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PROCLAMATION

Indigenous Peoples’ Day celebrated locally

McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Friday, Oct. 8, President Joseph R. Biden Jr. issued the first-ever presidential proclamation to commemorate Indigenous Peoples’ Day on the second Monday of October. He is the first president to do so, and this proclamation is the most significant boost of support from the Federal Government in recent years.

“On Indigenous Peoples’ Day, our Nation celebrates the invaluable contributions and resilience of Indigenous peoples, recognizes their inherent sovereignty, and commits to honoring the Federal Government’s trust and treaty obligations to Tribal Nations,” President Biden’s Proclamation read. “On Indigenous Peoples’ Day, we honor America’s first inhabitants and the Tribal Nations that continue to thrive today. I encourage everyone to celebrate and recognize the many Indigenous communities and cultures that make up our great country.”

The proclamation was well received across Indian Country and will join the growing list of tribal communities, organizations and nations that al-



McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive

Elijah Weaver helps his sister Kalynn Weaver place a red handprint across her mouth before the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) and Girls walk began outside the Mouache-Capote Building on Monday, Nov. 25, 2019.

ready recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Alongside those tribal entities, 14 states and over 100 local governments observe Indigenous Peoples’ Day instead of Columbus Day.

Looking locally, the City of Durango, Colo. has recognized Indigenous Peoples’ Day since 2016 when, then Fort Lewis Student, Ruthie Edd advocated for the controversial Columbus Day holiday change. After replacing Columbus Day in Durango, Fort Lewis College (FLC) followed suit and now celebrates and honors Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

Each year since, there has been a full day of activ-

ities for students and community to participate in at FLC. This year’s theme was ‘Indigenous Peoples’ Day: Remembering Those That Never Made It Home,’ which pays respects to boarding school victims. By honoring the past, present and futures of Indigenous Peoples throughout the United States, the college’s day of events were held to recognize the lasting impacts of colonialism and to also celebrate the vast cultures, contributions and resilience of Indigenous Peoples.

The day started off with a poster making workshop

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Samantha Maez teaches her son, CJ Maez how to use a knife to cut back the hide from a buffalo during the Wildlife Divisions’ Field Dressing workshop held Saturday, Oct. 16.

WILDLIFE

Seasonal roundup keeps bison herd healthy

Bull selected for harvest, field dressing

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Shortly after sunrise, on Saturday morning, Wildlife Bison Herd Manager Jesse Lasater unlatched the heavy

doors that secured the holding pin, where the two-year-old bull bison stood. Soft sunlight now reached into the wooden paddock; puffs of steam escaping from the animal’s muzzle with each

breath. Soon the crisp morning frost would begin the inevitable melting process that comes with the waking of most autumn days.

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NATIVE PODCAST

Paynee Nooh Mahmchew Wyhgay, “Three Ute Women”

Telling their truths



Margaret Arrive
Ute Mountain Ute



Trennie Collins
Southern Ute



Ronnee Wopsock
Northern Ute

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

A new Native podcast has delved into the saturated technological platform, but what can another podcast bring that hasn’t already been done? Truth!

The three “beautiful women on the podcast,” as described by Ronee Wopsock, are telling their truths on another level, from their own perspectives, personal experiences and from each of their lives. ‘Paynee Nooh Mahmchew Wyhgay’ trans-

lated in the Ute language to Three Ute Women, who speak what’s on their minds and speak from their hearts.

Hailing from the three Ute tribes – Northern, Southern and Ute Mountain Ute tribes

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MENTAL HEALTH

Giacci helps build community advocates through training

By Trennie Collins
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Elena Giacci returned to the Southern Ute Reservation to lead a two-day historical trauma workshop titled Courageous Spirit Triumphant Heart. The training was sponsored by the Colorado 6th Judicial District Attorney’s Office and held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose facility from Monday, Oct. 11 – Tuesday, Oct. 12. Giacci (Diné) is a renowned speaker and an Anti-Sexual and Domestic Violence specialist based in

Albuquerque, N.M who advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native populations.

This training marks her second time on the Southern Ute Reservation. Giacci is no stranger to working with American Indian Alaska Native communities as an advocate. She has been doing the work for over 32 years throughout Native Country and specializing in the field of Violence Against Women. Giacci first visited Ignacio, Colo. in 2013 where she did the community presen-

tation “Kindness.”

“I am sold on being an advocate; I am sold on doing this work; I’m sold on how to navigate when your heart is crushed and you have to get up and serve someone the very next day,” Giacci said.

In a room filled with medical personal, teachers and community advocates, Giacci started by explaining the horrible atrocities Indigenous people have dealt with in the history of this land.

“Native Americans were

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SUCCM exhibit opens



Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum Director, Susan Cimburek and Inside Out 2.0 featured artist, Edward Box III stand together at the entrance of the exhibit entrance to welcome and greet guests on Friday, Oct. 8.



Southern Ute Tribal Councilmember, Vanessa Torres welcomes guests and artists to the opening reception of the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum's 'Inside Out 2.0: 21st Century Native American Artist' exhibit.



Southern Ute Chairman Mel Baker takes the time to view the art and visit with artists during the opening reception of the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum's 'Inside Out 2.0: 21st Century Native American Artist' exhibit.

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) held an opening reception for the 'Inside Out 2.0: 21st Century Native American Artist' exhibit. The reception was open to the community and was held on Friday, Oct. 8. Featured artists - Oreland C. Joe Sr., Hyrum Joe, Norman Lansing, Edward Burch Box III, Lindsay J. Box, Elise Redd and Rhianna Carel - all have their pieces of art showcased in the Museum. Everything from traditional to contemporary techniques, topics and media are all housed in the exhibit. Pay the SUCCM a visit to view the artists personal collections of work.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum



Featured Artist from the 'Inside Out 2.0: 21st Century Native American Artist' exhibit, Oreland C. Joe Sr. talks about his art with SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth during the opening reception of the exhibit.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Chairman Pearl E. Casias personally welcomes members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council to Tribal Council Chambers following their introductions.

This photo was first published in the Oct. 21, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Edna Frost/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Wilbur Solomon and Joycelyn Dutchie enjoy a dance and share their Native culture during the 2001 Council Tree Powwow in Delta, Colo. The annual event was held on September 21-23, 2001.

This photo was published in the Oct. 19, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

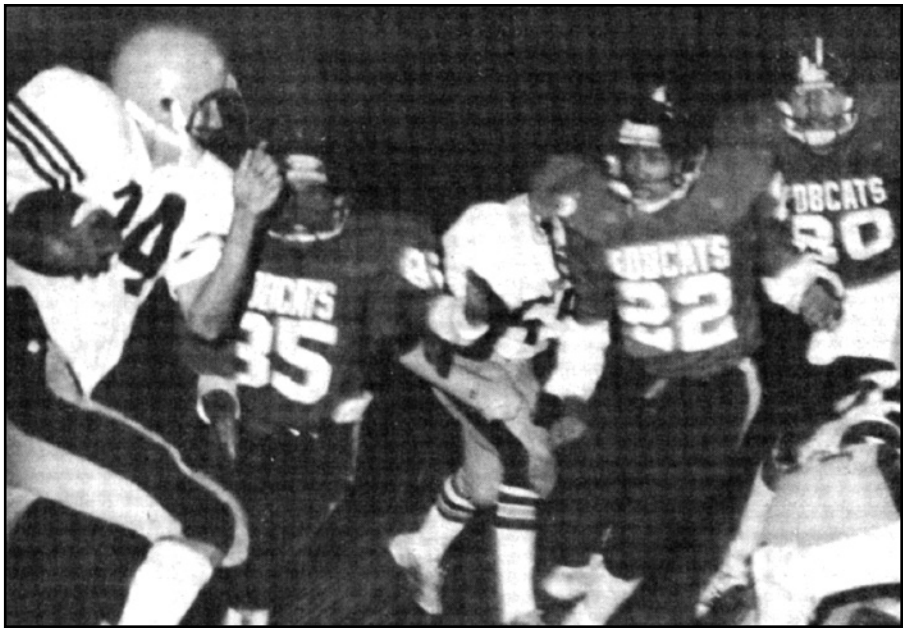


Deidra Millich/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Chairman Leonard C. Burch spoke to a large crowd at Fort Lewis College to celebrate 100 years of higher education. The Southern Ute Tribal Council acknowledged the evolution of the school from military fort to college and recognized the 19 Southern Utes who have graduated from the college.

This photo was published in the Oct. 21, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Three Bobcats put the rush on Drew Teinert, Pagosa Springs' Pirate. The Ignacio Players are: Buffy Joseph (85), Adrian Lucero (80) and Mike Duran (22) Ignacio lost the game 33-0 to Pagosa.

This photo was published in the Oct. 23, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Fancy Friday presentation



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Student, Keyon Alston pays attention while tribal elder, Edward Box III presents to the Ute Language Class the symbolic and significant meanings of his traditional Ute clothing on Friday, Oct. 15.

Southern Ute tribal elder, Edward Box III showcases his Ute regalia to the students in the Ute Language Class at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Friday, Oct. 15. Students were encouraged to ask any questions they had about Box’s attire.



THREE UTE WOMEN • FROM PAGE 1

– Ronee Wopsock (Northern Ute), Trennie Collins (Southern Ute) and Margaret Arrive (Ute Mountain Ute), the three women bring insight from a personal experience, and with that humor, as evident in their recent podcasts.

Having released two podcasts on Patreon, the first podcast published in August brought insight into the COVID pandemic and how it’s affected the three Ute tribes respectively. The second podcast covered the issues of mental health and the stigma affecting the tribes.

Although the women all work for, or within their three Tribes respectively, they each bring their own personal experiences and insights to the podcast with the purpose, as described by Arrive, and echoed by Collins and Wopsock. “We want to reach our [Ute] people and let them know they are not alone, that they have a voice. All three of us, we all have experienced things, and we’re wanting to share those stories with our people,” Arrive said.

The three speak of the struggles of life on their reservations, and what affects them personally and their community members while also adding their own stories and sharing a laugh. As we all know, laughter is good medicine.

“I want to bring light to our different communities, to create a platform to talk and bring awareness about things they may have never addressed,” Wopsock said.

“It’s a journey about our communities. I feel a lot of things are left unsaid or are swept under the rug; there’s a lot that we don’t talk about – that does more harm than good,” Collins said. “I’ve gone through some [things]; I wanted to be vulnerable, to let people know you can heal. You can help yourself with whatever comes. So people can take power from that.”

The one-hour podcasts are a new form of communication for the three women.



The Paynee Nooh Mahmchew Wyhagay logo was designed by a native youth, Jordon Lansing (Diné) from Dolores, Colo. Lansing does mural work in the Dolores/Cortez areas.

All having expressed they want to use the podcast platform for the women’s voices to be heard.

“We wanted to enter a platform to talk about things we’re seeing in our communities, it works [for us] being from the three different bands, because we are all related somehow,” Wopsock said.

Three strong women, from three different communities – the Ute Tribe is comprised of seven bands of Utes: the Mouache and Capote (Southern Ute), Weeminuche (Ute Mountain Ute), Tabeguache, Grand, Yampa and Uintah (Northern Ute) – coming together on a podcast they all hope brings awareness of various topics to their communities.

“We reach our people and give them a voice. There are people out there to help. Maybe just hearing us, laughing, talking and speaking our truths, may help them, help them to reach out, even if it’s just one person,” Arrive said.

Speaking your mind on any public forum can have adverse effects, but the women expressed they are speaking “their own truths.” For the three broadcasters new to the podcast forum, they take the challenges as they come and try to provide solutions.

“We must be mindful,

speaking in a way to not hurt anyone,” Arrive said.

“We are talking in a way, as a community member to have solutions, and not complain, but to be better community members. What’s a way to provide a solution and to be as positive as can be,” Wopsock added.

“We have to be truthful, we have to be able to talk the truth, even if it’s hard to be open and honest. Sometimes we have to agree to disagree,” Collins said.

As stated on their Facebook page, “As three Ute women, we have decided to take a journey together in the hopes of bringing awareness to all things that positively and negatively impact us as Ute people. To raise our voices so that our Indigenous people feel that they can do the same.”

The Paynee Nooh Mahmchew Wyhagay “Three Ute Women” one-hour podcast can be found on Patreon at www.patreon.com/Paynee-NoohMahmchewWyhagay, and you can follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Paynee-Nooh-Mahmchew-Wyhagay.

“We are introducing a new platform, strong women, as leaders and speakers, but sharing a woman’s voice and perspective. Do not take our voice away!” Wopsock said in closing.

Multi-Purpose Building Temporary Entrance

The Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility staff would like to remind visitors to utilize the North entrance of the Gathering Room when entering the building. Please call (970) 563-2640 for any clarification needed.

Jicarilla Apache Crown Dancers



Jeremy Wade Shockley, SU Drum

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

ROCK YOUR MOCS: REZ COLLECTION

Monday, November 15, 2021

Sky Ute Casino: Event Center

Setup Time: 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Doors Open: 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.



Compete and exhibit your moccasins or personal shoe collection
1st, 2nd, & 3rd place awards will be given

Categories: Native Footwear | Athletic Footwear | Specialty Footwear

Divisions: Youth (11-14) | Teen (15-19) | Adult (20+)

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Be
Creative

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Appetizers will be provided

Open to Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members, Descendents, and Tribal Employees

For competition guidelines and to pre-register, contact:

Marvin Pinnecoose, Events Coordinator

(970)563-2988 | mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov



Dance Class, powwow style



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Culture Department dance class instructor, Divine Windyboy teaches young girls how to powwow fancy shawl dance on Wednesday, Oct. 13 inside the SunUte Community Center gymnasium.

Tribal Council Connect on KSUT

Chairman Melvin J. Baker will provide updates on KSUT Tribal Radio Friday mornings at 9 a.m. sharp to share the updates from the tribe! Tune in at 9 a.m. in Ignacio at 91.3 FM, in the Farmington area at 89.7 FM and on the web at www.tribalradio.org ! Tribal Members residing on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation may tune in on KZNM at 100.9 FM!



Mission Statement

The mission of the Cultural Preservation Department is to revitalize, promote, sustain and document the culture, language, and history in a manner that honors the past generations, ensures a healthy and balanced tribal community, utilizes the advice and knowledge of the elders, and educates the general public in a manner that serves tribal interests.

Tənvəchī toghoyaqh
Thank you, very much

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Maykh (Hello)
Cultural Preservation Department

HERITAGE PERFORMERS

The Cultural Preservation Department is seeking local Pow-Wow dancers interested in public performances.



Dancers will be selected based upon the number of participants needed and the style of dance needed for that event. Please note that we will have a diversified program with different styles of dancers which means that we will only need a limited number of participants per style. We will work to rotate people from our roster and update the roster as interest increases or decreases.

If you want to be added to our roster of available dancers, please contact:
Marvin Pinnecoos, Events Coordinator, and specify which styles you dance.
970-563-2988 | mpinnecoos@southernute-nsn.gov

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Native American Heritage Dancers

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 @ 4 p.m.

Durango Public Library, Meeting Room

Native American History Month
Durango Public Library
featuring the history of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Native American singing and dancing



For more information contact:

Spenser Snarr, Librarian, Durango Public Library (970) 375-3380

Marvin Pinnecoos, Events Coordinator, Cultural Preservation (970) 563-2988





INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S DAY • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Adorned with brightly colored shawls, women lined the Bear Dance corral in a circular fashion – dancing for an Honor Song in recognition of Father’s Day. The Southern Ute Bear Dance was held in Ignacio, Friday, June 18 – Monday, June 21, 2021.

for people to make and use in the Solidarity Walk that was held on the Fort’s campus. The rest of the day was dedicated to educating and discussing the shared history of Fort Lewis and Boarding Schools. In the evening, a social dance was held on campus for the Indigenous students and FLC community to dance and sing celebrating the day.

