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The Southern Ute Drum: Winner of 14 Native American Journalist Association awards in 2021!



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive
Southern Ute Veterans, Raymond Baker and Rudly Weaver don headdresses during a Veterans ceremony in Durango, Colo. in October of 2018.

SMITHSONIAN

Why We Serve, Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces

Ute veterans reflect on long tradition of military service

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Native Americans have a long-standing history of service, when it comes to fighting in the United States Armed Forces. The recent dedication of National Native American Veterans Memorial at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., honors that legacy. The book, “Why We Serve, Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces” acts as a companion piece to the Memorial, helping to flesh out the narrative around Native veterans, and their legacy in the United States military.

“Veterans also discussed their reasons for serving. Foremost among these was an inherited duty to protect their homeland, family community and way of life,” according to the book’s authors. “At a con-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive
Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander and Vietnam Veteran, Howard Richards Sr. plays the “taps” on the Animas River footbridge during a Veterans ceremony in Durango, Colo. in October of 2018.

sultation hosted by the Southern Ute Tribe, tribal member and Vietnam Veteran Rod Grove remarked, ‘Our great-great-grandparents’ bones are in this land that we live on, so we still think of it as our own. We’re willing to put forth our lives to keep enemies away.’”

“We have to get up and

stand the ground against our enemies [as Native Americans],” Grove stated at a recent Veterans motorcycle rally in Ignacio, Colo. when reflecting on his reasons for serving overseas in the U.S. military as a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

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SUNUTE

Grand opening of Píinu Núuchí Skate Park

McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Píinu Núuchí Skate Park’s Grand Opening event was held on Friday, Oct. 29 in Ignacio. The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) invited the community out to celebrate at the Píinu Núuchí Skate Park alongside the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Executive Office, Tribal Housing, Tribal Planning, Property and Facilities, the Education Department and SunUte Community Center who all worked with the Youth Council to bring the skate park to life.

“Now that we are officially opened to the public it seems to be a welcomed distraction for some and a place to hangout for most,” SCSYAC and Youth Program coordinator, Dustin Weaver stated.

The skatepark is a state-of-the-art park. It was designed to accommodate beginner skaters all the way up to advanced skaters. The park has all the features and elements the SCSYAC planned for including: a few bowls, walls, rails, pipes, and ample surface to skate on. Over the past 10 years, the skate park has been in planning stages.

The current youth council began hosting planning meetings in 2020, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic all those plans were slowed down. “COVID put a stop to all the youth council’s regular meeting but we were able to have special meetings which helped us to focus on the skate park



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Councilmember, Nate Hendren does a 50-50 Grind down a concrete slide during the Grand Opening Event of the Píinu Núuchí Skate Park on Friday, Oct. 29.

project and all the details,” Weaver explained. “When the park was finished and ready to open, the Tribe was still in a stay-at-home order but the youth council and some friends were allowed to have the first ride – it was great.”

The skate park has been open for use since April 2021, but was never officially given a grand opening event. The Youth Council worked with SunUte Community Center to provide a proper opening celebration. Live music, public remarks, a catered lunch and free goodie bags were given away to the guests.

“Being here [at Píinu Núuchí Skate Park] makes me so happy, seeing this all come together makes me so proud of what we as youth have done,” SCSYAC member, Nate Hendren stated.

The skate park is currently open; and can be used by anyone who is going to respect the rules posted and keep the facility drug and alcohol free. Current COVID-19 restrictions are in place at the skate park for the safety of all who visit. “Masks must be worn at all times while at the park and please remember

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Halloween makes a comeback



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Kicking off the Halloween weekend, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and Southern Ute Tribal Departments participated in an outdoor, COVID-19 conscious, Trick-or-Treating event for parents and students on Thursday, Oct. 28.

The Nun, otherwise known as Leigh Sage is the first person to scare visitors at the Motor Pool Haunted Hallway. The hallway was open to tribal employees to view Thursday, Oct. 28 – Friday, Oct. 29 with proof of a COVID-19 Vaccination Card and proper signing in protocol.

See Halloween photos on pages 16 and 17.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL
HONORARY PROCLAMATION

SOUTHERN UTE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
November 2, 2021

WHEREAS, as the first Native Americans, American Indians and Alaska Natives have profoundly shaped our country’s character and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, today, Native Americans are leaders in every aspect of our society – from the classroom, to the boardroom, to the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, November has been recognized as Native American Heritage Month to celebrate and honor the many ways American Indians and Alaska Natives have enriched the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council also recognizes Native American Heritage Month and wishes to honor the Tribe’s heritage, culture, and tradition and those of tribes across Indian Country.

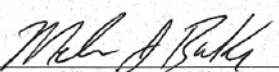
NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the foregoing, the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe does hereby reaffirm the proclamation by the late Chairman Jimmy R. Newton approved November 5, 2013, proclaiming the month of November 2013, from this day forward, as

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH


for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and encourages all community members to learn about, respect, and honor the culture and traditions of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and all Indian Tribes.

This Proclamation was approved and adopted this 2nd day of November, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Seal to be affixed this 2nd day of November, 2021.



Mr. Melvin J. Baker, Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council



SUIHA honors Naranjo



photos courtesy SUIHA

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) Board of Directors dedicated their board room to the late Alden B. Naranjo Jr. During their board meeting on Friday, Sept. 9. Naranjo served as Chairman of the Board from 2007 to 2020. The Board thought it was a good way to honor Naranjo, and his service to SUIHA.

Pictured at the dedication ceremony: Rudley Weaver, Board Chairman, Delbert Cuthair Jr., Board Member, Laura Richards, Vice Chairman, Mary Inez Cloud, Board Member and Ramona Eagle, Board Liaison. Not Pictured, Nathan Strong Elk, Board Member.



Many Moons Ago



Ace Stryker/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The Southern Ute Police Department's annual Halloween Carnival at the SunUte Community Center was a fun-filled family fright fest complete with a haunted house, kids' games, cake walks and more. Hundreds of community members turned out in their best costumes — some spooky, some goofy — to try their hands (or claws) at the ghoulish games on Saturday, Oct. 29. Many from the youth community helped out by hosting competitions or dressing up like ghouls to startle those brave (or foolish) enough to enter the haunted house.

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

20 years ago



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

The Color Guard, made up of primarily members from the Southern Ute Veterans Association, stand at attention at the start of a forum on terrorism and military response on October 24, 2001. The forum was sponsored by the American Indian Business Leaders organization at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.

