as an institution of learning to which Indian students will be admitted free of tuition and on an equality with white students” in perpetuity (Act of 61st Congress, 1911). Both conditions have been the Fort Lewis school’s



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Dr. Tom Stritikus and Lee Bitsoi present Council Member Linda K. Baker with a blanket after providing a beautiful invocation for the ceremony on the Fort Lewis College campus.

missions and guides over the past century.

“[Looking back] at a time where they were creating cultural genocide — we’ve come a long way to now see a third of our student population being Native American; where over 170 different tribes are represented, and the fact that wearing traditional regalia in place of a cap and gown is the norm is so powerful to witness.”

In 2008, Fort Lewis College was designated as one of six Native American-serving, non-tribal colleges by the U.S. Department of Education. The institute’s unique origins as a military fort turned Indian boarding school turned state public school, has helped them stand out, today the institution awards more degrees to Native American students than any other four-year, baccalaureate-granting school in the nation. Fort Lewis College maintains a federal designation as a Native American-Serving Non-Tribal In-

stitution (NASNTI) as over 10% of the student body is Native American.

The 1911 mandate to provide a tuition-free education for qualified Native Americans has awarded about 26% of all degrees to students—tuition free as a continuing legacy of the Indian Boarding School era.

Through the guidance of tribal leaders and students, the removal of these panels is one step in the right direction to acknowledging the traumas that were invoked by the experiences in the old Indian School. Now the healing process can begin for families, students and community members that affiliate themselves with Fort Lewis College.

“I want to recognize the past and current tribal leadership that have spent years advocating and laying the groundwork for developments like this—what we’re seeing today is the success of those tribal leaders, elders and change makers,” House stated.

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Garbanzo bean and avocado salad

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Fresh ingredients, highly nutritious, tasty side-dish! You can make this and take it to your next cookout. This recipe is simple, no cooking involved. Because it is so colorful, cold, and fresh, it pairs well with grilled foods. The lemon is essential to help keep the avocado from turning brown.

You can also experiment with other ingredients for the salad such as corn or broccoli and can also add some type of vinegar to the dressing mixture (balsamic, red wine). Enjoy!

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



courtesy Skinny Taste

Garbanzo Bean & Avocado Salad

- Ingredients:**
- 1 – 15 oz. can garbanzo beans (chickpeas), drained
 - 1/2 cup red onion, chopped
 - 1/2 bell pepper, diced (any color)
 - 1 avocado, sliced
 - 2 cups cherry tomatoes, cut in half
 - 1/2 cup feta cheese, diced
 - 1/2 cup kalamata olives, pitted and cut in half
 - Handful of fresh cilantro, chopped

- Dressing:**
- 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 3 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 1 garlic clove, minced
 - 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
 - 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- Directions:**
1. In a small bowl, whisk dressing ingredients together.
 2. In a large bowl, place all salad ingredients.
 3. Pour dressing over salad and stir.
 4. You can place in fridge for at least 30 minutes before serving.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Elena Giacci training to be offered at So. Ute Multi-Purpose Facility

Staff report
SASO

SASO is very pleased to announce that we will be able to host Elena Giacci on October 11 & 12 from 8a.m. to 5p.m. at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility in Ignacio. We will have strict protocols in place for COVID. Plan for temperature and symptom checks at the door and please wear a mask. The total capacity for this event will be 175 people.

Please share this save the date with your colleagues and communities. A formal flyer and invite will come soon. This will be a two-day event and will be an in-person event only, no ZOOM option as we want to be certain that if you are triggered or need support, we are there for you during this event as you are not alone in your healing journey.

Elena Giacci (Diné) is a Diné woman and an Anti-Sexual and Domestic violence training specialist and

advocate for American Indian and Alaska Native people. Elena trains throughout North America on sexual and domestic violence issues and works extensively with many diverse communities.

She has over 30 years' experience in the Violence Against Women field and has a B.A. in Criminal Justice. Elena was Chair of the Albuquerque Mayors Anti Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force where she and members of the task force created the first Albuquerque Police Department National Model for Limited English Policies. This has been followed up with development of training for the Albuquerque Police Department Cadets on understanding cultural diversity and bias issues. Giacci was co-investigator with Dr. Elizabeth Miller in the research study by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: Partner Violence and Reproductive Coercion among Native Amer-

ican Women. She was the Faculty Leader on Native Project 2.0 in cooperation with a national organization.

Elena Giacci served as one of the Team Leaders for the National Indian Health Services Domestic Violence Clinic Demonstration Project, which worked with more than 100 Indian, Tribal and Urban health care facilities as well as domestic violence (DV) advocacy programs across the United States. Giacci has served as the Executive Director of the State Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women and chair of the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Women and Children. She has served as President of the Board of Directors for Rape Crisis Center of Central New Mexico. Elena educates nonprofits in working with media on domestic and sexual violence topics. She has produced and directed the "Stop the Violence" TV show in Albuquerque, N.M. from 1999-2018.

BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH

BEE Heard: September is Suicide Prevention Month

Find power in your purpose

By Precious Collins
SOUTHERN UTE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

This month's theme: Find Power in Your Purpose! There are no mistakes in creation, everything has a purpose and a journey, including us as human beings. And throughout our journey here on Mother Earth our purpose might change from time to time depending on many factors such as our age, relationships, family, friends, community, environment, and many other things. That's the beauty of this gift the Creator blessed us with, the ability to adapt, re-evaluate, change, and overcome.

Respecting each person's journey and purpose is key to reducing harm to ourselves and others. We are all not the same, we are as different as our fingerprints, and our experiences are unique to ourselves. These experiences effect each of us differently and respecting one another and giving each other the opportunity to experience, grow, learn, and change is important for not only our own mental well-being but for others as well.

How experiences shape our purpose. Our experiences, our families' experiences, and even our ancestors' experiences shape our lives and purpose. This might shock you but our ancestor's experiences, whether good or not so good, has impacted our lives whether we know it or not. And just like them, our experiences are also being recorded and may affect our grandchildren's grandchildren down the line. Wow, isn't that food for thought?

If we follow this line of thinking, how we live our lives right now, what purpose we chose for ourselves could affect our future generations. So, finding things that make you happy, doing things that make you feel whole, or maybe doing things that make others happy – which makes you feel accomplished could be a great start in finding your purpose. The direction we choose in life is ours and ours alone and we have the power to make changes as we see fit. If you find yourself down a path that's not making you happy or is causing harm to yourself or others, it might be time to re-evaluate and make changes you see fit.

It's important to give yourself space, time, and credit. We are not perfect, no one is. At some point in

all our lives we might experience pain, hurt, heartache and we also might experience joy, love, and happiness. Sometimes there might be periods of long happiness or even sadness. Know that even though our experiences and journeys might be our own, we don't have to go through them alone. Just like we reach out to share our joys in life, we can do the same if we aren't feeling so happy. It's important that we don't shy away or secretly suffer alone. Especially if you feel like harming yourself or if you feel like dying. Sometimes we may lose sight of our purpose in life but there is help here and people who can help you explore and reconnect to what brings joy back into your life.

If you need to talk to someone, please reach out. It's okay not to feel okay. If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections Program at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.

Local Resources

- **Southern Ute Health Center – 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 or dss@southernute-nsn.gov for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **Southern Ute Police Dept.:** 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 (currently located inside ELHI) 970-759-3633
- **Second Wind Fund of the Four Corners:** Believes that every child and youth at risk of suicide should have access to the mental health treatment they need. We match children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities, 720-962-0706.
- **Women's Resource Center:** Creates personal, social, and professional growth opportunities for all women in La Plata County, 970-247-1242.

24/7 State or National Resources

- **24/7 Axis Crisis Line:** SW 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.
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Has both an online chat and a 24/7 phone line at 1-800-273-8255 if you are thinking of suicide or need help for a loved one.
- **The Trevor Project:** Which seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.



New Pool Hours!!!



Beginning on Saturday, Sept. 11, the weekend pool hours will be 10am-4:30pm.

Come have a splash!!!

If you have any questions, please contact
Aquatics Manager-Roman Vasquez @ (970) 563 2654



Southern Ute
Health Center

COVID-19 Vaccines Available

Vaccine is open to the entire community ages 18 years and older (12 years and older for Pfizer) please call the Southern Ute Health Center at (970) 563-4581 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to schedule an appointment to receive a vaccine. Vaccine clinic appointments will be scheduled Monday through Friday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Enrolled Southern Ute tribal members, IHS-Beneficiaries, and tribal staff have vaccine priority.



Awareness for milk medicine



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness’s Registered Dietician and Nutritionist, Lisa Smith leads the annual Breastfeeding Awareness Walk on Thursday, August 26. This year’s walk featured meetings with a lactation counselor and a catered lunch.

Southern Ute Councilwoman, Linda Baker walks alongside her daughter Sage Rohde in the annual Breastfeeding Awareness Walk on Thursday, August 26. The walk helps the community understand the importance of a baby’s first food – milk medicine.



FENTANYL IS DEADLY • FROM PAGE 1

in public spaces like touching door handles, slot machines, accidentally brushing someone, or shaking hands?

“Even if it just touches your skin, you can easily overdose on it, touching it or being around it is very lethal,” explained Herrera. “This stuff drops you fast.”

Even though accidental overdose isn’t a very common occurrence for a non-user, the potential risks we take as community members stepping out into our own communities or attending our cultural celebrations is getting higher as the drug continues to penetrate our reservation boundaries and infect our community.

“As of yet I haven’t seen or heard of anybody, a citizen, who is not a drug user overdose on fentanyl,” Beech said.

At the high rate of opioid usage in our community, our health and professionals have taken a step in a positive direction by getting trained in how to use Narcan, also known as Naloxone. Narcan is a nasal spray that you can use if there is suspected opioid overdose, now needle free Narcan can be sprayed up one’s nose and may counteract the life threatening effects of an opioid overdose.

“Awareness about the opioids and access to Narcan is key to saving the life of a loved one, friend or community member,” said Precious Collins, The Native Connections Program Coordinator with the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division. “We will be hosting trainings for community members hopefully this month.”



courtesy SUPD

The amount of white substance shown next to a penny is a lethal dose of fentanyl, according to federal agents at the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

The notion of drugs on the reservation is nothing new. Drugs have always made their way in and out of our reservation, what’s new is that there are community champions heading the charge of a new “drug free” reservation, such as Peer Recovery Coach, Marvinina Olguin. Olguin who was an avid drug user and drug dealer, has now turned a new page and begun to make positive changes in our community.

As a peer recovery coach, Olguin offers emotional support, encouragement, and motivation. A Peer Recovery Coach can help you learn new ways to manage your emotions in a healthy way, as an addict or someone in recovery, learning how to identify your emotions, and work through them can be challenging since you are not familiar with this new way of thinking.

“In the early stages of recovery, it is very important to have all the support you can. It is easier for someone who is in early recovery to connect and relate to some-

one who has lived experience with addiction and has worked through the stages of recovery to become a better person,” said Olguin. “If not now, when? It is never too late to begin to change.”

Olguin finds that a good peer recovery coach is a good role model and can help you find your internal motivation while providing understanding, acceptance, and empathy. Peer Recovery Coaches also have access to many resources and programs that can help keep those in recovery on the right track. As well as what other groups are available for additional support such as NA/AA, Recovery Talking Circles, etc.

If you are someone you know needs help with substance abuse, feel free to reach out to Southern Ute Behavioral Health at 970-563-5700 or Peer Recovery Coach Marvinina Olguin at 970-563-2359 or marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov.

Opioid and Naloxone training will be Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m. and October 1 at 1 p.m., location to be determined.

THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE'S SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CAMPAIGN 2021

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VETERAN'S CRISIS LINE
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NAGWAZHIE, COLORADO

Walking strong in life means asking those who love you to help keep you walking another day. Walking strong in life means reaching out for help when you stumble!
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"Talking about suicide is taboo but talking about connection, support, and wellness isn't!"
-Precious Collins, Native Connections Coordinator

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"LET THAT STUFF GO"

RELEASING THE PAST AND START THE HEALING EVENT

This activity is about healing so that we may live with good minds, intentions, hope, forgiveness, perseverance, spiritual awareness, and much more!

All community members welcome.

Please bring your own chairs.

Limited picnic tables will be available for our elders.

Tuesday, September 28th 2021
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Ute Park

Brought to you by the Southern Ute Tribal Court.
For more information please contact Eugene Bereza at ebereza@southernute-nsn.gov or 970.563.2875

SEAL OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
NAGWAZHIE, COLORADO

SUICIDE PREVENTION EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2021

ALL MONTH LONG:

- Southern Ute Behavioral Health and Native Connections offering: FREE 7 hour Suicide Prevention Training- QPR (Question, Persuade, Respond) Training- Register with Native Connections, pcollins@southernute-nsn.gov.
- FREE Equine Therapy Workshops with Horse Empower for Native American youth and their families on or near the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Register with Native Connections, pcollins@southernute-nsn.gov.