Following the presidential proclamation, Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Melvin Baker released a Letter from the Office of the Chairman stating that, “This is monumental to Indian Country and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe – for centuries, Federal Indian Policies have attempted to erase the true history of American and eradicate Indigenous language and culture.” The Southern Ute Tribe was closed on Monday, Oct. 11 allowing employees to commemorate the day how they saw fit.

“We Celebrate the resiliency of Indigenous People and we call upon President Biden to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples’ Day as a true act of honoring the accomplishments and contributions of Indigenous People to the United States of America,” the letter from Chairman



McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive

Stoney White Thunder competes in the hand drum contest at the 2019 Children’s Powwow held on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Baker stated.

The Presidential Proclamation paid tribute to the solemn obligations of the Federal Government and stated that, “We must never forget the centuries-long campaign of violence, displacement, assimilation, and

terror wrought upon Native communities and Tribal Nations throughout our country. Today, we acknowledge the significant sacrifices made by Native peoples to this country – and recognize their many ongoing contributions to our Nation.”

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 Pinnecoos, Heritage/Events Coordinator at (970) 563-2988





HEALTHY RECIPES

It’s Fall, so bring on those amazing apples!

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

These beauties have fiber, Vitamin C, potassium, antioxidants and may help protect against some diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer. Of course, apples are typically eaten raw and make a great snack. Baked and paired with whole grains, this makes a delicious and healthy dessert.

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



courtesy Ambitious Kitchen

Happy Whole Grain Fall Apple Crisp

Ingredients (Filling)

5 medium apples peeled and thinly sliced (McIntosh, Granny Smith, Honey Crisp or Braeburn)
3 tablespoons of granulated sugar
1 tablespoon of lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

(Topping)

2/3 cup whole wheat flour
1/2 cup old fashioned oats
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
4 tablespoons butter, cut into small pieces
1 tablespoon of juice (apple, lemon, or orange)
1/3 cup chopped nuts (walnuts, pecans or hazelnuts)
1-2 tablespoons of Greek yogurt (plain or vanilla)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Coat an 8” square baking pan with cooking spray.
3. In a large bowl, combine sliced apples, granulated sugar, lemon juice and ½ teaspoon cinnamon. Toss to combine.
4. Place in the prepared baking pan and cover with foil. Bake for 30 minutes.
5. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine whole wheat flour, oatmeal, brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon. Mix to blend.
6. Cut in cold butter and distribute throughout flour mixture (using your hands or a fork).
7. Stir in juice and nuts. Toss to moisten.
8. Remove pan from oven and top the apples with flour mixture and return to oven. Bake uncovered for an additional 30 minutes or until golden brown.
9. Let cool for 15 minutes and serve topped with Greek yogurt!

Servings: 8 Nutrition per serving: 263 Calories, 10g Fat, 43g Carbohydrates, 3g Dietary Fiber, 4g Protein.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Suicide and Domestic Violence

Staff Report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

In Indian Country, the abusive tactics of domestic violence have their roots in colonization. Maintaining power and control of one’s intimate partner(s) is the objective of the abuser. The abuse can physically harm, arouse fear, prevent a person from acting freely, or force them to behave in ways they do not want.

Victim-survivors may feel confused, afraid, angry and/or trapped. They may blame themselves for what is happening. A victim-survivor can develop mental health issues like depression over the course of the relationship, putting them at greater risk for suicide. However, it is important to note that not all victim-survivors are at risk of suicide.

Risk Factors

Reasons for suicide vary, but there are close ties to intergenerational trauma and family violence, medical and/or mental illness and stressful events. Those at the highest risk of suicide fall between the ages of 15 and 24 or over the age of 60.

Some factors that can contribute to the risk of suicide, include:

- Depression and/or other mental health disorders.
- Substance Use Disorder.
- Family history of mental health disorder, substance use disorder, suicide, family violence.
- Being exposed to others’ suicidal behavior, such as a relative, peer or celebrity.
- Medical illness, including chronic pain.
- Stressful life events, such as a job loss, financial problems, loss of a loved one, a breakup of a relationship, etc.
- Incarceration or recent release from prison or jail.
- Having guns in the home.

Violence Against Native Women

Native Americans and Alaska Natives experience some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence as well as a high rate of suicide. According to a 2016 report from the National Institute of Justice:

- Native women experience higher levels of violence than other women in the U.S.
- Nearly 84 percent experience violence in their lifetime.
- More than a third of women who have been raped have contemplated suicide.
- And 13 percent have attempted suicide.

Suicide Rates Increase

For American Indians, colonization is clearly linked to genocide, intergenerational trauma and domestic violence. Our ancestors endured unspeakable crimes committed against them. Those who survived were forced to assimilate while being abused in every manner of violence. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Native Americans also experience PTSD more than twice as often as the general population.

An analysis from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Health Statistics showed the U.S. suicide rate is up 33 percent since 1999, but for American Indian and Alaska Native women and men, the increase is even greater: 139 percent and 71 percent, respectively.

Historical disenfranchisement through genocide and institutional racism has resulted in Native Americans experiencing poorer health and socioeconomic outcomes. These social determinants of health intersect to create a situation that is detrimental to the physical and

mental health of Indian communities. Cultural disconnection, alienation and pressure to assimilate all contribute to higher rates of suicide among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Native communities experience higher rates of suicide compared to all other racial and ethnic groups in the U.S., with suicide being the eighth leading cause of death for American Indians and Alaska Natives across all ages. For Native youth ages 10 to 24, suicide is the second leading cause of death; and the Native youth suicide rate is 2.5 times higher than the overall national average, making these rates the highest across all ethnic and racial groups.

Help is Available

If you or someone you know has the warning signs for suicide, get help right away, especially if there is a change in behavior. If it is an emergency, dial 911.

These resources are available for anyone struggling with their mental health:

- **National Suicide Prevention Hotline:** The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. 1-800-273-8255.
- **Crisis Text Line:** A 24/7 text line for those experiencing a painful emotional crisis and who need support. Text 741741.
- **StrongHearts Native Helpline:** A 24/7 domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon on Strongheartshelpline.org.

GIACCI, COMMUNITY ADVOCATES • FROM PAGE 1

fighting in WWI but weren’t even citizens of the United States until years later,” Giacci explained. The Indian Citizen Act which was established in 1924 and allowed Indigenous Peoples of the United States citizenship on June 2, 1924. The act of congress was enacted to partially recognize the Native Americans that had previously served in the armed forces.

In August of 1978, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA) became law in the United States, which allowed for American Indians to protect and preserve their inherent right of the freedom to believe, express and exercise the traditional religions of the American Indian, which includes access to sites, use, and possession of sacred objects and the freedom to worship through ceremony and traditions.

In an article in Smithsonian Magazine, published in 2018 to reflect on the 40th anniversary of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Southern Ute tribal elder, Kenny Frost said, “Sadly, due to the displacement of Native people to Indian reservations, many grassroots people do not know where their traditional sacred areas and territory lands are located. We risk losing the knowledge of traditional places as those people with traditional knowledge leave this world.”

Bringing up the question, what role does this all play into modern day Native society?

According to the Missing and Murdered Native American Women Report, Washington State Patrol, 2018, “Missing and murdered Indigenous women have disappeared not one, but three times – in life, in media and in the data.”

According to the Department of Justice, Native American women are two

and a half times more likely to experience violent crimes and two times more likely to experience rape or sexual assault in comparison to all other ethnicities. Native women are also reported missing and often murdered at alarming rates, disproportionate to non-native women.

Considering the recent death of Gabby Petito, and her highly publicized disappearance, the high-profile news coverage has a lot of Native American communities, leaders, and advocates questioning why Native American women are often not even mentioned in mainstream media. The dehumanization of Native people, especially Indigenous women, plays a huge role in how the world sees the original inhabitants to this land.

With the Biden-Harris Administration came vital change to the Missing Murdered Indigenous Women Movement. Now we also have an Indigenous woman, Deb Haaland, serving as the 54th United States secretary of the interior. Haaland announced in early 2021 that there would be a new Missing and Murdered Unit (MMU) within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office.

Abigail Echo-Hawk, director of Urban Indian Health Institute told ABC, “We see what representation looks like. You have an indigenous woman leading as Secretary of the Interior with the authority and the ability to address some of the most pressing crises in Indian country.”

Racist – characters, mascots and language have Native people scrambling to come back from eraser tactics that have worked in this country for decades. According to the psychosocial effects of Native American mascots: a comprehensive review of empirical research finding; the images, gestures, and be-

havior connected to Native mascots negatively impacts Native peoples, particularly Native youth. Research shows that these images and actions contribute to low self-esteem, increased rates of depression, increased rates of self-harm and substance abuse, and increased discrimination in schools against Native youth.

“The mascot issue has been going on for more than 40 years and we are only now beginning to see our people and topics on the national level. Just because it doesn’t make headlines, does not mean the battles are not being fought somewhere in Native America. Our voice doesn’t seem to be strong enough, so protest, lawsuits, and movements are necessary, so that we can be heard, loud and clear,” Amanda Blackhorse wrote in her article published in Indian Country Today in 2015.

Erasing history has always been a tactic used against Native American communities for decades that includes trying to “Americanize” Native youth, a practice that was predominant in the boarding school era. Stripping Native youth away from their families, forcing them to speak English and being punished for trying to be who they are and what they were taught traditionally and culturally – furthering the genocidal ideation of, “kill the Indian, save the man.”

Despite all these challenges and truths, trainings like this bring hope to Native communities and help to build and educate allies.

“Besides you guys being my superheroes, I think we all bring different qualities,” said Giacci. “We are all related, we are all relatives and when we go through something like this together – it makes it an honor and a privilege to share these stories.”

TAKE THE PLEDGE

I STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPARTMENT
911 OR 970-563-4401

SOUTHERN UTE VICTIM SERVICES
970-563-0245

SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION
970-563-5700

ALTERNATIVE HORIZONS
970-247-9619

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE
1-800-799-7233

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#MMIWG
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#ENDTHEVIOLENCE

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Creating a separation plan and preparedness kit

Staff Report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

It has been a long time coming, but you’ve made up your mind. It’s time to escape a life of domestic and sexual violence and leave an abusive partner. You’re scared and for good reason. Danger increases when leaving an abusive partner because they often lash out to regain control over their partner. It is imperative that you carefully navigate the following process.

You are the best judge of your own safety. Consider a safety plan — a personalized, practical plan that includes ways to remain safe while in an abusive relationship, planning to leave or after you leave. Safety plans can be continuously updated, even if you return to a partner that is abusive.

Separation Plan

A separation plan can help you to safely leave an abusive partner. A preparedness kit contains documents, clothing and comfort items needed to stay away from home for an extended period of time. Once you complete your separation plan and preparedness kit, be sure to keep any documentation of them in an accessible but secure location and/or consider storing them with a trusted friend, family member, or advocate.

The Escape Route

The important first step to creating a separation plan is being mindful of your surroundings and to plan an escape route from any room in the home. You may also want to identify alternate routes to the grocery store,

school and/or work. Practice using escape routes regularly. When tensions are starting to escalate, plan to do the following:

- Try to be in a room close to an exit and/or plan an escape route from any room in the home.
- Look for potential exits through windows and practice using them.
- Stay away from the kitchen where the abuser has access to weapons.
- Stay away from bathrooms, closets, or small spaces where the abuser can trap you.
- If the violence escalates, call for help! Call 911, a close relative, friend or neighbor.

Assemble a Preparedness Kit

When assembling a preparedness kit, pack a bag with a change of clothes for you (and your children) and include comfort items. Store the preparedness kit outside of the home either with a trusted neighbor, friend or relative or keep it in a secret location where you can safely retrieve it. Important documents can be included or stored separately.

Important documents include:

- Identification
 - Tribe-issued enrollment card
 - Driver’s License or State ID
 - School ID(s)
 - Passport(s)
 - Social security card(s)
 - Birth certificate(s)
- Health insurance card(s)
- Copy of Protection/Restraining Order
- Marriage, divorce and custody papers
- Vehicle registration and

insurance

- Lease or rental agreements

Important items include:

- A change of clothes for you (and your child)
- An extra cell phone and/or cell phone charger
- Extra set of house and car keys
- Medication (e.g., asthma inhaler, insulin, Epi-Pen)
- Cash or ATM card
- Personal items such as your medicines, smudge and sentimental items
- Comfort items such as a favorite stuffed animal, blankets and baby supplies (formula, diapers, and wipes).

There Is Hope

There is hope in planning to leave an abusive relationship. You can escape violence. You can call for help. StrongHearts advocates are available 24/7 to support all victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence regardless of relationship status, gender identity or sexual preference. To speak with an advocate: Call or Text 1-844-672-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org

Other resources include: National Domestic Violence Hotline: Call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY). Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women: Call 1-888-7HELPLINE (1-888-743-5754). The National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline: Call 1-866-331-9474 or 1-866-331-8453 (TTY).

Preparedness kit adapted from information from The National Domestic Violence Hotline.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

StrongHearts Native Helpline becomes independent organization

Staff Report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

Solidifying its voice in the movement for the safety of Indigenous peoples and tribal communities, StrongHearts Native Helpline has officially launched into history as its own national Native non-profit organization, Friday, Oct. 1.

“Establishing ourselves as an independent non-profit organization is an exciting step for StrongHearts Native Helpline,” said Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) director, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “StrongHearts would not be where it is today without the support of the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center (NIWRC) and the National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline). We look forward to working alongside these organizations to advocate for Native American and Alaska Native victim-survivors.”

In 2012, the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline prioritized the need for a domestic violence hotline to support tribal communities across the United States. Together with input from tribal leaders, a Native women’s council, domestic violence experts, and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, NIWRC and The Hotline developed a plan to establish Strong-



Hearts Native Helpline, a Native-centered hotline staffed by advocates with a strong understanding of Native cultures, as well as issues of tribal sovereignty and law. StrongHearts launched its services in March 2017 in Austin, Texas – home to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, which provided initial infrastructure and technology support.

As StrongHearts follows the original thoughtful plan created by the NIWRC and The Hotline to become an independent non-profit organization with its own board of directors, there has been no impact or disruption to advocacy services. As a program under NIWRC, StrongHearts received advocacy training, financial oversight, as well as technical support and mentorship in the areas of technology, communications and policy development. NIWRC will continue to support StrongHearts by sharing resources and providing technical assistance and peer support.

“Creating more voices advocating for Indigenous sur-

vivors of violence has always been the goal, and we could not be prouder of the incredible work accomplished by the StrongHearts team to date,” said Lucy Simpson (Diné), executive director, NIWRC. “Our hearts are filled with hope and healing for the future as StrongHearts carries this good medicine forward for our people.”

StrongHearts Native Helpline is funded by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the Office for Victims of Crime; Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally-appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans, available by calling 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the Chat Now icon on strongheartshelpline.org. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a proud partner of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center.

Flu Vaccination Clinic, Nov. 8 & 9

A Flu Vaccination clinic will be held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum on Nov. 8 and 9, from 1-4 p.m. in the large classroom. All patients of the health center, tribal members and their household members are eligible to receive the vaccine. Please contact the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581 for any clarification needed on this two-day event.

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SEAL OF THE SOUTHERN UTE NATION



IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Annual IPP meeting addresses COVID-19 impacts

ByMcKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Ignacio School Board and the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council hosted the annual Ignacio School District Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) meeting on Monday, Oct. 18 inside the Ignacio High School Auditorium. The meeting was open to all parents and guardians of Native American students who attend schools within the district.