This photo was published in the Nov. 2, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

HERITAGE PERFORMERS

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



SU DRUM | McKayla Lee

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 Pinnecoose, Events Coordinator, and specify which styles you dance. 970-563-2988 | mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov

Design by KL

The Annual Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner Curbside To-Go Meal



OPEN TO MEMBERS OF ALL THREE UTE TRIBES

Saturday, November 20, 2021

11:30 am to 3:00 pm

Sky Ute Event Center Parking Lot

Southern Ute Elders and Tribal Members with disabilities who are unable to attend may sign up for home delivery by contacting: Southern Ute Elder Services (970)-563-0156

For more information, please contact:
Jack Frost III, Heritage/Events Coordinator Assistant
(970) 563-2985

or

Marvin Pinnecoose, Heritage/Events Coordinator
(970) 563-2988

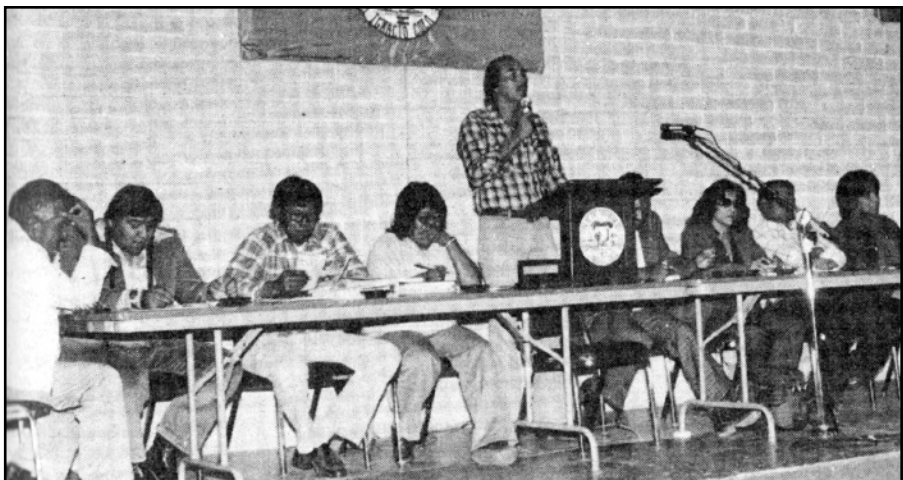


SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Past and present Southern Ute Tribal Council members were among 1000 people who attended the Animas-La Plata water project ground breaking ceremonies at the Animas Air Park. The project would provide water to four Indian tribes and residents of Colorado, New Mexico and Utah

This photo was published in the Nov. 4, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

A full slate of candidates appeared at the Meet the Candidates Night prior to the 1981 Southern Ute Indian Tribe's General Election. The voting membership was to consider three candidates for the Chairman seat and six candidates for two councilmember positions. Pictured (from left to right) are John E. Baker Sr., Kenny Frost, Erwin Taylor, Lorraine Baker, Marvin Cook, Neil Cloud (hidden from view), Elberta Velasquez, Chris Baker and Clement Frost.

This photo was published in the Nov. 6, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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.



Loom beading with Santistevan



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Dale Santistevan shows the class how to properly warp their beading loom during his Cultural Class presentation on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at the Cultural Preservation Craft Room.

Cultural Education Coordinator, Crystal Rizzo and her mother, Lida Allen sort beads to start their own beadwork project while attending Dale Santistevan's Loom Beading Class on Wednesday, Oct. 27 in the Cultural Preservation Craft Room.



Attention Native Dance Class

The Cultural Preservation Department invites all boys and men to explore, learn, or practice Fancy, Grass, or Traditional dance styles.

Whether you are a seasoned dancer or completely new, you are invited!

Every Wednesday evening from 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Multi-Purpose Building (Gathering Room)



For more information, contact: Marvin Pinnecoose, Heritage/Events Coordinator 970-563-2988 mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov

SMITHSONIAN

Native Cinema Showcase returns as a virtual program

Upholds message of strength and resilience

Staff report NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian brings its annual Native Cinema Showcase to online audiences Nov. 12-18. This year's showcase focuses on Native people boldly asserting themselves through language, healing, building community and a continued relationship with the land. Activism lies at the heart of all these stories. The showcase provides a unique forum for engagement with Native filmmakers from Indigenous communities throughout the Western Hemisphere and Arctic.

The program includes a total of 47 films (seven features and 40 shorts) representing 39 Native nations in 13 countries: United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Guatemala, Peru, Brazil, Sweden, Greenland and the Solomon Islands. In addition to the films, the showcase includes a series of pre-recorded panel discussions with Native filmmakers and writers about all aspects of Indigenous storytelling from their own experiences.

With the exception of four of the feature films - Waikiki, Beans, The Song of the Butterflies (El Canto de las Mariposas), Run Woman Run - the films will be available to watch worldwide. The full schedule, including information about geographic restrictions, is available online. The public can check individual listings for dates and times.

"For the second year in a row, the museum will



reach international audiences through our online presentation of the Native Cinema Showcase," said Machel Monenerkit, the museum's acting director. "Even as the presence of Indigenous writers and filmmakers grows in Hollywood, the program highlights the work many continue to produce in their own communities, on their own terms."

FEATURE FILM SCHEDULE

- **Waikiki (USA, 2020, 77 min.)** Available on demand from 12:01 a.m. ET, Nov. 12, to 11:59 p.m. ET, Nov. 12. Viewing of this film is restricted to the United States. English and 'Olelo Hawai'i with English subtitles
- **Beans (Canada, 2020, 92 min.)** Available on demand from 1:01 a.m. ET, Nov. 13 to 11:59 p.m. ET, Nov. 14. Viewing of this film is restricted to the United States.
- **The Song of the Butterflies (El Canto de las Mariposas) (Peru/Colombia, 2020, 65 min.)** Available on demand from 1:01 a.m. ET, Nov. 15 to 11:59 p.m. ET, Nov. 16 Viewing of this

film is restricted to the United States. Spanish and Munuka with English subtitles