September

14 9 AM - 4 PM Day 1 Native Connections Program (NCP) Virtual Self Care Strategies for Work and Home Training Register w/Native Connections	14 12 - 1 PM Native Connections Program (NCP) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Support Circle Zoom ID: 820 3206 5745
15 9 AM - 4 PM Day 2 Native Connections Program (NCP) Virtual Self Care Strategies for Work and Home Training Register w/Native Connections	15 12 - 1 PM Public Relations & Native Connections Program (NCP) Music in the Park! Come enjoy your lunch outside and Jam with us! Free lunch to the first 20 who register! Contact Trennie Collins tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov
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24 12 - 4 PM 6 - 8 PM Day 2 Native Connections Program (NCP) Virtual- Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) Zoom ID: 820 3206 5745	24 4 - 7 PM Public Relations, DSS, SunUte & Native Connections Program (NCP) Skate Park Jam! Come hang out with us at the skate park! Dinner will be provided! Piñi Nüuchi Skate Park
28 8:30 AM - 4 PM Native Connections Program (NCP) Youth Mental Health First Aid Training- In Person Limited to 10 people! Register w/Native Connections	28 6 - 7 PM Family Court Support Office & Native Connections Program (NCP) Let that "STUFF" go! An exercise in healing In-Person at Ute Park

PARTY IN THE PARK- will be held at Ute Park. A boxed lunch will be provided to the first 20 people who sign up! To sign up email Trennie at tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov. Come hang out, relax, do yoga, listen to music, chat, all of it!!

LET THAT "STUFF" GO! Is there Peace with YOU? This activity is about starting to heal. So that we may live with a Good Mind - honesty, hope, faith, courage, integrity, willingness, humility, forgiveness, justice, perseverance, spiritual awareness, service...It's time to Let That Stuff Go! Will be held at the Ute Park, all are welcome to attend.

To register for any of the Native Connections Programming, contact Precious Collins at pcollins@southernute-nsn.gov.

BIG THANK YOU to all the Southern Ute Tribal departments and programs! Especially the Southern Ute Drum and Public Relations, Behavioral Health Division, Native Connections Program, SunUte Community Center, Tribal Court, Division of Social Services, Cultural Preservation Department, and Multi-Purpose Facility. These events are possible due to your efforts, support, and collaboration.



SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

A good start to a new school year

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI INDIAN ACADEMY

After 1 year, 5 months, and 12 days (530 days) the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy has students sitting in the classrooms! Meals are being served, schedules are being refined, the Flag Song is being played and laughter is heard all over our campus. It has been a good start to this new school year. With our mission of providing a strong educational foundation and preserving the Southern Ute Language in a Montessori environment, the teachers are getting refresher courses in the Montessori method by our Curriculum Coordinator, Carolyn Striker, and being supported in their language growth by the Ute Language Specialist, Daisy Bluestar. All staff have challenged themselves to learn more about our Montessori material and to greet everyone using the Ute language. We now have a new School Board – one sepa-



photos courtesy SUIMA

Harley Garcia (left), in Pawaa One, is working on her numbers; she is the daughter of Windy Rock. A young student, who is in Pawaa One, is working hard at window washing.

rate from Tribal Council. On August 24, 2021, Tribal Council selected the first members of the Board. Out of the many letters of intent that came in, there was much conversation around who could bring their gifts and talents to the school. The board members who were chosen are Southern Ute tribal members: Rhannon Velasquez, Daphnee Washington, Dominika Joy, and Nathan Strong Elk. Community member Joe

Poynter was also selected. With SUIMA being part of a STEM program, staff member Ceriss Blackwood was selected to get a grant with Running Strong. This grant helps strengthen Native American communities across the nation, with a focus on serving the youth as they tackle complex challenges that come from issues within their community. Ceriss’s vision is to bring more STEM projects to the school. Congratulations Cerris.

Our COVID-19 protocol of parents bringing students to the classrooms for temperature checks has been followed quite well – toghoyaqh pa’amanuni (thank you everyone). We have masks available at the gates and in the office for everyone’s convenience; they must be worn while on our campus. In the mornings, even though we have been having the gates unlocked from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m., that will change on Monday, Sept. 13. They will be locking at 8:10 a.m., which is when the Flag Song is played and the beginning of our academic day. Toghoyaqh to all of the parents who have chosen to keep their son or daughter home at any sign of illness. During this time, your support and diligence in helping us remain open is so very much appreciated.

YEP appreciation breakfast



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Youth Employment Program (YEP) workers, Marcus Archuleta, Krystyn Weaver and Dominique Rael sit together to celebrate the completion of the YEP program at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility on Friday, Aug. 27. Archuleta completed his youth employment with the Southern Ute Education Department, Weaver did her employment with Tribal Information Services and Rael conducted her employment at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum as well as Food Distribution.

Youth Employee, Autumn Sage smiles as she receives a gift from the YEP program for completing her work with the Tribal Planning Department.



Dancing Spirit To Offer After-School Arts Program

Dancing Spirit is excited to be offering our first ever Pre-K after-school arts program! Classes are based on the Ignacio School early release schedule and will be held each Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Visit online: dancingspiritgallery.org or call 970-563-4600. Registration packets are available at Dancing Spirit office and our webpage.

Nominations For Annual Elbert J. Floyd Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award.

Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are: A Tribal member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Deserving; A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program; Interested in continuing his or her education; Interested in serving the Tribe and the community; Approved by the Department of Education; An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and but be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may nominate and submit a letter of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. **Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. by **5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021 and shall state the basis for the nomination. Or email the letter to esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov for more information call 970-563-0235. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd’s children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute student.

SUIMA Culture and Language Presents *Fancy Friday*

SUIMA Ute Culture and Language Dept. Invites you to join us in Fancy Friday's!

Wear regalia / cultural items every Friday!

Special Invitation to You: grandparents, parents, relatives, employees, and community, In joining together to wear traditional regalia, for the strength and support of our children.

PIOMICHI - NÓUPÍSCIU - NÓUCHIU
Túsaghwapúuchipaawamamchi
Tavamawisi'uwatikyety

Native Connections Program presents...

ONLINE SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

The Native Connections Program has purchased 200 online licenses. Get trained in how to recognize when someone is in a crisis and how to get them help and resources. Training will be offered through the QPR Institute online platform.

Free training for employees and tribal members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Self-paced training:

- ✓ How to Question, Persuade and Refer someone who may be suicidal
- ✓ How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide
- ✓ The common causes of suicidal behavior
- ✓ The warning signs of suicide
- ✓ How to get help for someone in crisis

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT **PRECIOUS COLLINS**
prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov or call the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970.563.5700

CREATE YOUR FUTURE

Become a CNA

PCC Southwest in Bayfield offers a **Certified Nurse Aide** certificate program.

Program begins **October 18**
Classes held **Monday through Fridays** from **4:00-8:30 pm** at the **Bayfield site, 110 E. South St.**

For more info or to apply, call:
Bethany Powell at 970.385.2098

Pueblo Southwest Community College

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. To make a request, please notify the PCC Disability Resources Center at (719) 549-3446 or Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu at least five (5) working days before the event.



Ignacio schools gear up for fall semester



Jada and Somer Cloud share a smile while they make their way through the Ignacio Elementary School hallways during the “Back 2 School and Meet-Your-Teacher Party.”

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum



C.J. Maez, writes down what he wishes to be when he grows up on a post it note while visiting his new classroom and teacher.



Charles Alston , slides down the bouncy house with a big smile as he reaches the bottom of the slide.

The Ignacio School District celebrated the beginning of a new school year, Wednesday, Aug. 25 – Thursday, Aug. 26. The Ignacio Elementary and Middle Schools hosted a “Back 2 School and Meet-Your-Teacher Party” that featured music, a bounce house, food trucks, a snow cone station and more. The party also featured multiple information booths for families to check out. After the last year of online and distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students and teachers were eager to meet face to face and prepare for the 2021-2022 school year.

SUIMA opens doors once again



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Infant Guide, Jared Ruybal meets with parents and lets new students explore his classroom during the academy's open house event.

Clementine Carrillo hangs from the jungle gym equipment after she visited her new classroom and met her new guide during SUIMA's open house.



Teachers share breakfast



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Councilwoman Ramona Eagle and Ignacio School District Superintendent Chris deKay catch up and wait together for the Southern Ute Education's annual Teacher Breakfast to begin.

Youth explore Mile High City



photos courtesy SunUte

SunUte Community Center hosted a trip to Denver on Friday, Aug. 20 – 22. Those students who attended were Christin Whiteskunk-Heart, Krysten Weaver, Dominique Rael, Jaela Velasco, Damian Aguilar, Tavian Box, Victoria Morgan and Kylan Velasco. Trip participants line up to take a photo during a trip to Denver Zoo on Friday, Aug. 20. The trip was hosted by SunUte Community Center and chaperoned by Recreation Manager Virgil Morgan and Recreation Coordinator, Daphnee Washington.



Christin Whiteskunk-Heart and Tavian Box step up to the platform and test their golfing skills on Saturday, Aug. 21, during a visit to Centennial Colorado's Top Golf facility.

Kylan Velasco gets his ticket scanned by an employee of Coors Field on Saturday, Aug. 21. Students finished off their trip by watching a professional baseball game featuring the Colorado Rockies and Arizona Diamondbacks.

Hunter Education Course

One Day INTERNET-BASED



Date: Saturday September 25, 2021

Time: 8am-3pm

Location: Ignacio, Colorado (Sky Ute Casino Resort)

This One Day INTERNET-BASED Hunter Education Course, needed to qualify for a Colorado Hunter Education Certificate, will be offered September 25th, 2021. Class time on Saturday is from 8am-3pm, with a one (1) hour lunch break.

Please call: (970) 563-0130 if you have any questions.

Course fee: \$10 (payable to the instructor on the first day of class)

Class size is limited to 20 students.

Minimum age requirement is 12 or older. Parents of younger students are encouraged to attend with their child.

Pre-Register online at <https://register-ed.com/events/view/156445>

Hunter education cards will be awarded to students upon successful completion of the course, which includes completing the approved online study program, attending the class session and passing a written test and live fire. Rifles and ammunition for the live fire will be provided. No personal firearms are allowed.

The major portion of this course uses the Internet to complete the mandatory homework. The online portion of this course is \$24.50 and is available at <https://www.hunter-ed.com/colorado/> Students must show the certificate of completion for the online course to attend the classroom session.



COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

New schedule set for overnight closures on US 160 east of CO 151 intersection

Nighttime work postponed to Sept. 20-24

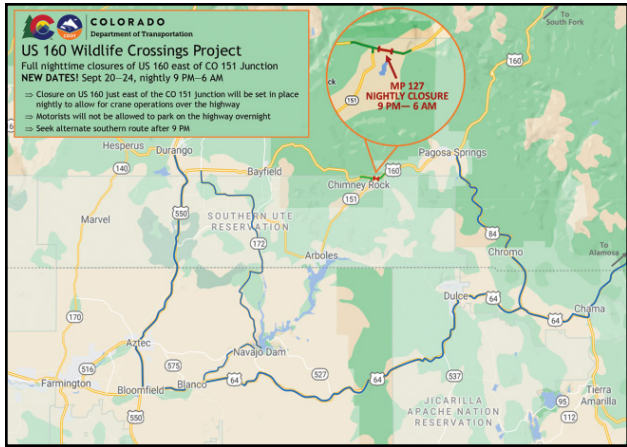
Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

There has been a schedule change for full night time closures of US Highway 160 at the wildlife crossings project site. The five nights of closures will now begin on Mon., Sept. 20 and continue through Fri., Sept. 24, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. The section of U.S. 160 to be closed is located just east of the CO Highway 151 junction, near Chimney Rock National Monument and Lake Capote (near mile point 127). The safety closure of U.S. 160 is necessary to set the large precast concrete arches over the roadway.

The intersection of U.S. 160 and CO 151 will remain open; however, motorists will only be able to travel westbound (toward Bayfield and Durango) during nighttime closure times. Eastbound travel (toward Pagosa Springs) will not be allowed, as the closure area is just east of the intersection.

During the nighttime closures, motorists seeking eastbound/westbound access on U.S. 160 are advised to arrive at the closure point before 9 p.m. Otherwise, travelers may consider an alternate southern route via U.S. Highways 84, 64 and 550, through NM. A detour at the work zone is not available. Additionally, vehicles are



not permitted to stop or wait overnight on U.S. 160 while the highway is closed.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Nighttime work: From 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday through Friday, Sept. 20-24 (for five nights) motorists can expect a full shutdown of U.S. 160. Alternate routes via southern NM highways are advised during this timeframe. No detour for passenger or commercial traffic is available. Motorists are not allowed to park and wait along the highway overnight. (The project team has coordinated with area agencies to ensure law enforcement and medical vehicles have emergency access if needed.)

Daytime work: Daytime work will not take place during the closure. Daytime construction activity will resume on Mon.,

Sept. 27, weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. A temporary signal will be in place 24/7, reducing vehicles to a single-lane and alternating traffic intermittently in either direction. Motorists can expect short delays. Speeds are reduced to 30 mph in the work zone.

STAY INFORMED

US 160 Wildlife Crossings
The public is encouraged to sign-up for email updates or access information through the following resources:
• Project Hotline: 970-903-4004
• Project Email: PublicInfoCO@gmail.com
• Website: www.codot.gov/projects/us160-wildlife-crossing
• Subscribe to project news: subscription.cotrip.org/ (click on “Subscribe to Topics”)

SKATE PARK JAM

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 •
4-7 PM •
PÍINU NÚUCHI SKATE PARK •

- All elders who attend will be entered into a raffle!
- First 20 elders get a \$10 gift card
- Bring your bikes, scooters and skateboards!

CORNHOLE • VOLLEYBALL • BASKETBALL
SCOOTERS • POPCORN • SNOWCONES

WE WILL PROVIDE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS TO BORROW.

DINNER PROVIDED



Brought to you by: SunUte Community Center, Native Connections Program, Public Relations, Cultural Preservation Department
Division of Social Services and Southern Ute Behavioral Health
For questions contact Public Relations Coordinator, Trennie Collins at 970-563-0118 or tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov
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Computer Lab Now Open!

The Southern Ute Education's Computer Lab is now open. Please contact Heather White Thunder to schedule use at 970-563-2780 or 970-563-0237.



Life changing event?



Affordable healthcare options are available.