These annual meetings are important, because they are a vital way of getting information to families about the collaboration between the schools and the Southern Ute Tribe’s Education Department. “I am glad that you have all made it out tonight, it’s so good to see families and students here,” Southern Ute Education Director, LaTitia Taylor stated. “This evening I encourage you all to listen to the statistics that the schools have and hear about the collaboration we share, we’re all here to work together for our students.”

During the height of the Coronavirus Pandemic, 20 to 50 percent of students chose to do the remote learning option and many of those learners fell behind. The meeting introduced district’s Loss of Learning Plans and Credit Recovery programming that are specific to the schools, teachers, and students.

“Learning loss is at an all-time high, we really need to recognize how COVID has impacted our community,” Ignacio Middle School Principal, Dayna Talamante-Montoya said. “We are really encouraging academic rigor; we have tutoring available for students on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and if stu-



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Bruce Valdez and Southern Ute Education Department Director, LaTitia Taylor welcome parents and families of Native American students in the Ignacio School District to the yearly Indian Policies and Procedures meeting held in the Ignacio High School auditorium on Monday, Oct. 18.

dents are in sports, we have extra tutoring support for our student athletes.”

At the Elementary and Middle school levels students are seeing an increase of tutoring support, referrals to the Southern Ute Education Department and are even utilizing the 7 Mindsets: Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum.

“The 7 Mindsets are helping students rebuild focus and encourages them to do some personal reflection, this helps us make connections with students,” Talamante-Montoya stated. The SEL curriculum has proven the mindsets-based methodology and framework is an integral part of students’ development. It also leads to intrinsic motivation that students greatly needed after the impacts of sudden remote learning

Principals from each school presented statistics, test scores and information about programming to the families at the IPP meeting. The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic not only forced districtwide closures but directly and negatively influenced the students’ academic engagement during the 2020 school year.

The High School’s approach to combat the loss of learning and credit recovery plans are to “meet students where they are and moving them forward.”

“During a normal school year, we have students coming in at varying levels of understanding – but this year that has been exasperated by COVID – we have students that are lower than normal and some that are higher than normal,” Ignacio High School Principal, Barb Fjerstad said. “If you walked into the building at this time, what you would see is differential instruction, and this means classroom teachers are teaching content at a different speed or a different level to meet the students where they are.”

In addition to COVID-19 impacts and concerns for student learning, parents asked for guidance on how to best support their students. “The best way that parents can support their students right now is to make sure that they have a time set aside to focus 100 percent of their attention on working – students

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SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Kwanachigani pe’ekwatn - Eagle’s Nest

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI
INDIAN ACADEMY

Tumiikukh kwanachiu –
Eagles of the Week

As we continue to stay as healthy as possible, thank you for wearing your masks and helping with the temperature checks.

The infants and toddlers have been enjoying the leaves that are falling from their trees. The guides have been helping make big piles so the children can bury themselves! The Early childhood level (primary) are learning about pumpkins as they look forward to the field trip they will be taking to Jack-a-Lope Acres. And the elementary level is either finishing up swim lessons are just beginning the lessons.

Family conference week is coming up, please join your child’s guides and teachers so you can be better informed about how your child is doing socially, emotionally, and academically. We are hoping to have 100% attendance.

SUIMA will be trick-or-treating around the Tribal Campus. Parents may join their children on Thursday, Oct. 28 as they venture to booths that are going to be set up outside of various departments.

Nuu’apaghapi – Ute phrases

‘ipua umu ‘asti’i? – What do you want?

‘ipua inikh ‘ina mamachi maa’u? – What was that woman doing?

Upcoming events

- 10/22 – Pumpkin splash
- 10/25-28/2021 – Family Conference week
- 10/26 – Parent Advisory Group, meeting virtually
- 10/28 – Halloween Trick-or-Treating on Tribal Campus
- 10/29 – No school

Sage Velasquez, is a Kindergarten who has been at SUIMA since she was seven months old in the infant room!



courtesy SUIMA

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

Sage loves learning and listening to the Ute Language. On a few occasions, she has even been known to correct the guides and teachers! She loves coming to school because she is excited to learn and can’t wait to know what is being taught for the day.

Her Ute name is, Wiichkə’ayəvi which means “Morning Dove.”

Sage enjoys taking care of others. She loves being a “mama” role model to everyone around her, even to

the adults.

While at school, Sage can be found working on her reading, writing, and math. When asked about her favorite book, the answer is every book – she loves them all! Sage works hard in every part of her day and thoroughly loves her school.

Clementine Carrillo, is a Kindergartner who has been at SUIMA for three years.

Her favorite food is broccoli! Tasty!



courtesy SUIMA

Clementine is very curious, likes to go on bike rides, paint, draw, and play outside with her brother and friends. She loves listening to music, doing family activities and learning from her grandparents and great-grandparents.

Her Ute name is Tʉiraachi which means “Little Deer.”

While at school, Clementine can be found working on anything that has to do with math, science, and language. She is very curious, asking questions and striking up conversations with anyone around her.

One of her favorite books is Seeing Stars, a Complete Guide to the 88 Constellations by Sara Gillingham.

ICL honors founder



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Juvie Jones, son of the late Naoma Jones, catches up with Ignacio School District Superintendent, Chris deKay. The Ignacio Community Library’s Adult Reading Room was renamed to honor the life of Naoma Jones during a special vigil hosted at the library on Friday, Oct. 18.



Ignacio Community Library Facilities Manager, Dixie Cook shares some memories of the late Naoma Jones, founder of the Ignacio Community Library. Jones was honored by having the Library’s Adult Reading Room named in her memory on Friday, Oct. 18.

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Monday, October 25

Monday, November 8

Monday, November 22

Monday, December 6

Monday, December 20

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Homecoming parade rolls through Ignacio



Tribal Council members — Ramona Eagle, Chairman Melvin Baker and Linda Baker greet spectators along Goddard Ave., while Council members Vanessa Torres and Dr. Stacey Oberly throw candy to the crowd.



Southern Ute tribal member descendant, Lexi Young attended the parade as IHS Homecoming Senior Royalty; her family help celebrate by waving to spectators.



Southern Ute tribal members, Lucas Rael, Bianca Weaver and Amethyst Weaver, enjoyed the parade.



Students on the IHS Homecoming Football float are seen throwing candy to the crowd.

Photos by Krista Richards
Special to the Drum

WEDNESDAYS AT 2:00 P.M.

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don't need someone to walk them through the work so much as they need someone to sit there and help them stay on task," Fjerstad said. "A good chunk of these kids just need to have your support to have you sit down and work with them on their academic endurance even if they don't have homework, read with them, talk with them, that's the best advice I can give to you, just give them as much of your time as you can to help them."

COVID-19 has caused a significant impact on the state's test scores, and the district is not left out. There was a lower participation rate in testing as well as a disruption of learning that affected achievement scores. Academic engagement and growth scores were presented to those in attendance at the IPP meeting by Ignacio School District's Curriculum Director, Cori Stevens. In 2021, the district exceeded the state average in English

McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Ignacio School District Superintendent, Chris deKay introduces the high school, middle school and elementary school principals to speak about the loss of learning plan credit recovery plans from the previous school year at the annual Indian Policies and Procedures meeting at the Ignacio High School on Monday, Oct. 18.

Language Arts and Math as well, overall, the growth was at 21 percent. Continuing this growth and reaching new proficiency levels is going to be a main focus point for both parents and the district to help improving student success.

"I just want to say thank you all for coming out, it really shows our students we care when we come together

as a community and we can build a better foundation to support them," Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Bruce Valdez stated. "COVID has had a serious impact on all of us but we have learned how to adapt and grow together, I appreciate all the different departments and staff that work together to help our kids, because they are our future."

Bobcats Homecoming Royalty 2021



Ignacio High School 2021 Homecoming King, Gabe Tucson (11) and Queen, Alannah Gomez, both seniors, stand centered between their respective parents after being announced during halftime of the Bobcats' Oct. 8 home football game versus Center.



Ignacio High School 2021 Homecoming Royalty Senior Class, 2nd Attendants, Alric Hudson (56) and Lexy Young, stand with Young's father during halftime.



Ignacio High School 2021 Homecoming King, Gabe Tucson (11) and Queen, Alannah Gomez, both seniors, pose after being announced during halftime.

Photos by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum



Ignacio High School 2021 Homecoming Royalty Senior Class, 1st Attendants Tyler Barnes (44) and Elisia Cruz (left) stand with Barnes' mother during halftime.

Men show frybread skills



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Krystyn Weaver, and sisters Rhianna and Meleina Carel sit together to enjoy their lunch during the Multi-Purpose Facility's October Sip, Chat, and Chew luncheon on Friday, Oct. 15.

October's Sip, Chat, and Chew luncheon featured a Men's Frybread Contest this month with cash prizes. John DeLucci from Towaoc, Colo. won first place for his frybread on Friday, Oct. 15, all contestants walked away with a cash consolation prize.



Food Dist. goes Halloween



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Food Distribution Stock Clerk, Bradlin Goodtracks pushes a cart of CARES Act Food Packages to load into a vehicle on Thursday, Oct. 14. The food program staff got into the Halloween spirit by dressing up this year to deliver food.

In her homemade cow costume, Food Distribution Stock Clerk, Wayno-ka Whiteskunk waits as Clarissa Kearns fills out paperwork before receiving her CARES Act food package on Thursday, Oct. 14.



October Multi-Purpose Facility

Event	Date	Time
Sr. Breakfast	October 6	10:00 – 11:30 AM
Sip, Chat & Chew	October 15	11:30 AM-1:30 PM
Yard Sale	October 16	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Quilt Class	October 12 & 14	9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Drying Class	October 19 & 21	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Haunted House	Oct. 29, 30 & 31	6:00 – 10:00 PM



November Multi-Purpose Facility

Event	Date	Time
Sr. Breakfast	November 3	10:00 – 11:30 AM
Holiday Meal Prep	November 10	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Yard Sale	November 13	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Quilt Class	November 16 & 18	11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Sip Chat & Chew	November 19	11:30 AM -1:30 PM
Pie Class	November 23	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Events are open to the public, sign-up at the front desk or call 563-2640 for more information.
Sip, Chat & Chew, is a monthly lunch for the 3 Ute Tribe members and their families.

The facility will be closed the following Days:
Thursday and Friday November 11 & 12 for Veteran's Day
Thursday & Friday November 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving
Some classes require you to bring your own supplies. Events may change or be canceled in the event of a tribal member funeral, or other unforeseen event. Please call to confirm event dates and times.

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EVENT DETAILS

WHEN: SUN., OCTOBER 31, 2021

TIME: 4PM-6:30PM · DRIVE THROUGH ONLY! (SET UP BY 3PM)

LOCATION: SKY UTE CASINO OVERFLOW PARKING LOT



PUBLIC LANDS

President Biden restores Bears Ears National Monument

Ute tribes recognized to protect cultural resources

Staff report
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet joined President Joe Biden at the White House for the proclamation signing to restore Bears Ears National Monument.

“Restoring protections for Bears Ears reaffirms our nation’s commitment to our tribes and to our kids and grandkids, so that they can experience these public lands,” said Bennet. “I deeply appreciate President Biden’s proclamation because it will preserve our nation’s cultural heritage, and protect this sacred place for generations to come. We must now ensure that our nation’s tribes, including the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, are closely involved in the management of Bears Ears National Monument and I will continue to push for the resources needed to fully protect this landscape.”

Bennet has fought for protecting public land throughout his time in the Senate, including advocating for the establishment of Bears Ears National Monument. In 2016, Bennet applauded President Obama’s national monument proclamation for Bears Ears, which is home to ancestral lands and cultural sites that are sacred to the region, including to the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Tribes of Colorado, both of whom strongly supported this designation.

Amid reports that the Trump Administration was considering abolishing or significantly reducing the



courtesy office of Michael Bennet

Proclamation Signing Ceremony at the White House.

size of Bears Ears in 2017, Bennet supported protections for the monument and called on the administration to meet with Tribal leadership before any decisions were made. In April 2017, he sent a letter with eight other Western Democratic senators to President Trump urging him to uphold existing protections for all 157 national monuments under review, including Bears Ears. He then spoke on the Senate floor about the importance of our national monuments and the integrity of the Antiquities Act.

In May 2017, Bennet sent a letter with then-Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper to then-U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke urging him to refrain from modifying any national monument designations in Colorado and warning him against taking unprecedented steps to diminish the size of Bears Ears. In December 2017, Bennet denounced President Trump’s decision to shrink Bears Ears.

In January 2018, Bennet and other senators intro-

duced the America’s Natural Treasures of Immeasurable Quality Unite, Inspire, and Together Improve the Economies of States (ANTIQUITIES) Act of 2018 in response to the Trump Administration’s unprecedented attacks on national monuments. The legislation reinforces that only Congress has the authority to reduce the size of a national monument. In April 2018, Bennet called on Zinke to halt the development of management plans for Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments until legal challenges related to former President Trump’s illegal attempt to shrink these monuments have been resolved.

In July 2021, Bennet wrote to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland urging her to meet with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to hear directly about Tribal members’ priorities and to support their request to restore the size of Bears Ears National Monument.

CYBER SECURITY

How to use cybersecurity in your everyday life

Staff report
THE KNOWBE4 SECURITY TEAM

How many internet-connected devices do you have in your home? While these devices make our lives easier, they also make us easy targets for cybercriminals.

So, whether you are connecting to the internet through social media, online shopping, or listening to music on a smart speaker, here are some cybersecurity tips for everyday use:

Social Media Safety

- We recommend keeping your social media profile set to private and only connecting with people who you know and trust.
- Don’t share anything online that you wouldn’t want to be made public. No matter how cautious you are, any information posted on social media can still fall into the wrong hands.
- Watch out for posts that trick you into oversharing. For example, you



may have seen a post that gives you a silly nickname based on random personal details. Personal details such as your first pet’s name or the year you were born, can be used by cybercriminals to guess passwords, answer security questions, or even impersonate you on social media.

Online Shopping Safety

- Only shop on well-known, reputable websites.
- Only pay using a credit or debit card. Never agree to send cash or wire money to a seller.
- Shop for the safest deal and not the cheapest. Remember, if a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Smart Device Safety

- Smart speakers and some smartphones have an “always listening” setting that allows you to speak to it at any time. We recommend turning off this setting or muting the microphone while working from home or while discussing sensitive information.
- Much like a web browser, smart devices track your activity history. Review your history periodically to check for unusual activity. We also recommend clearing your device history on a regular basis.
- Keep your devices up-to-date. Smart devices receive important security patches through software updates.

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Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week.
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Wolves and Ranching

Free Workshops for Livestock Producers in Colorado
November 2021



The return of wolves on working lands is just one of the many expanding challenges ranchers may face in today's world. As such, there exists a greater need for understanding, tangible resources, and support for the stewards of Colorado's wild-working landscapes.

These workshops are designed to provide insight from first-hand experience, discuss practical solutions, explore opportunities for support, and to have open, respectful, and honest conversation around the topic of ranching with wolves and other predators.