- **Run Woman Run (Canada, 2021, 100 min.)** Available on demand from 1:01 a.m. ET, Nov. 17 to 11:59 p.m. ET, Nov. 18 Viewing of this film is restricted to the United States.
- **What Happened to the Bees? (¿Qué les pasó a las abejas?) (Mexico, 2019, 67 min.)** Available on demand from 12:01 a.m. ET, Nov. 13 to 11:59 p.m. ET, Nov. 14. Spanish and Mayan with English subtitles
- **Inhabitants: An Indigenous Perspective (USA, 2020, 76 min.)** Available on demand from 12:01 a.m. ET, Nov. 12 to 11:59 p.m. ET, Nov. 18
- **Rez Metal (USA/Denmark, 2021, 76 min.)** Available on demand from 12:01 a.m. ET, Nov. 12 to 11:59 p.m. ET, Nov. 18

All shorts programs will be available throughout the duration of the showcase. Complete schedules and info can be found at <https://nmai.brand.live/c/native-cinema-showcase>

Returning Home Through Togetherness

"Returning Home Through Togetherness" is part of VMM's 45th Anniversary and yearlong theme of commUNITY. It will be available to the public November 1-24, 2021 for free streaming 24/7 at visionmakermedia.org. PBS and the Cherokee Nation Film Office are sponsors of VMM's 45th anniversary events. On Nov. 11, 2021, VMM will present a virtual panel titled, "Returning Home Through Togetherness: What Does it Mean to Be a Warrior?" at 6 p.m. CST. The panel will include four Native men and women military veterans who are members of their warrior societies. As society members, they will discuss the roles and responsibilities as providers and defenders of their tribe, community and culture.

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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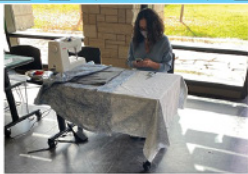


Be Creative nūpácha

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



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, and more.

Cultural Education Classes

- This fall, we will host a monthly Ute language brunch, a Ute photojournalism workshop series for youth, beading, cooking/baking, traditional plant gathering, and more.
- Classes
- Nov. 3, 2021 Loom Beading Class with Dale Santistevan (Adult) 6:00pm-8:00pm @SUCCM Craft Room
 - Nov. 3, 2021 Half Days with Harvey Frost III 2:30pm-4:00pm @SUCCM Craft Room
 - Nov. 5, 2021 Ute Speaker Brunch 10:30am @SunUte Community Center
 - Nov. 10, 2021 Half Days with Harvey Frost III 2:30pm-4:00pm @SUCCM Craft Room
 - Nov. 10, 2021 Loom Beading Class with Dale Santistevan (Adult) 6:00pm-8:00pm @SUCCM Craft Room
 - Nov. 17, 2021 Loom Beading Class with Dale Santistevan (Adult) 6:00pm-8:00pm @SUCCM Craft Room
 - Nov. 21 to 24, 2021 Youth Hide Tanning Workshop 13yrs to 18 yrs old RSVP @ SUCCM

Təvəchi toghoyaqh Thank you, very much

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Marvin Pinnecoose, Heritage/ Events Coordinator (970) 563-2988 mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov



Maykh (Hello) Cultural Preservation Department November Events/Classes

- Nov. 23, 2021 Baking Class (Yeast Rolls) with Denise Thompson 10am to 12pm, location TBA
- Nov. 29, 2021 Basket Weaving Class with Dreamus Lehi 9:00am-11:00am @SUCCM Craft Room

Announcement

The Craft Room is available to reserve please contact Crystal Rizzo, 970-563-2306

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Curbside To-Go Meal 11:30am to 3:00pm @Sky Ute Casino Event Center Parking Lot



Cultural Events & Classes

- Nov. 3, 10, 24, 2021 Native Dance Classes 7pm-8pm @Multi-Purpose (All ages)
- Nov. 11, 2021 Jicarilla Apache Crown Dancers 5pm to 8pm @Multi-Purpose Facilities





NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

National Native American Heritage Month raises awareness

Present-day struggles and hope for the future

Staff Report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

Through colonization Native American cultures, languages, lands and lives were all systematically and forcibly taken. The histories of Native peoples should never be forgotten and that’s why it’s vital that we remember and share our histories not only in November but also all year.

Beginning in 1990, U.S. presidents have issued executive orders declaring November as National Native American Heritage Month. Proclamations have called for governments, groups, organizations and people across the country to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

National Native American Heritage Month provides Native peoples the opportunity to celebrate their diverse and rich cultures and traditions as well as educate non-Natives about their nations, raise awareness about the unique history of the United States and Native peoples, and acknowledge the strength and resiliency of Native survival. The special commemoration is a platform for American Indians and Alaska Natives to share their cultures through the performing and visual arts, history programs and food.

In 2021, there was a positive movement toward more inclusion of Native peoples in positions of influence on the federal level. A record number of six Native Americans were elected to Congress and began serving in 2021; and with the Biden administration came a renewed

openness and willingness to include more Native voices in the national conversation. Most significantly, we celebrated the appointment of Deb Haaland (Pueblo of Laguna) as the first Native American Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior. Haaland swore in Bryan Newland (Bay Mills Indian Community) as Assistant Secretary on September 8, 2021. In October, President Biden announced the restoration of protection to Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. Bears Ears is sacred to many of the region’s Indigenous nations.

Throughout the year, Native peoples across Turtle Island have continued to protest fossil fuel extraction, mining activities, oil pipelines and other actions that cut through fragile territories and threaten Mother Earth and Indigenous lifeways. Public awareness was increased through heightened mainstream media coverage of important issues, including missing and murdered Indigenous relatives (MMIR) and the abuse of Indigenous students who were forced to attend Native boarding schools.