SAN JUAN BASIN public health 970.335.2028

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM



JOIN US!

INTERESTED IN THE MUSEUM?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- Docents
- Program Volunteers
- Library Assistants
- Story Readers
- TEAM/TERO Workers

Give us a call to talk about opportunities that fit your interests

970.563.2973

southernutemuseum.org

Dancing Spirit is excited to host Psychic Medium

Trisha Dolan in Ignacio CO on Sept. 14 and 15. She will be offering private readings from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and will be hosting “Hello Again from the Other Side” on Wednesday evening from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

To sign up contact Trisha at 619-400-7020
Trisha@AskTrishaDolan.com or AskTrishaDolan.com



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COMMUNICATIONS

LPEA board commits to enable broadband access to local communities

Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

The La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors passed a resolution at its meeting yesterday clarifying the role of the co-operative in bringing broadband services to local communities. The resolution, which passed 11 to 1, outlines the following LPEA strategic goal for broadband communications: LPEA will pursue a funding and partnership strategy that will enable broadband connections to its membership by 2030 without increasing electric rates to do so. On August 19, 2020, the LPEA Board of Directors voted to re-establish the Broadband Committee, which was initially estab-

lished in August 2019. The committee was responsible for drafting an overall broadband strategy recommendation, with the help of external consultant Magellan Advisors, for consideration by the LPEA board. Now that this has been completed, the committee will be discontinued and LPEA will move ahead on next steps. "After a thorough process of examining our options and the impacts of these options, the LPEA board is excited to have a clear path forward on broadband," said LPEA Board President John Witchel. "I want to thank our members for their active and enthusiastic participation in this process to date. This will provide a boon to our community as a solid broadband network is

a strong economic driver." "With this goal, LPEA is not investing any funds beyond those already approved for the operation of our electric grid," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "LPEA was already planning to install 250 miles of fiber for reliability and safety reasons over the next five years, and that can now also act as the interstate for local broadband traffic. With this clear direction from the board, and through a combination of partnerships that capitalize on state and federal grant dollars, LPEA's investment can now be multiplied several times over to benefit our communities." More details on this process can be found at lpea.coop/broadband-committee.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER
AG DIVISION FALL PRODUCE
OCTOBER 2021

FINAL ORDER Date 09/27/21

970-563-0220

Pick Up Date 10/14/21
Final Pick Up Date 10/15/21

PAY IN ADVANCE -- Cash or Personal Check ONLY---Sorry NO Credit Cards

Beans: Adobe Milling in Dove Creek

<u>Pinto</u>
2# --- \$1.90
4# --- \$3.75
10# --- \$8.50
20# --- \$16.50
50# --- \$40.00

<u>Anasazi</u>
1# --- \$1.60
4# --- \$5.60
10# --- \$12.50
20# --- \$24.00

Potatoes: Farm Fresh in Monte Vista

<u>Red Potatoes</u>
5# --- \$2.00
10# -- \$2.50
50# -- \$18.00

<u>Yellow Potatoes</u>
5# --- \$3.00
50# --- \$18.00

<u>Russet Potatoes</u>
5# --- \$1.00
10# --- \$1.70
50# --- \$9.00

Bakers 50# Box --- \$17.00

Flour: Cortez Milling

<u>Red Rose (Unbleached)</u>
5# --- \$2.75
10# -- \$5.00
50# -- \$18.00

<u>White Rose</u>
5# --- \$3.00
10# -- \$5.00
25# -- \$10.00
50# -- \$18.00

<u>Blue Bird</u>
5# --- \$3.00
10# -- \$4.50
20# -- \$7.25
50# -- \$18.00

Blue Corn Meal – Unroasted

25# --- \$20.00

Southern Ute Food Distribution

USDA

First Come, First Serve

Presents

CARES Act Food Package Distribution

September 8, 2021
September 21, 2021

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

740 Goddard Avenue
Ignacio, CO

50 food boxes prepared for each pick-up

*boxes given do not affect participant's monthly food distribution and you do not have to be an enrolled participant at the Food Distribution.

For More Information Contact: Kela Hernandez 970.563.2530

Open to the Public

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SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL NATION
IGNACIO, COLORADO

The approval of distribution of the CARES Act Food Package is authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. (P.L. 116-136, CARES Act). Food funds provided under the CARES Act shall be used for costs relating to additional food purchases for FDIPIR, as authorized by Section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013) AND Section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 1431), to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBER HUNTERS

Laguna Pueblo Hunt Opportunities Available

Please contact the Wildlife Division for more information

(970) 563-0130

Barbary Sheep




Pronghorn



Tahr



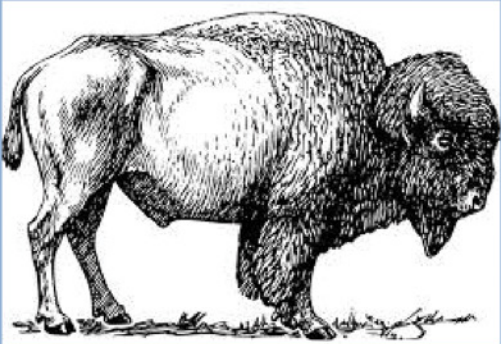




Bison Meat is Available

Locally grown, grass-fed & USDA processed

Now available at the Wildlife office



Five pounds of bison meat per tribal member household, per month.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Wildlife office at 563-0130

Attention: Indian Land Owners

You are Invited:

U.S. Department of the Interior

Telephone Question and Answer Session

Topics: Land – Minerals - Royalties

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

10:00am – 11:00am MST

Call-In Meeting

PHONE NUMBER: 1-888-949-2791

PASSCODE: 5079618

You are invited to join us by phone from the safety and comfort of your home! Just call the number listed above and follow the prompts. We will be available to answer mineral ownership or royalty questions regardless of where your allotment is located. For more information, contact the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.

COUNTING SHEEP SINCE 2000

Bayfield Heritage Days and SHEEP TRAILING

SEPTEMBER 24 - 25, 2021

FRIDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF EVENT

The Heritage Days kick-off event will be held at the South Street Gym in Bayfield. Dinner will be catered by CJ's Diner and will include musical entertainment. Tickets are \$20 and available at the Pine River Valley Heritage Society Museum, TBK Bank in Bayfield, Bayfield Pharmacy and SWAG. Please visit the Pine River Valley Heritage Society's website for more details at pineriverheritage.org or call 884-7636.

SATURDAY RUNNING OF THE SHEEP, 5K, PARADE & PARK ACTIVITIES

The fun starts with the sheep! The sheep will come down the Buck Highway around 9 a.m. The people parade will take place immediately after on Mill Street. Vendors and other park activities will take place at Joe Stephenson Park following the parade. This year's 5k is sponsored by Hope Community Christian Academy. Visit our website for 5k information and to register.

Join us for the Ol' Timers Picnic at Eagle Park from 1 to 3 p.m. Come enjoy music by Wild Country, and old-fashioned games, free hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and dessert.

SATURDAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Fireworks display will take place at dusk, south of Joe Stephenson Park near the rodeo arena.

Visit www.bayfieldcoheritagedays.org for more information!

*Events subject to San Juan Basin Health Covid related mandates.



Leadership convenes for retreat



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Growth Fund Executive Director Shane Seibel, welcomes leadership and tribal staff to the SUGF Retreat which is held every three to five years to go over SUGF business performance and discuss and approve financial plans for the coming years.

Tribal staff prepare for a full afternoon of Southern Ute Growth Fund (SUGF) Businesses Review and Planning during the SUGF Retreat, beginning with Department of Energy Director Mike Matheson.



Council Member Linda K. Baker and Vice Chairman Bruce Valdez discuss the timely share of SUGF Private Equity performance and reports so Tribal Council can stay informed on the Tribe's financial position when making decisions.

Toolkit to promote COVID-19 vaccination among Native youth

The National Congress of American Indians have released a new toolkit to promote COVID-19 vaccination among Native youth. The toolkit uses information from IHS and CDC to provide American Indian and Alaska Natives access to facts about COVID-19 vaccines and to provide additional resources. The toolkit includes social media graphics and sample posts that may be shared with families, friends, schools, communities, organizations, tribal nations, and other networks. Link is: www.ncai.org/vaccination.pdf



Tribal Member General Meeting

Friday, September 17, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Resort, Event Center

Agenda

8:30 a.m. Flag & Victory Songs
8:45 a.m. Call to Order & Invocation
9:00 a.m. State of the Tribe
9:15 a.m. Treasurer's Report
9:30 a.m. Tribal Broadband Modernization Project
10:30 a.m. Tribal Member Portal Upgrade
11:00 a.m. IMT / COVID-19 Update
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. SUGF Update
Dividend / Elder's CPI
Red Willow / Red Cedar
Real Estate
Private Equity
3:00 p.m. Question & Answer
5:00 p.m. Closing Prayer

COVID Safety Guidelines

- DO NOT attend if you are feeling unwell or if you are experiencing COVID-related symptoms
- In-person participation will be limited to **126 persons**
- All individuals must complete the COVID screening process prior to entering
- All individuals will be required to wear a face covering while in attendance.
- Due to COVID, all questions must be written, there will be no microphones available to ask verbal questions. Submit your question now via email to the following email address: GenMtgQA@southernute-nsn.gov
- Department / Division / Entity booths will be limited to 12.

Web-Ex Event Registration
<https://bit.ly/SuitGm21>
Password: sutm

General Meeting Vaccination Event

(10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in John S. Williams/Vida B. Peabody Meeting Room)
Single-dose Janssen vaccine available to individuals 18 years and older are eligible for the vaccine.

This is a closed informational meeting for membership ONLY, all visitors will be asked to leave immediately.

P.O. Box 737

Ignacio, Colo. 81137

970.563.0100

www.southernute-nsn.gov

Innovators & Entrepreneurs Conference

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Leeds School of Business at CU Boulder present the Innovators & Entrepreneurs Conference - Demystifying Entrepreneurship on September 24-25, 2021 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort!

Register today to secure your spot at the event. Mobile users can scan the QR code to register. Scholarships are available for Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribal members by going to <https://bit.ly/3yfqUT0> The link ends with a "0" (zero) rather than a lowercase "o". For questions or for more information, please contact Lindsay Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist at 970-563-2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov



Tribal Member General Meeting

Friday, September 17, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

MEETING QUICK FACTS

Questions & Answers

@ 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Will there be an open-mic?

Due to COVID, all questions must be written. There will be no microphones available.

Can I ask my question after the presentation?

All questions will be saved for the Question & Answer portion of the meeting from 3 to 5 p.m.

Can I submit my question now?

Yes! You can submit your questions prior to the meeting by emailing them to: GenMtgQA@southernute-nsn.gov

MEETING QUICK FACTS

COVID Safety Guidelines

Is it safe to attend the meeting?

Yes! We have guidelines in place to help keep all those in attendance safe! Everyone must:

- Wear a face covering at all times
- Complete temperature screening upon entry
- Practice social distancing. Tables will be arranged classroom style to maximize space

What if I am not feeling well?

If you are not feeling good and/or if you have a temperature greater than 100.4°, you will be required to leave, but can participate virtually via the Web-Ex Event.

MEETING QUICK FACTS

Arriving to the Meeting

Can I enter through the Casino Event Center doors?

Yes! Only the south-facing Event Center doors will be unlocked for entry. There will be one point of entry and exit. The COVID screening station will be set-up at the entrance.

Do I have to park by the hotel?

No. The parking lot closest to the Event Center will be temporarily opened to tribal members attending the General Meeting. Please see the map on the next photo

MEETING QUICK FACTS

Traffic Plan & Temp Parking



MEETING QUICK FACTS

WebEx Event Access

Will there be a virtual option to attend the meeting?

Yes! Tribal Members can attend the meeting via the Web-Ex Event. To register go to: <https://bit.ly/SuitGm21>

Is this meeting protected?

Yes! All requests go through a verification of tribal enrollment to protect confidential tribal information meant only for the membership.

Will the meeting be recorded?

Yes, recording will be available on the Tribal Member Portal the following week.

Will I be able to get my COVID Vaccine while at the meeting?

Yes! The Southern Ute Health Center will host a one-dose Janssen (J&J) Vaccine Event from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. in the John S. Williams and Vida B. Peabody Meeting Rooms.

Will I be able to return to the meeting?

Yes! After you 15-minute observation period you may return to the meeting

Can my child get the vaccine at this vaccine clinic?

No, you must be 18 years and older. You can call the SUHC at 970.563.4581 to schedule a vaccine appointment

MEETING QUICK FACTS

COVID Vaccine Clinic

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Ms. Lindsay J. Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist at 970.563.2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov

P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo. 81137

970.563.0100

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STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT REMAINS POSTPONED WHILE IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME" LEVEL 1.

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

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Tribal Council Updates will be posted to social media platforms.

FRIDAY MORNING

Chairman 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





Veterans honor post 4031



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Veterans Association presented a plaque to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4031 in appreciation of their years of assistance and support of the association on Saturday, Sept. 4 in Durango, Colo.



Southern Ute Veterans Association Member Gordon Hammond and Tribal Council Vice Chairman Bruce Valdez listen as Vietnam Army Veteran Rod Grove shares his gratitude to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4031.

Southern Ute Veterans Association Treasurer, Bruce LeClaire was honored by the association and was given a custom drawing by artist Norman Lansing. LeClaire and his wife, Mary stand together after receiving the gift.

SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS

Association convenes in Santa Fe for annual retreat

By Bruce LeClaire
SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS
ASSOCIATION

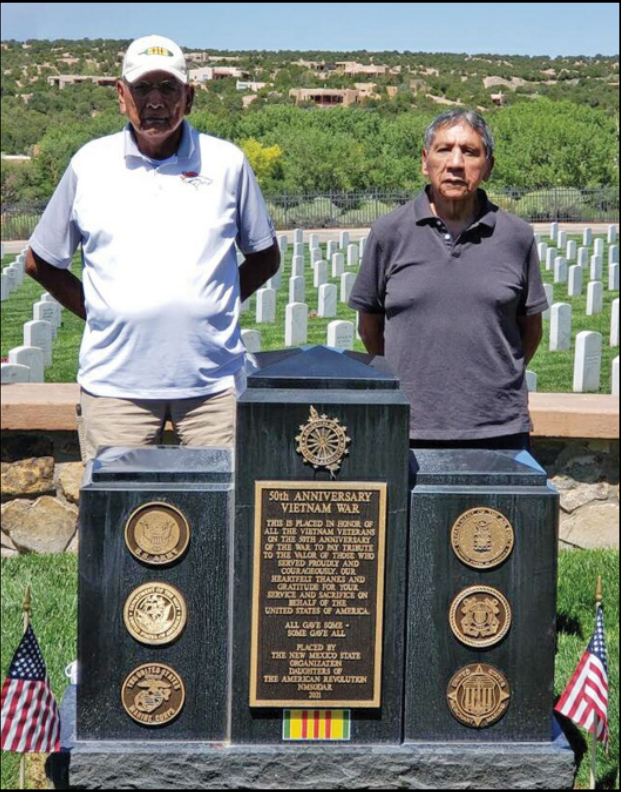
The Southern Ute Veterans Association hosted their annual retreat in Santa Fe, N.M. this year. Association members visited the Santa Fe National Cemetery on Friday, Aug. 27.

Cemetery Director Victor Vasquez welcomed the Veterans Association and provided them with a tour of the cemetery grounds. Vasquez transported the Southern Ute Veterans Association members to view two known graves of Ute tribal member veterans: Albert Box and Morgan C. Thompson.

While walking to the graves, the visiting veterans found three other tribal members resting places; those of Rhoads Box, Wilbur K. Washington, and McKean D. Taylor.

The tour continued onto the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War and Navajo Code Talker monuments.

Vasquez provided exten-



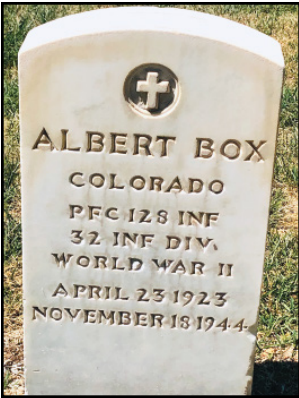
Bruce LeClaire/SU Veterans Association

Southern Ute Veterans Association members, Howard Richards Sr. and Rod Grove stand together by the Vietnam War Veterans memorial that was part of their tour of the Santa Fe National Cemetery on Friday, August 27.

sive information about eligibility, available services and offered his assistance

locating other members of Ute tribes. The Association submitted a request for a list of all Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Indian Tribe and the Ute Indian Tribe members buried at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. This list will be shared with all Ute Tribes.

The Veterans Association concluded the retreat by reviewing 2020-2021 activities and planned for activities for 2021-2022.



Veterans Motorcycle Run comes to Ignacio



Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy guides and students stand together with members of Tribal Council and the Veterans Association for a photo in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park, Friday, Sept. 3.



Pedro and Rose Vigil ride out in style following the 9th Annual VFW Veterans Memorial Run which graced the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park in Ignacio on Friday Sept. 3.



Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran Rod Grove and Southern Ute Council Member Ramona Eagle take a moment to reminisce, while admiring the new etchings carved into the black marble on the reverse side of Veteran's Memorial – a centerpiece of the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

The Southern Ute Veterans Association Color Guard, Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Singers had the honor of welcoming the 9th Annual Veterans Memorial Run to Ignacio on Friday, Sept. 3. Each year the Durango Veterans Run Committee coordinates a motorcycle ride that honors veterans, while also raising funds to assist veterans in the local area. The money raised is given to the Durango VFW Post, who works closely with the Durango VA Clinic to serve local veterans in need. This is a destination ride, meaning that riders travel to a place of significance to veterans in the local area – this year's ride convened at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park on Tribal Campus.



The Southern Ute Veterans Association Color Guard raise the flags in Veterans Memorial Park during the welcome address.

Colin Blackburn, SUPD Officer



Chris Narajo/SUPD

Hello,
I was born and raised in the local and surrounding communities. For most of my working career I was doing residential construction and working in the oil field. A few years ago, I decided to make a career change to law enforcement. I was fortunate to be hired by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a Detention Officer at the Southern Ute Detention Center. After spending some time there, I accepted a position for a Patrol Officer Trainee position at the Southern Ute Police Department. After months of being away at the academy, months of training, and the changes that have come with the COVID-19 pandemic, I am a proud Patrol Officer for the Southern Ute Police Department.
I would like to say thank you to the Southern Ute Tribe, J&R, BIA, and everyone who has helped me achieve this milestone in my career. I could not have done it without you.

Regards,
Colin Blackburn

CYBER SECURITY

Stay safe while working on mobile devices

Staff report
THE KNOWBE4 SECURITY TEAM

Cybercriminals know that mobile devices contain all sorts of information about you, and they will try to trick you to gain access to that information. That's why it's important to practice good security habits when using your personal and work mobile devices.

Follow the tips below to protect your mobile devices from the cybercriminals:

Protect sensitive information on your mobile device.

- Clean out your inbox. Delete text messages and emails that contain sensitive information. If cybercriminals steal your mobile device, they won't have access to this information.
- Don't use note-taking applications or photography applications to store sensitive information. If you need to take pictures of important documents such as your social security card, delete the image immediately after use.
- Set up passwords on your devices. If you have the option, you can



also use facial recognition or fingerprint recognition technology for an extra layer of security.

Make safe mobile payment transactions.

- If you use a mobile wallet application, be sure to set up a mobile device password and enable payment notifications. Passwords protect your mobile wallet if your device is stolen, and notifications alert you to any suspicious activity.
- Only use trusted mobile payment applications, such as Google Pay or Apple Pay. Beware of untrusted or fraudulent mobile payment applications. cybercriminals can use these apps to steal your payment information.
- Even when using a trusted mobile payment application, it's important to verify payment information before completing a transaction.

Ensure your applications are safe and up-to-date.

- Only use trusted applications. cybercriminals can use untrusted applications to upload malware onto your device. Only download applications from verified application stores such as the Apple App Store and beware of applications that require excessive permissions.
- Don't "jailbreak" your device or download software that changes the intended use of the device. This software can damage your device and prevents automatic updates.
- Keep your applications and operating system (OS) up-to-date. Updates fix bugs and other security issues, so it's important to install them when you're prompted.



The ideal police officer is physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually fit. They are critical thinkers able to dissect complex situations rapidly. They are deeply committed to serving their communities in the spirit of Guardianship.

If this speaks to you, join us.

Applications for the Law Enforcement Academy in Mancos are open until Friday, January 14, 2022

Our staff includes 30 instructors that are active police officers representing nine local agencies in southwest Colorado. Currently, instructors range in rank from street officers to chiefs of police. All lead skills instructors meet or exceed POST requirements for instruction in their skills area.

For more information, contact:

Doug Parker, Coordinator

33057 Highway 160, Mancos, CO 81328

(970) 564-6202 · Doug.Parker@pueblococ.edu



MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY Jerky & Drying Workshop

Beef & Elk Jerky - Fruits, and Vegetables

Wednesday September 15, 2021

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM



Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 limitations in effect
Masks are required while indoors (except while eating)
Please social distance

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
call for more information 970-563-2640

GUN SAFETY

REDUCING MEANS TO SUICIDE AND HARM.

PROJECT



COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE'S NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION, WILDLIFE DIVISION AND SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

FREE

PLEASE CALL ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP YOUR GUN LOCK.

SOUTHERN UTE WILDLIFE DIVISION 970-563-0130

SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPARTMENT 970-563-4401

SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER 970-563-4581

FOR ALL NATIVE AMERICANS LIVING ON THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN RESERVATION.

For more information, please contact the Southern Ute Native Connections Program at 970.563.5700

Multi-Purpose Facility September Sip, Chat & Chew Lunch

Friday September 17, 2021

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



The lunch is open to members of the 3 Ute Tribes and their families, all ages are welcome

MPF will provide food

Door Prize donations are welcome

Special Guests "Dream Warriors" Sponsored by KSHN Tribal Radio

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Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
call for more information 970-563-2640



REFLECTIONS FROM THE GARDEN • FROM PAGE 1

suspect that also helped with making my garden so productive, besides the drip line irrigation. I worked about a three-inch top layer of compost into my raised beds last fall and again in early spring. I also sprinkled some organic fertilizer and my worm compost into my container gardens to boost the nutrients in the soil. Before this year, I struggled with creating compost. I could never keep it moist. But, last year I saw this garbage bin idea I tried out that seemed to keep my compost moist and active. I layered my kitchen scraps (and my neighbor's scraps) and straw in a large garbage bin and turned it every 3-5 days. It took about six months before I had usable compost. Compost is a must have for any garden. It improves the soil and increases moisture retention, which is very important for our soil. Depending on where you live, our soil can lack nutrients and water-holding capacity. Compost keeps the soil nutritious and supports healthy plants.

So on to the things I can improve. This year has been insane with rain! I am accustomed to one or two rainstorms in my area, but I can't count how many storms we've had this year. I am so thankful for the rain, but with rain it brought weeds. I did a very poor job of keeping up with the weeds and now my garden needs a machete to get through some of the areas. Bindweed has taken hold and it choked out



Denee Bex/Special to the Drum

Cherry tomatoes ripen first and are usually sweeter than their larger counterparts. I picked these last week and eat them as snacks during the day.

some of our squash and watermelon plants. The weeds have also brought so much pollen as well and my allergies are not happy about that. In a few areas, it looks like we are cultivating weeds.

Finally, one thing I have been regretting is not having a thorough plan for what I am going to do with the harvest. I was not expecting such an explosion of vegetables, and with that brought some food waste. I picked squash and watched it mold over in my fridge. I picked lettuce and eventually had to offer it to my worms or compost pile because they became inedible. My only consolation is that I know that at least my veggies are going back to the earth and not the landfill. I gave lots of vegetables to friends and family as well. I tried preserving my harvest. I pickled green beans and froze herbs, but I couldn't keep up with the harvest. As I sit here and write, I have a huge bucketful of cucum-

bers and peppers that I need to put away.

If you grew a garden this year, now is the time to reflect on what went well for you. Perhaps, even take some pictures of your growing areas. Every garden is unique and brings us special joys and challenges. Embrace both and you become wiser. I often hear from new gardeners that their garden didn't do well or they thought their garden wasn't a success. But, if you celebrate the challenges as much as the joys, over time you become a gardening master. There is no such thing as a perfect garden. If you accept that early on in your gardening journey, the garden becomes a place of peace and joy.

Denee Bex is a Registered Dietitian and advocate for healthy traditional diets and home-grown foods within Native American communities. She can be reached at Denee.Bex@gmail.com.



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

WHY YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders in youth. This 6-hour training gives adults who work with youth the skills they need to reach out and provide initial support to children and adolescents (ages 6-18) who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care.

64.1% of youth with major depression do not receive any mental health treatment. — Mental Health America

5.13% of youth report having a substance use or alcohol problem. — Mental Health America

1 in 5 teens and young adults lives with a mental health condition. — National Alliance for Mental Illness

THREE LEARNING OPTIONS

- VIRTUAL.** First Aiders will complete a 2-hour, self-paced online course, and then participate in a 4.5 to 5.5-hour, instructor-led video conference.
- BLENDED LEARNING.** After completing a 2-hour, self-paced online course, First Aiders will participate in a 4.5-hour, in-person, instructor-led class.
- IN-PERSON.** First Aiders will receive their training as an 8-hour, instructor-led, in-person course.

WHO SHOULD TAKE IT

- TEACHERS
- SCHOOL STAFF
- COACHES
- CAMP COUNSELORS
- YOUTH GROUP LEADERS
- PARENTS
- PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH YOUTH

WHAT IT COVERS

- Common signs and symptoms of mental illness in this age group, including:
 - Anxiety
 - Depression
 - Eating disorders
 - Attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD)
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use
- How to interact with a child or adolescent in crisis
- How to connect the person with help
- New:** Expanded content on trauma, addiction and self-care and the impact of social media and bullying

The course will teach you how to apply the **ALGEE** action plan:

- Assess** for risk of suicide or harm.
- Listen** nonjudgmentally.
- Give** reassurance and information.
- Encourage** appropriate professional help.
- Encourage** self-help and other support strategies.

For more information, visit MentalHealthFirstAid.org or email Info@MentalHealthFirstAid.org.
Upcoming Local Training Information: (FREE In-Person) Southern Ute Community Training
Time: Tuesday, September 28th 2021 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Registration: proclins@southernute-nsn.gov or 970.563.5700
Location: Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building - 4101 CR 222 Durango, Co 81303 (old sand & gravel building)

100TH ANNUAL Southern Ute Tribal Fair

POSTPONED UNTIL 2022!

For more information, please contact the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department at 970.563.2983

Photo Credit: Lindsay J. Bex

2022 DATE: TO BE DETERMINED

@ Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Colorado

PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

+ EXHIBITS +

Agriculture
Arts & Crafts
Homemaking
Baking
Livestock

+ COMPETITION +

Kids Games
Chicken Pull
Tug-o-war
Duck Race
Grease Pole
Horseshoe

+ EVENTS +

Powwow
Royalty Crowning
Parade
Handgame
Concert
Fireworks



did you know?