Locations	Date	Time
Durango, La Plata Cnty Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall, Lighter Rm.	November 2	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Montrose, Hampton Inn and Suites, 1980 Townsend Rd.	November 3	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Craig, Quality Inn & Suites, 300 South, CO-13	November 5	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Walden, Antler's Inn, N. 460 Main St.	November 6	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: Due COVID, space is limited to 20 in-person participants per venue. Thus, we recommend RSVP's in order to ensure your spot. Visit: www.workingcircle.org/colorado-workshops for updates and ZOOM Links for each date and location

Presenters:

- ~ Andrew and Hilary Anderson, livestock producers, Montana
- ~ Shella DelCurto, Livestock Producer, Oregon
- ~ Carter Niemeyer, former Wildlife Services trapper; wildlife biologist, member of the Colorado State Wolf Restoration Technical Team

Workshop Topics:

- Management options and tangible strategies to reduce predator- livestock conflict
- Increasing ranch resilience and sustainability for future generations
- Understanding gray wolf and predator/ prey behavior and ecology
- Identifying different types of predator damage
- Opportunity for open discussion with:
 - o livestock producers who live and ranch with wolves and other predators
 - o wildlife biologists who have extensive experience working with predators in livestock country

Snacks and Lunch provided for in-person participants

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To RSVP and/or questions e-mail:
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Please visit:
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for workshop updates
and ZOOM links

Horse Empower lifts spirits



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Nevaeh Sandoval, daughter of Skydawn Burch, rides a horse named Bernard. Each horse in the program has its own individual personality and characteristics. Young participants are encouraged to not only bond with their horse, but also strengthen their communication skills as they learn from the Horse Empower program.

Equine Assisted Learning fosters communication on a person to person level, as well as with the horses. The program also has a strong responsibility piece as well; brushing the horses helps build that connection and respect with the animals, while instilling care and responsibility for the horses in the youth as they experience the Horse Empower program each week.



Eight-year-old Sophia Romero, daughter of Shailyn Olguin, got a chance to work with Horse Empower's own Lauren Watterud – a certified Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning (ESMHL). The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division utilized grant funding earmarked for mental health programming to provide Horse Empower sessions to families and youth during the month of September.

Silent Auction open to
Southern Ute Tribal Members



Yearling, Mare



3-4 Years Old, Mare

2 Bay Mares

Bids will be accepted October 12 – November 12, 2021.
Contact Southern Ute Animal Control at (970)563-0133
for more information and to place bids.

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:
FirstDescendantAntlerlessElk-SouthernUteIndianTribe.southernute-nsn.gov

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

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 ¾ 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.



did you know?

A live Animas River water quality monitoring webpage
is up and running! To view, please visit <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/water-quality/>.

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.



Tribal councilmember Linda Baker picks up her winning raffle item, before donating it back to BGC for them to raffle to a non-tribal staff attendee! A former BGC Club Member won the portable speaker!

Photos by Lindsay Box
Southern Ute Tribal Council Affairs

Tribal Council attends BGC dinner



Tribal Council showed up in force to support the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) Staff and Board of Directors for the Inaugural Building Great Futures Dinner.

Council tours campus sites



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Property and Facilities Director, Mr. Tyson Thompson points out the structural walls in the basement of the old Dining Hall and Cafeteria which was constricted as a part of the old Boarding School buildings on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Tribal Council toured the old Dining Hall and Cafeteria to see the repairs that are needed to rehabilitate or demolish the building. Tribal Council has discussed various possibilities for use of the space, however construction will need to take place first.



Newly appointed BGC Board of Director Member, Mr. Edward Box, III smiles as he returns to his table on the exciting evening! Mr. Box has a long history with BGC including former service as Board of Director Member.

STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE. COUNCIL CONNECT REMAINS POSTPONED WHILE IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 2. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FRIDAY MORNING. Tribal Council Updates will be posted to social media platforms.



Tribal councilmember Dr. Stacey Oberly shows off the cooler she won during the BGC Building Great Futures Dinner. The sticker on the cooler was designed by Samarah O'John.

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. List of members: Melvin J. Baker, Marjorie Barry, Ramona Y. Eagle, Vanessa P. Torres, Bruce Valdez, Linda K. Baker, Dr. Stacey I. Oberly.

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.



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CANDIDATE STATEMENT
Lorelei Cloud

Mayhk,
My name is Lorelei Cloud, and I am running for a seat on the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

I have been a council member for five years in the capacity of the Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. I have dedicated those years to helping our people. In that time, I have provided financial information in the form of monthly articles and quarterly newsletters, and I have represented the Tribe on different water committees and conferences.

Our past ancestors and leaders fought for us to be here. We are the Tribe's greatest asset and should be treated like it. Our Tribe is small in numbers, and we also need to care for and support each other. Over the past years, our people have endured many different situations. We need leaders with an open mind to find solutions that come before us. The Tribal Council is voted in by the Tribal People and I intend to strengthen that power for you. Power is achieved with clear communication. Please understand that I will always listen to your concerns. When elected to Tribal Council, I plan to host monthly meetings. Having open, frequent, and honest communication builds trust that we need to move forward in this world



and to be resilient. This will give our people the opportunity to ask questions and receive information about what has recently happened in our Tribe.

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

Lorelei Cloud

CANDIDATE STATEMENT
Vanessa P. Torres

Maiku Pino Nuuchi
My name is Vanessa P. Torres I am a candidate for this year's General Election. I currently sit on the Southern Ute Tribal Council. I was first elected in November 2020.

I am the daughter of Georgia McKinley and the late Sam Pinnecoose. I come from a family of five and I am married with one daughter. I was born in Durango, Colo. and have lived in Ignacio the majority of my life.

I had the opportunity to work on the behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council for the past eleven months. I am very grateful and thankful for this opportunity. It has given me a scope to know more of our Tribal Government along with the other three entities: Growth Fund, Sky Ute Casino Resort and Southern Ute Shared Services.

Every day is a challenge for all of us and the Tribal Council. As a Tribe we will continue to have challenges regarding the issue of our sovereignty.

Yes, we many have financial benefits from revenues. However, we need to look ahead to the next ten to twenty years, we also need to consider thinking beyond that. It will be part of my responsibility to work with the elected members to prepare for the next 20 years in which we will face the challenges that will be more critical to the Tribe and the membership.

Our world is changing more and more every day with climate change, drought, inflation to name a few.

As a candidate I realize there is much work to be completed as we move forward on behalf of our Tribal Membership. We have outdated policies; bylaws need to be revised to accommodate present day issues.

As an avid tribal hunter who utilizes our hunting and fishing rights on our reservation. I truly love being in our mountains and realizing how blessed and grateful we have our lands to hunt and fish on. We have the seven rivers that run through the reservation. We are currently seeing the effects of the drought on our reservation and how it has affected the land and the spring fed ponds. We face challenges today and in the future that will affect the health of the rivers and streams.



I currently sit on the Ten Tribes Partnership (TTP) and the Tribal Leaders Forum. The TTP is a coalition of tribes from the higher basin to the lower basin of the Colorado River ranging from Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, all the way down to Mexico. The organization is meant to allow tribal voices to be heard and help protect tribal water management and usage on the Colorado River. The discussions in the meetings are not just our own reservation, it includes our sister-tribe and tribal neighbors, it pertains to all tribal water settlement and unsettlement water. Water is sacred to the Natives and is essential to life. We need to protect our resources.

We are not a separated group, we have a lot of influence in La Plata County, we want to be able to hold on to that power in order to work with the different governments, school districts and the different communities.

The tribal council will need to think of innovative ways to benefit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the tribal membership to do what's in the best interest for the young people to the elders as we face the challenges by working together with the people who are the policy makers.

As a council person I would like to continue to work for the Tribe in a manner where we spend the money/funds wisely to keep the departments running effectively and efficiently. I will continue to do so if given the opportunity to serve a full term in making sure we manage our money and resources in a proper way which benefits the Tribe and the membership.

I would like to continue to be a fiscally responsible

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT
Lindsay J. Box

Maykh Tribal Members,
I am humbly asking for your support in the 2021 General Election. I am the proud daughter of the Orian Box (egap), and Jann Smith, paternal granddaughter of the late Fritz and Pearl Posey Box, (egap) and the late Howard and Joan Sackett (egap). I have two sons of my own, Tavian and Kiko. I lived on the reservation majority of my life with the exception when I continued my education.

I graduated from Fort Lewis College with two Bachelors degrees in Sociology and American Indian Studies and I attended New Mexico State University to work on my Masters degree prior to going on a sabbatical and beginning my career with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. For 10 years, I have worked within the tribal organization in the Cultural and Preservation Department, Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum with most of my time spent with the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Tribal Council Affairs. Throughout these years, I have gained a lot of experience and had the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the tribal organization. This will be helpful in my role on Tribal Council.

Now, why I am running for Tribal Council? Although I am young, I have the strong work ethic, the drive to learn as much as I can, and the ability to analyze situations to find solutions that work in the best interest of the tribal membership. My youth will help me keep the pace of the long days while helping me bridge the generations of our Tribe. I know I can be the strong, compassionate leader our people need. I have so many ideas and the drive to put, take, and shift those ideas into motion. Times are changing, and we need a leader who understands how these changes impact the Tribe and can bring us back to the forefront of progress. My father instilled in me and emphasized how important our Ute traditions and culture are to each one of us, and I know my upbringing will help me communicate with and understand the challenges of our Tribal Elders.

I am committed to hearing the concerns of our tribal membership and working with the appropriate staff and administration officials to find effective solutions.



A few of my priorities include revisiting the Financial Plan. The foundation of our plan is strong. Diversification is important to secure success, but we can't look past what has made the Tribe successful. We need to use our strengths to vet new opportunities. We need to shift our thought process for new investments to include thinking how the Tribe can leverage our expertise in emerging markets, but ensuring we are going to meet our rate of return required. We must also understand the Tribe's rate of growth and plan appropriately. Another component of the Financial Plan is the tribal budget. We must shift from the status quo process to one that is more effective, provides transparency, and utilizes tools to measure success. For years, tribal members have expressed a growing concern over the budget's size and effectiveness, to a point where trust is missing. I have new ideas to help regain the trust of the tribal members, so we know how our dollars are being spent. This will make us a more productive government. The plan also sets the expectation of tribal employment and I have ideas how to utilize the budget process to develop and require succession planning and creating equity and advancement expectations for members. This begins with understanding the current tribal unemployment rate and identifying how large our employment pool is, as well as identifying and finding solutions to roadblocks.

I also would like to pri-

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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



"Together we can make a postive change."

VOTE

VANESSA P. TORRES

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ble council leader and make sure our money, the Tribes funds, are being used for the intended purpose of keeping the operations going and for the membership as well.

Example: in the budget process are the departments researching RFP or just estimating a price that sounds good to them? Is the item a want or need for that department?

As Tribal Council here are some of the things we have worked on and which I supported – and benefited the Tribe.

When we received the CARES Act funding with limited federal guidelines. Tribal Council had agreed to move forward to assist the tribal membership to receive a portion of the funds due to high prices of food and other expenses. It was also indicated in the Tribal Member grant program to remind tribal members they may be required to pay back the grant funds and were advised to keep their receipts. However, the way the tribal grant fund was handled they did not have to reimburse those funds. Tribal Council is currently working on the ARPA Act which will be allocated to the departments for services.

The broadband funding which during the pandemic we saw a need for the tribe and the membership, not having adequate Internet service to serve our native children who had to do remote learning as well as tribal business with poor quality of services, which continues to be an issue. The Tribe is moving forward in three stages to implement the broadband service and looking at a timeline of 2023.

The Tribe is interested in moving forward with renewable energy projects including Coyote Clean Energy Project, Carbon Capture CO2 Project, and Fruitland Horizontal Drilling. The Tribe is engaging to reduce carbon emissions and to fight climate change.

There has been discussion on the east side of the reservation for a while

now. It is imperative for the need to hear from our tribal membership on their concerns whether to move forward or leave as is.

We as council have combined the top thirteen priorities – here are a few examples: Language Revitalization, Broadband, Substance Abuse and Financial Plan.

One of the important issues I truly support is the Substance Abuse/Drug Abuse and Mental Abuse, which you may have heard me speak on before. Our tribal and local community have been hit hard with these addictions that effects our members, the housing issues, and families. We are in need of an inpatient treatment center for our members as well as a sober living program to assist the individual with support and guidance for the families. Mental health is another issue we need to address on the reservation. We send our adults and juveniles out of the area to assist in their treatment, which do not practice cultural sensitivity.

We are in need of housing for our membership here on the reservation, we need to assist our membership and being able to provide ample, affordable housing. We also need to assist our membership who live on fee lands, allotted lands, and off the reservation.

There is also an issue for housing for staff members, at times we have lost valuable employees due to no housing in the area because the cost of living as risen. How can leadership address these issues as well? I am sure we can find solutions for these situations.

These are a few issues we as Tribal Council are addressing. I would like to continue to remain on Council to assist in the projects.

I humbly ask for your vote on Friday, November 5, 2021 to continue to do the work to help benefit the good of the Southern Ute Tribe and the membership.

Thank you,
Vanessa P. Torres

CANDIDATE

W. Bruce Valdez

Mr. Valdez did not provide a Candidate Statement for publication into the Drum.



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oritize community development. For years, we see communities around us improving and growing. We have seen these communities grow with the help of tribal dollars which are earned in our community but spent elsewhere. It is time that we invest in our own tribal community. This requires work on multiple fronts. We must work on tribal housing, finding affordable solutions that meet a variety of membership's needs. And while we can make progress on housing solutions, we also must work with our law enforcement to make these communities desirable and safe to live in. And we must have (employment) opportunities for our tribal members to succeed. This includes developing opportunities for tribal members that do not want to work for the Tribe, rather they need assistance starting their own small business. We owe it to the membership to develop programs that they can access to jump start their dreams of owning their own business.

Another huge priority of mine is to truly invest in language and cultural preservation. There are a few tribal programs that are currently working towards these efforts, but it is within Council's scope of authority to allocate tribal dollars to save our language and

culture. I am committed to budgeting two full-time positions, at a livable wage, that will be responsible for documenting our language, developing resources so others can learn, and teaching our members. It is also important that these resources are be available to both on- and off-reservation members.

I also want to be sure that we do not forget the larger picture and working with local, state, and federal partners to understand and protect our sovereignty. We must take the driver's seat to determine our own destiny and hold the federal government to its trust responsibility. However, we must advocate when their federal oversight and approval is minimal at best. Our leaders must stay informed on the various issues in which threatens our tribal sovereignty.

Although these are a few of my priorities, I have a number of other ideas that I believe will improve programs and services to the membership and help our tribal government begin to be more efficient and effective. I know what this role entails, and I am ready to work tirelessly for our membership. If you have questions, I can be reached at 970-759-1494.

Toghoyagh,
Lindsay J. Box

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Cedric J. Chavez

Greetings Tribal Membership,

When I first started out with thoughts of being a representative for you it was a tough decision, I just knew that like you I was tired of the same old story. I wanted to be able to make a difference and bring honest, hardworking minds back into our government.

With a multitude of support, I was able to do just that. The part no one ever really talks about when making it into office is that when you get there, there are some binding documents that guide you along the way. The first being the Constitution of the Tribe and the second being the oath of office you are sworn in with.

The words in the oath itself are what bring it home when it comes to how you should be conducting your office especially when it comes to supporting the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and its membership.

My original platform had a lot to do with accountability. Mostly of the Tribe and its workings being accountable to the people which it serves, but significantly accountable in the fact that everyone is doing the best job they can to meet the needs of the tribal membership in the most equitable manner possible.

Accountability breeds accountability, and in my first term it began to happen. Not through one person, but through like-minded people working in the administration and in the workforce. I was very happy to be part of a working group that was described as one of the most engaged council's there had been in a while, and it made me want to work harder at my job because there was a difference.

But with the good you must always be able to take the bad and while you making your small wins there are places those wins don't make it to or they are just not received well. And this is where we need to pick up and provide for wins that are across the board for all to partake in.

The oath of office provides for the fact that you will not inject anything of a personal nature and that is simple enough to follow but I do take personally when others make the decision to not follow our codes, policies and procedures, or the very constitution which enables the Tribe to have governance over its home and the people it serves.

