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FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Community program prioritizes food security



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Food Distribution Program Manager, Edward Box III walks through the program's refrigerator where all the fresh produce is stored. Fresh produce is delivered weekly to the program.

McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Tribal Service's Food Distribution Program is working hand in hand with the community and tribal membership to ensure food security during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the future.

"This program not only assists the tribal membership, but it is a program that

the community can utilize as well," Food Distribution Program Manager, Edward Box III said. "This program offers a shopping experience and people are able to choose from fresh produce, frozen fruits and meat, and a variety of canned foods."

Box recently joined the program as the manager in July 2021. He has worked for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for over 20 years

in various departments as a youth employer, KSUT Tribal Radio DJ, Southern Ute Police Department Dispatcher and most recently as Director of the Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department.

Each month, eligible and participating households can visit the food program to receive food packag-

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SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE

The rise in COVID positive cases prompts Tribe to move to Phase II "Safer at Home," Level 2

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Due to the rise in positive COVID-19 cases, in accordance with Tribal Council Resolution 2021-104, which adopted amended COVID-19 metrics, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council concurred with the Tribe's Incident Management Team (IMT) recommendation to move to Phase II, "Safer at Home" Level 2. Level 2 is a more restricted phase. The change will be effective Saturday, Oc-

tober 2, 2021. Tribal Council and the IMT determined it was in the Tribe's best interests to move to a more restrictive phase due to the new COVID cases, percent of positivity, and hospitalizations in the area.

"We have to do what is best to prioritize the health of the tribal membership and our tribal staff. Moving to Phase II, Level 2 now will help us return to our new normal in preparation for the holidays," stated Chairman Melvin J. Baker. The Southern Ute Indian

Tribe will remain in Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 2 until further notice. The Tribal offices remain open to the public; however, all individuals are required to complete the tribal COVID screening process.

Below are what to expect when the Tribe moves to Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 2. The following activities are allowed:

- Visit, care for, and assist a family member or friend.

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Skating for mental health



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Committee members, Elliot and Nate Hendren are skating brothers, proudly showing off their new "I Rise Above" hoodies given away during the Skate Park Jam, by the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Dept., Friday, Sept. 24 at the "Píniñu Núuchi" Skate Park. The purpose of the Skate Jam was to bring awareness to suicide and mental health.

See more Skate Park Jam photos on page 7.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Warren Whyte makes a personal connection with "Bernard," one of the horses at Horse Empower outside of Durango, Colo., Wednesday, Sept. 8. "If they do find success in connecting, that's the beauty, that's the thing that they get to carry on outside of the arena," emphasized Horse Empower founder and equine specialist, Kim Hardesty.

MENTAL HEALTH

Horse Empower brings families closer, fosters communication

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division utilized grant funding earmarked for mental health programming to provide Horse Empower sessions to Southern Ute tribal members during the month of September. This ties into the overarching Native Connection Programs' goal of prevention of substance

use and suicide.

"This is an amazing project that our program was able to bring to the Native youth and their families," emphasized Native Connection Program Coordinator, Precious Collins.

"This is a free service paid for under our Native Connections Program grant. I want to let the community know, especially existing and future Behavioral Health clients, about

different therapy settings we can offer them."

Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) is an experiential approach to teaching life skills such as leadership, communication and team building utilizing a partnership with horses.

Horse Empower LLC provides that unique experience right here in La Plata County, collaborating with

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CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Heritage dance classes open to community

McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department's Heritage and Events Coordinator, Marvin Pinnecoose is hoping to revitalize powwow dancing, while also promoting the importance of traditional dance.

"To me, dancing was an alternative to sports because sometimes with sports you're not tall enough or you don't fit their standards to participate – with dancing no one is ever going to deny you that right," Pinnecoose stated.

Dancing has always been an important part of Ute culture, from traditional cultural dances to more competitive powwow dancing in modern times. Dancing is not only a means for tribal members to gather, but it also provides a space to celebrate life and family.

"It's important to teach our youth the importance of these dances because these dances are becoming a part of their indigenous identity and not only does it give them a good clean outlet, but it also encourages exercise and mental clarity," Volunteer Dance Class Instructor, Samantha Maez stated. "Dancing also helps with confidence, building self-esteem and so much more; these are all very important and need to be nurtured in our youth."

Powwow dancing is practiced at large social events in communities, and often accompanied by sing-



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Events and Heritage Coordinator, Marvin Pinnecoose teaches a young group of fancy dancers basic steps and moves on Wednesday, Oct. 6 in the SunUte Community Center during the Cultural Night Dance Class.

ing, is intended to showcase the diverse cultures across Indian Country. Powwows are often broken down into different dance categories and depending on the geographical locations feature different performances. Men's dances are typically categorized by chicken, grass, straight, fancy and traditional styles, while women's categories are regarded as buckskin, cloth, jingle and fancy shawl.

Powwow dancing is

more than sporadic rhythmic movement; it is making a spiritual and expressive connection to tell a story and provide healing. This sense of belonging happens through the shared environment with other Indigenous peoples and a powerful understanding of community and connection.

"Our kids here in the community have a chance to experience dancing for

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es full of nutritionally balanced foods.

- Frozen ground beef, beef roast, chicken, canned meats, and poultry.
- Canned fruits & vegetables, canned soups, and spaghetti sauce.
- Macaroni & cheese, pasta, cereals, rice, and other grains.
- Cheese, egg mix, low-fat ultra-high-temperature milk (UHT), non-fat dry milk, and evaporated milk.
- Flour, cornmeal, bakery mix, and reduced sodium crackers.
- Low-fat refried beans, dried beans, and dehydrated potatoes.
- Juices and dried fruit.
- Peanuts and peanut butter.
- Red potatoes, carrots, onions, tomatoes.
- Fruit – apples, oranges, and mixed fruit (oranges/apples).
- Frozen fruits and meet are available as well.

The Commodity Distribution Program is a nutritional enrichment program designed by Congress in 1987 to safeguard the general health and wellbeing of low-income families living on Indian Reservations. Eligibility for the program’s benefits is based in part on income, residence on the reservation or near the service area, as well as resource guidelines established by the federal government.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Food Distribution stock clerks help load a customer’s food order into their vehicle on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

“Providing this food service to families is important; food is a tool of survival and keeps us nourished so we want to ensure that our families are fed because this is what keeps us going and lifts our spirits,” Box stated.

The staff at Southern Ute Food Distribution strive to increase awareness of the services offered to those households who might otherwise have no knowledge of the program. “We currently serve 66 households through this program, and that is a total of 138 people in those households who are certified and qualify for the program,” Box said. “The staff here supports the journey to better nutrition within our Native community by encouraging healthy food choices and promoting physical activity.”

The Tribe has designated La Plata (excluding the city of Durango) and Archuleta counties in Colorado as

its near areas where tribal members can receive program services. Effective February 1994, those Native American households living in defined “near areas” of the Southern Ute Reservation may also participate in the Food Program if at least one household member is a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe – regardless of that member’s age.

“This service is a really good benefit for families, and we want everyone to know that we’re here to help because right now during this pandemic access to food is one thing families shouldn’t have to stress about – this program can provide [essential food],” Box stated. “We’re here for you.”

Visit the Food Distribution Center in downtown Ignacio, at 740 Goddard Ave. or call their main line for all questions 970-563-2530

Many Moons Ago



Patsy Hood – Education Dept./SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Members of the Southern Ute Education Department’s Girls in Action program visit with Chairman Pearl E. Casias in the Chief Ignacio Room of the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building during a lunch meeting in which the girls asked questions and Casias shared stories from her childhood. Pictured (left to right) are Destinee Agulair, Chasity Bean, Samara Peabody, Casias, Serena Fournier, Alyssiana Baker and Reyna Garcia.

This photo was first published in the Oct. 7, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Elementary students at the Southern Ute Indian Academy pay attention to John Oberly as he instructs them in the art of traditional drumming and singing on Friday, Sept. 8, 2001. The drum class was held in the Academy’s cafeteria and is a special part of the education offered at the Southern Ute Tribe’s private school.

This photo was published in the Oct. 5, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Norman Lansing inspects the chipped mural in the Head Start Gym. Lansing was commissioned to restore the mural in the coming weeks. The original mural was painted by Sam Ray and was never retouched.

This photo was published in the Oct. 7, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

Attention Dancers

On October 6, 13, and 20, 2021, Wednesday night dance class will be held at 6:00pm at the SunUte Community Center. On October 27, 2021 we will return to our normally scheduled time and location—7:00pm at the Multi-Purpose Building.

Please join us! As always, drinks will be provided.



For questions or concerns, please contact:
Marvin Pinnecoose, Special Events Coordinator
970-563-2988 | mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Former Chiefs and Council Chairmen of the Southern Ute Tribe surrounded a contemporary painting by Jim Box Sr. which comprised a mural in the Tribal Administration offices. The Southern Ute Drum hosted a contest to see which Junior High student could identify all the men in the mural.

This photo was published in the Oct. 9, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Ute speakers share a meal



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Ute elder Arleen Colorow speaks in Ute with SUIMA students, Matthew Carrillo and Leandro Litz Jr. — the Southern Ute Montessori Academy’s Ute Language Class paid a visited the Ute Speaker Brunch to visit and practice their Ute with elders. Students of the Ute Language class also gave a prayer entirely in Ute and preformed a song to those in attendance.

Southern Ute tribal elder Denise Thompson gets a plate of food from Events and Heritage Coordinator, Jack Frost III on Friday, Oct. 1 at the Multi-Purpose Facility’s Gathering Room. The Ute Speaker Brunch created a social space for Ute elders to talk in their traditional language and converse with other members of the community over a meal.



SUIMA is collaborating with the Eagle Wing Youth Drum Group to offer Singing Practice to SUIMA families!
(Practices are held every other Monday)
PRACTICES BEGIN OCTOBER 11 FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 P.M. IN THE SUIMA CAFETERIA. BRING A DISH FOR POTLUCK DINNER!
NEXT PRACTICE - MON. 10/25
For more information, please contact Ms. Daisy Bluestar at (970) 563.0253 ext. 2710.

HAWAIIAN PERFORMANCE NOVEMBER 18



DATE: NOVEMBER 18TH 2021
TIME: 5:00PM
LOCATION: 256 UTE RD, IGNACIO, CO 81137
HISTORY AND CULTURAL TEACHINGS, HAWAIIAN FOOD

For more information contact: Marvin Pinnecoose, Heritage/Events Coordinator at (970) 563-2988

ENTERTAINMENT

Frank Waln to host PBS Special Oct. 29

Staff report
PBS PRESSROOM

The American Pops Orchestra (APO) announced today the release of two new episodes of ONE VOICE: THE SONGS WE SHARE, as part of #PBSForTheArts. The episodes, entitled “Country” and “American Roots,” will be broadcast back-to-back on Friday, October 29, 2021 (check local listings) on PBS, PBS.org and the PBS Video App. In this series – which premiered in May 2021 with two inaugural episodes, “Broadway” and “Sacred” – Maestro Luke Frazier and the American Pops Orchestra celebrate uniquely American music that has transcended its original genre to find a place in our collective culture. Each of the four episodes is directed by Eric Rosen and executive produced by Robert Pullen and Nouveau Productions. “Country” features music from early mountain traditions to the most modern country songs. From honky-tonk to country gospel, these songs were made famous by the likes of Tammy Wynette, Dolly Parton, June Carter Cash, Johnny Cash and Loretta Lynn. “American Roots” celebrates the many indigenous and immigrant communities who have contributed to what we know as American music, incorporating Native American flute, Japanese folk song, hip hop, opera, a Mexican ballad and more.

“It’s my belief that an orchestra is at heart, a service organization, and that the focus should not only be on providing high quality musical experiences, but also regularly representing all styles of music in their programming. In that vein, we seek to put a spotlight on the many types of music enjoyed across our country,” stated Frazier. “In these next two episodes, you’ll hear the sounds of our earliest indigenous musicians, attend the opera, pull up a stool at the honky-tonk, sit by a

campfire, go to church and so much more! All of this music is performed with the same orchestra – an orchestra that wants to share your story and shine a light on how all of our music brings us together.”

“Country” – This episode was filmed at the Poorhouse Farm Park in historic Martinsburg, West Virginia, under strict COVID-19 mitigation procedures. Hosted by and starring Emmy Award-winner Leslie Jordan, “Country” features additional performances by celebrated country songwriter, producer and guitarist Travis Howard; 2020 Steve Martin Banjo Prize recipient, Jake Blount; one of Dance Magazine’s 25 to watch, Nic Gareiss; Appalachian singer-songwriter Senora May; and star of Broadway’s COMPANY, Claybourne Elder. All performers are joined by The American Pops Orchestra under the baton of founder and music director Maestro Luke Frazier, who is a native of West Virginia.



Frank Waln
(Sicangu Lakota)
Hip Hop artist/Music producer

“American Roots” – This episode was filmed at the Marinoff Theater at Shepherd University in historic Shepherdstown, W. Va, under strict COVID-19 mitigation procedures. Hosted by and starring award-winning Sicangu Lakota Hip Hop artist and music producer Frank Waln, “American Roots” includes additional performances by pianist Jacqueline Schwab, who is

featured in multiple films made by Ken Burns); star of Broadway’s ON YOUR FEET, Mauricio Martinez; international soprano Asako Tamura; and Hall Johnson Award for Spirituals-winner Amber Merritt. All performers are joined by The American Pops Orchestra under the baton of founder and music director Maestro Luke Frazier.