The Tribe has developed draft water quality standards.

A 60 day public comment period for the draft standards is being held from August 23 to October 22, 2021. Information about the standards can be found on the Tribe's website at <https://southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/>.

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.

Multi-Purpose Facility September Indoor Yard Sale



Saturday September 11, 2021
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Hourly Door Prize Drawings

Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 limitations in effect
Masks are required while indoors. (except while eating)
Please social distance.

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

Call the MPF to reserve your table 563-2640 or e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY SEPTEMBER QUILT CLASS



SEPTEMBER 21 & 23, 2021
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

*This project requires some machine applique
Class is limited to 6 people
call to reserve your space & for the supply list*

**MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY
256 UTE ROAD, IGNACIO, CO**

970-563-2641, eredd@southernute-nsn.gov

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Upper Pine River Fire Protection District receives \$200,000 grant

Staff report
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet announced that Colorado will receive \$400,000 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to help strengthen emergency medical services (EMS) training in areas of rural Colorado.

“As communities in Colorado continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic, the addiction epidemic continues to devastate families,” said Bennet. “This grant will help emergency medical

services in rural areas of Colorado respond to crises in their communities. This critical funding comes at a time when addressing mental health and substance use disorders is more urgent than ever.”

Both the Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District in Woodland Park, Colorado and the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District in Bayfield, Colorado will receive a \$200,000 Rural EMS Training Grant to fund the recruitment and training of EMS personnel with a particular focus on addressing mental health and

substance use disorders in emergency settings.

In June, Bennet and U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine) introduced the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act to require prescribers of highly addictive medication, like opioids, to complete a substance use training to ensure they have foundational knowledge of addiction prevention, treatment, and medication management. A full list of recipients is available at <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2021/rural-ems-training>.

LPEA

La Plata Electric Association, Inc.

EVENTS

In Person MEMBER APPRECIATION LUNCHEES

Food! Live music! Door prizes – including an electric lawnmower!

Durango Office: Wednesday, September 22nd | 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Pagosa Office: Thursday, September 23rd | 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

More details: lpea.coop/2021-member-lunch

Virtual ANNUAL MEETING

Prizes! Live Q&A! Overview of 2020 accomplishments and finances.

Wednesday, October 6th | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Pre-registration required: lpea.coop/annual-meeting

www.lpea.coop | (970) 247-5786

Director of Regenerative Agriculture & Agroforestry

Application Due Date: 9/30/21 – Full Time, 8-Hour Shift (Pagosa Springs, CO). Estimated Salary: Based on knowledge and experience. Benefits: Health Insurance, Company Vehicle, Paid Time Off.

Qualifications: Regenerative Agriculture, Aquaculture, Agroforestry, Farming, Landscape Management & Design, Organizational Skills, Visionary Skills, Analysis Skills, Grant Writing, Bachelor's Degree. Description: At Jack R. Gamble Jr. LLC, our mission is to Enrich Our Community Through Mindful and Natural Horsemanship, Farming and Land Stewardship Practices. We are seeking an individual that shares these same core values and wants to make a positive impact on the environment and surrounding communities through regenerative farming, forestry, and land management practices. Director will be provided farm hands and work support crew to accomplish the above goals as needed. Communication skills and the ability to work as part of a farm team are requirements for this position.

Submit Applications with Resume: Shawn@jrgamblellc.com

SOUTHERN UTE

CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

HISTORY LIVE!

We are proud to be a member of the History Live! Coalition that promotes humanities programs in the Four Corners. Everyone is invited!

Introduction to the Powwow
Friday, September 17
10:00-10:45 and 4:00-4:45
Saturday, September 18
2:00-2:45

This program provides an introduction to the cultural, social, and historical aspects of powwow.

History of Native American Beading with Demonstrations

Friday, September 17
11:00 am-12:00 pm and 3:00-4:00 pm

Southern Ute beaders will provide demonstrations about different beading techniques and will have examples of their work on view. Free bead kits while supplies last.

HISTORY LIVE

DURANGO

503 Ouray Dr.
Ignacio CO
81137

(970) 563-9583

Online at southernutemuseum.org

Instagram @southernutemuseum_sum

Notice of Virtual Open House

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

2021 Tribal Long Range Transportation Plan

Virtual Open House Starting Sept., 2021

Virtual Open House Location:
<https://klj.mysocialpinpoint.com/2021-tribal-transportation-plan>

Tribal Planning will be hosting a virtual open house to inform tribal members and interested persons about the **2021 Tribal Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Tribal Transportation Safety Plan (TTSP)**. Participants will be encouraged to provide their feedback throughout the virtual event. The LRTP is a 20-year plan that addresses the full range of transportation issues and needs for all modes of travel within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

The purpose of the virtual open house is to educate residents on the planning process and gather comments on issues and needs that should be addressed by the plans. Participants will be able to **access a prerecorded presentation and project questionnaire**. Input from tribal members is important in developing a plan that reflects the Tribe's vision, values, and priorities.

All persons interested in participating in the virtual open house may access the prerecorded presentation and project questionnaire at <https://klj.mysocialpinpoint.com/2021-tribal-transportation-plan>. Written comments can also be sent to KLJ, Attn: SUIT LRTP, at the email address below, or mailed to 330 Knollwood Drive, Rapid City, SD, 57701. Written public comments will be accepted through Sept. 30, 2021.

For more information regarding the SUIT LRTP and TTSP contact KLJ Project Manager, Steve Grabill at 605-872-5021, email Steve.Grabill@kljeng.com.

TRIBAL

Broadband Modernization PLAN

Improving the accessibility and connectivity to the internet on the Reservation is a priority of Tribal Council. In collaboration with Southern Ute Shared Services and other tribal departments, we are one step closer to increasing internet speeds and connecting tribal homes for the first time. There are 3 phases of this large project.

PHASE I

- Deploy wireless options utilizing FCC 2.5Ghz license
- Construct 3 new towers and add 70 miles of fiber
- Provide 50/10 mbps

PHASE II

- Deploy fiber to align with potential funding
- Deliver fiber to more populated tribal areas
- Provide 100/100 mbps or higher up to Gig speed

PHASE III

- Extend fiber and/or wireless across the reservation
- Partner with cellular carriers to improve coverage

Save the Date

SEPT. 17
Tribal Member Broadband Modernization Meeting

CURRENT FUNDING SOURCES

\$2.8 M Tribal Capital Allocated for survey & engineering costs. Purchasing fiber and conduit for towers.	\$10 M State of Colorado Allocated for Phase I construction of towers and fiber line.	\$832 K BIA Funding Phase I planning and engineering costs.
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For more information, please contact Mr. Delbert Cuthair, SUSS Project Manager at 970.563.5627 or via email at dcuthair@southernute.com

SOUTHERN UTE

Digital Equity Project SURVEY

Developing and improving broadband connectivity to tribal homes is a priority of Tribal Council. The Southern Ute Digital Equity Project (SUDEP) is a new program which aims to train and support tribal members as broadband is deployed.

Deadline

OCTOBER 15

Staff will be available to collect responses & answer questions at the General Meeting on 9/17

Designed & Produced by Lindsay J. Box

HOW TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY

Tribal Members can complete the SUDEP Survey in the following ways:

- Survey Monkey**
Please type the following address into your web browser to complete the survey using your computer, smart phone, or tablet: <https://surveymonkey.com/r/ZT2RLZ3>
- Tribal Council Comment Line**
Please leave your comments via voicemail by dialing (970) 563.4705, ext. 7902
- Tribal Member Portal**
Please leave your comments on this post within the secured Tribal Member Portal.

Methods for the enclosed survey and envelope

- Drop Box**
Please place your enclosed envelope in the drop box located in front of the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.
- Postal Service**
Please mail to Tribal Council Affairs, PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137

For more information on the Tribe's Broadband Modernization Plan please contact Mr. Delbert Cuthair, SUSS Project Manager at 970.563.5627 or via email at dcuthair@southernute.com and for questions related to the survey, please contact Ms. Lindsay J. Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist at 970.563.2313 or lbox@southernute-nsn.gov.



Covid-19 Vaccine Clinics for September

The Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) has scheduled the following COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics for the month of September:

- 9/21 – Moderna – 4 spots available
- 9/29 – Pfizer – 12 spots available

Janssen doses available upon request by calling SUHC. Please call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581 to schedule an appointment.

EDUCATION

Vaccinations, more important than ever to support in-person learning

Staff Report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) joins public health agencies, health care providers, schools, parents, and partner organizations across the state to call on parents and guardians to keep vaccine-preventable diseases out of Colorado. In order to support in-person learning for students, SJBPH also encourages all who are eligible to receive the life-saving COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

“Staying up-to-date on existing vaccinations is critical during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Liane Jollon, SJBPH Executive Director.


“The last thing we want is another outbreak, especially when it’s easily preventable. Let’s keep our focus on slowing the spread of COVID-19 and ensuring the healthcare system isn’t bogged down treating preventable diseases.”

Data for the 2020-2021 school year show decreases in both school and childcare vaccination rates in children and teens during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Doctor’s offices have taken tremendous precautions to help keep patients safe during visits and it’s important to resume them, as it’s critical to keep children up to date on all recommended vaccinations,”

Jollon said. “Missing routine health check-ups may also put children at risk for health issues. Well visits are a chance to talk with your child’s provider about questions and concerns related to your child’s health.”

Vaccines are a safe and effective tool for preventing dangerous diseases. Worldwide, vaccines save 2.5 million children’s lives each year. Immunizations prevent unnecessary illness and hospitalization, especially for those most vulnerable such as young children with asthma, cancer or other high-risk health conditions. For information about the safety of vaccines see: www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/index.html.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

TRIBE RETURNS TO PHASE II “SAFER AT HOME”, LEVEL 1 CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS

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For more info and updates
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Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Facebook




Key Metrics & Restrictions for Phases of COVID-19 Pandemic

Metrics	PHASE I “STAY AT HOME” SEVERE RISK	PHASE II “SAFER AT HOME” LEVEL 3 HIGH RISK	LEVEL 2 CONCERN	LEVEL 1 CAUTIOUS	PHASE III “PROTECT OUR NEIGHBOR” CAREFUL
NEW CASES IN SW REGION (WEEKLY AVERAGE)	400+/100,000 One week incidence	301-400/100,000 One week incidence	201-300/100,000 One week incidence	101-200/100,000 One week incidence	0-100/100,000 One week incidence
% OF POSITIVITY	10% or Greater	> 5% and < 10%	> 5% and < 10%	> 5% and < 10%	No Greater than 5%
HOSPITALIZATIONS	Increasing and Capacity Limits Anticipated	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable
Restrictions					
PERSONAL GATHERING SIZE	No greater than 5	No greater than 10	No greater than 20	No greater than 30	125 CAP
INDOOR SETTING CAPACITY	CLOSED	25% 25 Max Capacity	50% 75 Max Capacity	75% 175 Max Capacity	Up to 100% 500 Max Capacity
OUTDOOR EVENTS	CLOSED	25% 50 Max Capacity	50% 100 Max Capacity	75% 200 Max Capacity	Up to 100% 500 Max Capacity


Tribal buildings will remain open

All individuals must
complete COVID-19
screening upon entering
any tribal building.

Tribal Members, Employees and Visitors are encouraged to continue daily safe health practices while responding to the current COVID-19 pandemic.



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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of September 8, 2021)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases

270
187
9
12,148

**Positives
Recovered
Breakthrough
Total Tests**

SUHC Vaccination Update

Upcoming Vaccine Clinics & Availability

9/21 (Moderna)	4
9/29 (Pfizer)	12

Vaccine Eligibility: Anyone 18 years of age and older (12 years and older for Pfizer).


Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

108
74
3

**Positives
Recovered
Deaths**

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Effective August 27, 2021
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will move to Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 1

What has changed with the amended restrictions?

Older Restrictions

Restrictions in Phase III

Personal Gathering No greater than 125	
Indoor Capacity Up to 100% 500 Max	Outdoor Capacity Up to 100% 500 Max

New Amended Restrictions




Restrictions in Phase II, Level 1

Personal Gathering No greater than 30	
Indoor Capacity 75% 175 Max	Outdoor Capacity 75% 200 Max

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HOLISTIC HEALING SERIES

Sexual Assault Services Organization

HEALING WITH FOOD

Katrina Blaire- Turtle Lake Refuge
Thurs. September 16th 2021
Commons Building- 12:30-2:00pm
Email: gabby@durangosaso.org to register

ACUPUNCTURE & ASIAN MEDICINE

Rikki Gensheer- Pura Vida Healthcare
Wed. October 6th 2021
via Zoom 1-2:30pm

HIKERCISE

Mimi Gates
Saturday, October 16th 2021
Junction Creek- 10am-12pm
Email: gabby@durangosaso.org to register

MINDFULNESS

Kate Siber- Durango Dharma Center
Wed. October 27th 2021
via Zoom 5:30 pm

HEALING THROUGH YOGA

Shelley Nielson- Pura Vida Healthcare
Fri. November 12th 2021
via Zoom- 12-1:30pm

For more information or to register email:
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BOBCATS BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

Bobcat boys take 12th at Stampede

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Overnight rains had certainly softened up the course here and there, but the prestigious Cheyenne Mountain Stampede was as challenging as ever under full sunshine Friday afternoon, Sept. 3.

Competing in the spectacle's Class 2A Varsity Boys' feature, Ignacio's harriers definitely found that out.

"I kind of didn't like how wet it was; a couple spots I was definitely slipping, losing my footing," said junior Eppie Quintana, the squad's No. 1 runner with a 50th-place time of 20 minutes, 43.2 seconds. "And then the finish ... that last four hundred yards you're digging in and just slipping every time you dig in deep."