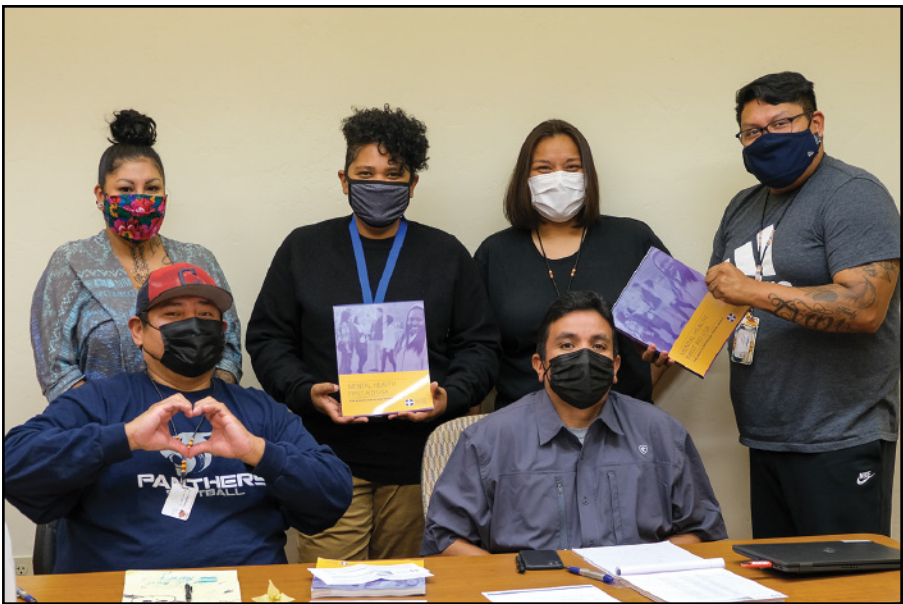
Generations of Native Americans have been persecuted by European settlers leading to historical trauma and high rates of domestic and sexual violence. Domestic violence isn’t a Native American tradition; it was introduced through colonization. Today, there is ample evidence that colonization still occurs through the inhumane conditions on reservations and the jurisdictional issues that prevent the prosecution of non-Native perpetrators on tribal lands.

“It’s important that we always remember to honor the resilience, love and strength of our ancestors who brought us to this point in time and to our elders and all of our relatives who continue to be courageous and committed to practicing our sacred traditions through song and prayer,” says StrongHearts Native Helpline Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians).

Observing National Native American Heritage Month is an acknowledgment that Native peoples live on and are ever more resilient despite historical trauma and continued oppression. American Indians and Alaska Natives continue to create solutions and programs to address their unique issues. Through StrongHearts Native Helpline, Native Americans who have experienced domestic, dating and sexual violence can now get culturally-appropriate support. When our relatives are hurting, we are here to answer the call.

“National Native American Heritage Month gives us a chance to reflect on our peoples’ shared existence on this continent and to share our accomplishments as well as our continuing challenges – this includes the need to confront violence in our communities and raise awareness of the work that needs to be done to eradicate it,” says Jump. “With the collective strength of all our relatives we can work toward our vision of safety for our relatives and restoration of sacredness in communities free from violence.”

Expanding on mental health



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Culture Preservation Department staff undertook a new venture when most of them got certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid on Monday, Nov. 1. This new and exciting step for the department is to better understand and engage with the youth they serve in our community.

Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept. Culture Education Coordinator, Crystal Rizzo and newly hired Language and Culture Assistant, Julia Valdez get prepped for a “real life” practice scenario with the help of instructor, Precious Collins.



Jicarilla Apache Crown Dancers



Jeremy Wade Shockley, SU Drum

November 11, 2021

Dinner will be served 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

Cultural Preservation seeking Native American dancers

Dancers needed to participate in performances for Bayfield’s Primary, Middle, and High School. The performances will be held on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 from approximately 8 a.m. through 12 p.m., and is part of the school district’s efforts to educate about and celebrate Native American History Month. Participating dancers will be compensated for their time. For questions and additional information, please contact Marvin Pinnecoose at mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov or 970-563-2988.

HAWAIIAN PERFORMANCE NOVEMBER 18



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

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

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 Pinnecoose, Events Coordinator,
Cultural Preservation (970) 563-2988



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Public Library
Information. Ideas. Imagination



HEALTHY RECIPES

Pumpkin anyone?

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

How about something simple to make, using wonderful canned pumpkin? These delicious cookies are easy to make, and little hands can help!

Winter squash, which includes pumpkin, acorn, butternut and spaghetti squash are very nutritious and readily available during the fall and winter. The hardest thing about them is cutting them and the easiest is finding them canned or frozen!

Any type you choose to use are packed with Fiber, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, B Vitamins, Potassium, Manganese, and they are low in calories with just 80 in one cup. This recipe is also gluten free and so easy the whole family can help!



courtesy Live Well Bake Often

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

Very Easy and Healthy
Pumpkin Peanut Butter Cookies

Ingredients
1 cup pumpkin puree.
2 cups quick oats.
1/4 cup pure maple syrup.
1/2 cup natural peanut butter (no stir or natural that needs to be stirred, can also use almond butter).
1/4 teaspoon each of cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and allspice OR 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice.
1/4 cup chocolate chips, nuts or raisins (optional).

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees, oil cookie sheet with non-stick spray.
2. Mix pumpkin, oats, syrup, peanut butter and spices together, mixing thoroughly to combine.
3. Fold in chips/nuts/raisins.
4. Wet hand and form dough into balls of about 1 Tablespoon each.
5. Place on cookie sheet and flatten.
6. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until golden.

Servings: 18, Serving size: 1 cookie
Nutrition Info per serving: Calories 95, Fat 4.2g, Sodium 3g, Carbohydrates 11.5g, Fiber 1.8g, Protein 3.6g

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: What is Substance Use? And can you become addicted?

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

What is substance use? Can you become addicted?
Substance use is when a person experiments with using substances such as alcohol, marijuana, opioids, methamphetamine, vape, and huffing chemicals. Even nicotine is considered a substance. These substances can affect our bodies and minds in different ways, especially our brains and behaviors.

Substance use is especially critical for youth and young adults up to the age of 24. Why is that? Studies have shown that our brains don't stop developing until we're 24 years of age and using substances earlier than 25 years old can hinder our brain's ability to develop properly. We also know

that using substances at any age can create unhealthy pathways in our brains, unhealthy behaviors, and affect our ability to cope with normal stressors in life.

Yes, you can become addicted to these substances. When people are addicted to a substance, they repeatedly use it despite the harm caused to their mind and body. Many people have different ideas of what addiction is and how easy or difficult it is to overcome. In reality, addiction is very complex, and substances affect each person differently. There is good news, you can overcome addiction with support and treatment.

What is addiction?
According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse and their Drug Facts page, addiction is a chronic disease characterized by drug seeking and use that is compulsive, or difficult to control, despite harmful consequences.

The initial decision to take drugs is voluntary for most people. However, repeated drug use can lead to brain changes that challenge an addicted person's self-control and interfere with their ability to resist intense urges to take drugs. These brain changes can be persistent, which is why drug addiction is considered a "relapsing" disease – people in recovery from drug use disorders are at increased risk for returning to drug use even after years of not taking the drug.