#PBSForTheArts is a multiplatform campaign that celebrates the resiliency of the arts in America during the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown and reopening, and features new performing arts content filmed within the constraints of the pandemic. The collection of #PBSForTheArts programs will be available for broadcast on PBS and streaming on pbs.org/arts and the PBS Video app. Curated conversation and digital shorts will be available on PBS social media platforms using #PBSForTheArts.

Frank Waln is an award winning Sicangu Lakota Hip Hop artist and music producer from the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. A recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship, Waln attended Columbia College Chicago where he received a BA in Audio Arts and Acoustics. Waln’s awards include three Native American Music Awards, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development 2014 Native American 40 Under 40, the 2014 Chicago Mayor’s Award for Civic Engagement, and the 2016 3Arts Grant for Chicago Artists. He has been featured in Buzzfeed, The Fader, Playboy, Vibe, NPR, ESPN, and MTV’s Rebel Music Native America. Waln has written for various publications including Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education, and Society and The Guardian. Frank Waln travels the world telling his story through performance and doing workshops focusing on self-empowerment and expression of truth.

Jicarilla Apache Crown Dancers



November 11, 2021
Dinner will be serve at 5:00 p.m. @ Multi-Purpose Facility
Performance at 6:00 p.m

The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department will be hosting the Apache Crown Dancers from Dulce, NM.

They will speak about their history and their relationship to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

For more information contact: Marvin Pinnecoose, Heritage/Events Coordinator at (970) 563-2988



HEALTHY RECIPES

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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

Diets high in vegetables are beneficial in cancer prevention. This very simple recipe is a great addition to your meal rotation. Adding your favorite vegetables as topping to this pizza adds vitamins, minerals, fiber, and cancer fighting nutrients. This is a quick recipe making it great for busy weeknights.

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



courtesy Healthy Recipes Blog

Eggplant Pizza

- Ingredients:**
- 2 eggplants, sliced in ¼ to ½ inch thick slices (no need to peel!)
 - 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 - 1 cup tomato sauce or pesto sauce
 - 8 oz. mozzarella cheese, shredded
 - 2-3 cups sliced/chopped veggies such as mushrooms, peppers, onions, spinach, tomato, olives, broccoli, cauliflower or any of your favorite vegetables!

- Directions:**
1. Place eggplant slices on a baking sheet.
 2. Brush with olive oil, and sprinkle with salt and pepper.
 3. Turn eggplant over and repeat step 2 on the other side.
 4. Bake at 425 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until tender.
 5. Remove from oven and top each slice with tomato or pesto sauce, cheese, and veggie toppings.
 6. Bake for an additional 8-10 minutes or until cheese is melted and veggies are tender.
- Serves 6-8 people

SO. UTE VOCATIONAL REHAB

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

By Bobby Rosa
SOUTHERN UTE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

October has been designated as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. People who experience disability must adapt on some level every day of their lives. During this past year and a half, we have been forced to adapt to the changes put upon us due to the health and safety risks caused by the spread of COVID-19. It has not been easy, but we must remember that we are resilient beings, and we are stronger when we work together. This is a list of just some of the local resources and programs here in our tribal community and in La Plata County that may be able to assist you. Everyone needs assistance from time to time, there is no shame in reaching out for help.

Disability Support Services:

- Southern Ute Indian Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Program: 970-563-4730
- Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: 970-247-3161
- La Plata County Veterans’ Services: 970-759-0117

- Southwest Center for Independence: 970-259-1672
 - Community Connections: 970-259-2464
 - Adaptive Sports Association: 970-259-0374
- Mental Health Support:**
- Southern Ute Behavioral Health Department: 970-563-5700
 - Axis Health Systems: 970-259-2162, CRISIS LINE: 844-493-8255
- Employment:**
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO: 970-563-0117
 - Southern Ute Indian Tribe TEAMS Program: 970-563-4750
 - Southwest Colorado Workforce Center: 970-247-3161
- Education:**
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe Education Department: 970-563-2784
 - Durango Adult Education Center: 970-385-4354
 - Southern Colorado Community Action Agency: 970-563-4517
 - Pueblo Community College: 970 385-2020
 - Fort Lewis College: 970-247-7184
 - San Juan College: 505-326-3311

- Transportation:**
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe CHR: 970-563-4784
 - Southern Ute Elders Department: 970-563-0156
 - Southwest Rides: 970-259-1672
 - Durango Transit Opportunity Bus: 970-247-3577
 - Ignacio Road Runner Bus: 970-563-4545, Dial-a-ride: 970-799-6201
- Food Assistance:**
- Southern Ute Food Distribution Program: 970-563-2531
 - La Plata County Food Stamps/PEAK: 970-382-6150
 - Durango Community Food Distribution: 970-375-2672
 - Pine River Shares: 970-884-6040
 - Manna Soup Kitchen: 970-385-5095
 - Durango Food Bank: 970-375-2672
- “A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.” – Christopher Reeve
- Tüvüchi Toghoyaqh to all you everyday heroes out there from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation staff.

BEHAVIOR HEALTH

BEE HEARD: New report “Culture Forward” supports importance of culture in prevention

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

CULTURE FORWARD: A Strengths and Culture Based Tool to Protect our Native Youth from Suicide.

The John Hopkins Center for American Indian Health has partnered with the Casey Family Programs and the Center for Native American Youth to create a report about Native youth and suicide. The group worked together to conduct roundtables and interviews, and review publications, reports and guides on prevention and reduction of suicide in Native communities. The report is now out and it supports how important culture is to preventing Native youth suicide both on and off Native American reservations. In the Culture Forward report, U.S. Congresswoman from New Mexico, Deb Haaland (Pueblo of Laguna) wrote, “Our communities are resilient. We hold the power to reclaim our stories- past, present and future. Together, we can weave ourselves a safety net strong enough to endure the threats of our world today so our youth people know they are loved, needed and have a reason to live.” This report is unique in that it was generated through listening sessions and interviews with people who represented different sectors of tribal communities. These included Tribal leaders, grassroots leaders working with Native youth on suicide prevention, Native youth leaders, two-spirit leaders working with two-spirit youth, elders and traditional healers, veterans, and military ser-

vice members. The Southern Ute Native Connections Program will be using the five core themes that emerged from all the listening sessions and interviews of Native stakeholders to help further guide the efforts of the Southern Ute Native Connections Program on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

The five core themes in the report that guide Native youth suicide prevention are:

1. Our networks harness belonging and help keep us safe. Focus: Extended families create community connections; Community networks keep Native youth safe; Belongingness is a critical protective factor; and Programs that create, support, or extend networks build belongingness and reduce risks. This section hits home how important and different our values systems are to the western world when it comes to family and community relationships, “... Indigenous words for relationships are more detailed and precise than in English.” Supporting and re-establishing these relationships are crucial both suicide prevention and culture.
2. Connections to our lands and Elders allow us to thrive. Focus: Indigenous ways of knowing and interacting with the world are grounded in relationships to place, land, family and community; Connections to homelands and our commu-

nities inform our sense of identity and purpose; Elders are vital to transmit cultural knowledge; Programs that promote these factors through emphasizing traditional wisdom in connection to lands and communities are successful at prevailing suicide and promoting resilience. This reminds us of the natural connections we have to our ancestral lands and no matter where we are, we are always on indigenous soil. Our connection to all the elements and ecosystems is our connection to a wealth of knowledge, wisdom and respect. According to the report, “Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) of our peoples is also described in academic literature. TEK signifies those Native experiences of the world are spatially oriented and based on a strong connection to place and mindfulness of other individuals, plants and animals that share the spaces we inhabit.”

3. Traditional knowledge holds the keys to health and healing. Focus: Adolescence is a key time to develop positive cultural identities that can protect against suicide; our traditional knowledge, cultural practices and values strengthen resilience; Tribal communities successfully incorporating culture-based learning and activities support increased resiliency; Programs that promote these factors through emphasizing traditional wisdom in connection to lands and communities are successful at preventing suicide and promoting resilience. We are reminded “that our ancestral knowledge provides the pathways to health and healing.” We hold the knowledge in our families, communities and in our genes.
4. Native youth lead us to reclaim our autonomy and well-being. Focus: Children are sacred and carry an important purpose in our lives and communities; our youth are strong, resilient and represent the future of our communities; Family-based programs that strengthen children’s social and emotional development reduce suicide risk among Native youth; Programs and policies that support youth development show our children their purpose and value in life. Without our children, would we have a future? In our traditional ways, the child is sacred and special because they are our future. They are the future holders of language, ceremonies, traditions, and storytelling. Creating space and opportunity for youth to participate, create change and lead some of these efforts is key in creating ownership, pride, and respect for all the core themes in this report.

Local Resources

- **Southern Ute Health Center – Behavioral Health Division:** NEW LOCATION AND PHONE NUMBER! 4101 CR 222, Durango, Colo. 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 Dr., Ignacio, Colo. 970-563-2331 or dss@southernute-nsn.gov for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **Southern Ute Police Department:** Anonymous Tip Hotline Do you have information about a crime? Please call 970-563-4999. This “Tip Line” was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously, if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The “Tip Line” is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it DOES NOT replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police number 970-563-4401.
- **St Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, Colo. 970-563-4241.
- Ignacio Community Church, Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave, Ignacio, Colo. 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.
- **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Has both an online chat and a 24/7 phone line at 1-800-273-8255 if you are thinking of suicide or need help for a loved one.
- **The Trevor Project:** Seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.

5. Self-determination empowers us to fight. Focus: Tribal sovereign-

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YOU ARE BRAVE YOU ARE BRAVE YOU ARE BRAVE

Tell us your Cancer Stories...

We are asking for your help. We want to hear your cancer stories, whether it be you, your family member(s) or a friend. We ask if you would like to share and bring awareness to our community?

WE ARE ASKING FOR 4 THINGS:

1. YOUR STORY
2. TIPS FOR PREVENTION
3. WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT
4. A PHOTO.

We are hoping that with your help we can not only bring awareness but also bring hope to families or individuals that are going through the same thing.

To submit your story contact Trennie Collins, Public Relations Coordinator at tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE YOU ARE STRONG YOU ARE STRONG YOU GOT THIS YOU GOT THIS YOU GOT THIS



PUBLIC HEALTH

DEA issues public safety alert on sharp increase in fake prescription pills containing fentanyl and meth

Staff report
U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT
ADMINISTRATION

The Drug Enforcement Administration issued a Public Safety Alert warning Americans of the alarming increase in the lethality and availability of fake prescription pills containing fentanyl and methamphetamine. DEA’s Public Safety Alert, the first in six years, seeks to raise public awareness of a significant nationwide surge in counterfeit pills that are mass-produced by criminal drug networks in labs, deceptively marketed as legitimate prescription pills, and are killing unsuspecting Americans at an unprecedented rate.

These counterfeit pills have been seized by DEA in every U.S. state in unprecedented quantities. More than 9.5 million counterfeit pills were seized so far this year, which is more than the last two years combined. DEA laboratory testing reveals a dramatic rise in the number of counterfeit pills containing at least two milligrams of fentanyl, which is considered a lethal dose. A deadly dose of fentanyl is small enough to fit on the tip of a pencil.

Counterfeit pills are illegally manufactured by criminal drug networks and are made to look like real prescription opioid medications such as oxycodone (Oxycontin®, Percocet®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), and alprazolam (Xanax®); or stimulants like amphetamines (Adderall®). Fake prescription pills are widely accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms – making them available to anyone with a smartphone, including minors.

“The United States is facing an unprecedented crisis of overdose deaths fueled by illegally manufactured fentanyl and methamphetamine,” said Anne Milgram, Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration. “Counterfeit pills that contain these dangerous and extremely addictive drugs are more lethal and more accessible than ever before. In fact, DEA lab analyses reveal that two out of every five fake pills with fentanyl contain a potentially lethal dose. DEA is focusing resources on taking down the violent drug traffickers causing the greatest harm and posing the greatest threat to the safety and health of Americans. Today, we are alerting the public to this danger so that people have the information they need to protect themselves and their children.”

The vast majority of counterfeit pills brought into the United States are produced in Mexico, and China is supplying chemicals for the manufacturing of fentanyl in Mexico.

The drug overdose crisis in the United States is a serious public safety threat with rates currently reaching the highest level in history. Drug traffickers are using fake pills to exploit the opioid crisis and prescription drug misuse in the United States, bringing overdose deaths and violence to American communities. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 93,000 people died of a drug overdose in the United States last year. Fentanyl, the synthetic opioid most commonly found in counterfeit pills, is the primary driver of this alarming increase in overdose deaths. Drug poisonings involving

methamphetamine, increasingly found to be pressed into counterfeit pills, also continue to rise as illegal pills containing methamphetamine become more widespread.

Drug trafficking is also inextricably linked to violence. This year alone, DEA seized more than 2700 firearms in connection with drug trafficking investigations – a 30 percent increase since 2019. DEA remains steadfast in its mission to protect our communities, enforce U.S. drug laws, and bring to justice the foreign and domestic criminals sourcing, producing, and distributing illicit drugs, including counterfeit pills.

This alert does not apply to legitimate pharmaceutical medications prescribed by medical professionals and dispensed by licensed pharmacists. The legitimate prescription supply chain is not impacted.