"Every uphill was in the sun, and every downhill was in the shade," he added. "It was rough."

"It slowed me down a little bit," agreed No. 3 finisher Camron Cooper, 77th overall in 22:16.6, "but I kind of caught up with some people ... slow, then fast at the very end."

Non-scoring individuals in the race having been excluded for team-scoring purposes, the Bobcats ended up accumulating an adjusted score-4 tally of 225 points – helped by sophomore Phillip Quintana crossing in a 69th-place 21:26.0 and team newcomer Dylan McCaw finishing 94th in 25:17.8 – and earning 12th place out of 14 eligible teams. Ending up IHS' No. 5 at the meet, sophomore Corey Gomez took 96th in 25:18.2.

All told, 114 runners completed the Norris-Penrose Event Center/Bear Creek Park circuit, with Fort Collins Heritage Christian Academy's adjusted meet-low count of 21 points earning the team



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Eppie Quintana (450) runs with Wiggins' Chase Bodine (914) as they approach the 2-mile marker during the Cheyenne Mountain Stampede, Sept. 3 in Colorado Springs.

title. Colorado Springs-based Thomas MacLaren Charter School took second with 48 and Colorado Springs St. Mary's came in third with 50.

Sixth place at last season's CHSAA Class 2A State Championships held on the same course, Elliott senior Jodzuel Juarez clocked a winning 16:35.6 and defeated HCA junior Jack Nauman (16:39.5) by about four seconds. HCA's Andrey Kutchma placed third, but his strong 17:16.7 was well off the leaders' sizzling pace. "I thought it was really fun, with all the long running and stuff," Cooper said of his first Stampede. "Fun and exciting."

"Man, I just wanted them to get that taste of State," said head coach Daniel Holley, "so they know, 'Hey, if we work hard, stay focused on our grades, stay

focused in practice and buy in, we can have a field day – literally – up here in October.'"

Ignacio will next compete Sat., Sept. 11, in Alamosa at the Joe I. Vigil Invitational upon Cattails Golf Course's grounds.

"Should be fun," said Quintana. "Our team always has fun traveling together, so it should be a good time and I'd like to see how it turns out ... if it's half as hard as this."

"Legs are tired – we've been working really hard," Holley said. "But I'm actually going to give 'em kind of a break this week, then we'll hit September pretty hard to get ready for the more important races as we move on."

After running at the Vigil, the 'Cats will then hit the Sept. 18 Bayfield Invitational.

BOBCATS GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

Lady 'Cats a strong sixth at Stampede

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When half of his girls' roster finally arrived at the team's Pueblo lodgings, Ignacio head coach Daniel Holley's clock showed the time to be roughly 2 a.m. Or about 11.5 hours before the Lady Bobcats were to run in Colorado Springs as entrants in the Sept. 3, 2021, Cheyenne Mountain Stampede's Class 2A Varsity Girls' feature.

Spent from having just played JV and/or varsity volleyball inside IHS Gymnasium against 3A Montezuma-Cortez, then hopping straight into transportation for the long drive out to Pueblo – and ultimately El Paso – County, sophomores Maci Barnes and Darlyn Lechuga, plus juniors Laci Brunson and Harmony Reynolds received as warm a witching-hour welcome as possible.

"Cold pizza," Holley recalled with a grin. "That's what we had left over. Then I sent 'em to bed and said, 'Y'all sleep in; I'll see you at 11 a.m.' It was a fast and



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Ignacio's Laci Brunson (441) and Harmony Reynolds (446) ran in tandem for most of the Cheyenne Mountain Stampede Friday afternoon, Sept. 3, in Colorado Springs. Both had played varsity-level volleyball against Montezuma-Cortez inside IHS Gymnasium just the night before.

furious evening, but that's what we do here; we make it work."

Pepperoni-powered and relatively rested, the Lady 'Cats had little problem attacking the rugged Norris-Penrose Event Center/Bear Creek Park course – which many of them had first tested at last season's CHSAA State Championships. Brunson, however, was not amongst them.

"I thought it was supposed to be, like, a flat course; that's what my teammates told me," she re-

called, trying not to laugh. "Then I showed up here and ... it's NOT flat."

Battling heat and hills alike, Brunson – who, as IHS Volleyball's varsity libero, had probably hit the deck against M-CHS more than any other player and thus taxed her frame to its fullest – nonetheless emerged as Ignacio's No. 4 finisher, always a crucial role in a score-4 meet.

Clocking 28 minutes, 36.7 seconds, she placed

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BOBCATS FOOTBALL

NUKED 'EM: Ignacio blasts Newcomb 52-0

'Cats collect four defensive TDs in blowout

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Able to block a punt and return it for a touchdown, recover four fumbles and return two for scores, plus return a punt for another, the Ignacio Bobcats spent far more time on the field defensively than offensively Saturday afternoon, Sept. 4, as they devastated the Newcomb Skyhawks 52-0.

In fact, IHS' most sustained series offensively would be a 6-play, 61-yard push capped by a 1-yard Gabe Tucson quarterback sneak mercifully enacting the New Mexico Activities Association's 50-point rule and bringing the interstate action to an early end with 2:31 worth of running clock still remaining in the third quarter.

"We had a couple injured kids and had to put newer kids ... in positions they did not know that well," said senior OL/DL Jeremy Roderick, himself moved defensively from tackle out to end with both Rylan Maez and Alric Hudson banged up during the contest. "It was kind of tiring, but it feels really good."

And from the outset it was evident that this season's NHS squad wasn't the sort which many Bobcats' older siblings had faced just a few years ago – a fact not



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

lost on Roderick, recalling when older brother Lucas was in uniform.

"I remember my freshman year we were 2-and-0," he said, alluding to IHS' current 2021 start, "then we came here ... And it was way different than it was this year."

Two plays into the game, Newcomb senior quarterback Perry Ellerbe lost a fumble which Ignacio's John Riepel recovered at the Skyhawk 9-yard line. And following a 5-yard Tucson-to-Riepel connection, senior back Tyler Barnes bulled in to score from four yards out. He'd then carry in the two-point conversion and with 9:51 left in the first quarter the guests led 8-0.

NHS' next drive began

at their own 47 following Lane Wilson's 22-yard kickoff return, but quickly went into reverse and all but bogged down when Riepel sacked Ellerbe for a 13-yard loss back to the 22. Wilson would be called in to punt, but his kick failed to clear the line of scrimmage and was batted down in traffic by Kendrick Nossaman.

Roderick had a chance to recover, but after failing to grasp the bouncing ball, it would be Riepel making the scoop at about the 10-yard line and toting it in for six points. Tucson then shovel-passed the conversion to Devante Montoya, upping the lead to 16-0

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BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Down a peg: Volleycats suffer first loss

IHS loses home opener in four to M-CHS

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Maybe a bit miffed over being bumped out of the CHSAA Now.com Class 3A rankings' top ten despite recording a 3-0 start to the Fall 2021 volleyball season, Montezuma-Cortez made something of a statement Thursday night, Sept. 2, as they traveled to Ignacio – off to a 2-0 start themselves.

Having already tripped 2A/1A San Juan Basin League contenders, Telluride in a season-opening five-gamer inside the MinerDome, then having swept SJBL frontrunners Dolores, and then having swept 1A Monticello, Utah, at MHS prior to invading IHS Gymnasium – where the Volleycats were hungry to follow up on a road sweep of SJBLers Mancos two nights before – the Lady Panthers passed yet another test in prevailing 25-17, 25-16, 17-25, 25-20 to remain undefeated.

"This was a different-caliber team; they hit on us more," said Ignacio head coach Shasta Pontine, who matched wits in the match against new M-CHS skipper Caroline Glover, "and we just hadn't had that experience yet this year."

Justifiably keyed up following season-opening road wins at Ridgway and MHS, the 'Cats found their Game 1 rhythm disrupted by no fewer than 13 point-surrendering errors, fell behind at 6-5 and never recovered despite back-to-back Alexis Pontine service aces at Lady



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Grace Gonzales (10) skies for an uncontested spike during SJBL road action Tuesday night, Aug. 31, at 2A Mancos. The 2A Volleycats won 25-22, 25-16, 25-10.

Panther Elinore Muhonen's expense – bringing the 'Cats back to as close as 20-16 before junior Trinity Strohl served out of bounds on the second game point.

Classmate Grace Gonzales quickly made amends opening Game 2, however, hammering a kill and knocking Sariah Robinson off the service line. Pontine then stuffed down an M-CHS overpass of a Gonzales serve, and Gonzales followed that with an ace for a strong 3-0 advantage.

But after senior Avery

Wright, lightly used offensively during the match until Games 3 and 4, pounded a back-row kill, Montezuma-Cortez (4-0, 0-0 3A Intermountain) quickly regained the upper hand at 5-4 and would strengthen it to 10-4, helped by two Elise Galbraith service gems and a Wright stuff of IHS setter Kacey Brown.

The guests' lead swiftly swelled to 19-9 after a Gonzales swing went off the antenna, and Coach Pontine

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2021 General Election TWO (2) TRIBAL COUNCIL

The Election Board has determined these dates for the upcoming General Election according to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Constitution and Election Code.

**General Election – Friday, November 5, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.
at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, Colo.**

General Election Residency Deadline	Saturday, August 7, 2021
Statement of Intention Deadline	Monday, September 6, 2021 by 5 p.m.
Election Board Decision Regarding Eligibility Deadline	Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Notice of Election	Wednesday, October 6, 2021
Voter Registration Deadline	Wednesday, October 27, 2021 by 5 p.m.
Absentee Ballot Deadline Date	Wednesday, October 27, 2021 by 5 p.m.
Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline	Thursday, November 4, 2021 by 5 p.m.

Call the Election Board at 970-563-2303 or 2305/2729/2728.
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov
Off Reservation Tribal Members Telephone: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303

NEW EMPLOYEES



Aaron Denny

Job Title: SunUte Front Desk Attendant

Description of Job Duties: Welcome guest, answer phone calls, sign up new members

Hobbies: Golfing and hanging out with my family

Family: McKayla Lee (Girlfriend) and Roscoe (Dog)

Tribe: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Happy 21st birthday to our nephew Cadell Thompson on Sept. 7th

You have grown up to be a handsome young man and a wonderful dad. God Bless you and your family. Love you lots!

Auntie Geneva, uncle Ken and
Cousins Avie and EBS.



Happy 21st Birthday to our Grandkids

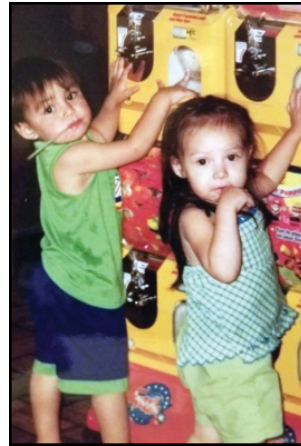
Cadell Thompson on Sept. 7 and Avionne Gomez on Sept. 12. We are so proud of both of you. May the Creator watch over you and guide you. We love you both so much!

Grandpa Green
and Grandma Gloria

Happy 21st Birthday on Sept. 12 Avionne

I cannot believe you are finally, 21 years old! You have grown into such a beautiful young woman. I hope you have the best birthday ever. May the Creator guide you and watch over you.

Love you so much.
Love Mom, Dad,
and Sister EBS



In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Carolyn Rose Washington, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2021-0061-CV-NC**

Notice is hereby given that Carolyn Rose Washington filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Carolyn Grey Eagle. As of August 30, 2021 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Carolyn Rose Washington name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Carolyn Grey Eagle.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2021.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Jawadin Anthony Corona, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2021-0062-CV-NC**

Notice is hereby given that Jawadin Anthony Corona filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jawadin Anthony Corona. As of AUGUST 10, 2021 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Jawadin Anthony Corona name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Jawadin Anthony Corona.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2021.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Tonnette Rae Baca, Deceased
Case No.: 2021-0116-CV-PR**

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 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 **OCTOBER 11, 2021 at 2:30 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 16th of August 2021
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2021-0105-CV-NC
Andreas Ramos Gomez, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Celeste Chavez on behalf of: Andreas Ramos Gomez has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Andreas Ramos Chavez. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **OCTOBER 4, 2021**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 13th day of August, 2021.
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2021-0117-CV-NC
Christopher Price William Curtis Cuthair, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Christopher Price William Curtis Cuthair has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Christopher Price William Curtis Milliano Cuthair. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **SEPTEMBER 24, 2021**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2021.
Marlene Price, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Arthur Weaver, Deceased
Case No.: 2021-0104-CV-PR**

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 **SEPTEMBER 20, 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 9th of August, 2021
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Southern Ute ROYALTY PAGEANT

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 17, 2022

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Southern Ute Royalty Committee

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Save the date for next years pageant
Wednesday, August 17, 2022

SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY COMMITTEE MADE A TOUGH DECISION TO CANCEL THE 2021 SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY PAGEANT. IN MAKING THIS DECISION, WE HAVE COMMITTED TO PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY, THEIR FAMILIES, AND OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES, AGAINST THE SPREAD OF ANY COVID VARIANT. WE MAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WITH RESPECT TO OUR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS.

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Sept. 20

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It is illegal to graze unauthorized livestock on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe shall continue to strictly enforce Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code and applicable federal regulations which prohibit trespass by livestock and the running-at-large of livestock on Tribal lands.

Violators of Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code are subject to civil penalties and fines up to \$1000.00; impoundment of livestock and all impoundment costs. In addition, violators may be subject to actual and punitive damages and injunctive relief.