For more information, check this website: www.drugabuse.gov

Is substance use related to mental health?

Yes. In many cases substance use and mental health disorders go hand in hand. You might hear this referred to as "co-occurring disorders". According to The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), addiction to drugs or alcohol is a mental health illness. How? The use of substances changes our normal behaviors and even the priorities in our life.

If using substances is affecting your ability to Live, Love, Learn, and Laugh, it might be affecting your life in ways that aren't healthy. We would encourage you to seek someone to talk to about using substances and how that use has affected your life.

The takeaway.

Substance use disorders and mental health disorders can affect anyone from all walks of life and areas. Many illnesses, whether they are caused by substance use or mental health concerns, are common and recoverable. Early prevention and conversation with your family and friends about using substances, with clear guidelines and family expectations, is crucial.

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Voc. Rehab shares technology



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Mr. David Nelson from SWCI demonstrated and answered questions about assistive technology. This equipment can be obtained free of charge for individuals who qualify. The Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation Program (SUITVR) collaborated with the Southwest Center for Independence (SWCI) on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort to provide a hands-on demonstration of assistive technology equipment helpful to individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind. This included amplified and captioned phones, smartphones, and tablets, as well as ring signalers, neck loops, headsets, and other specialized equipment.

LOCAL RESOURCES

- Southern Ute Health Center, Behavioral Health:** 69 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO. 970-563-5700. For local Native Americans. Call to schedule a counseling appointment.
- Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO. 970-563-2331 for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- 24/7 Axis Health System Care Hotline:** Durango, CO You're not alone. With our 24/7 crisis services, help is on the way. Your health, We're in this together. 970-247-5245
- St Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO. 970-563-4241.
- Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave, Ignacio, CO (currently located inside ELHI). 970-759-3633
- Second Wind Fund of the Four Corners:** Believes that every child and youth at risk of suicide should have access to the mental health treatment they need. We match children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities. 720-962-0706.
- Women's Resource Center:** Creates personal, social and professional growth opportunities for all women in La Plata County. 970-247-1242.

24/7 STATE OR NATIONAL RESOURCES

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

Southern Ute Dental Clinic
November 3rd-8th, 2021
1st Annual

HALLOWEEN CANDY BUYBACK

Bring your Halloween candy to our office and we will weigh it and give you a prize! For each pound of candy brought in, you will be entered in a drawing for a [grand prize!](#)

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Sharp increase in sexually transmitted infections detected in La Plata County

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has issued an alert for La Plata County for an increase in HIV and syphilis cases over the past 12 months in comparison to previous years. San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) encourages residents in both Archuleta and La Plata counties to educate themselves and take action toward reaching their best sexual health. In SJBPH's jurisdiction, cases of syphilis were four times higher in 2020 than in 2019, with the trend continuing to increase in 2021. The number of newly diagnosed HIV cases has doubled from 2019 to 2020, with the trend continuing to increase in 2021. Cases of gonorrhea have been on the rise since 2017.

Syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia are bacterial infections that can increase the risk of HIV acquisition and transmission. It is critical that individuals who are at high risk for STIs and HIV, particularly men who have sex with men (MSM), get tested every three months.

SJBPH encourages anyone who is sexually active to take control of their sex-

ual health by getting and staying informed. The Sexual Health Clinic at SJBPH provides:

- Confidential STD counseling and testing for HIV, chlamydia, gonorrhea, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HPV, herpes, and syphilis.
- Treatment options for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis.
- Vaccinations for HPV (human papillomavirus) and Hepatitis A and B.
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for those at high risk of contracting HIV. PrEP is a medication taken to prevent transmission of HIV that can be prescribed to patients at risk. PrEP and free condoms are available at SJBPH, Planned Parenthood, and Four Corners Infectious Disease.

"The power to protect your health is in your own hands, and SJBPH is here to help," said Ashley Gonzalez, Clinic Manager at SJBPH. "Talk to your healthcare provider or SJBPH clinic staff about what you can do, such as using protection and getting tested, to be as proactive as possible in safeguarding

your sexual health."

SJBPH urges the public to take the following steps to take control of their sexual health:

- Prepare to answer your healthcare provider's questions about sex honestly, which helps your provider determine the best path for care.
- Get tested – many STDs are curable, and all are treatable, including HIV.
- Get treated – protect yourself from long-term, irreversible damage to your health by starting treatment immediately.
- Know the benefits of expedited partner therapy (EPT) – your provider may be able to give you medicine or a prescription for your partner, even without seeing them first.
- Get re-tested – it's common to get some STDs more than once, so getting retested in three months is important, even if you and your partner took medicine.
- Communicate, communicate, communicate – with your sexual partner and your healthcare provider.

Raising awareness with SMHW



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Program Manager, Morgann Graham welcomes the representatives from Mercy Regional Breast Care Center and thanks them for the informational presentation that they gave during the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Southern Ute Tribal Council member, Marge Barry shares a laugh with Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Alta Wilson during the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner hosted by the Shining Mountain Health and Wellness program on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.



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.

Cornhole against cancer



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Gideon Two Crow, Sunshine Whyte, Damon White Thunder and Ryan Patterson take turns tossing their beanbags in head-to-head competition, during the Cornhole Against Cancer event, held Thursday, Oct. 28 at the Multi-Purpose field. The cornhole event was one of a few events held by the Tribe in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Sunshine and Terrance Whyte won first place, Stan and Ryan Patterson took second, and Damon White Thunder and Aaron Denny claimed third.

Stan Patterson stays focused while awaiting his turn as Tina Valdez tosses her bag in cornhole competition. Prizes were awarded to first through third place teams, and a 'most hole-in-ones' (cornholes) prize was awarded to Carole Valdez. Nicole Lansing also won a 'healthy risk' award for playing her first ever game of cornhole.



BEE HEARD: SUBSTANCE USE • FROM PAGE 5

The Southern Ute Native Connections Program is a great resource for those of you who might need some tips and support to effectively talk to youth and adults about substance use. We have plenty of handouts broken up into age categories that can be emailed or picked up at a designated tribal pick-up area.

As always, the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division is here for you if you need someone to talk to and for assistance putting a plan together to change your behaviors. If you are in recovery, we can also help you with that too by assisting you with your recovery plan.

Together we can be here for one another.

Feel free to contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division for more tips or mental health services at 970.563.5700. We would love to talk to you and your family about staying mentally healthy.