Anyone filling a prescription at a licensed pharmacy can be confident that the medications they receive are safe when taken as directed by a medical professional.

The issuance of today’s Public Safety Alert coincides with the launch of DEA’s One Pill Can Kill Public Awareness Campaign to educate the public of the dangers of counterfeit pills. DEA urges all Americans to be vigilant and aware of the dangers of counterfeit pills, and to take only medications prescribed by a medical professional and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist. DEA warns that pills purchased outside of a licensed pharmacy are illegal, dangerous, and potentially lethal. For more information, visit <https://www.dea.gov/onepill>.

BEE HEARD • FROM PAGE 4

ty can be leveraged to address youth suicide in our communities; Research shows that self-determination can be a protective factor against youth suicide; Tribal leaders have an important role to play in addressing suicide prevention for Native youth. We are reminded how important our role models and especially our tribal leaders are to these efforts. According to the report “Empirical research shows that perceived caring from tribal leaders is protective against suicidal thoughts for Native youth. Powerful stories from our youth coupled with research show the impact tribal leaders have in protecting our Native youth.” Reclaiming and picking up where our Ancestors left off. We know that western prevention efforts don’t effectively impact our Native communities because they were never

made with us in mind. We are now entering an era of prevention where Native youth and communities are finding the support and resources to address suicide, mental health crisis, and substance use. The time is now for all of us, young and old, to pay respects to our ancestors for their sacrifices, to pick up from where they left off, and push our way forward so our future grandchildren have a healthier future. Not just any future but one that our cultural ways live on and forward. Culture Forward is a great resource for our community and those who work in programs that provide services, information, and support to our Native community on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. For more information or for a copy of this report please contact the Southern Ute Native Connections Program at the Behavioral Health Division 970-563-5700.

CULTURE FORWARD: A Strengths and Culture Based Tool to Protect our Native Youth from Suicide. <https://caih.jhu.edu/programs/cultureforward> September 30, 2021.

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

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

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

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

HEALING DOESN'T MEAN THE DAMAGE NEVER EXISTED. IT MEANS THE DAMAGE NO LONGER CONTROLS OUR LIVES.

SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENT

DEA ISSUES PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT!



DEA ISSUES PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT ON SHARP INCREASE IN FAKE PRESCRIPTION PILLS CONTAINING FENTANYL AND METH.

PLEASE READ ATTACHED MEMO FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND FACT SHEET ON COUNTERFIT PILLS.

THE SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION AND NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM HAS INFORMATION FOR YOUTH, PARENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT DRUG USE, SAFETY, AND PREVENTION. PLEASE REACH OUT TO US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TRAINING OR RESOURCE INFORMATION TO KEEP YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY SAFE.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.

- DO NOT TAKE PILLS OR DRUGS THAT WERE NOT PRESCRIBED TO YOU.
- CONTACT THE SUIT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION ABOUT PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY SERVICES AND TRAININGS.



HEALTHY MINDS. HEALTHY CHOICES. HEALTHY UTES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION 970.563.5700
TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR OR ACTIVITY, PLEASE CALL THE SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANONYMOUS TIP LINE 970.563.4999

Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration

COUNTERFEIT PILLS FACT SHEET

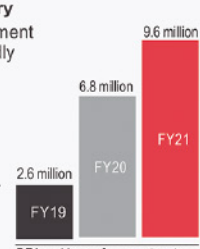
FAKE PRESCRIPTION PILLS • WIDELY AVAILABLE • INCREASINGLY LETHAL

Criminal drug networks are flooding the u.s. with deadly fake pills

- Criminal drug networks are mass-producing fake pills and falsely marketing them as legitimate prescription pills to deceive the American public.
- Counterfeit pills are easy to purchase, widely available, often contain fentanyl or methamphetamine, and can be deadly.
- Fake prescription pills are easily accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms—making them available to anyone with a smartphone, including teens and young adults.
- Many counterfeit pills are made to look like prescription opioids such as oxycodone (Oxycontin®, Percocet®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), and alprazolam (Xanax®); or stimulants like amphetamines (Adderall®).

Counterfeit pills often Contain fentanyl and are more lethal than ever before

- The number of DEA-seized counterfeit pills with fentanyl has jumped nearly 430 percent since 2019.
- Officials report a dramatic rise in the number of counterfeit pills containing at least 2 mg of fentanyl, which is considered a deadly dose.
- Drug traffickers are using fake pills to exploit the opioid crisis and prescription drug misuse. CDC reports more than 93,000 people died last year of an overdose in the U.S., the highest ever recorded.
- Fentanyl, the synthetic opioid most commonly found in counterfeit pills, is the primary driver in this alarming increase in overdose deaths.



Counterfeit pills are widely available across every state in the Country

- DEA and its law enforcement partners are seizing deadly fake pills at record rates.
- More than 9.5 million counterfeit pills were seized so far this year, which is more than the last two years combined.
- Counterfeit pills have been identified in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

DEA lab testing reveals that 2 out of every 5 pills with fentanyl contain a potentially lethal dose.

- Drug trafficking is also inextricably linked with violence.
- This year alone, DEA seized more than 2,700 firearms in connection with drug trafficking investigations—a 30 percent increase since 2019.

the only safe medications are ones that Come from liCensed and aCCredited mediCal professionals

- DEA warns that pills purchased outside of a licensed pharmacy are illegal, dangerous, and potentially lethal.

For more information about counterfeit pills, go to www.DEA.gov/onepill

Date as of September 2021

The Drug Enforcement Administration ensures the safety and health of the American public by fighting against violent criminal drug networks and foreign cartels trafficking in illicit drugs. To accomplish that mission, the Drug Enforcement Administration employs approximately 10,000 men and women throughout the world – Special Agents, diversion investigators, intelligence analysts, and chemists – across 239 domestic offices in 23 U.S. divisions and 91 foreign offices in 68 countries.

October 2021

Noon Ball Schedule



Monday: Soccer

Tuesday: Volleyball

Wednesday: Soccer

Thursday: Basketball

Masks must be worn in gym

For more information call SunUte front desk at 970-563-0214



courtesy SUIMA

Outgoing Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder, took time out of her responsibilities to enjoy some traditional songs and stories at SUIMA. She is seen here with Council Member Linda Baker, Council Member Ramona Eagle, UMU Council Member Afrem Wall, Chairman Melvin Baker, UMU Council Member Betty Howe, Council Member Dr. Oberly, Council Member Torres, SUIMA Principal Mari Jo Owens, Ute Language Specialist Daisy Blue Star, and Ute Language teacher Shawna Steffler.

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Kwanachigani pe’ekwatn - Eagle’s Nest

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI
INDIAN ACADEMY

Thank you to all of the parents for helping to keep our students safe and healthy by wearing your masks and helping with the temperature checks.

Yugwana (autumn) is here, and the leaves are changing.

Before the weather becomes too chilly, the infants and toddlers were able to have a water day. With swimsuits on and towels ready, these students enjoyed water games, sitting in small water filled containers and running through sprinklers.

Having two apple trees on school grounds, the early childhood/primary level wrote about apples, made beautiful apple art, tasted 11 varieties of apples, and made apple sauce.

The elementary level is researching what vegetables can be grown in the green house over the yugwana and tomatoes and have also been meeting their Ute Language challenges.

All these activities have the students engaged and excited – as it should be in school.

Tumiikukh kwanachi – Eagle of the Week

Lucas Rael is a Kindergarten who has been at SUIMA for five years - since he was a baby in the infant room!

Lucas is a very caring person, loves to help others, but is very sensitive and shy too.



courtesy SUIMA



courtesy SUIMA

Lucas’s Ute name is Kwiyaqhatapiiyatt, which means “Running Bear.”

His favorite food is “Mac and Cheese” – Yummy!!

Lucas enjoys playing outside, likes to sing, watch the Big foot series on TV with his Grandpa John and having books read to him. He loves spending time with his Dad, Grandma Becky, uncle’s Nicholas and Dustin and hanging out his siblings Amethyst, Bianca, Dominique and Marcus. He misses his mom.

While at school, Lucas can be found working on his creative writing.

Shoshoni Blackwood-Two Crow is a Kindergarten who has been at SUIMA for two years.

Shoshoni is very curious, likes to have books read to her, enjoys drawing with markers and has fun playing at parks.

Shoshoni’s Ute name is Kwanamuguavi which means “Eagle Heart.”

Her favorite foods include watermelon and grapes – Delicious!

While at school, Shoshoni can be found working on one of her favorite books – Dr. Seuss Oh the Thinks you Can Think.

Nuu’apaghapi – Ute phrases

‘umuaa’ mamachi punikyagha? – Did you see a woman?
Nu tukuasa’api asti’i – I want/like stew.

Upcoming events

- Date TBD: Hearing and Vision screenings
- Oct. 22: Pumpkin splash
- Oct. 25-28: Family Conference week
- Oct. 28: Halloween festivities - TBD
- Oct. 29: No school
- Date TBD: Parent Advisory Group

Little Miss visits SUIMA



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council members: Linda Baker, Ramona Eagle, Chairman Melvin Baker, Stacey Oberly and Vanessa Torres stand behind Little Miss Southern Ute Royalty Representative, Shayne White Thunder in Veterans Memorial Park on Friday, Sept. 24. Tribal Council and White Thunder went to visit students during the school day at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.



Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder embraces Southern Ute Indian Montessori’s After School Aide, Aislinn Ryder. Little Miss was visiting students and staff at the academy before she gave up her crown and title as a royalty representative on Friday, Sept. 24.

WEDNESDAYS AT 2:00 P.M.

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Ready to take the next step toward creating social change in your community? Apply to the University of Denver (DU) Graduate School of Social Work Four Corners program here in Durango – the two-year program starts in September 2022 and classes are on Fridays and Saturdays. Complete your application by Jan. 15, 2022 and we will waive the \$65.- application fee. For more information, contact Janelle Doughty at janelle.doughty@du.edu or visit www.du.edu/socialwork/fourcorners

Attention Staff

No Fancy Friday attire?

No problem!

Weekday lunch hour is for you.

On October 19, 21, 26 and 28 bring your lunch and join the Cultural Preservation Department in the SUCCM Craft room where you can make a ribbon shirt or skirt.

Please join us in supporting our youth!

Space is limited!

For your supply list and to reserve your space, please contact:
Crystal Rizzo, Cultural Education Coordinator
970-563-2306 | crizzo@southernute-nsn.gov

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After School Tutoring at the Southern Ute Education Center available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 3:45 PM-5:00 PM.

Starts Monday, September, 20th 2021.

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Skating for Suicide Awareness & Mental Health



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder and spiritual leader Eddie Box Jr., spoke to those in attendance at the Skate Jam event, before giving an invocation. Southern Ute Health Center Native Connections Program Manager, Precious Collins and SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth were both active participants and their respective departments helped sponsor the event.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Shayne White Thunder takes an easy-going stroll on a scooter in the evening at the Skate Park Jam event.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Maynard Taylor rushes up the quarter pipe of the new Pínuu Nuuchi Skate Park at the Skate Park Jam.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

SunUte Fitness Trainer, Eliyah Lucero feeds the demand for snow cones at the Skate Park Jam event.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Cutline Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Bruce Valdez takes a scooter for a spin around the new skatepark.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

COVID-19 precautions were highly encouraged during the event, with masks and hand sanitizer available throughout the event. Precious Collins gives a “one-use” hand sanitizer to attendee Marie Joy.

The Skate Park Jam was held at Pínuu Nuuchi Skate Park on Friday, Sept. 24. Free snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, dinner and swag were handed out at the event. This was a collaboration between the Division of Behavioral Health, Native Connections Program, Division of Social Services, Public Relations, SunUte Community and Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department and emceed by Rezolution Radio Hour DJ, Robert Ortiz (KSUT Tribal Radio). September is Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month and some Southern Ute Tribal Departments thought it would be an innovative idea to collaborate on a skate park event to introduce the new space and get outside. In Native American communities, suicide is one of the leading causes of death in youth ages 18-24 years of age. Promoting outside activities, fresh air and sports can highly reduce the risk around suicide and promotes mental health, working on the prevention aspect side of things.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Public Relations Coordinator Trennie Collins helps attendee, Carol Baker sign up for a raffle on Friday, Sept. 24 at the Pino Nuche Skate Park.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Executive Programs Director for The Hive Durango, Kelsie Borland gave away skateboarding safety equipment during one of the raffles held at the Skate Jam event. The Hive Durango is a non-profit Art, Music, Skateboarding collective operating out of Durango, Colo.

Outgoing Royalty celebrated at MPF



Miss Southern Ute, Jazmin Carmenoros sits with family and friends while attending the Outgoing Royalty Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.



Southern Ute Royalty Committee Member, Daisy Bluestar honors outgoing Jr. Miss Southern Ute with an embroidered shawl on Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Royalty Dinner. All outgoing royalty was presented two Pendleton blankets that were embroidered with their respective reigning years.



Southern Ute Brave, Andre Bluestar-Baker and Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder share appreciation with those in attendance at the Outgoing Royalty Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 30.