If you have livestock trespassing on Southern Ute Indian Tribal Lands you have until 4 p.m. on **SEPT. 17, 2021** to contact Southern Ute Animal Control to claim/gather said trespass livestock and pay any associated fines. After this date and time the Tribe will take all necessary action to ensure the protection of the Reservation and its natural resources, including those actions authorized by the Tribe's Constitution and Code. You may contact Southern Ute Animal Control at 970-563-0133.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Pearl E. Casias – June 9, 2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT EXTENSION Title V Operating Permit and Request For Comment

Notice is hereby given that an extension has been granted for the public comment period for a significant permit revision that was submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, for the following source of air pollution: Harvest Four Corners, LLC - Ignacio Gas Plant. The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft Title V operating permit based on the information submitted by the applicant. The draft permit and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov. Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP has extended the public comment period and will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received by Sept. 29, 2021

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

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**Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors distribution is 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

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| • Distribution, Thursday Dec. 9: | NOON, Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 20: | NOON, Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 |

Southern Ute Indian Tribe/ State Of Colorado Environmental Commission Vacancy

Closing Sept. 13, 2021 5 p.m. (MST) – Tribe-Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. Commission Purpose: Establish rules and regulations applicable to the Reservation Air Program; and Review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe. Summary of Commission Duties: Determine air programs that should apply to the Reservation; Promulgate rules and regulations necessary for proper implementation and administration of air programs that apply to the Reservation, including determining which administrative actions are appealable to the Commission; Establish procedures for the Commission to follow in promulgating rules and regulations and review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe; Review and approve the long-term plan; Monitor relationships among State and tribal environmental protection agencies; Review administrative actions by the Tribe; Approve and adopt fees for permits and other regulatory services conducted by the Tribe or the State; Ensure consistency and adherence to applicable standards and resolve disputes involving third parties; Review emission inventories developed by the Tribe and State Conduct public hearings pertaining to adoption of rules and regulations or review of appealable administrative actions, and issue subsequent orders. Request administrative or clerical assistance from tribal staff when necessary to issue orders and conduct Commission business; and Any other duties necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Commission Member Appointment Terms and Conditions: Commission members are appointed by the Tribal Council. Commission members serve three year terms and are not subject to term limits. Commission meetings are generally held twice per year but more frequent meetings are possible. Stakeholder meetings occur on an as-needed basis. Meetings are to be held in person or on virtual meeting platforms. Failure to attend two consecutive Commission or Stakeholder meetings or demonstrated unethical conduct may result in appointment removal by Tribal Council. Compensation is \$100 per half-day meeting for Commission members who are not employees of the Tribe. Supervisor approval is required, if employed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Meeting Location: Justice & Regulatory Administration Building. EPD Large Conference Room, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 Or Virtual Meeting Platform. How to Apply: Send letter of interest and approval letter from supervisor to the: Air Quality Program Office, C/O Marlene Scott-Jewett, PO Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio. CO 81137 Or Hand deliver to: Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, Air Quality Program, Marlene Scott-Jewett, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 Or Email: airquality@southernute-nsn.gov

SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION Administrative Fees (Shut-Off Fees)

The Southern Ute Utilities Division Management will be reinstating the Administrative Fees (Shut-Off Fees) effective September 1, 2021. The Administrative Fees (Shut-Off Fees) associated with customer service disconnections of \$31 per service will be for the following services:

- Solid Waste (Trash Collections)
- Water (Including Water Haul)
- Sewer
- Natural Gas

Customers are strongly encouraged to make payments on their accounts on time by the following payments methods:

- Online Payment at www.suitutil.com: Select "Pay My Bill" at top (Jfigflii Recommended)
- Drop Box by the Drive-Up window

- Payment at Wells Fargo Bank (Ignacio Branch): Have your account number/ or your Utility Bill readily available.
- Payment by Mail: Please mail statement stub with your check or money order (made payable to Southern Ute Utilities Division) PO Box 1137, Ignacio CO 81137
- Payment over the phone at 970-563-5500 by Credit Card, Mon - Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

As a reminder for Tribal Member Customers, you can arrange monthly payments to your utility account via Tribal Deduction by calling the Southern Ute Utilities Division to request a form. Please contact the Utilities Office at 970-563-5500, Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for further details.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has three (3) vacancies. The Committee shall include employees of the Tribe who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of tribal member mentoring and employment 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.

ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCY

The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill ONE vacancy for "Member-At-Large" and One vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" positions on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality. Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

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. Questions? Call 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?

SO. UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Mique! The Powwow Committee is currently accepting letters from community members to serve as volunteer membership for the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. This committee is open to all Southern Ute Tribal members and direct descendants as well as any Indigenous community member who would like to be actively involved with planning, promoting and executing Southern Ute Powwows. This will also require said member to represent the Southern Ute Tribe and promote traditions and culture through the Powwow circle and throughout Indian Country. Meetings are conducted bi-monthly, or when needed, it will also require working with multiple tribal departments throughout the Southern Ute, Northern Ute, and Ute Mountain Tribes. This committee is responsible for maintaining services needed for Powwows and will require hands-on work, as well as critical and traditional thinking. We would like to promote any active Powwow dancers, drummers, singers, or elders who would like to engage with the Powwow Community to apply. So please bring your good medicine and come help us plan a good year of powwows. Accepting letters of intent to: Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137, and at soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov.


WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD – TRIBAL MEMBER NEEDED

Closes 11/29/21, 5 p.m. – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill ONE seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 29, 2021.



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UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION 2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

JAN. 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY – CLOSED
JAN. 18TH MARTIN LUTHER KING – CLOSED
FEB. 15TH PRESIDENT'S DAY – CLOSED
MAY 31ST MEMORIAL DAY – CLOSED
JULY 5TH FOURTH OF JULY – CLOSED

SEPT. 6TH LABOR DAY – CLOSED
NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY – CLOSED
NOV. 12TH – OPEN
NOV. 25TH THANKSGIVING DAY – CLOSED
NOV. 26TH – OPEN
DEC. 10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY – CLOSED
DEC. 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE DAY – OPEN
DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY – CLOSED
DEC. 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE – OPEN.
JAN. 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY – CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY—SATURDAY, 8 AM TO 5 PM
SUNDAY — CLOSED

Tribal Members: Pick up 2021 Trash Permits by calling office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Tribal ID is required.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reach a staff member by phone during these hours at (970) 563-5500

Friendly Reminders

- Monthly Shutoffs are the 1st Wednesday of each month
*September 1st / October 6th
November 3rd / December 1st*
- Late Fees are reinstated effective September 1, 2021. *Pay your bill by due date to avoid late fees.*

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Pay your Utility Account

⇒ Online at: www.suitutil.com
Choose "Pay My Bill" tab.

⇒ Utilities Drive-Up Window

⇒ Utilities Drop Box at Office

⇒ Wells Fargo (Ignacio Branch) Drive-Thru

⇒ Automatic deductions at Tribal Distribution

⇒ Mail payment made payable to "Southern Ute Utilities Division" PO Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137

⇒ Phone (970) 563-5500 during office hours.

PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 www.suitutil.com



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.

Senior IT Contracts and Purchasing Specialist

Closing 9/24/21 – IT procurement, contract negotiation and compliance, and vendor relationship management. Will participate in the budget process to assist in analyzing cost saving initiatives and understand long term vision of the organization. Ensuring timeliness of procurement activities, contract creation or updates in compliance with Tribal policy, and evaluation of multiple IT products and services for the entire organization. Will work closely with multiple department leaders to understand business needs. Will participate in the supplier performance management process and address any issues that may occur.

Web Developer I

Closing 9/17/21 – Under general direction of the Web and SharePoint Development Supervisor, this position performs Web application development project work for Tribal entities including security, support, content management, maintenance, development, and training. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

IT Business Operations Manager

Closing 9/10/21 – Provides management oversight and strategic direction to Southern Ute

Shared Services (SUSS) Business Operations Team. The Business Operations team provides the following services in support of the SUSS organization: Procurement, Sourcing, Business Process Development, Communication, Budget & Financial Performance, Project/Program Management Methodologies. Focuses on running IT as a business.

Procurement Agent

Closing 9/10/21 – Purchases, management and disposal of all assets within the Southern Ute Share Services organization. Manages vendor relationships including the analysis and negotiation of pricing, receipt of inventory, billing and problem resolution. Controls and manages Telecom vendors, products, services and billing. Supports contract renewals and annual budgeting process to optimize spend for all Southern Ute Tribal Entities that utilize SUSS managed products.

Business Intelligence Developer I

Closing 9/10/21 – 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.

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.

General Accountant – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing 9/29/21 – Provides general accounting support, to include preparation of journal entries and reconciliation of selected General Ledger accounts on a periodic basis. Manages payroll process, interfacing with Southern Ute Indian Tribe payroll department to ensure accurate, timely delivery of time records. Responsible for the reconciliation of bank statements to the General Ledger and providing support for monitoring ongoing cash activity. Supports the monthly close process. Presents a positive and professional image to internal customers and vendors.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online. Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137 TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the facility. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles Hotel guests to and from the airport as needed.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

Room Attendant (Full-time)

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

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Responsible for the cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

*Count Team Staff

Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the Gaming Revenue Depts.

Pulls the containers, and counts or verifies the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming’s Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Front Desk Staff

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests include but is not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/ from the airport.

Kitchen Utility Steward

Will perform multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in a number of capacities.

Bowling and Rec. Counter Clerk (Full-time)

Greeting guests in a friendly manner, informs guests of center services, promotions, and prices. Rents, sells, or issues sporting equipment and supplies such as bowling shoes and golf balls. Operating the cash register, computer, and equipment in the bowling alley. Properly assigns guests to lanes, monitors activity to ensure adherence to rules and safety procedures, keeps track of open play lanes, and handles telephone inquiries.

Event Staff (On-call)

Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up, and re-set of events in all Banquet areas. In this position you will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events.

*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Air Quality Technician

Closes 9/13/21 – Operation and maintenance of all air quality monitoring equipment and assuring quality control objectives are met through weekly precision measurements, monthly calibrations, and quarterly audits. Database management responsibilities include data reduction, production reports, and maintaining auxiliary instrument programs. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Grade N10; \$18.32/hour.

Bus Driver (Part-time)

Closes 9/13/21 – Provides bus driving services for the Education Dept. Grade N7; \$14.48/hour.

Culture Dept. Administrative Assistant II

Closes 9/17/21 – Southern Ute tribal members only. Provides administrative support for the Culture Department, including secretarial duties, filing, clerical and information system support, including office records management services. Grade N9; \$16.88/hour.

Internal Auditor

Closes 9/14/21 – Under general supervision, performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of moderate difficulty involving a variety of auditing tasks that include, but are not limited to, assessing risk and identifying control deficiencies, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. To gain experience in the practical application of program auditing and government accounting, duties assigned are to familiarize employee with the more complex auditing work found at the next higher level; performs related work as assigned. Reports to the Director of Internal Audit and other internal audit personnel as assigned. Grade E16; \$67,244.15/year.

Special Needs Aide

Closes 9/13/21 – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy disabled and special needs students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide or specialists. Assists with life skills, academic success, and meeting IEP (Individual Education Plan) objectives. Grade N6; \$13.47/hour.

Active Kid Care Leader (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Provides childcare and physical activities at SunUte Community Center for the Active Kid Care program to meet the needs of children ages toddler through 6 years. Grade N4; \$12.32/hour.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists with coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Grade E12; \$45,236.26/year.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Grade N4; \$12.32/hour.

Construction Crew Leader

Open Until Filled – Supervises assigned construction repairmen and provides repairs to eligible clients’ homes. Grade N9; \$16.88/hour.

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. Starts at \$14.48/hour.

Dental Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under dentist supervision, Periodontal Assistant is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Grade N12; \$21.75/hour.

Distance Learning Specialist

Open Until Filled – Works in coordination with Tribal Organizations, Universities, Colleges, local schools, and community members to provide long distance telecommunications educational resource information and classes for the

Southern Ute Indian Tribe and assists the Academic Advisor in supporting associate degree students. Grade 11; \$41,456.65/year.

Group Exercise Instructor

Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Starts at \$26.21/hour.

Language & Culture Educator (Part-time) – So., Ute Mtn., or No. Ute members only

Open Until Filled – Assists Tribal Members, staff, clients, and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Cultural Preservation Department. Teaching the Ute history, culture, and folklore through the language and culture curriculum and instruction. Grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Lifeguard (Full-time/Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Grade N5; \$12.54/hour.

Loan Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Provides clerical, secretarial, and client support to the Tribal Credit Division as needed. Presents positive and professional image to Tribal employees and the public. Grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/Benefits)

Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. Grade N16; \$32.33/hour.

Dentist (Part-time w/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. Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Patrol Officer II

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. Sign on Bonus offered based on years of experience. Potential housing available with employment. Grade N13; \$23.81/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. Starts at \$60,370.75/year.

TEAM Worker

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

TERO Worker

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

Tumbling Tots/Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities for the Tumbling Tots Program at Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

SunUte Community Center is hiring part-time lifeguards!



- Do you like the water?
- Do you enjoy helping people and interacting with the public?
- Would you like to be part of an amazing team?
- Are you looking for a flexible work schedule?
- Yes? Then make a splash and join our lifeguard team!

If you are a motivated, friendly person that knows how to swim and you are looking for a fun part-time job, SunUte is the place for you!