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

We have monthly coalition meetings and workshops to help our community understand the real story behind alcohol, meth, opi-

oids, vaping, marijuana, and other drugs in our community. We need your help! All meeting is held virtually.

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

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



Riverhouse Children's Center Fundraising Events

Holiday Bazaar

Riverhouse Children's Center, a non-profit early learning center in Durango is hosting a Holiday Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Riverhouse Children's Center located at 742 Florida Rd. Parking is provided next door at Bible Missionary Church. Various handmade crafts and holiday gift items will be available for purchase and proceeds will directly benefit Riverhouse Children's Center. Join us for this fun event including crafts for kids, hot chocolate, face painting and even a photo opportunity with Santa! Additional information can be found at <https://www.riverhouseccci.org/events>

Consignment Sale

Riverhouse Children's Center, a non-profit early learning center in Durango is hosting a Kid's Winter Gear Consignment Sale on Sat., Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Riverhouse Children's Center located at 742 Florida Rd. Parking is provided next door at Bible Missionary Church. Kids winter clothing, snow gear, sleds, ski and snowboard gear will be available for purchase and proceeds will directly benefit Riverhouse. Join us for this great opportunity to stock up on gear for the coming winter season! If you are interested in consigning your own items, please email riverhousedirector@gmail.com for details. Additional information can be found at <https://www.riverhouseccci.org/events>



Image by Indigenous Goddess Gang, "Sisterhood is Sacred"

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES ORGANIZATION (SASO) PRESENTS:

4TH ANNUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST NATIVE RELATIVES SYMPOSIUM

Event Registration:
<https://www.facebook.com/durangosaso>

November 8, 2021 at 12pm-1:45pm MST
Sexual Health and Healthy Relationships with Becki Jones, Education Program Manager, Native Community Health Network at PPRM

November 10, 2021 at 12pm-1pm MST
Domestic Violence in Tribal Communities with Monycka Snowbird and Alyssa Bravo, Haseya Advocate Program

November 12, 2021 at 12pm-1pm MST
Sexual Violence in Tribal Communities with Floripa Ogluin and Michele Curtis, Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women (CSVANW)

November 16, 2021 at 12pm-1pm MST
Child Sexual Abuse in Tribal Communities with Dr. Renee Ornelas, Director of the Family Advocacy Center, Tse'hooTsool Medical Center

November 18, 2021 at 12pm-1:30pm MST
Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Task Force of Colorado with Gina Lopez, CCASA, and Monycka Snowbird, Haseya Advocate Program



For more information email kelsey@durangosaso.org



Swimming with pumpkin



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Zalissa Johnson swims with her pumpkin of choice at SunUte’s annual Pumpkin Splash event, Friday, Oct. 22



Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy student, Kairi Ruybal proudly holds onto the pumpkin she chose to swim with and take home for the spooky holiday. The annual Pumpkin Splash event returned this year at the SunUte Community Center, Friday, Oct. 22.

Ignacio Community Library Upcoming Events

Family Literacy Picnic at Ignacio Community Library
Picnic to be held on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. If your family has pre-school or early elementary aged kids then come join us for a picnic lunch with games, crafts and literacy fun! Library Literacy events are a great way to build your child’s reading skills. Sign up in advance at the library or call 970-563-9287.

Gingerbread Man Decorating Contest
Contest will be held from Nov. 17 to Dec. 12. Pick up a Gingerbread man from the library starting Nov. 17 and take it home to design your own. Bring it back to the library by Dec. 12. We will have them on display for the public to vote on. Winners will be broken down by age groups.

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Kwanachigani pe’ekwatn - Eagle’s Nest

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI
INDIAN ACADEMY

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

All of the classrooms have enjoyed time at the SunUte swimming pool as they swam with pumpkins during the annual “Pumpkin Splash.”

The early childhood (primary) took a field trip to the Jack-a-Lope Acres pumpkin patch. And of course, several departments and the SUIMA students/staff were excited to celebrate Halloween by trick-or-treating!

Tumiikukh kwanachiu –
Eagles of the Week

Harley Garcia, is a Kindergarten who has been at SUIMA for three years.



courtesy SUIMA

Her favorite food is “Tacos” – Yummy!!

Harley’s favorite subject is math. She enjoys taking the math materials off the shelf and asking for lessons. She is also very persistent in completing her work, no matter how much time it takes.

Her Ute name is, Naa’na’asipu’ighet’ which means “Butterfly eyes.”

While at school, Harley

can be found reading books and working on her math skills. When asked about her favorite book, it was discovered that Harley likes “Brown Bear, Brown Bear” (‘otokwart Kwiaghatch, ‘otokwart Kwiaghatch).

Tyler Heart, is a Kindergarten who has been at SUIMA for five years.

His favorite food is pepperoni pizza – watch out for those Ninja Turtles, Tyler!

Tyler is an awesome student who enjoys playing outside and spending time with his family.

His Ute name is Muguavi which means “Heart.”

While at school, Tyler can be found playing with friends, doing some writing, and working in the math area.

One of his favorite books is Spiderman – 5 Minute Stories or any of the Marvel books.

Nuu’apaghapi – Ute phrases

Paana tuka’napəvan’wachuka. – The bread was placed on the table.

Upcoming events

- 11/9 – Upper Elem., Field trip to Crow Canyon
- 11/10 – Upper Elem., Visits with the Veterans, Hall of Warriors
- 11/11-12 – No school, Veteran’s Day
- 11/15 – Rock Your Mocs Day
- 11/17- Thanksgiving meal – pick up only 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 11/18 – Dental Screenings
- 11/19 – Upper Elem., Beading with Councilwoman Barry
- 11/22-11/26 – Thanksgiving Break
- 11/30 – Virtual Parent Advisory Group meeting

Southern Ute Education Department
& Southern Ute Indian Montessori
Academy

Wednesday, November 3-5

Wear Braids or Scarf on your head

Monday, November 8-10

Wear scarf or necklace

Monday, November 15-19

ROCK YOUR MOCC’S WEEK!

November 19, bring walking shoes!
SUIMA Sponsored Walk!
(Stay tuned for an update on the walk.)

Monday, November 29-30

Wear a Rose design on your clothing

Support our local Native American Students!