Many times, it's those personal choices within the government that bring about inequity and at other times the fault can be found in documents that need updating. Updating the foundation of the Tribal government is one of the main functions of the council and is constant work because as soon as you update a new reason to update falls out. While updating codes is a lot more expansive than updating policy it is still an essential piece of governing as it keeps the Tribe current and allows the Tribe to speak on its own terms. I know there have been times that we do not have a policy, or a piece written into code and we revert to state or federal codes that are not totally representative of the Tribe causing a loss of rep-



resentation and those are pieces I would like to see corrected so we have little to no inequity when it comes to serving the people.

In my time on the council, we worked on a governance manual, and I was real excited to see it coming together because it provided for accountability within the Tribe at all places including the Government itself. At what point this manual is at now I have no idea, but I can tell you that it was one of the most exciting works I had the pleasure to be a part of because it was another avenue of accountability.

I could go on about accountability all day long and we all recognize that we want accountability to us as members but like all things accountability is a two-way street. What do we do as members that make us accountable to one another and to our Tribe. This is always a tough question because it hits closer to home and it can only be answered individually but I wanted to make sure to not leave it out because it's an essential piece to the conversation as well.

Personally, I do what I can to make sure I am providing for myself and my loved ones with what I am afforded through the Tribe's services and distributions. When I was growing up I was taught that work was going to be one of the most important things I could do for myself and those around me especially if I wanted to be able to provide a life for myself. The difference between living on reservation and living off the reservation would be two different worlds as certain amenities and protections don't follow you off the reservation and that living in the real world meant you had to work harder to make a life for yourself, respect for culture and traditions and whether I took part in them or not I was always to make sure I did not disrespect them or those who participated in them.

Hindsight being 20/20 I should have listened better. I have done the best I can but all things being equal and me being human although I have not made the best choices in life I am not afraid to come before you because at the end of the day my life has helped me become who I am today and I am not trying to pull the wool over your eyes and I am not looking for the limelight of power, what I am looking for is honesty in our government and a hope for all to have that same comfort.

While it's true at some points in time we will all not agree on every one thing the truest thing we can do is really sit down

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





Candidates voice platforms



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Tribal Council candidates (above) faced each other at the Sky Ute Casino Resort for Meet the Candidates Night. Each candidate was able to answer questions from the tribal membership about their platforms and how they think they could contribute to Tribal Council if elected. Five Southern Ute Tribal Council hopefuls came together on Wednesday, Oct. 13 to discuss their platforms at the 2021 General Election Meet the Candidates Night. The candidate's voices filled the Sky Ute Casino Event Center with topics like being looking forward, making positive changes, addressing gaps in services and service to the membership. Two Southern Ute Tribal Council seats are open with voting to take place at the Election Board offices located in downtown Ignacio at 285 Lakin Street — Friday, Nov. 5 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tribal Council Member Vanessa Torres returns to the big stage answering questions from the tribal membership at Meet the Candidates Night held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.



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together and hash out our issues. We know the issues but where do we reach middle ground on them. At what point do we feel comfortable that our departments are taking care of the business they need to, defined within their approved codes or policies and procedures. If a policy is bad enough to make its way into the circle of scrutiny, then by all means is it a bad policy or is it an unliked policy. For codes is it a bad code an absent code or an undefined code.

Actions such as these are just a small piece of the job and come together with a ton of input but are of the most important because these are the pieces of government that define how the government works. When we look to new people coming into the government we look for change and are often disappointed when we don't feel we've gotten it, but the fact of the matter is that until we make change in our guiding documents, we will always have to make due with the best we can do because there are parameters to what you can actually do and what you can't do when it comes to being a part of the government.

Many of the powers granted to the council are established in the Constitution but only when approved by the people and the federal government. Some of the biggest issues out there are questions for the people. And while it's true that if they are questions of the people they should

be brought by the people, it never makes it that far. So, who should bring the question? I believe that if the question is big enough it should be asked and regardless of who asks it lets get it done so we can put it to rest and seek ultimate approval from the powers that be.

Some of the best advice I received at the beginning of my term was to keep something close to me that reminded me of why I was there, learn all that you can, and to take the people with me everywhere I was. Things I did just so, I would've loved for the people to see how I spoke for them at every turn because you are what went through my mind as well as the differences between what was right and wrong. Looking back on my votes I approved of quite a few of the works brought forth to the Tribal Council because they were in the best interest of the Tribe and its members, while I did oppose few, my opposition always came from a good amount of information that came through time and thought or a good dose of seeing situations for what colors they truly were.

I know there is middle ground out there because I have seen it come to pass many times and I believe we can work towards that better understanding, but we can only get there together. Being representative of who and where we come from, always knowing that we come from an original place where the people worked

together to live and provide for one another, each person having a role to play to maintain life amongst the people. Our power to survive in the worst of times is what makes us who we are and the closer we come to working together to remain even in our differences is what will help us to provide for a better future.

Do we need change? Yes! We need change that's developed through insightful conversations. The change I speak for hits the very foundation of what our government speaks for and allows for better representation when it comes to guiding documents such as the financial plan, tribal code, tribal policy and procedures, etc. the documents that bring about a way of life for us should be representative of us past, present, and future!

I have always been taught that one page is the standard, but in instances as these there is no standard, we are people trying to work with people and for people, so perfect is really not a defining moment here. What is defining is that everyone in their motion takes on their role as a part of our piece of the world and pushes their best efforts forward to sustain who we are. I have put my best efforts forward and will continue to do so in the best interests of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and its people!

Thank you for your time and for your support!

Respectfully,
Cedric J. Chavez

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
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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

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 South entrance, or at the Pow Wow Committee mailbox (#16) located in the Central Receiving Building during regular business hours. Surveys can also be emailed back to the Southern Ute Pow-wow Committee email at: soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov. Thank you and further questions can be answered by Rochelle Aguilar, SU PowWow Committee Secretary, at 970-759-1722

THE FDA HAS ISSUED A FULL AUTHORIZATION OF THE PFIZER COVID VACCINE! SCHEDULE TO GET YOUR VACCINE AT THE SUHC BY CALLING 970.563.4581!

MARGO YEAGER, IMT INCIDENT COMMANDER

Gerald Howe, SUPD Dispatcher



courtesy Chris Naranjo/SUPD

I wanted to introduce Gerald Howe. Gerald is a Southern Ute tribal member. He was recently hired into the Dispatcher Trainee Program. The program is a year-long training program. Part of the program includes attending the Indian Police Academies Dispatcher Training Program in Artesia, N.M. Gerald will work alongside trainers during the program.

Gerald will work both day and night shifts. He will work with different trainers. Gerald will also attend other trainings as they become available. He will be graded on his progress as he moves forward. The ultimate goal is to have Gerald working as a solo, fully trained, and certified dispatcher.

He grew up on the Southern Ute Reservation. He enjoys hunting, fishing and being outdoors. Gerald says, "Being here on the reservation has given a lot of opportunities for the upcoming years; but as of right now, here is where I stand."

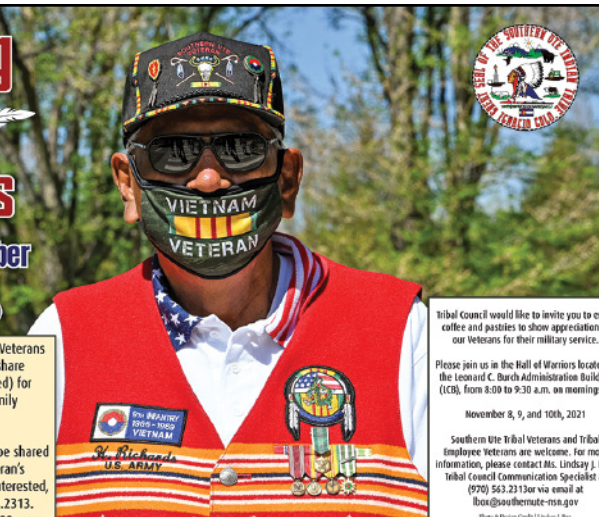
Gerald is pictured with tribal member, Faren Burch. Faren oversees the Dispatcher Training Program for SUPD. We hope to have another opportunity for a qualified tribal member who may want to serve their community.

Honoring Our Warriors

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

We are seeking Tribal Member Veterans and Veterans employed with the Tribe who are willing to share their military experience (combat not required) for a Tribal Council project. We also welcome family member participation!

Veterans 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, at (970) 563.2313. **DEADLINE - Friday, October 29, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.**



Tribal Council would like to invite you to enjoy coffee and pastries to show appreciation to our Veterans for their military service.

Please join us in the Hall of Warriors located in the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building (1CB), from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. on mornings of November 8, 9, and 10th, 2021.

Southern Ute Tribal Veterans and Tribal Employee Veterans are welcome. For more information, please contact Ms. Lindsay J. Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist at (970) 563.2313 via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov.



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"Point Man" Sculpture by Oreland Joe, Sr. Photo Credit | Lindsay Box



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

If this speaks to you, join us.

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

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

For more information, contact:

Doug Parker, Coordinator
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- + Must have good horseback riding experience
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- + All appropriate and required Covid-19 protocols will be strictly adhered to (social distancing, mask wearing, all other sanitary practices, etc.)



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VETERANS DAY 2021



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The American Legion and this publication salute our military veterans of all eras this November 11 - and every day. Thank you for serving America with honor, courage and commitment.

SUGF acknowledges safety



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Andy Young, EHS Regulatory Compliance Manager for SECMG, presented the 2021 Safety and Environmental Achievement Awards during the annual Southern Ute Growth Fund’s Environmental, Health, and Safety Retreat, held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort events center, Wednesday, Oct. 6. Young, welcomed attendees to the Casino and commended them for their dedication to the Growth Fund and overall commitment to creating a safe work environment for themselves and others while on the job. The Safety and Environmental Achievement Award is given out annually to recognize outstanding performance by a Growth Fund employee.

Growth Fund Safety and Environmental Achievement Award recipients Kevin Standifer, Graham Stahnke, and Tim Wichlacz (not pictured), stand for a portrait following the recognition of awards by Growth Fund Director Shane Seibel, and the Southern Ute Tribal Council. Kevin Standifer and Tim Wichlacz (Utilities) received the award for the Non-Energy Division of the Growth Fund for their quick thinking and response to save a non-Growth Fund sewage hauler who was unconscious in his truck sewage tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Ignacio. Graham Stahnke (Aka Energy) received the award for the Energy Division of the Growth Fund for his successful efforts to significantly increase air quality compliance and improve the safety program at the Gilcrest Gas Plant in Weld County, Colo.



NEW EMPLOYEES



Deanna Cruz
Job Title: TIS Receptionist/Mail Clerk
Description of Job Duties: Greet Visitors in a polite and courteous manner. Gain and understand knowledge of the basic functions, operations and services of all Tribal departments and offices to refer visitors and callers to the appropriate people. Distribute Mail to tribal mailboxes in the Central Receiving Building; along with other assigned tasks.
Hobbies: Beading, reading, hiking and being with my family!
Tribe: First Descendant of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I am the granddaughter of the late Delbert William Cuthair Sr. also known as May.
Additional Comments: I am grateful for this new chapter in my life!



Terence Whyte
Job Title: TIS Receptionist
Description of Job Duties: Answer phones, check and deliver mail.
Hobbies: Fishing, bowling and hanging out with family.
Family: Sunshine Whyte (wife), Sonny Flores and Warren Whyte (sons).
Tribe: Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Commonwealth Club visits



Kelsey Frost/SunUte

A small group of eight donors from the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco paid a visit to the Southern Ute Reservation and the staff of The Southern Ute Drum to learn about the newspaper on Sunday, Oct. 3. The Commonwealth Club is one of the oldest within the nation and produces a large public affairs forum to discuss key issues within its membership, while also addressing concerns about the city, state and nation at large. The tour group was able to visit various Tribal nations across the country to learn and ask questions about issues that affect Indian Country. The tour was made possible by Distant Horizons and tour scholar, Danielle Ta'Sheena Finn from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. The Club also visited the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum during their trip to Ignacio.



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

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 \$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.



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October 25th + 27th | 6:00 PM

ATTEND FOR A CHANCE TO
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GIFT CARD

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ROUNDUP KEEPS BISON HEALTHY • FROM PAGE 1

The large bison approached Jesse inquisitively, yet the two knew each other well. It sniffed at the mans gloved hands, then licked his leather palm. In that moment, Jesse made his peace with this sacred animal, before letting it out to an enclosed pasture. The time had come to harvest this bull.

The sound of hand drums, accompanied by the signing of Ute songs, welcomed the sunrise that morning. Songs passed down from the elders. Songs to honor the bison. Southern Ute elder, Hanley Frost gave a blessing and a prayer for the people. Freshly split cedar burned in a well-kept campfire. Children accompanied their parents and elders, still sleepy from the night before.

Three days earlier, the Southern Ute Wildlife Division held their annual Bison roundup, at the very same location. Carefully pulling each buffalo from the herd, for yearly vaccinations and tagging. One bison was selected that day and separated from the herd for harvest. Not just any harvest, but a

field dressing workshop, a chance to learn and experience first-hand, what the hunting and cleaning process entails for large game in order to properly process the meat and tan the hide.

“He was by no means the biggest bull, historically speaking, but he was the herd bull – the biggest male, and oldest, most dominate male of the herd,” explained Lasater “If we can control how many of the males are breeding, we can maintain that ratio of being a more female dominate herd – so, we chose to harvest a two-year-old bull this year. A majority of the ones we harvest for the membership, are younger bulls, which yield tender meat.”

To keep the herd healthy animals are brought in for an annual checkup, the Southern Ute Wildlife biologists pull the weights of the animals to make sure they are healthy. They try to doctor and maintain the animals, checking for any sign of physical trauma. They also use this opportunity to add ear tags for tracking, identifying females and males

each year that are born in the spring. This year, the Tribe’s bison were rounded up on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

“Essentially every year we try to hold a bison roundup for the health of the herd,” Lasater said.

The bison program uses those stats from the annual roundup to maintain the herd, also addressing the needs of the membership – such as an increasing demand for processed bison meat, tanned hides, while also harvesting other cultural aspects from the buffalo.

“Going along with that, the management [of the herd], we worked on 107 animals this week,” Lasater said. “We don’t give animals selected for harvest any of the injections for their wellbeing and mental health, it’s best to only interact with them that one day of the year. The rest of the time they are out there being bison, living normal lives out in the pasture – these are one hundred percent grass fed bison. They only eat hay and grass, these are very healthy ani-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A two-year-old bull bison was selected from the herd for this year’s harvest, ahead of the Wildlife Department’s Field Dressing Workshop, Saturday, Oct. 16.

mals, the meat that is going to the tribal membership is also very healthy.”

“When I came on it was end of Nov. 2015, my first day was the roundup for that year,” Lasater stated. “I got to participate in the roundup, and we had 33 animals in the herd at that time. It was a long-term goal to get the herd up to the number it is today – to be able to process enough animals to keep meat available to the membership year-round.”

The first year that Lasater took over as the Bison Program Manager, the program purchased 11 females, since that time they have grown the herd through breeding. To get the herd to its current size, there has been a lot of work expanding the pastures and increasing hay production. The bison pasture is now comprised of 350 acres of tribal land. “We put up our own hay for them as well, that’s a big part of the summer job – cutting and bailing hay,” Lasater said. “It’s rewarding because you can see your progress, whether is increasing the herd size, or increasing the hay production.”

The Tribe is a member of the Inter-tribal Buffalo Council, which allows them to apply for grant funding. The grants provide for the processing of animals, hide tanning and taxidermy of skulls – usually European mount, those are made available to the membership, through the Southern Ute Culture Department.