Former Southern Ute Royalty members: Vanessa Torres, Ramada Cloud, Linda Baker and Jennifer Goodtracks catch up with one another during the Outgoing Royalty Dinner hosted by the Southern Ute Royalty Committee to celebrate the outgoing representatives on Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

Families, friends and past royalty members gathered at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility on Thursday, Sept. 30 for the Outgoing Royalty Dinner. The Southern Ute Royalty Committee hosted the dinner for the royalty representatives of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. Miss Southern Ute, Jazmin Carmenoros, Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage, Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder and Southern Ute Brave, Andre Bluestar-Baker held their royalty titles for two years consecutively because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The next royalty pageant is scheduled to take place in August of 2022.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum

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Computer Tech Support Class
Thursday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m.

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HORSE EMPOWER BRINGS FAMILIES CLOSER • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Cutline Sunshine Whyte greets a horse named “Gus” during Horse Empower. Family wellbeing is a focus of Equine Assisted Learning (EAL). Parents, children — all learn about their individual leadership styles while actively engaging with the horses.

local organization such as the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division and the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

“Our programs are goal-oriented learning programs where participants work on the ground with horses through carefully designed objective-based ob-

stacles and problem-solving exercises,” Horse Empower founder and equine specialist, Kim Hardesty explained.

“Equine Assisted learning is the type of program [we offered], which is essentially experienced learning, partnering with horses,” Hardesty said. “It gives the family time to be pres-

ent, put away cell phones, and be with family; learn about themselves and each other on a deeper more connected level.”

“We didn’t mix families; it was one family unit at a time. The group dynamic is super powerful,” she said. “The best part is that all the while they are having fun,



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Sonny Flores mounts a horse named “Canyon” during the second half on a family orientated Horse Empower — Equine Assisted Learning session. Flores used communication skills and trust building techniques to bond with his horse and accomplish some riding and horsemanship activities.

we get to see all the laughter and smiles along the journey. Almost every single family came back two and three times for more sessions.”

“The horses’ sensitive nature, awareness of their surroundings and herd instincts make them exceptional teachers. Their distinct attitudes, personalities and moods create a mutually beneficial and powerful learning environment. Working together with groups and teams, horses look for a leader, the same kind of compassionate, clear and confident leader that people seek and through our many experiential programs they help gently guide participants, letting them know when they get it right and when they have opportunities to grow.”

“Everybody is different — even the horses,” emphasized Hardesty. “That’s the same with the people. They are learning to recognize what they are drawn to. How to communicate better — and that’s super important. Participants are encouraged to brush the horses, it’s really therapeutic in nature; it’s the moment where you begin to develop a relationship. We find that people love the repetition of the brush strokes, it also builds trust and awareness — they become more in tune with the horses, the horses will react. That’s a beautiful, powerful thing.

“Our specific goal is to help youth improve feelings of self-worth” said Native Connections Behavioral Health Therapist, Stephanie Garcia. “Horse Empower has different options for different family’s needs. For instance, some may be looking for a more “therapeutic” in

the mental health sense kind of support, while others may just be looking for an opportunity for family bonding that is less formal. They offer both options. As well as one-on-one work vs. group work.”

While the Horse Empower was scheduled until the end of September for the general Native American community, the Southern Ute Native Connections program and Southern Ute Behavioral Health Dept. will still be working with Horse Empower for therapeutic needs that their clients have.

“The Horse Empower program is so valuable and truly a positive experience,” emphasized Southern Ute tribal member Sunshine Whyte, “It was a great opportunity as a family to challenge ourselves and to bond more, not only with each other, but with the horses. Life is fast paced, but this gave us a chance to slow down, try something new and appreciate our time together. The more time spent with the horses builds a mutual trust and respect, but really you start to see the impacts of verbal and non-verbal communication that helps you take a deeper look at your own style and application to everyday interactions.”

Whyte participated in multiple session this summer, taking advantage of the opportunity provided by the Tribe’s Native Connection program. She was joined by her husband Terrance Whyte, and their two sons, on each of these family orientated Horse Empower sessions.

“Sonny (Flores) is 13 and Warren (Whyte) is 7, the individual work they did with the horses helped them to

build their confidence and feel accomplished in their efforts,” Whyte explained. “The work they did together, as a team with the horses, improved their communication to each other, their problem-solving skills and even increased their patience with each other. Warren enjoyed it so much he is wanting his own horse, and Sonny is seeking to continue developing his horsemanship skills.”

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division will be offering a six-week therapeutic program for middle school aged Native American youth enrolled at the Southern Ute Health Clinic starting Tuesday, Oct. 12. This will be a great way for Native youth to learn more about themselves, learn to communicate their feelings, while also learning to lead and share control.

“I feel like even though I am a therapist, I think there are lots of different ways to heal and improve yourself or reach your goals; I think this is a great opportunity to do that.” Garcia emphasized. “Everyone is different, and everyone should have the opportunity to have therapy in an alternative way that may be works better for them”

Please contact Stephanie Garcia sgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov or Jennifer Goodtracks jgoodtra@southernute-nsn.gov or call the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700 for more information.

To learn more about equine learning and equine therapy, visit, Horse Empower LLC at horseempower.com, or contact Kim Hardesty at 970-749-397.

HORSE EMPOWER HOUR

STARTING OCTOBER 12, 2021

6 WEEK THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM

Sign up for a FUN afternoon where you'll learn about horses and yourself.

- Learn something new about yourself.
- Learn to communicate confidently about how you feel.
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Dates and Times:
Every Tuesday afternoon from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Location:
Horse Empower LLC, 616 Cole Ranch Rd, Durango, CO 81303

Who:
Middle School Aged Native American Youth enrolled at the Southern Ute Health Clinic

SIGN UP NOW
DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 11, 2021 5:00 PM

Contact Stephanie Garcia sgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov or Jennifer Goodtracks jgoodtra@southernute-nsn.gov

For more information, please contact Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970.563.5700
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FIELD DRESSING WORKSHOP

The Wildlife Division and The Wildlife Advisory Board will be offering a demonstration on how to field dress a big game animal for Tribal Members and immediate family.

- Learn the steps to dress an animal properly in the field
- Learn what equipment you should have with you while hunting to properly care for a harvested animal
- Get hands on experience (if you like) or just come and observe.

The workshop will be held Saturday, October 16th, 2021 at the Tribe’s Buffalo Pasture at 124 CR 324, Ignacio, CO.

Tribal Members are invited to the Sunrise Blessing at approximately 7:20 a.m. and the workshop will begin at 8:00 a.m.



For more information please contact Nicole Black at the Wildlife Division, (970) 563-0130.

The 2021 First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt

The First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt is a limited-draw hunt held from December 1st – December 31st, 2021, on the Southern Ute Reservation. There will be only ten permits allotted for this hunt.

Important Information

- All hunters must comply with all rules set forth in the Southern Ute Reservation Hunting Proclamation.
- Permitted 1st Descendants are only allowed to hunt on tribal trust lands within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Access permission must be obtained to hunt on tribal land assignments. Private property (including allotted parcels) and San Juan National Forest lands are not available for 1st Descendant hunting.
- All applicants must submit a Descendancy Letter to the Wildlife Division. These can be obtained from Tribal information Services (TIS).

Hunt Information

- The hunt is open only to Southern Ute First Descendants.
- Season Dates: December 1 – 31, 2021.
- Weapon Type: Any Legal Weapon.
- Application Period: October 1 – 29, 2021 (Applications must be submitted by October 29th, 2021).
- Application fee is non-refundable.
- Applicants must submit a descendancy letter from Tribal Information Services.
- Ten permits will be available by limited draw only.
- The drawing will be in early November.
- Permits will be issued beginning November 15th, 2021.
- Successful hunters must have their elk validated.
- Bag Limits: 1 Antlerless Elk.

For More information and to find a link to the SUIT Store please visit the Website at:
[First Descendant Antlerless Elk – Southern Ute Indian Tribe \(southernute-nsn.gov\)](http://southernute-nsn.gov)

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

Blessing new broadband facility



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Vice Chairman Bruce Valdez provided the blessing at the site of the new Tribal Broadband Modernization Project, storage and staging facility. The facility will sit upon a reclaimed well pad and will assist in furthering the tribal priority to connect and improve service to tribal and community homes. Shared Services CIO, Jeff Engman, Bonfire Engineering and Construction staff, and Johnny Valdez were also in attendance for the blessing.

SMALL BUSINESS

Southwest Colorado’s inaugural ‘Native Entrepreneurship’ workshop

Madeline Light
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An exciting five-year collaboration to support small business growth and development began on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Southern Ute Tribe, Fort Lewis College Center for Innovation, and The Leeds School of Business Deming Center for Entrepreneurship at The University of Colorado Boulder hosted the inaugural business workshop called “Native Entrepreneurship” on Sept. 24-25.

Native Entrepreneurship was taught by Erick Mueller and Eric Burno, entrepreneurs and award-winning professors at the Leeds School of Business. This was a valuable program for both aspiring entrepreneurs and current small business owners. This course gave existing businesses a new perspective to stir creativity and explore new growth opportunities while providing the perfect primer for entrepreneurs navigating their way through the business startup process.

“The Southern Ute Indian Tribe was honored to host the Demystifying Entrepreneurship Conference and proud of the collaboration with the various entities who came together to support tribal entrepreneurs,” stated Chairman Melvin J. Baker. “The conference helped bridge the gap between a dream of small business development for members of our tribal community.”

Local entrepreneurs and innovators from the Ignacio area joined together at the Sky Ute Casino to turn their business ideas into reality or take their business concepts to the next level.



courtesy Erick Mueller

Faculty from Leeds School of Business from University of Colorado Boulder gather for a group photo with local partners outside the Sky Ute Casino Resort after the success of the Demystifying Entrepreneurship workshop. A second part to the series will return to the Reservation in the Spring of 2022.

The varied group included a sustainable plant pot for use in the rejuvenation of riverbeds, an electric vehicle charging experience, and a healing studio.

“I am grateful that these resources are available for our tribal community and the surrounding area. And that we can learn from experts in entrepreneurship,” said an attendee.

Dedra White Eagle is excited to develop a few different ideas. One that she worked on during the workshop was an electric vehicle charging experience. Transforming this typically dull experience into one that shares Native American history and stories, is engaging and overall memorable. She shared, “The entire workshop was very valuable. I am a beginner in this entrepreneurship world and am thankful that I participated and learned these practical tools.”

“What a special cohort of change-makers! I was inspired by the innovative ideas from all the attendees and especially impressed from the concepts developed by the South-

ern Ute tribal members. It’s so exciting to launch this workshop series to contribute in elevating the local entrepreneurial ecosystem. I’m certain this cohort will help amplify the Native and surrounding community’s overall economic vitality. We can’t wait to return in 2022!,” said Mueller.

This workshop will return to Ignacio in the Spring of 2022.

This series of workshops is put on in partnership with CU’s Leeds School of Business and is available in every major rural region in Colorado. The next Demystifying Workshop, Shore Up, is being offered in Vail, Colo. on Oct. 8-9. To register for this event, please visit <https://www.vailvalleypartnership.com/event/shore-up-your-small-business/>.

To learn about all locations, visit: <https://outreach.colorado.edu/program/demystifying-entrepreneurship-rural-colorado-workshop-series/>. Sign up to receive updates about next year’s workshop.

Many thanks to those who made this event possible.

TREASURER’S
PANA-QARÜ 'URÜ
APAGHARÜ



Tribal Council Treasurer Marjorie Barry has shared the Pana-qarü 'urü 'apagharü “Money Talks” Quarterly Report on the Tribal Member Portal.

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



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STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT REMAINS POSTPONED WHILE IN PHASE II “SAFER AT HOME”, LEVEL 2.

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](https://www.ksut.org)

Honoring Our Warriors

Are you a Southern
Ute Tribal Member
or Tribal Employee
Veteran?

We are seeking Veterans who are willing to share their military experience (combat not required) for a Tribal Council project.

You will be recognized and stories will be shared publicly during the weeks leading up to Veteran’s Day. More information to follow. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Lindsay Box, contact information below.

Please contact Ms. Lindsay J. Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist at (970) 563.2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov.

“Point Man” Sculpture by Oreland Joe, Sr.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council
Contact Information

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

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CYBER SECURITY

How bad guys bypass your email security

Staff report
THE KNOWBe4 SECURITY TEAM

Have you ever wondered how phishing attacks get in to your inbox? Most email clients, such as Outlook and Gmail, have built-in features to filter out potential threats. Additionally, it's likely that your organization has extra security measures to help protect your work account. Unfortunately, scammers have found clever ways to bypass this security and creep into your inbox.

TECHNICAL TACTICS

Most security filters work by looking for specific text patterns, file formats, or links to websites that are known to be suspicious. Scammers often bypass this feature by hosting a malicious file on a legitimate file-sharing service, such as Dropbox or Google Drive. Your email filters will not see the linked file as a threat, because it is hosted on a trusted website.



Remember: Never trust a link within an email that you were not expecting, even if it is to a familiar website.

SOCIAL ENGINEERS

Bad guys can completely avoid security filters, by sending phishing emails that don't include links or attachments. Instead, they use a technique called social engineering. Social engineering is when a scammer poses as someone else and tricks you into sharing sensitive information. Typically, the phishing email will appear to be from someone important, such as your manager or a member of your IT department. Then, the scammers try to use this disguise to trick you into re-

plying with sensitive information, sending a confidential attachment, or even wiring money to them.

Remember: Stop and think before you click. Were you expecting this email? Is this an unusual request? Is there another way that this person can, or should, securely gather this information?