Daisy Bluestar
Tuusaghwa puuchipa’awamamachi/ Blue Star Eagle Woman
dbluestar@southernute-nsn.gov
(970)563-2710

November
Native American
Heritage
Month



Shawna Steffler
Tavamawisiuwatiget/Sun Rise Cloud
ssteffler@southernute-nsn.gov
(970)563-2749

Maria Rivera
Nana’asichimamachi/ Butterfly Woman
mrivera@southernute-nsn.gov
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In collaboration with ...

Eagle Wing Youth Drum Group
and Afrem Wall



Drum Practice Schedule:

Monday, October 25

Monday, November 8

Monday, November 22

Monday, December 6

Monday, December 20

POT LUCK/PRACTICE
SUIMA CAFETERIA
6:30-7:30 P.M.

PARENT PARTICIPATION
WILL BE HONORED
TOWARDS YOUR
PARENT COMMITMENT CONTRACT.

Daisy Bluestar
E mail: dbluestar@southernute-nsn.gov
Phone: (970)563-2710

Volunteers & Youth Welcome!!

Southern Ute Education Center

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Latitia Taylor - Tuusaghwawichichi
Director of Education

Mari Jo Owens - ‘Akanavemamachi
Principal of SUIMA

Support Cultural Knowledge And Traditional Growth



Invitation to:
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Join us in Supporting
our Youth in Being
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Fancy Friday



Wear something
of Your Culture and
join us with
Ute Culture!

Culture Day



Every Friday !

Parent participation will be honored towards your Parent Participation Contract.
Volunteer to share Culture Topics to SUIMA students.

If you’d like to Volunteer,
or if you participated in Fancy Friday
please send photos to, and contact:

Daisy Bluestar
dbluestar@southernute-nsn.gov
(970)563-2710



University of Colo. visits Tribe



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Students sang songs in Ute and sign language for the University of Colorado visitors, Tuesday, Oct. 26 inside Tribal Council Chambers.

On Tuesday, Oct. 26 the President of the University of Colorado, Todd Saliman and four representatives from the University's Board of Regents met with Tribal Council, Southern Ute Education Department and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Students inside Council Chambers.



Bike safety for students



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

In collaboration with local law enforcement and the school district, Ignacio Elementary School hosted their annual Bike Rodeo to teach students the importance of bike safety on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

MEET OUR TUTORS



Meet and greet event for students and families to connect with education tutors for the District, JOM and So. Ute Education Department

Wed. November 17
4 PM - 5 PM

Masks and social distancing are required at this event

refreshments will be served

contact the Ellen Baker with questions-

970.563.0235

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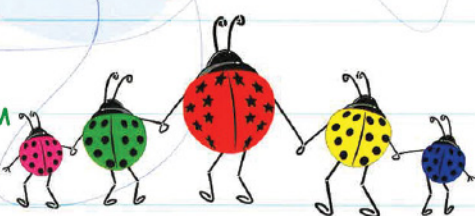
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ROUNDTABLE

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs is proud to present:

TOPIC :

Behavioral Health and Veterans

Monday, November 8

4:00 PM - 5:15 PM

REGISTER NOW AT :

BH ROUNDTABLE



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Chief Medical Officer

Southern Ute Health Center



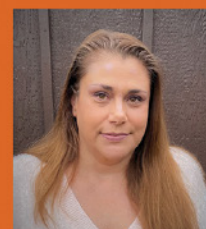
MARY TRUJILLO YOUNG PHD
Behavioral Health Manager

Southern Ute Health Center



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SunUte cuts the ribbon on Skate Park



Cyrus Naranjo shows off his well-honed skateboarding skills during the Grand Opening of the Piinu Núuchi Skate Park on Friday, Oct. 29.



Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Councilmember, Elijah Weaver welcomes all the guests, skaters and tribal dignitaries to the Grand Opening of the Piinu Núuchi Skate Park.



Oscar Cosio provided the music for the Grand Opening event and later in the afternoon led a class from the Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club in a dance break, where they performed Michael Jackson's 'Thriller.'

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum

GRAND OPENING OF SKATE PARK • FROM PAGE 1

to practice social distancing while skating," Weaver said. While the skate park and the Tribe remain in Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 2 the community is invited to utilize the park as long as they are following the posted park rules and COVID-19 limitations.

Keeping culture in mind and paying homage to their roots, the youth council

voted to name the skate park "Piinu Nucchi." The name was decided upon during a special meeting held in May of 2021. Youth leaders listened to their peers and worked tirelessly to complete the skate park project.

"This project not only makes me proud, but as a skater myself I am so stoked to have a skate park this

nice in my own town and reservation," Baker stated. Keeping the skate park open and safe is the most important thing to the youth council at this time.

Call SunUte at 970-563-0214 to report any problems with the skatepark. Call SUPD at 970-563-0225 if you need police assistance. Call 911 immediately if there is an emergency.

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MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

November Community Senior Breakfast

The Senior Breakfast is open to all Community Members over the age of 55



Wednesday November 3, 2021
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 limitations in effect
Masks required for all guests.
please social distance.

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



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Due to recent health concerns and for the safety of our club members, club families, and staff, the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe **will only be offering virtual programming as of today, November 2, 2021.**

We will continually monitor the changes and information from local, state, and national health professionals. From there, we will determine a date to proceed with in person programming.

In the meantime, make sure you contact us to register for virtual programming. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and teamwork to keep our community healthy!

Phone: 970-563-4753

Email: hgstaff@southernute-nsn.gov



Multi-Purpose Facility November Events

November 3, 2021 - 10:00 -11:30 AM
Open to Community Members 55 & over



November 10, 2021 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Holiday Meal Prep Workshop

November 16 & 18, 2021 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Star Quilt Class



November 20, 2021 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Craft - Bake - Yard Sale

November 19, 2021 - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Sip, Chat & Chew
Sponsored by: The Southern Ute Growth Fund



November 23, 2021 - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Pie Making Workshop

Information- 970-563-2640 - multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov
Quilt class - 970-563-2641 - eredd@southernute-nsn.gov



UTE VETERANS, WHY WE SERVE • FROM PAGE 1

“Why We Serve,” chronicles the generations of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians who have served in the United States Armed Forces during every military conflict since the country’s founding. Published in conjunction with the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., the book features seldom told stories of Native service as well as a wealth of images, including sketches, photographs, contemporary art, and objects from the museum’s collections. In a statement by the book’s authors, “This groundbreaking history honors the diversity of Indigenous people and the complexity of their experiences. In doing so, it challenges stereotypes commonly applied to Native service members and pays tribute to the men and women whose contributions have been shaping America’s wars – and the country’s history.”