“My view of the program is that it serves two very important purposes for the Tribe and the membership, one is a nutritional benefit, the bison meat pro-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Councilmember Vanessa Torres, warms up by the Sunrise Ceremony campfire ahead of the field dressing workshop, she was joined by members of the Southern Ute Wildlife Advisory Board on Saturday, Oct. 16.

vides a healthy alternative that tribal members can turn to for their diets,” Southern Ute Wildlife Division Head Steve Whiteman said. “The health aspects of bison meat are well known, a healthy substitute to beef. The purpose of the program is to have an ongoing source of healthy, nutritional meat.”

“The other is cultural preservation, a connection which many Native Americans, including Utes, have to bison. There is definitely a traditional and spiritual connection with the bison, the Utes took to buffalo when they gained access to horses in the 17th Century, enabling them to hunt buffalo. There is a cultural significance and meaning – in my understanding, that the bison is a very strong, resilient animal, able to endure tremendous hardship and survive the toughest of circumstances – it’s a symbol of resilience.”

Saturday’s buffalo harvest was an acknowledgment of that cultural connection. Following the sunrise blessing, the young bull gave itself over to the membership.

Southern Ute Wildlife biologists, Danielle Austin and Aran Johnson took the lead on field dressing the animal, while encouraging community participation in the step-by-step demonstration. Young hands helped to skin the massive animal, while parents and elders helped to guide the process, lending their own experience – some learning new skills for themselves.

Once the bison was dressed, and the hide removed, Southern Ute Wildlife delivered it to Pagosa Springs, to finishing the processing of the meat for the membership.

“We did do a workshop like this in the past and it was very well received, and we thought it was time to do it again” Whiteman emphasized. “We’re very much interested in getting tribal youth educated in hunting, and knowing how to hunt, what the tools are and how to field dress an animal. This workshop is a big priority for getting that youth involvement here on their reservation lands, honoring pastimes.”



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Wildlife Bison Herd Manager, Jesse Lasater gives annual injections to the bison as they make their way through the stock yard gates.

6th Annual Brisket Cook-off



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Sonny Flores tosses a bean bag across the Farmers Fresh parking lot while competing in the Corn Hole Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 9, which was hosted alongside the 6th Annual Brisket Cook-off.

Tara Vigil visits the vendors that were set up at the Brisket Cook-off and even takes home some sweet treats on Saturday, Oct. 9.



Porky’s Smokehouse grill masters, Joe Richardson and Elijah Wylmer give a thumbs up before serving their smokehouse style BBQ at the Farmers Fresh 6th Annual Brisket Cook-off on Saturday, Oct. 9.

The Cultural Preservation Department, in conjunction with the Wildlife Division, Presents



Youth Hide Tanning Workshop

Ages: 13 yrs. to 18 yrs.

November 21 to 24, 2021

Attendance for all four days required

Location: SUCCM

Limited to 10 participants, **RSVP required**

Deadline for RSVP- October 20, 2021

Meet at Museum every morning at 8:00 A.M.

Pick-up children at Museum at 5:30 P.M. daily

Southern Ute Tribal Members & Descendants



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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 discouraged 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.



Visit loved ones if you are sick



Visit non-household members in a congregate care setting



Discontinue use of face coverings when required



Discontinue social distancing



Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

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

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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

Key Metrics & Restrictions for Phases of COVID-19 Pandemic

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

CORONAVIRUS

SJBPH updates public health advisory and provides FAQ to limit spread of COVID-19

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

With COVID-19 transmission 'High' in both Archuleta and La Plata counties, SJBPH urges residents to wear masks in businesses and public indoor settings regardless of vaccination status. San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) amended its local public health advisory this week and is providing the community and business owners with a frequently asked questions (FAQ) as guidance to encourage full adherence with the advisory.

Both La Plata and Archuleta counties are identified as having 'High' transmission according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and some of the highest transmission rates of 2021 have been observed in recent weeks. Nearly 100% of cases in Colorado in September that underwent variant analysis were identified as the highly transmissible Delta variant of COVID-19. As more activities move indoors with colder weather, SJBPH strongly urges all residents, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a well-fitting mask inside of public indoor spaces and businesses.

SJBPH strongly encourages business owners and operators of public indoor spaces to fully adhere to the advisory. A business in full adherence would require a mask for entry and maintain physical distancing of at least six feet between households or parties in enclosed spaces. The advisory also encourages employers to continue with symptom screening, testing of staff, ventilation improvements, and other measures to prevent an outbreak in the workplace. SJBPH is providing business owners with signage they can display if they are in full adherence with the advisory. The State of Colorado is also encouraging all businesses to take the Power the Comeback/COVID Safe Business Pledge to become an official Power the Comeback Business Partner.

"The public should be aware that we have high rates of COVID-19 at this time. There is significant risk right now in letting

SAN JUAN BASIN public health

The public and environmental health agency for Archuleta and La Plata counties

your guard down on mask wearing or being unvaccinated. We thank everyone who has been following our public health advisory and masking up. With colder weather and more activities moving inside, it's critical to recommit to wearing a mask if you're doing errands or in any public indoor setting," said Li-ane Jollon, SJBPH Executive Director. "The best way to reduce your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19 is to layer your protection. Get vaccinated for COVID-19. Get a booster dose if you are eligible. Don't forget to wear a mask in public indoor settings whether you are vaccinated or not," Jollon added.

This is SJBPH's third amended public health advisory of 2021. The first went into effect on May 14th. SJBPH will update the reissued advisory as needed based on local case incidence rates, hospitalization data, and other metrics.

The Delta variant is believed to represent nearly 100% of COVID-19 cases in La Plata and Archuleta counties. Statewide, nearly 100% of positive tests that were randomly selected for variant sequencing in the most recent week were confirmed as Delta variant cases. The variant may be more likely to make younger age groups sicker than other variants. Additionally, the Delta variant is leading to "breakthrough" cases in the fully vaccinated population and there are indications the fully vaccinated population may be able to transmit the Delta variant to others. Those who are fully vaccinated and who get infected with COVID-19 are likely to be asymptomatic or have less severe illness. The vaccines continue to be highly effective at preventing hospitalization and death.

In order to prevent an additional strain on local health


care resources, and to support in-person learning in our schools, residents are strongly urged to layer their protection by getting vaccinated and following public health precautions such as wearing masks in businesses.

SJBPH reminds parents to get eligible students vaccinated right away to help support in-person learning. 12 to 17-year-olds are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine, and the two-dose series takes at least five weeks from the first shot for individuals to complete the series and reach maximum immunity. SJBPH is closely tracking Federal and State guidance that would open eligibility for children under 12 and is prepared, alongside partners, to rapidly vaccinate this population when they become eligible. Timelines may change, but SJBPH is anticipating that 5 to 11-year-olds may be eligible by late October or sometime in November.

The vaccine is convenient and widely available for all who are eligible. There are numerous vaccine providers in La Plata and Archuleta counties, and SJBPH is now offering clinics seven days per week in partnership with Jogan Health. All SJBPH and Jogan Health clinics can offer booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine for those who are eligible. The full schedule of vaccine clinics, pop-ups, and mobile clinics is available online with convenient dates and times available across both counties.

Although advance registration is preferred, walk-ins are also welcome at upcoming clinics. The vaccine is free, and no ID is required. Additional providers and information about the COVID vaccine can be found on SJBPH's website.

For COVID-19 data, testing locations, and more information about vaccines visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING EVENT


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.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of October 20, 2021)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases

329 Positives
259 Recovered
28 Breakthrough
14,112 Total Tests

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

129 Positives
111 Recovered
3 Deaths

SUHC Vaccination Update

Upcoming Vaccine Clinics & Availability

10/20 (Pfizer)	3
10/28 (Pfizer)	15
10/29 (Moderna)	6
11/3 (Pfizer)	12

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

Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Jace Carmenoros (63) prepares to block Monte Vista's Jonah Waggoner (13) during Southern Peaks Conference action Sat., Oct. 16, at IHS Field.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Depleted 'Cats no match for Monte Vista

Pirates post six TD in first quarter, win 42-6

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

What with sophomore lineman Cruz Martinez having during the week joined Ignacio's injury list, an ailing right rotator cuff benching him alongside seniors Tyler Barnes (left leg) and Alric Hudson (right knee), plus sophomore Wade Dunbar-Burger (left arm), the Bobcats could ill afford to lose any more personnel entering the 2021 season's toughest contests.

Especially any who'd already been sidelined.

But when senior Shawn Campbell limped off IHS Field during the first half Saturday morning, Oct. 16, against Monte Vista – favoring his previously-injured left knee – the Bobcats' chances against the powerful Pirates practically disappeared, with MVHS recognizing junior John Riepel as the only remaining offensive threat.

Quite literally adding something of an insult to injury, Campbell's day became even longer when senior quarterback Gabe Tucson gunned a third-down incomplection in the direction of the trainer's table, the football only slightly skimming the synthetic surface as it caromed upwards and straight into a seated Campbell's janky joint.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Anthony Toledo (22) pulls a Monte Vista ball-carrier down to IHS Field's grass during Southern Peaks Conference action Sat., Oct. 16.

Still with about 3:30 remaining in the second quarter, Tucson was forced into assuming Campbell's duties as punter and kicked the ball away the very next play, with – as fate would have it – Riepel tweaking his right ankle during the tackle.

“Kind of sucks that we don't have as many players as other teams we're playing,” freshman Charlie Pargin lamented afterwards, “but it gives us [underclassmen] more playing time. I feel we could have done a little better ... but we gave it our all.”

And, with 9:36 left in a 1A Southern Peaks Conference clash long since reduced to running-clock rules, Ignacio's persistence at last paid off, with the resilient Riepel capping a 7-play, 43-yard drive leaping between two

Pirates and clutching an 8-yard Tucson touchdown toss. Tucson's subsequent two-point conversion carry failed, but the 'Cats had accomplished about the only possible objective remaining in a 42-6 loss: Deny Monte Vista a shutout.

“We held our blocks just long enough for him to get it off,” senior lineman Jeremy Roderick said.

“It felt good, you know?” said fellow lineman Pargin, who ended the game alertly smothering teammate Keaton McCoy's fumble at the Bobcat 29-yard line, just three snaps after McCoy had recovered a Pirate fumble – one of his two, and Ignacio's three (Roderick the other) in the game – at the 32. “It was

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BOBCATS SENIOR HONORS

Super Senior: Hudson earns IHS salute

Bobcat blends football, track and ... calculus?

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Flanked mainly by underclassmen on the offensive and defensive lines during gridiron action Saturday, Oct. 16, against physically and numerically superior Monte Vista, Jeremy Roderick intimated afterwards it's not been easy in the trenches without a classmate just as seasoned and toughened sharing the burden.

“Since we started as freshmen, being in there and starting, I feel like we've made like ... a legit brotherhood,” he said, speaking of fellow senior Alric Hudson. “We would just work our hardest, fight each other to see who's better – to have that spot – and when the other one comes out better, we're like, ‘Yeah, good job! I'll get you next time!’”

“It's really rough, especially when he's on my side and they put a freshman in his spot; we don't get that

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Alric Hudson (56) gives a smile on the Bobcats' sideline prior to kickoff Sat., Oct. 16, versus Monte Vista. Hudson was named Ignacio High's October 2021 Senior-of-the-Month for his work on and off the field.

BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

Now or Never: Harriers up for regionals

Quintana, deKay hasten pace in Monte Vista

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Though running since August, perhaps only now has ‘showtime’ truly arrived for IHS Cross-Country.

“It was just kind of a warm-up ... for this weekend,” said IHS junior Eppie Quintana, talking after a run on the track Saturday morning, Oct. 16, with head coach Daniel Holley. “To get in shape ... to put out the best I can, so I can hopefully make it to State.”

State's what's going to be at stake Friday, Oct. 22, as the 'Cats head north to



A retro-styled logo of the Ignacio Bobcats cross-country team.

Delta, to compete at the CHSAA Class 2A-Region IV Championships held in Confluence Park, annually one of the fastest courses on Colorado's Western Slope.

The top five teams, determined by score-4 figuring, will qualify for the Oct. 30 grand finale, as will all top-15 finishers. Action is set to begin at noon.

With one last chance to tune up for the meet deciding who will return to Colorado Springs and the taxing Norris-Penrose Event

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Youth soccer season ends



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

AhKeem Williams tries to keep the ball away from Ember Vigil in head-to-head soccer action Saturday, Oct. 9 in Bayfield. The youth soccer fall season was held at Joe Stephenson Park in Bayfield for five weeks, with teams competing from ages 4 to 12 years old. The youth leagues focused on fun and skill development building towards the next age group.

The Bayfield Parks and Recreation Youth Soccer season came to an end with games played on the Joe Stephenson Park in Bayfield on Saturday, Oct. 16. Southern Ute tribal member AhKeem Williams dribbles towards his goal with opposing players hot on his heels.



NATIVE ARTISTS

Land acknowledgement
dedication & artists celebration

Artwork by Ute Mountain Ute artist Babe Gallegos

Staff report

CONSERVATION LEGACY

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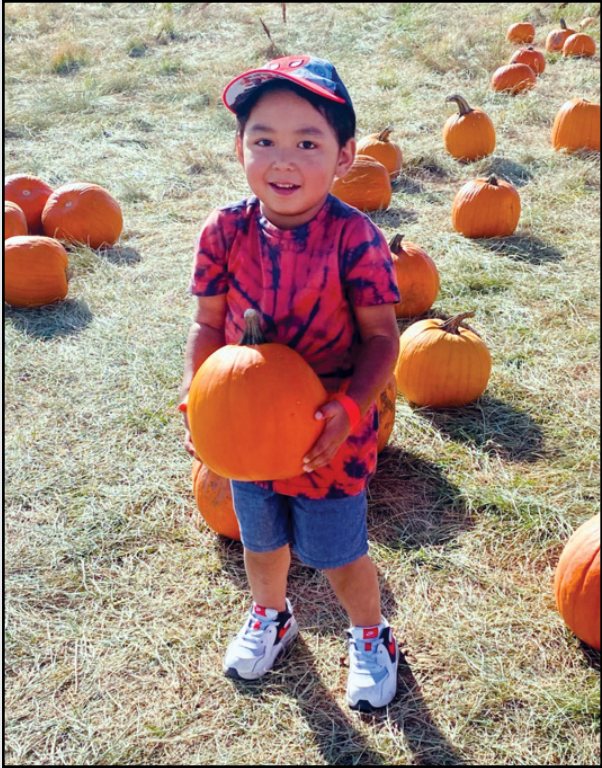
The artwork is created by artist Babe Gallegos and represents her interpretation of the land acknowledgement statement that accompanies the painting and now welcomes guests to the learning environment that is home to multiple tenants supporting local families.

Gallegos is the daughter of Norman Lansing and Kristine Lansing and a descendant of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. A long-time La Plata County resident, Gallegos is a high school graduate of Ignacio High School and a 2011 graduate of Fort Lewis College with a degree in art and graphic design. She also became a certified Colorado peace officer in 2011 and became a Ranger for the Southern Ute Tribe. In 2017, she was awarded “Ranger of the Year” by her colleagues for her work as tribal ranger since 2011. Gallegos is a freelance artist for Babe Gallegos Design who is currently studying to be a registered nurse. She is also a new mom to her 18-month-old son.

The artist was commissioned earlier this year by the SIEC board of directors to complete artwork that would help recognize the ancestral lands of the Puebloan and Ute peoples. The piece is prominently placed at the entryway to the Commons Building along with two permanent plaques that acknowledge the land and the artist’s personal interpretation.