For more information, please contact Roman Vasquez, Aquatics Manager
Phone: 970-563-2693
E-mail: rvasquez@southernute-nsn.gov



Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Job Openings as of August 31, 2021

- Recreation, Weight Room Attend/Maintenance – Closing 9/17/21
- Environmental, Biologist Intern – Closing 9/17/21
- Transportation, Director – Closing 9/17/21
- Transportation, Mechanic I-Relief Transit – Closing 9/17/21
- Elder Care Program, Assistant Cook – Closing 9/17/21
- Voc. Rehab, Program Assistant – Closing 9/17/21
- WM Education, Adult Education Coach – Closing 9/17/21
- WM Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Closing 9/17/21
- WM Education, Juvenile Interventionist – Closing 9/17/21
- Child Development Center, Full-time Assistant High School Teacher – Closing 9/17/21



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was forced to burn her second timeout of the stanza, but little came of it; Brown would send a free ball out of play to put M-CHS on game point, and the Lady Panthers went up 2-0 in the match when Wright and junior Madi Carver combined to deny a Strohl spike.

M-CHS would then ride an initial Wright back-row kill and two subsequent Ignacio errors out to a 10-3 lead in Game 3, and Coach Pontine quickly called a timeout, knowing the Lady Panthers were poised to bring about an early end to the evening.

But something in the Volleyscats (2-1, 2-0 SJBL) clicked, and a successful Harmony Reynolds tip shot plus a Gonzales ace capped a four-point burst which pressed Glover – previously the assistant to Spring ’21 boss Joye McHenry – into a timeout with Ignacio down only a point, 12-11.

IHS would equalize at 13-13, then steadily build a lead which hit 21-14 via an Alexis Pontine kill, and later 23-16 via a Strohl put-away. Strohl then served long, but the ’Cats emphatically clawed back into the match when Gonzales brought up game point with a kill, and senior Lexy Young then aced M-CHS junior libero

Ashlyn Hall.

“I know they can play like that all the time,” said Pontine, “but I think nerves got the best of them in the beginning.”

With the home crowd now in full voice behind them, the ’Cats never let Montezuma-Cortez gain a lead larger than two points for most of Game 4, and took an 11-10 lead when Young landed another unplayable serve. The Lady Panthers then pulled ahead, 14-12, via a Galbraith tip, but Ignacio then eased in front, 15-14, via a Gonzales back-row kill and an M-CHS double-contact infraction. The sides would then deadlock at 15, 16, 17 and 18 before the visitors moved ahead 20-18.

Shasta Pontine alertly called a timeout, and Gonzales responded with a re-energizing kill. But a passing error, a kill by M-CHS junior Carlie McClellan, and a Robinson serve Strohl couldn’t control put IHS down 23-19. Robinson would net her next serve, following Pontine’s second timeout, but Wright would crack another back-row kill and the match ended when Alexis Pontine was unable to smack a high set both inside the antenna and over the net.

“I think in that third set we definitely could have gone downhill, we could have gotten in our head ... But we rose up, fought in that fourth set, which I think is super important,” said Wright. “It was a good game; it definitely tested our strength.”

“Once we ... started to adjust, our defense – our blockers – started adjusting and it worked out well,” Robinson said. “Being able to talk as a team, correct each other without attitudes or anything and ... spreading the net – it’s working all together.”

Looking ahead at the schedule, Ignacio will next host Telluride on Sat., Sept. 11, with all action beginning at 11 a.m., then travel west to Dove Creek – which went into Labor Day ranked No. 5 in Class 1A – for a Sept. 18 SJBL showdown with undercard play commencing at 10 a.m.

Results from the Volleyscats’ 9/9 home match versus non-league 2A Del Norte were unavailable at press time. Already with three five-game matches on their ledger during a 4-3 start, the Lady Tigers were to have visited Rio Grande County neighbors Monte Vista two nights before invading IHS.

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with 6:41 still left.

Roderick, meanwhile, had told himself he wouldn’t let another opportunity slip away ... if there was one. Fortunately, he wouldn’t have to wait long.

Newcomb’s third possession died on downs after netting just ten yards to the Bobcat 45 in six plays and IHS took over with 3:30 to go. Tucson then immediately hit Montoya in stride for an apparent 55-yard TD, but a procedure penalty wiped the whole thing out and the drive would abruptly end at the NHS 12 after Barnes lost a fumble.

But on first down, new quarterback Javarius John was sacked by Barnes and Jace Carmenoros with the former knocking the ball free. Pursuing the play, Roderick was able to pick up the ball, take a couple steps and then lunge into the end zone from two yards out. Tucson then carried in the conversion and IHS’ lead was an unassailable 24-0 with 1:39 still remaining.

“Earlier there was another ... and I’d missed it on

scooping,” said Roderick. “But I saw (this) and I was like, ‘This is MY chance,’ and I scooped and scored. I was happy about that.”

Enduring into the second quarter, the Skyhawks’ ensuing drive lasted nine plays and managed to gain 24 yards down to the Ignacio 21. But after John threw two incompletions, possession was relinquished when Carmenoros sacked him for a four-yard loss with 9:21 left until halftime.

IHS (2-0, 0-0 CHSAA 1A Southern Peaks) would then put the game well out of reach via: a 60-yard Barnes blast with 7:15 left (plus a Tucson-to-Montoya conversion), a 30-yard Charlie Pargin shanked-punt return with 5:14 left (plus a Barnes conversion), and a Roderick-caused 34-yard Barnes fumble-return with 1:57 left.

Owning about the only sterling offensive statistics, Barnes finished with 10 carries for 118 yards. Needing to do little more than call the play and take the snap, Tucson totaled 37 yards

passing on 3-of-5 passing (a completion to Anthony Toledo was also wiped out by a procedure penalty) with Montoya recording one grab for 25 yards and Riepel two for 12.

John unofficially finished with 58 yards passing for Newcomb (0-2, 0-0 NMAA Dist. 1-3A) on 4-of-13 accuracy.

UP NEXT

The ’Cats will travel east to Trinidad on Friday, Sept. 10, for a 7 p.m. kickoff. The Miners (0-1, 0-0 1A Santa Fe) had dropped their season-opener the night before IHS’ romp, losing 49-12 – another source says 49-16 – at Raton, N.M., in the border towns’ ‘Coal Bucket’ clash as the Tigers improved to 3-0 (0-0 Dist. 2-3A).

Coincidentally, that game also didn’t last three full frames, but due to an on-field fracas resulting in several ejections.

“We’re going to heal up and just watch film to see what they do,” said Roderick.

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57th overall as IHS – even lacking both Moriah and Zoey Ashley – accumulated an adjusted 110 points and snagged sixth place out of 11 scoring (and 17 programs overall, represented by 83 finishers) teams. Barnes paced the squad in a 14th-place 24:07.1, and senior Avaleena Nanae-to crossed next in a 32nd-place 25:32.5.

“That was hard, a little bit ... but it was good; I felt good today,” said Nanae-to, ultra-familiar with the route as a three-time State qualifier now making her fourth appearance on site. “I was like, ‘Don’t go too fast, wait until you get to the big hill and then pick it up a little bit.’”

“We are trying to get her here a fifth time; that is our team goal,” Holley declared, “and her individual goal.”

Lauren deKay was IHS’ No. 3 finisher, taking 39th place in 26:01.1, and Reynolds placed 59th in 28:47.9

after running alongside Brunson for most of the race.

“I did pretty good; I kind of lost my pace at the very end, but it was hard ... very tiring,” Reynolds said. “But I pushed through it ... and the view was pretty!”

Senior Alannah Gomez finished 61st in 28:57.8, and Lechuga ended up 73rd in 32:05.5.

Earning the team title was Colorado Springs Christian, accumulating a meet-low tally of 28 points. Despite a four-runner pack finishing 26th-29th individually, Buena Vista had to settle for second with their 38, and Fort Collins Heritage Christian Academy, also tallying 38, ranked third due to having a lower-placing No. 5 runner.

Golden View Classical Academy (92 points) and San Juan Basin Leaguers Mancos (109) rounded out the top five.

Individually, BVHS’ Zaila Smith won in 20:14.4 with GVCA’s Eliana Caucutt finishing second in 20:40.2.

Third place went to CSCS’ Elle Stevens (20:57.6) and fourth to Crested Butte’s Ruby Pendy (21:30.4).

“After the week we had – the first week of school – where we had a 95-degree day on Monday, followed by a rainy Wednesday afternoon, and you know how the travel goes. Just getting in the groove again is amazing,” Holley said. “And look at this atmosphere! Beautiful weather, the mountains, and the runners ... they’re all smiling and happy – though everyone’s probably super-exhausted in the best way possible.”

The Lady ’Cats will next compete Sat., Sept. 11, in Alamosa at the Joe I. Vigil Invitational upon Cattails Golf Course’s grounds, then travel to Bayfield on Sept. 18 for the BHS Invitational. “High altitudes, tough meets – we’re going to get in shape and go for it!” exclaimed Holley.

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Sunny 91°F

Saturday, Sept. 11



Mostly sunny 88°F

Sunday, Sept. 12

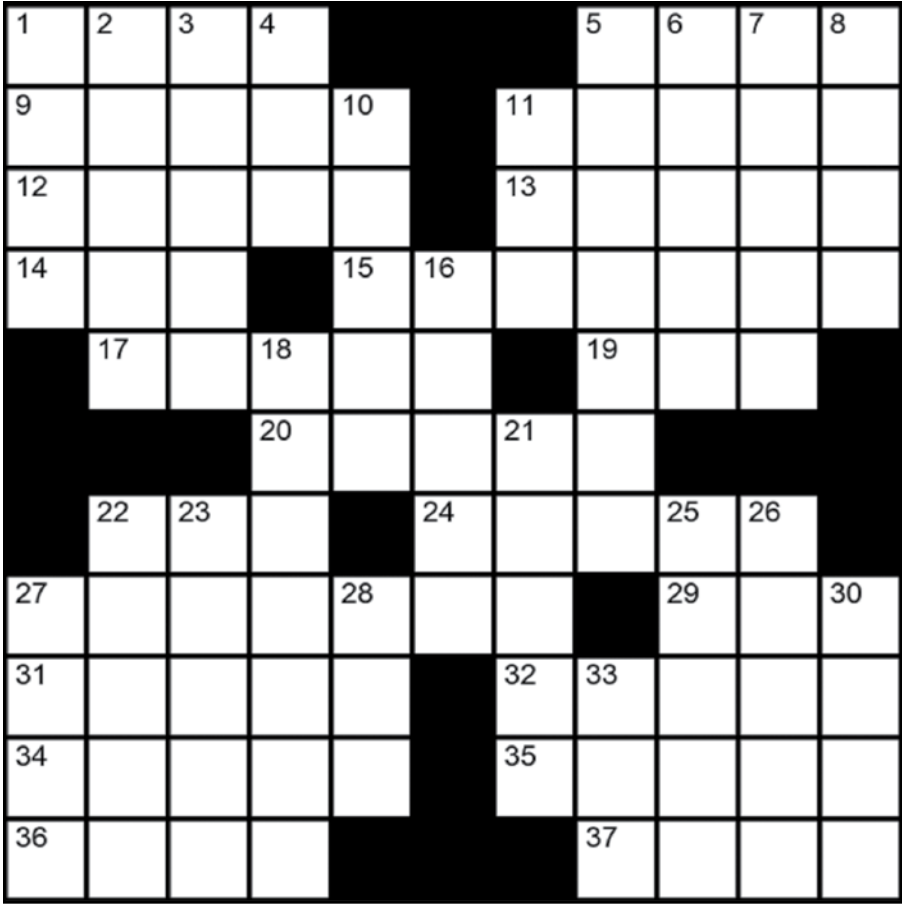


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The Southern Ute Drum’s
Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 BBQ skewer
- 5 Settlement with limits
- 9 Arm bones
- 11 Plant life
- 12 Militarize again
- 13 Showed respect
- 14 From --- to Beersheba
- 15 Halona ---, Zuni homeland
- 17 Life’s only certainty?
- 19 The Gray Lady
- 20 Powerful push
- 22 Dien Bien ---, Vietnam
- 24 ... But never jam ---
- 27 Former Washington State Senator
- Dino Rossi is one
- 29 Assault
- 31 Toyota rival
- 32 An injection of sorts
- 34 “Inner child” zodiac totem
- 35 Abraham’s wife, at first
- 36 Empire which failed in 1989
- 37 “Peer --- “ (Henrik Ibsen play)

Down

- 1 Irrational root in math
- 2 Beg
- 3 Cockamamie
- 4 Sailor
- 5 Fooled around
- 6 “All I Owe ---” (Rodgers & Hammerstein, “State Fair”)
- 7 Former Mississippi senator --- Lott
- 8 “And so on,” when tripled
- 10 Sunshine ---, former elder
- 11 Clarice Starling’s employer
- 16 Hindu’s loin cloth
- 18 U N dares to split into parts
- 21 Plebiscites
- 22 Schemes
- 23 Useful for solving puzzles
- 25 Antarctic ice shelf
- 26 Such as the Mojave and Havasupai
- 27 Commandment starter
- 28 Long-nosed fish
- 30 Manner of walking
- 33 Annoy by persistent faultfinding

Answers for this crossword will appear in September 24 issue of the Drum.

Answers for August 27, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Doug, 5 Loss, 9 Rush, 10 Alcoa, 12 Atco, 13 Mounds, 15 Wags, 16 Armada, 17 Thro, 19 Ram, 20 Lasso, 23 Susie, 25 Pru, 26 Clot, 28 Geisha, 30 Iowa, 34 Ante up, 35 Karo, 36 Terns, 37 As an, 38 Sake, 39 Sty. Down: 1 Draw, 2 Outa, 3 USCG, 4 Ghosts, 5 Lamar, 6 Oloroso, 7 Scum, 8 Sonars, 11 Add Al, 14 Same, 18 Ho-Chunk, 20 LPGA, 21 Aren’t, 22 Suites, 24 Utikas, 27 Lapse, 29 Sera, 31 Oast, 32 Wray, 33 A-one.