A HUMAN TOUCH

Technology will never catch 100% of threats because the attackers are human. That's why becoming a strong part of your organization's human firewall is so important. Remember: Stay on the lookout for suspicious emails. Nothing can catch a bad guy better than a good guy!



2021 Annual Fall Clean-Up

Southern Ute Property and Facilities
Tyson Thompson, Director
970-563-2945

October 18 through 22 only! No pickups over the weekend or the week after.

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

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

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

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

Tribal Elders. If you need assistance with bagging and piling of your trash, please contact the **TERO Department at 970-563-0117**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Construction Services, 970-563-0260, Tribal members within the Town of Ignacio and Tribal Member homes east of the Pine River.

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

LPEA Virtual TOWN HALL MEETING

OUR FUTURE POWER SUPPLY
October 25th + 27th | 6:00 PM

ATTEND FOR A CHANCE TO
WIN A \$50
GIFT CARD

Click here for more details!



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.

Worth it.



COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS AT PCC SOUTHWEST

PCC Southwest offers multiple CIS degree and certificate options. Earn your associate degree on campus or pursue one of our fully online degrees. Or focus on a shorter course to boost your skills. You can even get a bachelor's degree in Secure Software Development right here at PCC.



The National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security designated PCC a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education in 2017. This designation ensures that you are getting the best instruction available and offers your future employers the assurance that you are well qualified in the rapidly growing CIS industry.



Pueblo Southwest
Community College

Spring classes start **January 17**
For information, call **970.564.6201**
or visit **pueblocc.edu/programs**

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

- 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.

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

- Online Payment at www.suituti.com: Select "Pay My Bill" at top (Jfifgfiy Recommencfed)
- Drop Box by the Drive-Up window

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.

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission designated CenturyLink as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within its service area for universal service purposes. CenturyLink's basic local service rates for residential voice lines are \$27.50 per month and business services are \$38.00-\$40.00 per month. Specific rates will be provided upon request.

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone or broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or broadband service per household, which can be on either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 23 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone or broadband service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-201-4099 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY

AT PCC SOUTHWEST

Our accredited program meets the
**highest national standards
 for technical training**
 in the automotive service industry.





Spring classes start Jan. 17

For information, call 970.564.6214 or
 visit pueblocc.edu/Programs/ASE/



For questions related to this survey and/or the Elders Committee, please contact Council Member Ramona Y. Eagle at (970) 563.2402



2021 General Election Meet the Candidates Night

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

KSUT Tribal Radio will provide on-air coverage of the event.
Masks are required.

Only written questions will be accepted.

Submit prior to the event via email to MTCN@southernute-nsn.gov or plan to write the question and submit to Council Affairs Staff at the live event.

Agenda

5:30 p.m. - Meet the Candidates Night Guidelines
5:35 p.m. - Candidate Platform Statements
6:00 p.m. - Begin Questions
7:10 p.m. - Break
7:25 p.m. - Resume Questions
8:35 p.m. - Candidate Closing Statements
9:00 p.m. - Conclusion

Members may register for the WebEx Event using the link below or QR Code.



Register for the WebEx Event at: <https://bit.ly/2USjdKu>
Password: suit

For additional information please contact Mrs. Sunshine Whyte at 970.563.2319 and for technical assistance please contact Mr. Landri Wauneka at 970.563.5055

P.O. Box 737 Ignacio, Colo. 81137 970.563.0100 www.southernute-nsn.gov

Southern Ute Indian Tribe General Election 2021

VOTING DAY PROCEDURES

The Election Board will be supervising and administering the Southern Ute Indian Tribe General Election at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio CO November 05, 2021 7a.m. – 7p.m.

Due to COVID-19 and it's variants, the Election Board is asking the Tribal Membership to follow the requested precautions to help prevent the spread of the disease, thank you.

- Marked "X"'s will be located outside on the walkway, maintaining (6) feet social distancing where voters will stand when more than one voter is present.
- We ask all voters to please wear a mask. If you do not have one we will provide a disposable one for your use.
- We ask all voters to sanitize before voting, hand sanitizer will also be available.
- Sanitizing of the voting booths will occur after each use, please be patient.

Ballot Counting Procedure:

To ensure the safety of the Tribal Membership, the counting of ballots will be conducted in the following manner. Only the appropriate tribal employees, Election Board members, and candidates will be able to be in attendance of the count. On Monday, November 08, 2021, certification will take place.

Election Board: 970-563-2303 or ext. 2305/2728/2730

Off Reservation Tribal Members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303



No. 00000

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 05, 2021

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS NOTICE: VOTE FOR 2 (TWO)

- ☐ Vanessa P. Torres
- ☐ Lorelei Cloud
- ☐ W. Bruce Valdez
- ☐ Cedric J. Chavez
- ☐ Lindsay J. Box

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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2021 GENERAL ELECTION TWO (2) TRIBAL COUNCIL SEATS

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

GENERAL ELECTION- Friday, November 05, 2021, 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. held at 285 Lakin Street.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE- Wednesday, October 27, 2021 by 5:00 P.M.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE- Wednesday, October 27, 2021 by 5:00 P.M.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE REQUEST DEADLINE- Thursday, November 04, 2021 by 5:00 P.M.

Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2730/2728
Off Reservation Tribal Member: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

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

2021 General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

General Election: Friday, November 5, 2021
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
285 Lakin Street
Ignacio, CO



Voter Registration Deadline- Wednesday, October 27, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline- Wednesday, October 27, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.
Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline- Thursday, November 4, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.

Tribal Council Candidates: Vanessa P. Torres
Lorelei Cloud
W. Bruce Valdez
Cedric J. Chavez
Lindsay J. Box

Contact the Election Board at
(970) 563-0100 ext. 2303/2305/ 2729/2728/2730
Off Reservation Tribal Members telephone:
1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

SOUTHERN UTE ELECTION BOARD OFFICE HOURS

Election Board will resume normal hours
of Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in August 2021

To contact Election Board:

election@southernute-nsn.gov

Natalie Richards (970) 563- 2305

Joyce Delaware-Ford (970) 563-2303

Michelle Chavez (970) 563- 2729

Gibran Silva (970) 563- 2728

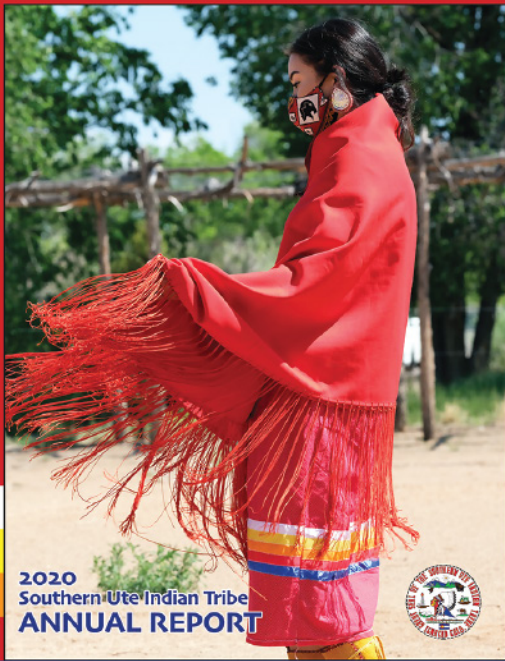


2020 Southern Ute Annual Report now available

The 2020 Annual Report of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe are available to Southern Ute tribal members and Tribal Departments.

The membership can request to have a physical copy mailed to them through Tribal Information Services, 970-563-2208 or pick up a copy in person at the TIS office during their modified business hours.

The Annual Report can also be viewed online and downloaded via the Tribal Member Portal, the pdf is on members.southernute-nsn.gov Resources > Tribal Member Downloads > PDFs



2020
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
ANNUAL REPORT



"Together we can make a positive change."

VOTE
VANESSA P.
TORRES
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL





SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

VOLUNTARY DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING

October 25th & 26th
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Voluntary viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and their immediate household members (including those who are not enrolled) and Tribal Caregivers. Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribal Members are also welcome to attend. Individuals are required to wear a face mask.

Tribal Elders and those who identify as high risk have priority from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. both days.

Testing will be open to tribal staff and the community both days!

Due to the high volume of tests, there is a slight delay in processing time. Southern Ute Health Center Staff will contact individuals who test positive. If your test is negative, you will not receive a call reporting your test results.



TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19

"TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"



THE TRIBE IS IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 2

Please continue to follow the appropriate COVID-19 restrictions and adhere to all public health orders in effect. Tribal Council amended the public health order requiring face coverings for **ALL** individuals whether vaccinated or unvaccinated while indoors. Let's reduce transmission and keep our community safe!

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




Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

Activities allowed while in 'Safer at Home' Order Phase II, Level 2

The Tribe tightens restrictions, moves to Phase II "Safer at Home" Order, Level 2 effective October 2, 2021.



- Care for Family & Pets
- Buy groceries or household supplies
- Obtain medical supplies
- Engage in banking
- Go to work or get things from work
- Exercise or engage in non-group activities
- Get or buy educational supplies
- Maintain or buy things for the household



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

TRIBE TIGHTENS RESTRICTIONS, MOVES TO PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 2

In accordance with tribal Resolution 2021-104 which adopted amended COVID-19 metrics, and due to the rise in data, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council concurred to tighten restrictions and moving to the more restricted Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 2. The graphic below explains the changes in restrictions.

For more info and updates
www.southernute-nsn.gov
Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Facebook

Metrics	PHASE I "STAY AT HOME"	PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME"			PHASE III "PROTECT OUR NEIGHBOR"
	SEVERE RISK	LEVEL 3 HIGH RISK	LEVEL 2 CONCERN	LEVEL 1 CAUTIOUS	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

What has changed with the amended restrictions?

Older Restrictions

Restrictions in Phase II, Level 1

Personal Gathering
No greater than 30

Indoor Capacity
Up to 75%
175 Max

Outdoor Capacity
Up to 75%
200 Max

New Amended Restrictions

Restrictions in Phase II, Level 2

Personal Gathering
No greater than 20

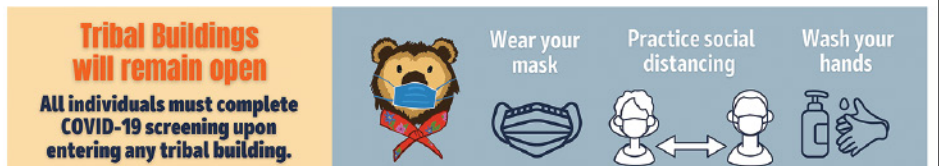
Indoor Capacity
50%
75 Max

Outdoor Capacity
50%
100 Max

Tribal Members, Employees and Visitors are encouraged to continue daily safe health practices while responding to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals should continue to adhere to all public health orders in effect including requirements for face coverings.

Tribal Buildings will remain open

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



Wear your mask Practice social distancing Wash your hands

For more information or updates visit: www.southernute-nsn.gov or Official Facebook

RISE IN COVID CASES • FROM PAGE 1

- Go to the grocery store.
- Pick up medications or attend medical appointments.
- Go to school or buy educational supplies.
- Go to, or get things from, work.
- Go to a restaurant or store, provided all protective measures of the establishment are followed.
- Spend time outdoors to enjoy activities such as walking, hiking, playing, or picnicking at a park, etc.
- Exercise indoors or outdoors provided capacity restrictions and protective measures are in place.
- Take your pets to veterinarian appointments

The following activities are strongly discouraged:

- Leaving your home or visit with family members and friends if you are sick.
- Visiting loved ones who are not household mem-

bers in the hospital, nursing home, or other residential care facility.

- Discontinuing the practice of social distancing, maintaining less than 6 feet of distance between you and non-household members when you go out.

The following activity is required:


- Using a face mask when required by public health order
- Restrictions in Phase II, Level 2.
- Personal gatherings are restricted to 20 individuals or less.
- Indoor gathering capacity is restricted to 50% of setting capacity and 75 maximum capacity.
- Outdoor gathering capacity is restricted to 50% of setting capacity and 100 maximum capacity.

More information can be found on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website and social media, in The

Southern Ute Drum, and on the air at KSUT Tribal Radio. Individuals can also call the Southern Ute Indian Tribe by dialing 970-563-0100.

If you are sick, please self-isolate. If your symptoms begin to worsen, please call your primary healthcare provider or the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581. Do not arrive at your primary health care provider's office without calling to notify the professionals of your symptoms.