To celebrate the installation of this piece, the artist and her family will join building tenants and their guests to dedicate the piece. Storytelling, education, and light refreshments will be shared in this open-house style event. A calendar invitation will also be sent to all building tenants with a link to join virtually provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to Shirena Trujillo Long, Director of Diversity & Recruitment for Conservation Legacy; strujillolong@conservationlegacy.org

SunUte shares Jack-A-Lope fun



Tara Vigil/SunUte

The SunUte Community Center purchased eighty 80 tickets to the Jack-A-Lope Acres Pumpkin Patch, which were given out to Southern Ute tribal members and their immediate families. The tickets were given out on a first come - first serve basis. Raphael Herrera Jr., son of Shyanne Vigil and Raphael Herrera Sr., finds the perfect size of pumpkin to take home!

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

DELBERT CUTHAIR SR.

“Grief is like the ocean, it comes in waves ebbing and flowing sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim.”
- Vicki Harrison

It’s hard to think it has already been 10 years, that you’ve been gone. Missing you never stops, and it doesn’t get easier. Our faith keeps us going, we know you no longer suffer, and that’s comforting. You were sick before you left this world, but you still did everything you could to keep going for your children and grandchildren. You showed us what a strong, loving man was.

We hold all the special memories we shared with you dear to our heart. The little ones hear about your silly stories and the buckets of candy you always had. I believe all our littles were held by you before they were sent to earth!

We will continue to make tacos for your birthday, every year. We will keep your memory alive always.



Thank you, for being such a great man in our lives. Until we meet again, We love you so much Grandpa/Dad!

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

THANK YOU SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE

Dear Southern Ute Powwow Committee, Thank you, Southern Ute Powwow Council. Your generous hospitality and willingness to work together bring us great joy. I am glad to meet you all and to embark on a journey of reparation, education and alliance.

Sincere gratitude,
Amanda Campbell

With gratitude,
Alicia Michelsen

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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 19, 2021

- Child Development Center, FT-Assistant Head Start Teacher – Closing 10/29/21
- Child Development Center, PT-Assistant Cook – Closing 10/29/21
- Public Health, CHR – Closing 10/29/21
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Closing 10/29/21
- Resources, Cowboy – Closing 10/29/21
- Transportation Mechanic I-Relief Transit – Closing 10/29/21
- WM-Administration, Member Service Technician – Closing 10/29/21

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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2021-0105-CV-NC
Andreas Ramos Gomez, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Celeste Chavez, on behalf of: Andreas Ramos Gomez filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Andreas Ramos Chavez. As of October 5, 2021 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Andreas Ramos Gomez name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Andreas Ramos Chavez.
Dated this 6th day of October, 2021.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

ber 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 18th of October, 2021.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2021-0117-CV-NC
Christopher P. Cuthair, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Christopher P. Cuthair filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Christopher Price William Curtis Milliano Cuthair. As of October 18, 2021 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Christopher P. Cuthair name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Christopher Price William Curtis Milliano Cuthair.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2021.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0148-CV-PR
Mack Davis Dugger, 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 **Decem-**

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

ARTWORK
DEDICATION

Southwest Institute for
Education and Conservation
Durango, CO

CELEBRATING NEW ARTWORK IN EDUCATIONAL SPACE

The Southwest Institute for Education and Conservation (SEIC) along with Conservation Legacy and the Durango Adult Education Center are celebrating a new Land Acknowledgement artwork recently installed at the entryway to the Commons Building.

WHEN & WHERE

This open house dedication event will be held in-person at the entryway to the Commons Building; and virtually from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25. Light refreshments will be served, and a link will be available to hear the artist speak (at approximately 11:30 a.m. MST).

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

Welcome to the Commons Building, operated by the Southwest Institute for Education and Conservation. We want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Puebloan and Ute* tribes, who have been stewards of this land throughout generations. Today, the Mouache and Caputa bands comprise the Southern Ute Indian Tribe headquartered in Ignacio, and the Weenuchiu band is now known as the Ute Mountain Utes and are headquartered in Towaoc. The Navajo or Diné people also recognize Hesperus Peak – the tallest in the La Plata Mountain Range-- as one of their four Sacred Mountains called Dibe Nitsaa, which translates as Big Sheep. As you join our building’s diverse community, it is important to provide an acknowledgement that we are gathering today on stolen land. The narratives of this land and region have long been told from one dominant perspective, without fully recognizing the people who lived here before colonization, and still live here today. Thank you for your respect in acknowledging this important history.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For a virtual link to the event, or any additional questions/comments, contact Director of Diversity & Recruitment Shirena Trujillo Long: strujillolong@conservationlegacy.org





REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Green Roof Removal and Installation of New Commercial Roofing
Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Property and Facilities, 970-563-2945

Proposals due no later than, Nov. 19, 2021.

For more information, contact TERO at Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO Office: 970-563-0117, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137
Proposals requested for the removal of an existing “green” roof and installation of commercial roofing in its place at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Museum and Culture Center. The Southern-Ute Indian Tribe’s Property and Facilities Department requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP). The scope of the project will include, but not limited to the following: Removal and disposal of dirt and/or associated media; Framing for new roof deck; New roof deck substrate; Waterproofing roof deck; Fabrication and installation of new metal roof (color to match existing); Detail roofing materials; Detail product warranties; Detail workmanship warranties; Weekly meetings, either virtual or onsite, will be scheduled during the project for team updates; Crossing permit and TERO fees will be included in the contract amount. See below for TERO requirements; There may be changing COVID responses that will demand certain work practices or restrictions during the project.

SUIT Project Team: Southern Ute Property and Facilities, 970-563-2945

- Tyson Thompson, Property and Facilities Director, thompson@southernute-nsn.gov
- Gerard Gallegos, Building Maintenance Division Head, ggallego@southernute-nsn.gov
- Stephanie Goodtracks, Property and Facilities Executive Admin, sgoodtra@southernute-nsn.gov

Please call to schedule on site visits for building your proposals. Please email your proposals to the entire project team. All services to be provided by the selected contractor shall be in accordance and agreement with the Southern Ute Tribes contracting process with specific requirements for working on the reservation. Project team members can answer questions. The selected contractor will be responsible for procurement and payment for any subcontracted services, reports, materials, surveys, documents, copies, public notices, public meetings, travel, expenses, and any other item(s) or services required to complete the scope of work. Project to be completed before end of September 2022.

Request For Proposal (RFP) Submittal Statements: This RFP does not commit the SUIT to award a contract nor pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposals. The SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals because of non-conformance; to waive any irregularities and informalities; and to re-advertise when it is in the best interest of the Tribe. The SUIT reserves the right to ask questions of clarification of any or all firms as part of its evaluation.

Submittal Requirements: Interested firms are required to submit the following information
Contact Information. Provide name and address of firm, contact person, title, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address and mailing address. Unit Cost Information. No specific format required. Project Experience. Provide a minimum of three (3) projects the firm has completed in the past five (5) years. Include the Owner’s name and telephone number as a Reference. Project Approach and Schedule. This section covers the proposer’s understanding of the project, proposed approach, and work plan to complete the Scope of Work. Describe how the proposed project will be undertaken, including methods and assumptions. A schedule of work chart must be provided indicating a start date through completion of the project. Claims History and Professional Integrity. Provide an accurate summary of any claims initiated against your firm in the past five (5) years and any currently pending claims. Provide a certified statement that the firm is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal or state agency. Copy of Certificate of Insurance and Bonding Capabilities. The candidate firm shall submit a Certificate of Insurance (photocopy) indicating the firm’s present General Liability coverage.

SUIT TERO Requirements / Native American Preference / Crossing Permits: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) Code, which is to be observed by all businesses operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This RFP is an unrestricted solicitation, with Indian preference given to qualified Indian Owned economic enterprises and Indian Organizations. Firms desiring Native American preference for selection must be certified through the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s TERO Office as an Indian-Owned Business. For those firms seeking Native American preference, this is a mandatory requirement, regardless of any other registration or certification that may exist with other tribal TERO offices, agencies, or affiliations. The TERO policy must be applied to your selection of consultants and/or sub-contractors when putting together your bid proposal. For the purposes of this bid solicitation a 5% bid preference will be given to all TERO Certified Indian Owned Businesses. The firm awarded the contract will be responsible for paying a TERO fee at the end of the project which will amount to 4% of the final contract amount. This should be included in your Fee proposal. The firm awarded the contract, and all subcontractors will be responsible for obtaining and paying for crossing permits for the duration of the project. This should be included in your Fee proposal. For more information about crossing permits please contact the Southern Ute Lands Division at 970-563-0126.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Strategic Planning

Deadline: Nov. 5, 2021 – La Plata Youth Services, Inc. (LPYS) is seeking an experienced strategic planning consultant to facilitate a participatory planning process rooted in equity. The goal of this process is to create a three-year strategic plan for the organization. La Plata Youth Services (LPYS) was founded in 1994 by representatives from the community, area school districts, local governments, and state entities to provide a continuum of services to historically underserved youth and their families in La Plata County. The agency serves as a resource to schools, law enforcement agencies, local human services departments, and other community agencies that come in contact with youth who are in need of additional support. All of our programs and services share the same goals of strengthening and enhancing a web of community- and school-based supports for youth through strategic partnerships, increasing the well-being of youth, and expanding restorative practices to repair relationships, reduce harm, and to foster community-connectedness. As a result, data from La Plata County continues to show increased community safety, lower court caseloads, fewer youth in detention, and fewer youth sentenced to state juvenile facilities. Youth are referred to LPYS by schools, law enforcement agencies, the courts, and parents and youth themselves. Consultant Qualifications: LPYS seeks an experienced consultant who, with the planning process team, Executive Director, and Board President, will lead all phases of plan development (data collection and analysis, identification of strategic goals and objectives, guide us toward a way to measure the effectiveness of LPYS’ DEI commitment, final plan presentation, and development of an on-going evaluation plan process). Compensation for Services: Maximum contract amount of \$8,000, including all related expenses. Interested parties, please submit a brief (1-2 page) statement of qualifications (resume or bio), and a proposed scope of work (including a budget for services) to Katy Pepinsky, Executive Director at katy@lpys.org, or to: La Plata Youth Services, 2490 Main Avenue, Durango, CO 81301. Proposals must be received by Nov. 5, 2021 COB to be considered.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
State Of Colorado Environmental Commission Vacancy

Position Closes at 5 p.m. (MST) on Nov. 22, 2021. Commission Member Description: Tribe-Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. Commission Purpose: Establish rules and regulations applicable to the Reservation Air Program; and Review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe. Summary of Commission Duties: Determine air programs that should apply to the Reservation; Promulgate rules and regulations necessary for proper implementation and administration of air programs that apply to the Reservation, including determining which administrative actions are appealable to the Commission; Establish procedures for the Commission to follow in promulgating rules and regulations and review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe; Review and approve the Reservation Air Program long-term plan; Monitor relationships among State and tribal environmental protection agencies; Review administrative actions by the Tribe; Approve and adopt fees for permits and other regulatory services conducted by the Tribe or the State; Ensure consistency and adherence to applicable standards and resolve disputes involving third parties; Review emission inventories developed by the Tribe and State Conduct public hearings pertaining to adoption of rules and regulations or review of appealable administrative actions, and issue subsequent orders. Request administrative or clerical assistance from tribal staff when necessary to issue orders and conduct Commission business; and Any other duties necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Preferred Commission Member Qualifications: Knowledge of Robert’s Rules of Order; Knowledge of the Clean Air Act; Ethical, strong integrity; Ability to identify conflicts of interest; Knowledge of environmental issues affecting the Reservation; Able to attend regular Commission and stakeholder meetings; and Cooperative and able to work as a team player. Commission Member Appointment Terms and Conditions: Commission members are appointed by the Tribal Council. Commission members serve for three-year appointment terms and are not subject to term limits. Commission meetings are generally held twice per year but more frequent meetings are possible. Stakeholder meetings occur on an as-needed basis and may require Commission participation. Meetings are to be held in person or on virtual meeting platforms. Failure to attend two consecutive Commission or Stakeholder meetings or demonstrated unethical conduct may result in appointment removal by Tribal Council. Compensation is \$100 per half-day meeting for Commission members who are not employees of the Tribe. If employed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, a short letter or email from the employee’s supervisor approving of appointment to the Commission is required. Meeting Location: Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, EPD Large Conference Room 71, Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137. Or Virtual Meeting Platform. How to Apply: Send letter of interest to: airquality@southernute-nsn.gov or by mail to: Air Quality Program Office PO Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, CO 81137 or hand deliver to: Justice & Regulatory Administration Building Air Quality Program, 71 Mike Frost Way Ignacio, CO 81137

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

Open Until Filled – 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.

Community’s input needed for the
2021 Tribal Transportation Plan

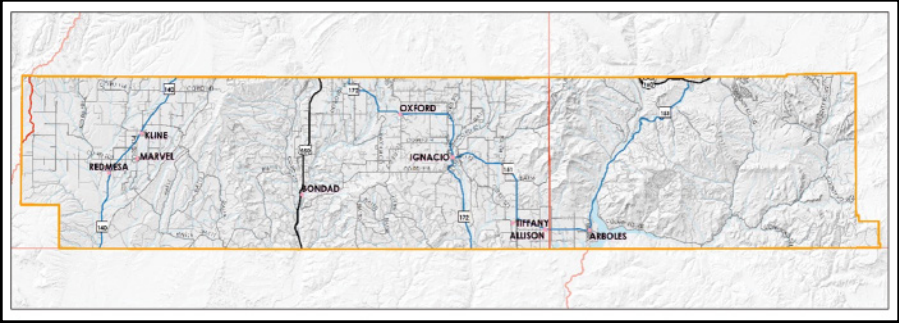
The Tribal Planning Department is soliciting the community’s input to support the ongoing 2021 Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Tribal Transportation Plan (Transportation Plan). Tribal members and interested persons are encouraged to visit the project website (<https://klj.mysocialpinpoint.com/2021-tribal-transportation-plan>) where they can complete a transportation survey and provide feedback through an interactive mapping tool. Hard-copy transportation surveys should be requested directly from Mary Evening Star Eagle (meseagle@southernute-nsn.gov; 970-563-2270).

The Transportation Plan is a 20-year plan that addresses the full range of transportation issues and needs for all modes of travel within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The purpose of the plan is to improve the ability of SUIT members to travel and access destinations throughout the reservation. Input from tribal members is important in developing a plan that reflects the Tribe’s vision, values, and priorities. The Plan is a collaborative effort between SUIT members, the Tribal Council, the Bureau of In-



The plan will address transportation needs and issues. (Photo: Bridge South of Ignacio)

dian Affairs (BIA), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Questions or comments on the Transportation Plan should be directed to Mary Evening Star Eagle: • Phone: 970-563-2270 • Email: meseagle@southernute-nsn.gov • Address: Southern Ute Tribal Planning, 116 Memorial Drive, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Co 81137



The project study area includes the entire Southern Ute Reservation.



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

Audio Video Technician (Full-time)

Set-up, breakdown, support, and repairs of all AV equipment within hotel rooms, equipment rooms, conference rooms and special events by the direction of the AV Lead System Engineer. Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, on a daily basis. The AV Technician will be responsible for maintaining a professional appearance to clients and wearing the appropriate uniform at all times.

Bowling and Rec. Counter Clerk (Full-time)

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

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

*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.

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Cleanliness of the entire kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

**Denotes 21 years or older to apply.*

Door Greeter (Full-time)

Providing quality guest service by greeting and welcoming guests when they enter the building, monitoring temperature checks for all guests, ensuring that mask mandates are being followed, and assists guests by answering questions about the Casino such as hours of operation, location of restaurants and restrooms, etc. Should display a friendly and welcoming attitude.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. 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.

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. *

Room Attendant (Full-time)

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

Security Officer (Full-time)

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Building Maintenance Carpenter

Closes 10/27/21 – Provides daily carpentry maintenance, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance and repairs, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

Building Maintenance Technician

Closes 10/27/21 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance, and repairs, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N9; \$16.88/hour.

Detention Division Head

Closes 10/29/21 – Under general supervision of the Director of Justice and Regulatory, plans, organizes, directs, and reviews the administrative activities of the Southern Ute Detention Program and Facility. Pay grade E17; \$75,321.13/year.

Detention Officer

Closes 10/26/21 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

SunUte Executive Assistant

Closes 10/28/21 – Provides secretarial and clerical support to Community Center Director. Implements and maintains office systems to assure the efficient operation of the Community Center. Presents a positive and professional image to Tribal employees, Tribal members, and the public. Pay grade E12; \$45,236.26/year.

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. Pay 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. Pay 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. Pay 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. Pay grade N4; \$12.32/hour.

Community Health Representative

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

Construction Crew Leader

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

Construction Services Repairman

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

Dental Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under dentist supervision, Periodontal Assistant is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay 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. Responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay 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 philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. To communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E11; \$41,456.65/year.

Farm Equipment Mechanic

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Agriculture Division Head, completes mechanical repair and maintenance on Ag-

riculture 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. Pay grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

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. Pay 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. Pay 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 SunUte Community Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; \$12.54/hour.

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. An employee in this position works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. Pay 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. Pay 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. Pay grade E16 / \$67,244.15/year.

Physical Education Teacher (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Physical Education. Position is 24 hours/week with benefits and is a grade E10; \$22,857.08/year.

TEAM Worker – Southern 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. Pay grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

Ute Language Teacher (Part-time w/benefits) – Southern 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. Position is 24 hours/week with benefits and a grade E12; \$27,141.75/year.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Environmental, Health and Safety Technician II - Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 11/3/21 – Under the direction of the Environmental Health and Safety Manager, assists in the implementation of all aspects of the EHS programs, as well as worker safety and environmental stewardship for operations conducted in the office and the field.

Growth Fund Accounting /Finance Financial Reporting Manager – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 11/19/21 – Supports all aspects of routine and non-routine accounting, coordinating external and internal auditing processes, 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 development of Growth Fund accounting policies.

Lease Operator II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 10/29/21 – Under general direction of the Red Willow Operations Foremen, managing and maintaining field operations to ensure that production proceeds safely and efficiently in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with Red Willow and Tribal priorities and concerns. Assists in collecting and maintaining accurate data related to operations including production data and equipment data.

Lease Operator III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 10/29/21 – Under general direction of the Red Willow Operations Foreman, responsible for field operations in areas where the company has operated assets, ensuring that production is optimized under safe, environmentally correct, and efficient conditions in compliance with all regulations and consistent with Tribal priorities and concerns. Assists in collecting and maintaining accurate data related to operations, including production, and equipment information.

Safety Specialist II - Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 11/3/21 – Completing a range of safety tasks of moderate scope, including incident investigation, auditing, and field work. This position may work in a specific area or across all disciplines with moderate or limited supervision.

Health and Safety Specialist IV - Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 11/3/21 – Developing, implementing and/or maintaining various safety and health programs and services in a manner which minimizes or eliminates safety, health and regulatory risks to Red Willow Production Co. Provides safety leadership throughout the organization to increase safety awareness and build a strong safety culture. Oversee the development of safety and health training, and effective safety auditing practices.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers for full job details and to apply online.
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.
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Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

IT Security Analyst (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 11/12/21 – Monitoring, triaging, and implementing remediation plans to mitigate security vulnerabilities and to ensure proper patching of the Operating System or software vulnerabilities. Identifies and analyze potential security vulnerabilities and emerging threats, document and contain security incidents detected on the network. Will initiate and drive security Incident Response processes as needed.

IT Security Architect (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 11/12/21 – Defining and assessing the organization's security strategy, architecture, and practices. Required to effectively translate business objectives and risk management strategies into specific security processes enabled by security technologies and services and will lead the Security Community of Practice.

Senior IT Security Analyst (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 11/12/21 – Security monitoring, triage, remediation, forensic analysis and threat intelligence. Assist in improving response process and security operations capability, including performing security monitoring, investigations and perform analysis of events to prevent internal and external threats to the environment.

Will identify and analyze potential security vulnerabilities and emerging threats as well as documenting and containing security incidents detected on the network. Will initiate and drive security Incident Response processes as needed.

Vice President, IT Security (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 11/12/21 – Strategic direction, development, implementation, and operation of the overall IT security framework including security policies, standards, procedures, initiatives, operations, and incident response for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Provides IT security oversight for all Tribal Entities, both governmental and business. Security responsibilities will include both electronic and physical data security with coordination the facilities / physical security groups across all Tribal Entities

Web Developer I (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 10/25/21 – Under general direction of the Web and SharePoint Development Supervisor, performs Web application development project work for Tribal entities including security, support, content management, maintenance, development, and training. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

SoCoCAA

Administration: 535 Candelaria Dr., P.O. Box 800, Ignacio, CO 81137
Submit application, www.sococaa.org, contact Nita Emerson, HR Admin. Mngr 970-563-4517.

Bus Driver, Career Counselor (Cortez, CO), Counselor/Supervisor, Monitoring Technician Substitute, Therapist, Project Coordinator (CHC – Durango, CO), Substitute Teachers, Teacher Assistant



CATS NO MATCH FOR MV • FROM PAGE 20



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Gabe Tucson (11) throws on the run during Southern Peaks Conference play Sat., Oct. 16, at IHS Field versus Monte Vista. The pass would go for an 8-yard touchdown, helping the Bobcats avoid being shut out by the Pirates.

a tough game and it’s hard to take an ‘L’ but we’ll come back ... hopefully.”

Right from the opening kickoff it was evident Ignacio (5-2, 0-2 SPC) would need to quickly find solutions; sophomore return specialist Devante Montoya was simultaneously sandwiched by at least four white jerseys and fumbled the ball, with MVHS junior Andrew Chavez recovering at IHS’ 14 only eight seconds in.

Two plays later, junior Khegan Gunter blasted through the line for an 8-yard score with 11:10 left in the first quarter. MVHS’ two-point carry was successful, and the 8-0 lead would only grow. Montoya returned his next chance for 16 yards out to the Bobcat 47, but on second down Tucson was intercepted by senior Keyshawn Martinez.

Set up at their own 49 with 10:19 left, the Pirates (5-2, 2-0) needed just three plays to again find the end zone, with senior quarterback Colton Mellott finding Gunter for a 40-yard score

with 9:15 left. Mellott’s conversion throw failed, but after IHS’ ensuing series ended with a Campbell punt on its sixth play, Gunter took a first-down handoff 45 yards for Monte Vista’s third TD.

Again, the Bobcats managed to prevent the conversion, but after falling behind 20-0 managed very little during the quarter’s last 6:44. Meanwhile, the Pirates would add three more TDs – a 21-yard Hunter Pacheco run with 4:50 left, a 34-yard Mellott-Gunter connection with 3:27 left, and a 20-yard Mellott-to-Dusty Duran pass with 1:18 left – plus two two-pointers in constructing an incredible 42-0 advantage.

“I think our line could have done a little better in getting there faster,” said Pargin, “but they had some big ol’ guys out there; that made it a little difficult.”

“You know, right now everybody’s hurt,” Campbell had said, following IHS’ 32-13 home loss the previous Friday to unsung Center. “I don’t know how we’re going to pan out ... but hopefully

the attitude will be positive in a moving-forward way.”

Tucson unofficially finished with 90 yards passing on 9-of-23 accuracy, with Riepel catching five passes for 52 yards and Montoya four for 38. On the ground, however, junior Anthony Toledo netted but four yards on ten carries, Riepel minus-4 on one and Tucson minus-8 on four, but junior lineman Jace Carmenoros gained ten in a late, two-carry backfield cameo.

Mellott finished 3-for-3 passing for 94 yards, while Gunter rushed three times for 55 and Pacheco two for 27.

SCHEDULE UPDATE

Monday morning, Oct. 18, Ignacio Athletic Director Leo Garand emailed media that the Bobcats will unfortunately be forfeiting – certainly due to player-safety concerns resulting from low personnel numbers – their slated Oct. 22 home game against Southern Peaks frontrunners Centauri.

HUDSON EARNS IHS SALUTE • FROM PAGE 20

chemistry.”

“It’s kind of hard,” agreed Hudson, having just missed his second consecutive game due to a season-ending blown right knee. “We have competitions with each other, trying to push each other harder and past our limits, you know? Try to really help each other out. Don’t have that now.”

But what Hudson does inherently have is perspective.

Knowing he cannot do anything about his injury, other than heed the advice of medical personnel during the rehab process, let Father Time work at his own pace, and support on crutches from the bench his fellow Bobcats, Hudson rarely hesitates to flash a veteran’s optimistic grin – a leadership trait certain to have been spotted in Ignacio High’s hallways at some point, and one perhaps more certainly considered in Hudson being

named IHS Senior-of-the-Month for October.

Ironically, notification came via a phone call to his mother ‘the week I was out for my injury, actually.’

“They say humor is some people’s coping mechanism,” he said outside the locker room with a grin. “You know, it’s been hard ... the team’s been plagued by injuries; obviously we’ve lost some players. So, I’m going to push past this, get better.”

Naming AP Environmental Science and calculus as two favorite areas of study, Hudson did look to the future and indicate he’s hoping to return to action for the Spring 2022 track-and-field season where, as a thrower, he’ll again pair with Roderick as Ignacio’s primary options in the discus and shot put.

“I’m definitely going to ... give it my all,” Hudson

stated. “Try my hardest to get back to where I was, maybe even get better, you know? I just like to be competitive, go out there and ... work my hardest.”

“You’ve just got to ... put it all out on the field and put in the work in the classroom; ‘student’ comes before ‘athlete,’” he continued. “Coach Garcia says that all the time – that we’re students before athletes. We get our work done in the classroom, then we’re on the field!”

“We’re too few,” Alfonso ‘Ponch’ Garcia had said earlier this season, knowing any injuries could hamper the team’s potential. “We’re trying to teach our kids discipline; we’re trying to teach our kids to be students, and students of the game.”

“And linemen, man ... without your line you’re nothing; I don’t care what team you are.”

HARRIERS UP FOR REGIONALS • FROM PAGE 20

Center/Bear Creek Park course, IHS attacked the Sargent-hosted Eric Wolff Invitational Fri., Oct. 15, in Monte Vista.

Running not in Chapman Park on the western edge of town but rather upon the Monte Vista Golf Course’s grass, the Bobcat gents turned in late-season performances pleasing Holley.

“Right behind the high school, a beautiful course. Light snow the night before, frosty conditions – a great way to run a race,” he recalled with a grin while pausing from pacing his practicing harriers. “I think the boys are looking good. They’re finding out how to run hard, how to work together as a group, and we’re hoping we can top it off with some PRs this Friday afternoon.”

Quintana finished 16th overall in 19 minutes, 29 seconds and sophomore Phillip Quintana placed 44th in 21:29. Sophomore Camron Cooper was 49th in 21:55, and junior Dylan McCaw 62nd in 23:30.

“It was really cold ... wet and mushy. Kind of loosened it up, but I didn’t like

it just because of how slick the course was, with all the leaves and everything; I didn’t care for it,” Eppie Quintana said. “Felt good at the end of it though; I’m excited; I can’t wait to get in there and see what I can do ... so I can go to State.”

3A Gunnison senior Jackson Baker won the race in 17:41 – or 18 seconds faster than 2A Rocky Ford junior Caden Miller and 29 faster than GHS classmate Garrett Brauch. In adjusted score-5 figuring, RFHS won the Wolff with a low total of 42 points. Gunnison took second with 48 and La Jara-based 2A Centauri third with 69.

On the girls’ side, GHS posted a winning low of 27 points, with CHS (53) and 3A Pagosa Springs (67) following. Gunnison freshman Madelyn Stice was the individual champ in 20 minutes, 36 seconds, with 2A Crested Butte junior Ruby Pendy (21:41) and Centauri sophomore Tayte Hostetter (22:16) and senior Jocelyn Jarvies (22:17) her nearest challengers.

Sophomore Lauren deKay led Ignacio with

her 21st-place 24:55, and senior Avaleena Nanae to finished 25th in 25:19. Sophomore Moriah Ashley placed 27th in 25:33 and senior Alannah Gomez 31st in 25:52 as 64 individuals finished the varsity girls’ race, with a total of 17 schools – the meet also doubled as the Southern Peaks League Championships – represented.

“The girls are doing just fine,” said Holley. “We had some injuries that set us back, so our top runners are now Lauren, Avaleena and Moriah, with our fourth being Alannah. Then after her we have Zoey Ashley rounding it out. We just have a great group right now; they’re really working as a team, pack-running.”

“It was pretty flat so that was nice; the grass was a little long sometimes, but other than that I felt great,” said deKay. “I think we’ve come along pretty great; the workouts have been helping.” 82 individuals completed the boys’ varsity race at the EWI, with IHS one of 18 schools represented.

Correction

In a photo published in the Oct. 8 issue of the Drum, Sunshine Whyte was misidentified as a Southern Ute tribal member.

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 The --- Cosmit Band of San Diego
- 6 Islamic community
- 10 May 8th, in history
- 11 Gas responsible for red signs
- 12 Liturgical neck vestment
- 13 Corporation ordinance
- 15 It will not do
- 16 Mule is butchered for breakfast
- 17 Osha
- 19 Mexican Mrs.
- 22 Diesel of “Fast and Furious”
- 23 Exploratory org.
- 24 Looked after
- 27 ETs or foreigners
- 28 Glitter rock
- 32 1942 Disney classic
- 33 Pueblo building material
- 34 “The one that got away,” or “I saw Bigfoot,” for example
- 35 Make more lean
- 36 Smelting by-product
- 37 Slyly derogatory

Down

- 1 Terrible Tsar
- 2 Captain of the Nautilus (Jules Verne)
- 3 Deuce follower, in tennis
- 4 He saw angels on a ladder
- 5 Affirmative vote
- 6 Turn bun inside out, like a rare steak
- 7 Mob boss --- Lansky
- 8 Canadian beer brand
- 9 Not digital
- 14 Clever sorts
- 16 Mikado threesome
- 18 Taps time?
- 19 Attempt
- 20 Races with batons
- 21 Barbarian
- 25 Ignacio Senior Center Division Director --- Herrera
- 26 --- Nash, poet
- 29 Inferior sound recording
- 30 “I’ve got --- feeling about this!”
- 31 Parcel
- 33 Lifeblood of TV and the web

Answers for this crossword will appear in November 5 issue of the Drum.

Answers for October 8, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Mists, 6 Emily, 11 Abort, 12 Lydia, 13 On cue, 14 Broth, 15 On a par, 17 Hackle, 19 Hupa, 23 Ola, 24 Sip, 26 Naw, 27 Head, 29 No-ball, 31 Whiten, 33 Casey, 36 Aegis, 39 Sired, 40 Gramp, 41 Tribe, 42 Essay.

Down: 1 Mao, 2 Ibn, 3 SoCoCAA, 4 Trunk, 5 Steals, 6 Elba, 7 Myrrh, 8 I do, 9 Lit, 10 Yah, 16 Peini, 17 Hoh, 18 Ale, 20 Unangas, 21 Pal, 22 Awl, 25 Potage, 28 Dweeb, 30 Beers, 32 Hyde, 33 CST, 34 Air, 35 Sri, 37 I’m a, 38 Spy.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Oct. 22



Sunny 67°F

Light/variable afternoon winds

Saturday, Oct. 23



Mostly sunny 64°F

Light/variable afternoon winds

Sunday, Oct. 24



Sunny 62°F

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