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



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

(As of October 6, 2021)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases

315 Positives
239 Recovered
22 Breakthrough
13,493 Total Tests

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

126 Positives
102 Recovered
3 Deaths

SUHC Vaccination Update

Upcoming Vaccine Clinics & Availability

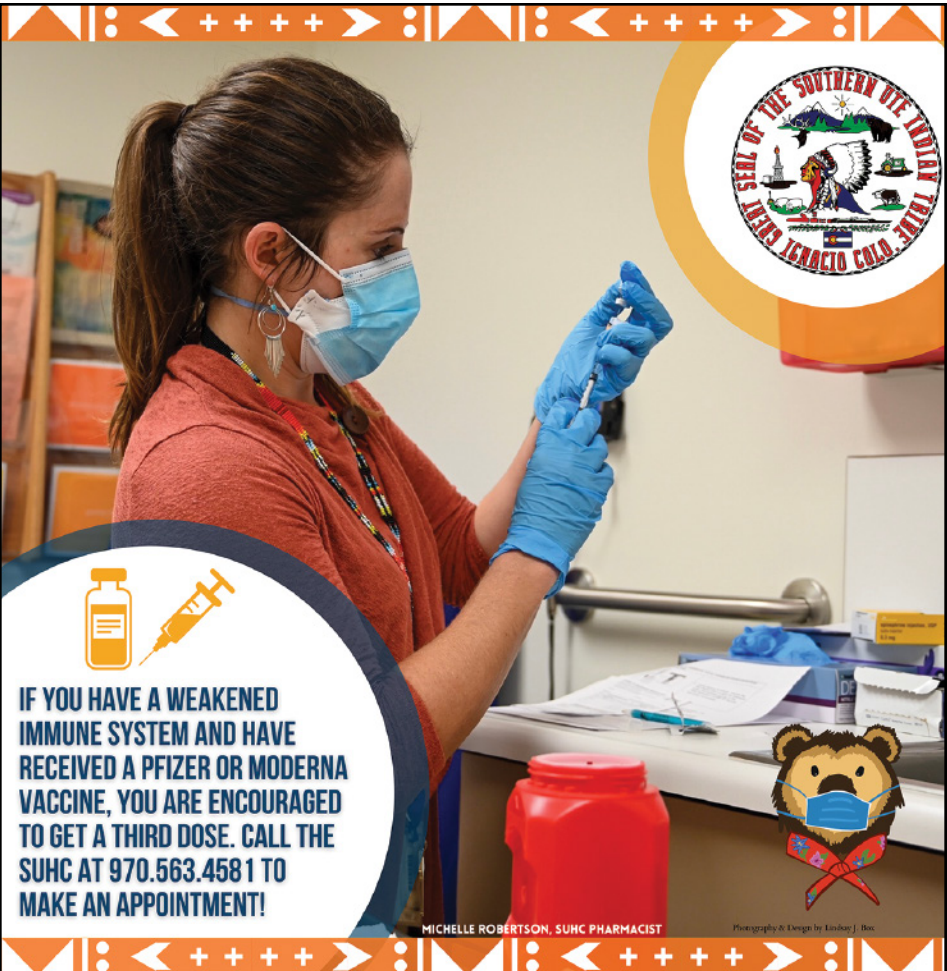
10/8 (Moderna)	1
10/13 (Pfizer)	6
10/19 (Moderna)	6
10/20 (Pfizer)	12

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

Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

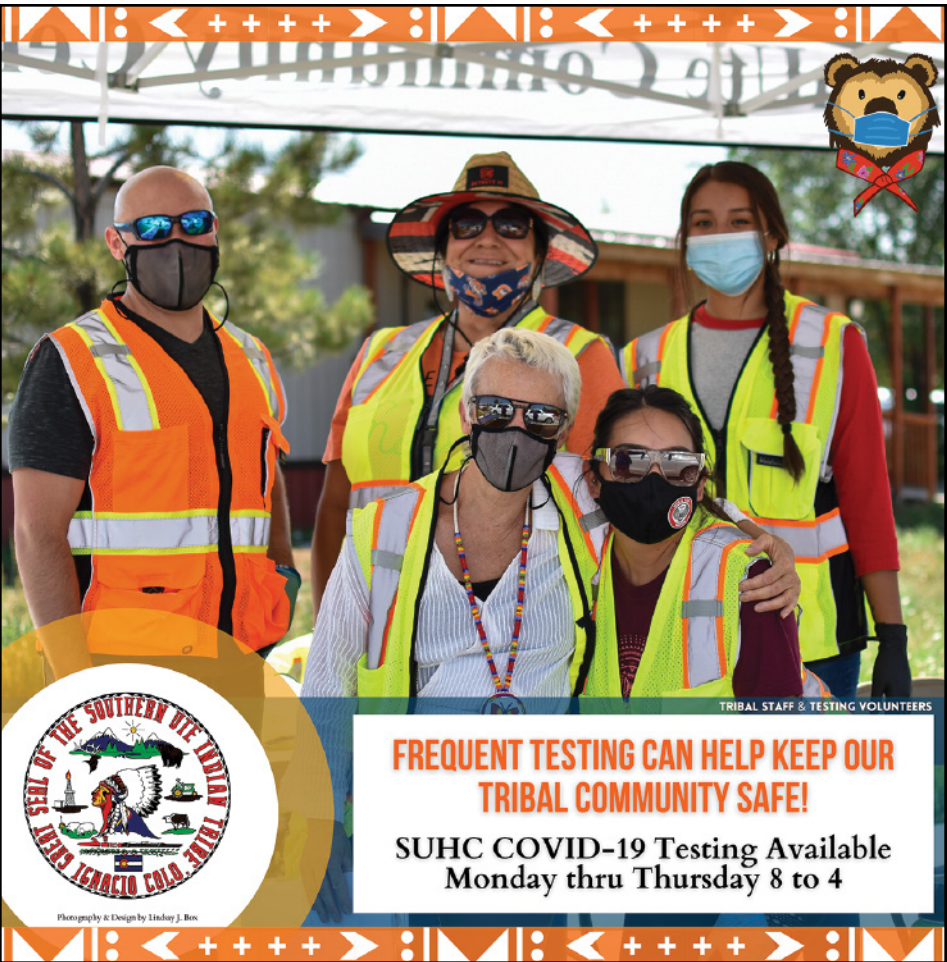
TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19

"TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"



IF YOU HAVE A WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEM AND HAVE RECEIVED A PFIZER OR MODERNA VACCINE, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO GET A THIRD DOSE. CALL THE SUHC AT 970.563.4581 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

MICHELLE ROBERTSON, SUHC PHARMACIST



FREQUENT TESTING CAN HELP KEEP OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY SAFE!

SUHC COVID-19 Testing Available
Monday thru Thursday 8 to 4



BOBCATS BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

Ignacio boys sixth on Hillcrest course

Quintana's 14th-place run leads 'Cats



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Middle's Max Montoya (470) advances on runners back in the pack Friday afternoon, Oct. 1, during the Four Corners Southwest Classic's mid-school boys' race.

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Given a mid-season day off the previous weekend, the Ignacio boys' cross-country team began the 2021 campaign's last month running against competition on, fittingly, its first day.

Which didn't make anything easier, what with all crews attending the Oct. 1 Four Corners Southwest Classic all looking to ramp up their performances in preparation for the fast-approaching postseason.

"We have two more... kind of 'trial' meets to go before the 'big' one," said

head coach Daniel Holley, "and I'm really liking what I'm seeing – from the results and they effort they're putting in at practice."

"I think they're finally starting to find that shape they need in order to compete in a few weeks at our regional."

Junior Eppie Quintana led the Bobcats with a 14th-place time of 19 minutes, 7 seconds, as Durango seniors Land Lambert (16:26) and Damian Frausto (16:39) set a scorching 5K pace at Hillcrest Golf Course only Shiprock, N.M., senior Or-ye Franklin (17:40) could even consider following.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio High's Eppie Quintana (551) was IHS' top boys' finisher Friday afternoon, Oct. 1, in Durango at the Four Corners Southwest Classic.

IHS sophomores Philip Quintana and Camron Cooper crossed back-to-back, taking 30th and 31st, respectively, in 20:22 and 20:25, while classmate Corey Gomez finished 57th in 22:14 and junior Dylan McCaw 79th – out of 88 finishers – in 27:16.

As the Durango/Bayfield/Fort Lewis College-hosted race's last scoring entrant, that effort was worth 47 points towards Ignacio's adjusted score-5 tally of 161, which ended up being good for sixth place ahead of Aztec, New Mexico's 204.

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BOBCATS GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

Lady 'Cats crack top five in Durango

Only 21 seconds separate IHS' top three



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Middle's Leandra Litz (341) pursues Saylor Dandy (285) of Blanding, Utah's Albert R. Lyman Middle during the Four Corners Southwest Classic's mid-school girls' race Friday afternoon, Oct. 1, in Durango.

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Showing signs of readiness for the approaching Class 2A-Region IV Championships, Oct. 22nd in Delta, Ignacio Girls' Cross-Country finished the Oct. 1 Four Corners Southwest Classic displaying a groupthink pleasing to the boss.

"I think they enjoyed their little break there in-season," he said, alluding to the coaching staff's decision not to run at the previous weekend's Pagosa Springs Pirate Cross-Country Challenge. "We just did a team long run, got some miles in ... (but) backed off the intensity. Then we had a pretty hard week of practice; I

was very impressed with the results today."

"Yeah, I think we did pretty good; I feel like we felt pretty fresh," said sophomore Lauren deKay. "A lot of us PR'd – I PR'd by about a minute – so that was awesome."

"Now we're done with the big workouts; we're going to taper a little bit to feel more fresh for regionals," she continued. "That's our 'big' one ... and then hopefully State!"

deKay paced the Lady 'Cats – minus No. 1 Maci Barnes – to a fifth-place team finish by clocking a 29th-place 24:17, and senior Avaleena Nanaeto was right behind with a 30th-place 24:22. Only five seconds behind Dolores fresh-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Middle's Samara Valdez (344) and Makayla Standley (343) ran as a pair for much of the Four Corners Southwest Classic's mid-school girls' race Friday afternoon, Oct. 1, in Durango.

man Siena Parr, sophomore Moriah Ashley then took 32nd in 24:38 as IHS tallied an adjusted score-5 count of 132 points.

"I felt slow today," said Nanaeto. "I don't do good on grass courses, but Lauren and Moriah were ... and I was supporting them. But, no, I'm excited ... for our regional and I'll keep working hard."

"I was surprisingly able to just keep going ... fast, actually, compared to last year," Ashley said. "Last year I got 27:50-something, and this year It was, honestly, kind of scary because I wasn't sure if I could keep up!"

"When we started game-planning for this meet we

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BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Volleycats vanquish SP, CB in Creede

IHS resuming league work on a hot streak

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Between blitzing 2A South Park and squaring off against 2A Crested Butte Saturday, Oct. 2, at neutral Creede High School, Alexis Pontine commented casually that she hoped the closing match would commence as soon as possible. Why? Afterwards, she had plans.

Battle plans too, apparently, in order to get to the primary plans. In other words, to return home in time for a Fellowship of Christian Athletes bonfire, Ignacio's senior wanted to be on fire as the Volleycats sought a fourth consecutive win.

But after taking a 25-14 drubbing in Game 1, non-league CBCS capitalized upon numerous IHS errors to race out to leads of 5-0 and 10-6 early in Game 2. Scoring with a soft tip shot to put herself on serve and the 'Cats down three, Pontine then proceeded to hold serve for the next 18 exchanges, with all causing chaos on the opposite side of the strings.

And with IHS suddenly leading 24-10, only the netted last of the lot failed to produce an Ignacio point. Seconds later, the exasperated Lady Titans would return the favor, netting the ensuing serve and surrendering the second session 25-11.

Unable to recompose even remotely sufficiently, Crested Butte fell victim to a Pontine kill starting Game 3 and would lead for only a moment at 2-1 before the 'Cats, after regaining a 3-2 advantage, cruised to a 25-10 conquest – powered by Pontine firing a devastating five straight aces in seven total tries after first standing behind the line with Ignacio up 8-4.

"That's some of the toughest serving my team's seen this season," declared CBCS head coach Cierra Abbott, a former Western Colorado University play-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Solymar Cosio (20) celebrates a successful disposal of a Fairplay South Park over-pass during non-league, neutral-site play Oct. 2, at Creede High School.

er, "and I think they did a good job handling it – especially with the girls I had playing in spots they don't usually play. They gave everything they had and did the best they could."

"They have some phenomenal servers; they can do a lot of really, really good things with the ball ... and they will keep you out of system," she continued. "But playing a high-level team like Ignacio, it's really nice; you can see where your team steps up and plays up, and you start to see where your gaps are and how you can fill those gaps for your coming matches."

"This is good momentum going forward, especially coming back from our COVID quarantine...when we don't have our full team here and we're still beating teams 25 to 10," Pontine said, referencing the previous weekend's unfortunate inactivity. Also missing players and

also with others assuming unfamiliar roles, skipper Shasta Pontine's under-the-radar squad nonetheless improved to 8-2 overall (still 5-1 2A/1A San Juan Basin League) after having also swept South Park 25-18, 25-21, 25-11 earlier in the day – a contest mirroring the previous night's 25-16, 25-14, 25-7 rout inside IHS Gymnasium of ravaged SJB Lakers Ridgway.

"I was excited; we never see 'em, and so it's someone new to play," said sophomore Kacey Brown, a setter relocated to the middle against RHS – where she logged two reported blocks – and then to more of a back-row specialist for the matches in Creede, with sophomore Solymar Cosio anchoring a front line regularly including senior Lexy Young and promoted freshman Ollyvia Howe, and junior Laci Brunson handling

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BOCATS VOLLEYBALL

IHS adding late-season make-up match

COVID concerns cost 'Cats Simla trip

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Though undoubtedly something of limited consolation, Ignacio Volleyball recently picked up a non-league road match out in the San Luis Valley as a means of replacing competition to have been faced at the Sept. 25 Simla Invitational – which the Volleycats ultimately did not attend, due to COVID-mitigation protocols being enacted barely a day earlier.

According to an e-mail sent on the 27th by IHS Athletic Director Leo Garand, the 'Cats will now visit 2A Sargent on Saturday, Oct. 23, for a varsity-only test commencing at 3:30 p.m.

"It's just the world we live in now; every day you just work with what you've got to work with," Simla head coach Kelly Kocerha said following the Invitational. "We initially had Hoehne supposed to come as well, and they ended up in quarantine!"

Putting a then-undefeat-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Taking advantage of a pause in play Tuesday, Sept. 21, with Dolores in town, Ignacio senior Alexis Pontine, right, apparently gauges junior Grace Gonzales' temperature inside IHS Gymnasium using a non-contact thermometer. Actual methodology, ironically, soon raised COVID-19 concerns and led to cancellation of the Volleycats' scheduled trip (Ignacio wasn't the only team doing so, either) to the challenging 9/25 Simla Invitational, leaving the team without action until their Oct. 2 venture to Creede.

ed 6-0 record on the line, 2A Sanford offset the 2A Lady Farmers' absence, but no replacement could be found for Ignacio – making for a reduced five-team field also including 1A Kit Carson, Oak Creek Soroco and eventual tourney champs Greeley Dayspring Christian Academy.

By choice, Simla –

which lost 3-1 to DCA after shocking Soroco 3-2 – ended up the only crew not getting three matches.

"We'll take the hit and try to grab the other match at some point throughout the season," said Kocerha (née Gordon, a player under coaching predecessor Christian Academy).

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EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

GRATEFUL TO THE CREATOR

I recently turned 67 in March, with a failing kidney. Plans were being confirmed for the next course of treatment. Unfortunately, a sinus infection caused renal failure. I was drowning from the toxic fluids of the kidney. Poisoning my mind with apparitions from purgatory, biblical scenes, the appearance of characters from a Rockwell painting, plain folk standing at the foot of my bed. Disappearing into the hallway to enter a group of Cajun musicians. All standing around my bed, they looked ready to play, time is not important as death is to life.

Lying in the ICU at Mercy Hospital. My view was behind a mask with air forced into my lungs. It was as if I were to feel a hundred mile an hour wind. I lost track of time and location. I was dying with the low oxygen sound resonating. Through the blindness, a spiritual presence absorbed my spirit closer. Reverberating in the past was drumming from the Sun Dance Ceremony. I found myself aloof in a cloud. Surrounded in a heartbeat, to remind me of the sacrifice made and life to begin again.

Let me commend all those personnel at Mercy Medical Center, who commit their energy to save lives. Everyone had a part in my recovery. Thank You So Very Much. Currently, peritoneal dialysis therapy is a change of lifestyle that agrees with me. Less stress, more patient control, and mobility to travel. As well to self-dialysis in case of an emergency.

As I begin my search for donations, I am asking you to preserve the Ute History and cultural lineage of Colorado's original residents. I am asking you to donate what you can. Somewhere out there is someone who could sustain my life a little while longer.

Ron Yellowbird

SO. UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Arbor letter and survey

Mique!

We hope this letter finds you well; this past year has been quite the rollercoaster, and we are all ready for the pandemic to be over. Since we have decided to postpone this year's Fair Powwow, we found it is important to continue the work previous committees have set in place. We would also like to take this time to hear from you!

We are trying to build a powwow arbor, as seen on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation (1) and the Shoshone-Bannock Reservation (2). We are looking at having an open arbor style, which can be seen in the pictures provided (1A, 1B, 2A, 2B). These are just examples of the style of arbor we have seen and liked from past powwows.

Our tribes' Powwow has dated as far back as the 1960s. We have learned that it has been hosted all throughout our reservation including but not limited to: the head-start building, Sky Ute Fairgrounds, and the SunUte Rec center. We are looking forward to a more permanent address, and center for not only our powwows, but office space for the powwow committee to hold our bi-monthly meetings. We believe our tribal nation will benefit greatly from an arbor, and a permanent residence for our beloved powwows and cultural celebrations.

This task will require a lot of minds and helpful critical thinking. As a small committee we can only represent so many viewpoints and ideas, which is why we are asking for your help.

We want to make sure we are all represented in this arbor because we are not only creating something together now, but setting up for our children and upcoming generations.

If you could please let us know your thoughts and send them back with the envelope and address provided, it would be greatly appreciated. Our hope is that after receiving your feedback we can find a general theme/consensus and can bring this forward to Tribal Council and Planning for immediate construction and building.

Thank you so much for helping us out; this is a very unique time for planning but we still want to make sure we can spread a little bit of hope for our futures.

We will get through this pandemic together and we can finally go out and celebrate powwow style.

Tog'oiak,

Your Southern Ute Tribal Powwow Committee

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PowWow Grounds Survey Sent to Tribal members

The Southern Ute PowWow Committee recently sent out a survey by mail to the tribal membership regarding pow wow grounds enhancements to be determined along with location. To respond, tribal membership can drop completed surveys back into the mail with a self-addressed stamp, leave in the DROP BOX located on the LCB tribal campus near the South entrance of the LCB Building, or at the PowWow Committee mailbox (#16) located in the Central Receiving Building during regular business hours. Surveys can also be emailed back to the Southern Ute PowWow Committee email at: soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov. Thank you and further clarified can be answered by Rochelle Aguilar, SU PowWow Committee Secretary, at 970-759-1722.

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sor Sue Snyder and assistant/mother Cindy Gordon on SHS' 1994 and '96 Class 2A State Champion rosters). "We wanted to make sure the teams that were here got their guaranteed three; it worked out fine."

"We always have a lot of pride in this tournament," she continued. "It's always a great group of teams that come, and so we're always really appreciative of who does; it's just a

great day of volleyball."

"Simla puts on a great tournament, and they bring over some quality teams, you know? We've been coming over here for a lot of years and so has Ignacio," said Soroco head coach Jeannie Jo Logan, her Lady Rams one of two crews originally slated to have faced the 'Cats during pool play. "It's fun getting to see Ignacio – we don't see them

in-season because they are so far south from us – but we were up for whoever. Put an opponent in front of us and the girls are ready."

Ranked No. 8 in 2A going in, Dayspring finished the Invitational – which also featured a junior-varsity division – with a 3-0 record, while 2A No. 6 Soroco ended up 2-1 (but did not face DCA). KCHS went 1-2, their win at 0-3 Sanford's expense.



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

This funding will help with ANY person renting within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian reservation. (Rental /utility/internet assistance)

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

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

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

Applications Due by Oct 15th 2021

For more information, (970)563-4575 contact Jennifer Salazar (jennifer@suiha.org) or Cutke Edwards (cedwards@suiha.org)



FOOD GIVEAWAY

THE SOUTHERN UTE POW WOW COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO COME GET A FREE BOX OF FOOD AVAILABLE TO THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP.

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Raelynn Torres

Job Title: Docent (TERO Worker)

Description of Job Duties: Inform and guide visitors around the galleries while providing knowledge on the history of the Ute people. Also, be of assistance to the collection management, the library, and gift shop.

Hobbies: Reading, Hiking, and fishing

Family: Mark and Vanessa Torres (parents)

Tribe: Southern Ute



Lisa Yellow Eagle

Job Title: Attorney

Description of Job Duties: Primary Responsibility will be to handle the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's water law issues.

Hobbies: Hiking; Biking; Rafting; Camping

Tribe: Navajo (Diné)/Sicangu (Lakota)



Greg Deeds

Job Title: Director of Investments

Descriptions of Job Duties: Responsible for helping to source, underwrite, and manage Permanent Fund Investments.

Hobbies: skiing, biking, hiking, giving my daughters unsolicited advice, and often disregarded, advice.

Family: 2 daughters, Persephone and Amelia, brother and father.

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0142-CV-PR
Randy Joseph Baker Sr., Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **November 2, 2021 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support

of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 4th of October, 2021.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Shelton Bennett Garcia, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2021-0132-CV-NC**

Notice is hereby given that Shelton Bennett Garcia has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Shelton Bennett Thompson. 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 25, 2021**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 17th day of September 2021.
BY THE COURT,
Marlene Price, Court Clerk

FY2022 Foresty Wood Program

The Wood Program will begin on October 1, 2021 and run until April 30, 2022. Wood orders will be taken Mondays thru Thursdays, wood deliveries will be made on Tuesdays and Thursdays, wood pick-ups will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Each load will be ¼ of a cord for household heating. Deliveries are for Elders Only or Handicapped Tribal Members, all other Tribal Members will need to pick up. Please call in enough time to have our crew handle the workload, otherwise, you may not get your wood until the next pick up or delivery day. Thank you, Forestry/Fuels Crew.



Public Comment Period: Proposed Water Quality Standards & Clean Water Act 401 Certification Procedures



For all interested individuals, an online hearing regarding the Tribe's Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Procedures will be held on:

Thursday October 7, 2021 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To attend the hearing, please register at <https://bit.ly/3wnzxAb> before the event. The live online hearing will be recorded and posted on the Tribe's website at <https://southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/>

A 60-day public comment period on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures will be held from:

August 23 to October 22, 2021

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

- **E-mail:** wqs@southernute-nsn.gov (Preferred Method)
- **Mail:** Water Quality Standards Committee, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.

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AIANTA is Seeking Partner Program Coordinator

Partner Program Coordinator (Project Specific, 12 months). Classification: Non-exempt, full-time temporary (40 hours per week, 1 year project engagement. Potential to extend project if additional funding is secured). Salary Range: \$20 – \$25 per hour DOE. Benefited Position (after 90 days in position). Supervisor: Program Development Director. Position Summary: This position is responsible for ensuring the success of a pilot program to implement outreach and engagement efforts and to implement the coordination and hosting of a virtual and in-person event with tribal organizations and federal partner(s) fostering positive relations and advance the interests of tribal tourism in relation to public lands. To be successful in this role, you will bring excellent communication, administrative, and technical skills as well as the ability to interface professionally with partners. This position will work with and report to the Program Development Director.. To Apply: Please submit a cover letter and detailed resume that includes a description of employment history to include name and addresses of employers, scope of responsibility, how you learned of the position, along with three professional references to: Ariel Richardson, Office Manager, AIANTA at arichardson@aianta.org by Oct. 8, 2021 5 p.m. (MDT).

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD

Closing 11/12/21 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Regular Board Member. The closing date is Friday, Nov. 12, 2021 at 5 p.m. Qualifications; 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe-Election Board P. O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970- 563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

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.

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 abil-

ity 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?

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 10/29/21, 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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*Cage Staff (Full-time)

Providing fast, accurate, and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls. Exchanges cash, coins, checks, and Tito tickets for all gaming customers, performs functions for Slot and Pit areas as required, reconciles impress back at the end of shift.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. The Deep Cleaning Staff will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

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.

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.

Laundry Attendant (Full-time)

Perform the required operations with laundry equipment; ensuring products are clean and ac-

ceptable for hotel use. Maintaining laundry for the hotel rooms and other departments as needed.

Rolling Thunder Grill Busser (Full-time)

Perform multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as: plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Busser will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed.

*Rolling Thunder Grill Wait Staff (Full-time)

Provides exceptional guest services including taking the orders and delivering food and/or beverage items to guests. Ensuring that workstation is clean, all side work is completed, and guests are greeted in a friendly manor.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

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

*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

*Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time/Temp)

Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee. Assists guests with slot machine usage; educates them regarding play, wagers, pay tables, etc. Generates jackpot slips at jackpot workstations using the on-line Automated Slot System (Oasis), the New Wave Manual System or the Locked Dispensing Machine as appropriate. Notifies slot staff or other Casino personnel of guest needs and requests; follows up to ensure a positive guest experience. Verifies and/or signs for slot payouts and delivers winnings to guests.

*Surveillance Agent Trainee (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.

**Denotes must be 21 years of age to apply.*

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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.

Growth Fund Financial Reporting Manager – SUFG (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 11/19/21 – Supports all aspects of routine and non-routine accounting, auditing, and reporting processes and projects; reviews and analyzes accounting pronouncements, both FASB and GASB related, and determines the impact on Growth Fund business entities; serves as an accounting expert in advising Growth Fund management, Controller and business entities on complex accounting issues. Assisting in the de-

velopment of Growth Fund accounting policies.

Joint Interest Billing (JIB) Accountant II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 10/15/21 – Under direct supervision of the Assistant Controller, this position performs assignments pertaining to the review and recording of transactions into the general ledger that pertain to outside operated properties and the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow’s oil and gas exploration operations.

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.

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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

Community Health Representative

Closes 10/13/21 – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal Members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

Farm Equipment Mechanic

Closes 10/14/21 – Under general supervision of the Agriculture Division Head, completes mechanical repair and maintenance on Agriculture Division equipment and/or secures repairs through outside vendors. Ensures that equipment maintenance and repair services are provided for the Agriculture Division/Custom Farm Program and other Tribal Departments in a prompt and efficient manner. May also perform welding tasks. Grade 11; \$19.93/hour.

Probation Clerk

Closes 10/12/21 – Under general supervision of the Chief Probation/Wellness Coordinator incumbent provides clerical support for the Probation, Wellness Court, and Family Court programs. Position is contingent on Grant Funding. Grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

Public Education Tutor (Temp./Part-time)

Closes 10/20/21 – Guiding students to improve their academic performance through extended lessons, creative teaching, and interactive materials. Will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Starts at \$30/hour.

Tribal Information Services Receptionist (Part-time)

Closes 10/12/21 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Grade N5; \$12.54/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.

After School Program Attendant

Open Until Filled – A regular part-time position that provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after-school program. Grade N6; \$13.47/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, responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, 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.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori phi-

losophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Responsible to communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child’s progress in each domain area.

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.

Head Cook

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Food Service Manager; prepares meals for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Grade N7; \$14.48/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.

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.

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.

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.

Special Needs Aide

Open Until Filled – 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.

TEAM Worker – So. Ute tribal member only

Open Until Filled – The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. 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.

Ute Language Teacher (Part-time w/benefits) – So. Ute tribal member only

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Curriculum Specialist in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff, and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Employees will be trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system by the Curriculum Specialist. 24 hours/week with benefits. Grade E12; \$27,141.75/year.

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Job Openings as of October 6, 2021

- Vocational Rehabilitation, Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Caseworker I – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Director – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Full-time White Mesa Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter/EMT-P – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Nurse – Open Until Filled
- WM Recreation Center, Part-time Assistant Director – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Shelter, House Parent – Open Until Filled
- Minerals, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- WM Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled
- WM Education, Adult Education Coach – Open Until Filled
- WM Education, Juvenile Interventionist – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Full-time Paraprofessional – Open Until Filled

Southern Ute Membership Only: For Rent

60 Shadow Spirit East, Ignacio, Colorado: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) has a Single-Story (3) Bedroom, (2) Bathroom Townhome unit available for rent. For more information and an application, go to www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/cedar-point-townhomes/ Or contact Tribal Housing at (970) 563-4710 to make an appointment to pick up an application. Applications can be emailed to: tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov or hand-delivered to our drop box located at 285 Lakin St. Ignacio, Colo. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m., Oct. 15, 2021.



FLY FISHING

Reconnecting with familiar waters

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Not long ago SWMBO (she who must be obeyed) and I took our annual road trip. Right before we drove into Utah, a friendly Colorado highway patrolman told me to have a great trip, drive safely, and slow down. The slow down part was accompanied with a written reminder. I have to give credit to SWMBO for not saying a word through her smug, “I told you to slow down” look as we proceeded. The end destination was Montana to see children and grandchildren. However, what fly fisher can go through Idaho or Wyoming, on the way to Montana, and not stop to fly fish? Certainly not me. On this trip I fly fished four different rivers, one lake and one pond in two states. One of my outings was reconnecting to the RailRoad Ranch. The RailRoad Ranch is part of the Harriman State Park located on the Henry’s Fork of the Snake River in Idaho. While the Henry’s Fork is about 127 miles in length, the portion flowing through the RailRoad Ranch is only six miles. It is wide, 60 yards in some places, has a gentle flow, split rail fencing, and is

very wader friendly. That six miles will bring a smile to your face, and a reverence to your heart. Those descriptive words don’t come close to telling you about the RailRoad Ranch. But once you’ve seen and fly fished it, you’ll have the same thoughts. It’s that special. While it has been a number of years since I last fished the Ranch, while standing in the river I smiled as I remembered my first trip. I went with several other friends, who had been to the Ranch, and it was their pleasure to introduce us. We were there for the opening day, which is usually sometime during the first week of June. The evening before the opening there was dinner and drinks with an auction benefiting the Henry’s Fork Foundation. It somehow reminded me of a long-ago high school pep rally. Lots of excitement, but the best part was coming. Opening morning found lots of fly fishers spread out along the river, not crowding anyone. However, many of these folks were sitting on small hills overlooking the river, just watching. What they were watching for were rising trout. When they saw a rise

they would wade out and fish to it. Then go back and watch for another rise. Being known for my patience, and go-along to get-along attitude, I lasted about thirty minutes on the hill. I figured I could watch for rises from the river just as well as I could from the hill. And, when the rises stopped, I moved into the riffles and cast big foam bugs the trout could see in the swifter water. Today was a reminder of that day, and others at the Ranch. While there were very few rises today, it was late August, I didn’t care. I was the only one on the river and with the solitude I was able to relive great memories. As I was packing my gear to head home, and thinking about a late lunch with SWMBO, I noticed more fly fishers booting and suiting for an afternoon of fly fishing. Some of them were there for the first time and wanted to know what flies I had been using. Others had a knowing look of having fished the Ranch and knew when to be there and which fly to use. I do know that I will back at the RailRoad Ranch next year. I want to create more good times and memories, not just relive the old ones.

VOLLEYCATS VANQUISH SP, CB • FROM PAGE 16

the setting to hitters Pontine and junior Grace Gonzales. “I think we did good,” she added, “but Ridgway ... I don’t know how to explain it. It just was really slow.” “We just played down to their level – it was not that good,” agreed sophomore Maci Barnes, who donned a libero jersey during the Saturday sweeps in place of absent junior Trinity Strohl. “But yeah, I think it’s pretty cool we’re playing people we don’t usually play. It helps us see that every team’s different and how we can, like, adapt to help each other play.” That came in most handy against non-league, Fairplay-based SPHS, after both teams had to wait until 1A Creede completed a wild come-from-behind 20-25, 19-25, 25-16, 25-21, 15-6 win over Crested Butte in the day’s opening clash. South Park would gain the upper hand just four times in the entire match, and led for a grand total of four points, but nearly slow-played themselves into unexpected contention late in Games 1 and 2 – rallying back to as close as 18-16 in the former before Gonzales pounded a back-row kill and Pontine followed with an ace, then coming as near as 22-20 in the latter before senior

Mikayla Batts netted a serve and Pontine brought up game point with a deft dink. “Sitting for a long time and then playing ... It takes us a while to warm up, but once we do we’re good,” said Pontine. “The first (game) was rough,” Barnes said. “The second was worse, then in the third we kind of got more energetic.” Game 3 saw the Volleycats begin with a Howe kill, and after another Pontine tip erased what would be the Lady Burros’ last lead and tied the score at 2-all, Brown gave a hint of the serving show yet to come with an untouched ace down the near line, followed by another untouched gem right into the heart of SPHS’ court. Brunson then managed to score with a lucky free ball and Brown zipped over another ace. Following an outstanding Young dig, Pontine placed yet another tip for a 7-2 advantage seriously approached only when a Lindsay Wishowski roll shot brought South Park back to 11-7. Young responded by crushing a kill through the middle, and Barnes then began a five-point service stint. Young enthusiastically landed an ace – part of a six-serve stay – to further increase IHS’ lead to 22-8,

and after SPHS soon netted a back-row free ball to bring up match point, Gonzales zinged an ace off Batts’ wing to punctuate the victory. “We just looked for the weakest player, and ... kept aiming for that spot as much as we could,” explained Brown. South Park would rebound promptly from the defeat, sweeping CHS 25-16, 25-21, 25-18 to improve to 5-7 while dropping the Lady Miners to 5-6. Crested Butte, meanwhile, ended the day sinking to 3-14 overall. “It’s really exciting having the wins,” Pontine said. “I mean, they are (against) lower-level teams but ... I think we’re all working well together; we have really good chemistry on the court.” Up next, the ‘Cats will travel to Nucla Sat., Oct. 9. Results from IHS’ designated Homecoming Week match Thurs., Oct. 7, versus Mancos were unavailable at press time. Having lost three of four matches prior to arriving, the Lady Jays had slipped to 5-7 overall and were seeking more consistency. “Trying to do too much with the ball.... It’s just some growing pains,” said head coach Brianna Yeomans-Alison. “Keeping it simple, doing what we know how to do ... We’re getting there.”

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“The boys did everything I asked them to do,” Holley said. “They ran together, and they fed off each other’s energy all week. They’re finally starting to feel good about their times and their running, so that’s awesome.” With five runners ultimately placing top-10, DHS won easily with a 24-point low. Shiprock settled for second with 57 and Blanding, Utah, San Juan came in third with 85 – just three points clear of Albuquerque, N.M., Sandia Prep, and four of Beehive State neighbors Monticello. Up next, the ‘Cats will

head west on Oct. 9 to Mancos for the Chicken Creek Challenge, with the 10/15 Eric Wolff Invitational out in Monte Vista the squad’s final test before the 2A-Region IV Championships on the 22nd in Delta. MIDDLE SCHOOL At the Classic, Ignacio totaled an adjusted score-5 count of 144 points and placed fifth out of 11 qualifying teams participating in the middle-school boys’ 3K. Durango mid-schoolers combined to post a winning

low of 26 points, as Blanding, Utah’s Albert R. Lyman Middle (51) earned second place and Bayfield Middle (107) third. Cayson Burcham paced IMS with a 14th-place time of 12 minutes, 48 seconds, and Judah Ashley (13:25) crossed the finish line next in 26th. Trace Crane came in 36th with his 13:46, Thunder Windy Boy (14:10) placed 48th, James Martin (14:36) took 56th and Max Montoya (19:17) was 95th. Elias Pena placed 101st in 21:15 and Joseph Sharp 107th in 24:06.

LADY CATS CRACK TOP 5 • FROM PAGE 16

said, if the three of you work together – get in the same pace and lock in ... as a pack – you’ll surprise yourselves in how you do. That was cool to see,” Holley stated. “Exactly what we’d planned for.” Not far from the tight trio, senior Alannah Gomez finished 39th in 25 minutes, 37 seconds, while sophomore Zoey Ashley took 53rd in 28:02. Rounding out the contingent present – the depleted, yet determined Lady ‘Cats also lacked Harmony Reynolds, Laci Brunson and Darlyn Lechuga – at Hillcrest Golf Course, freshman Audrianna Diaz placed 61st

in 31:08. With a small platoon of individuals entered and ultimately boasting nine of the 5K’s top 11 placers – including winner Angela McManus (19:56) and runner-up Willow Lott (20:16) – event co-hosts Durango totaled a 1-2-3-4-6 low of 16 points while runners-up Shiprock, N.M., accumulated 78. Aztec, N.M., took third with 104 points and Monticello, Utah, fourth with 121. Ignacio will next head west on Oct. 9 to Mancos for the Chicken Creek Challenge, and then venture east on the 15th to Monte Vista for the

Eric Wolff Invitational. MIDDLE SCHOOL At the Classic, Ignacio totaled an adjusted score-5 180 points and placed sixth in the middle-school girls’ 3K. Durango mid-schoolers combined to post a winning low of 16 points, while Blanding, Utah’s Albert R. Lyman Middle ranked second with 71. Narissa Williams led IMS with her 64th-place 18:47, and Makayla Standley took 81st in 21:15. Samara Valdez finished 84th in 21:29, Leandra Litz 89th in 23:40, and Selia Montoya 91st in 24:50.

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Thin fogs
- 6 Post or Dickinson
- 11 Borat ordered: “Cancel!”
- 12 Groucho’s “Tattooed Lady”
- 13 As expected
- 14 Thin soup
- 15 Neck and neck
- 17 Turkey’s neck plumage
- 19 They call themselves the Natinixwe
- 23 Wave, in Málaga
- 24 Little drink
- 26 Dogpatch negative
- 27 Hat stand?
- 29 Cricket umpire’s call
- 31 Bleach
- 33 A Jones immortalized in song
- 36 Knight’s breastplate
- 39 Begat
- 40 Forebear, for short
- 41 People of ancient origin
- 42 Short literary composition

Down

- 1 Little Red Book chairman
- 2 “Son of” in Arabic
- 3 Kathleen Sitton is its chair
- 4 Mastodon feature
- 5 Crashed Teslas are bargains
- 6 Exile isle
- 7 Nativity gift
- 8 Bachelor’s last words?
- 9 Follows chick or kiddie
- 10 Derisive shout
- 16 Card trick number
- 17 The Chalat
- 18 Malt beverage
- 20 Aleuts
- 21 Comrade
- 22 Tool for making holes in leather
- 25 Soup in Cannes
- 28 Social misfit
- 30 Bar lineup
- 32 Jekyll’s alter ego
- 33 Winter time in the Windy City
- 34 Tune
- 35 Hindu honorific
- 37 “--- Believer” (Hit penned by Neil Diamond)
- 38 Work undercover

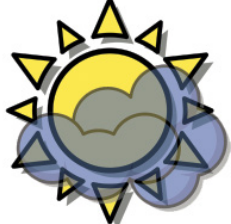
Answers for this crossword will appear in October 22 issue of the Drum.

Answers for September 24, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 PAC, 4 Lab, 7 The, 10 Ate, 11 NSA, 12 ROM, 13 LHD, 14 Goshute, 16 Moab, 18 Phaser, 19 SSRI, 20 Pertly, 21 Store, 23 Parses, 26 Mack, 30 Ethane, 31 Shoe, 32 Abounds, 34 Err, 35 Rad, 36 Ete, 37 Age, 38 Lye, 39 Roc, 40 Dis. Down: 1 Palms, 2 Athos, 3 Cedar, 4 LNG, 5 As opposed to, 6 Basher, 7 Trust, 8 Hotel, 9 Emery, 15 Harems, 17 Bissau, 22 Tenner, 23 Pearl, 24 At bay, 25 Rhode, 27 Ahead, 28 Corgi, 29 Keres, 33 Sec.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Oct. 8



Partly sunny 70°F
20% chance of evening showers

Saturday, Oct. 9



Partly sunny 62°F
40% chance of showers

Sunday, Oct. 10



Partly sunny 60°F
30% chance of showers

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