“I don’t know if it’s an unspoken language, it’s something instilled since birth, to protect our homeland back then – which carried over to today’s military,” explained Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran and Commander of the So. Ute Veterans Association, Howard Richards Sr. “The spiritual part is there, being connected to Mother Earth, that’s always been strong regardless of time. The need to protect our reservations, our homelands, and from there the United States [in its present form].”

“I guess in my case, at the time I was in the military, I enlisted because all my uncles had joined. They were older than me, they answered the call of duty too, so I was keeping the family



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Koran War Veteran, and Southern Ute tribal elder, Dr. James Jefferson gave an invocation in his customary Ute language during a Veterans ceremony in Durango, Colo. in October of 2018.

tradition alive by joining the military,” Richards said. “I looked at the history of the past, I’m a direct descendent of Chief Severo, he was a former BIA policeman. After military, I too had the opportunity to serves as tribal police. My actions at that time, followed his footsteps in a sense.”

“The legacy of the Southern Ute Veterans are the stories that we are talking about today,” Richards said. “We need a written legacy for the young people to understand – these stories need to get brought down to a different level; bring that

awareness to the membership – what it meant to be a young tribal member, going off to a foreign country to fight for the United States.”

“It’s always been there for native people, it’s something we’re born with – to answer that call,” Richards emphasized.

Published by the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution in 2020, Why We Serve is authored by Alexandra N. Harris and Mark G. Hirsh. Copies are available for purchase through local book retailers or online vendors.



Honoring Our Warriors



World War I

Frank S. Baker *
James Spencer Baker *
Julius Nash Cloud *

Andrew Frost *
Andrew Richards *
John P. Washington *

World War II

Carl Baker *
Cassimero Baker *
Eugene Spencer Baker *
Randolf Baker *
Frank Bean *
William Bean *
Annie William Bettini *
Albert Box *
David Bent Box *
Dorothy Burch Box *
Edward Bent Box Sr. *
Fritz Bent Box *
Anthony Cloud Burch *
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Billy Burns Frost *
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Jose E. Head *
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Jose M. Ortiz *
Domingo Paul *
Frank Baker Pena Sr. *
Claude Red Price *
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Maurice L. Sage Sr. *
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Morgan Thompson *
William Salazar Thompson *
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Andrew Spencer Williams *
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Phillip Gordon Box *
Rhodes Box *
Russell Box Sr. *
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James Mitchell Jefferson *
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Arthur Weaver Sr. *
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Lawrence South Weaver *
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Clifford C. Cook *
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Don Emerson Howe *
Elwood Howe *
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Eugene Arthur Naranjo *
Drake Jackson Monte *
Roland Dean Weaver Norris *
Roger Earl Price *
Howard Dean Richards Sr. *
Harold Silva *
Vincent Silva Jr. *
Maurice Levey Sage Jr. *
Gene Arthur Thompson *
Raymond Valdez *
Tim Watts *
Dudley Leon Weaver *
Dennis O. Washington *
Gilbert Washington Sr. (Ret.) *
Stafford Washington *
Arthur Johnny Weaver *
Eric Weaver *
Glenn Williams *

Present Era

Loni Nicole Acevedo *
Dewitte J. Baker *
Dewayne Baker *
Raymond Albert Baker (Ret.) *
Viah Baker *
Mary Christine Carol *
Kathy Lynn Chavez *
Jack McClure Frost Jr. *
Raymond Frost Jr. *
Vernon S. Frost *
Raymond Wells Kuebler *
David Latham *
William John Monte *
James Earl Price Jr. *
Jeffery Price *
David Rainblood Rael *

Toni Anita Rael *
Ronald W. Rock *
Zachary Rock *
Charles Santistevan *
Robert B. Thompson *
Mark Edward Torres *
Andrew Jack TwoCrow *
Wendell Bruce Valdez *
Eldred Alvin Vigil Jr. *
Elroy Arvin Vigil *
Ruben Kyle Vigil *
Gilbert Washington Jr. (Ret.) *
Alden Weaver *
Rudley Weaver *
Wilford Weaver Jr. *

Sóochiwa Kapi 'Ivikay

"Coffee with Veterans"

Tribal Council would like to invite Southern Ute Tribal Member and Tribal Employee Veterans to enjoy a light breakfast and conversation to recognize the bravery, sacrifice, and service demonstrated by our Tribal Veterans.

Please join us

November 8, 9, and 10
8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

In the Leonard C. Burch (LCB),
Hall of Warriors

For more information, please
contact Ms. Lindsay J. Box at
(970) 563.2313

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL HONORARY PROCLAMATION

SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS DAY November 2, 2021

WHEREAS, Native Americans, American Indians and Alaska Natives have protected their people and resources since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, they have continued this spirit by proudly serving in the United States military, fighting for our freedoms on battlefields miles away from their traditional and sacred lands; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to the acts of service, bravery and courage demonstrated by our Veterans, including those who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, November 11 has been declared as Veterans Day to celebrate and honor the American Indian and Alaska Native service men and women who have and continue to serve our Country with valor and humility;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the foregoing, the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe does hereby proclaim the eleventh of November 2021, and shall proclaim each year thereafter, as

VETERANS DAY

for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and encourages all community members to show appreciation to Veterans and thank them for their service.

This Proclamation was approved and adopted this 2nd day of November, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Seal to be affixed this 2nd day of November, 2021.

Mr. Melvin J. Baker, Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council





In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed November 11 & 12, 2021 for Veteran’s Day. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, November 15, 2021.



How to Display The American Flag



The U.S. flag stands for our nation and the shared history, pride, principles, and commitment of its people. When we properly display this powerful symbol, we signal our respect for everything it represents.



The flag shouldn’t be flown in inclement weather unless it’s an all-weather flag.



Flags displayed at night should be properly illuminated.



In a time of national mourning, hang the flag at half-mast.

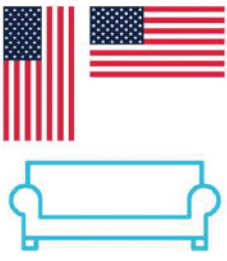
The flag can be flown every day, but it is often flown to show patriotism on these observances:

New Year's Day	Easter Sunday	Constitution Day
Inauguration Day	Armed Forces Day	Columbus Day
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Memorial Day	Navy Day
Lincoln's Birthday	Flag Day	Veterans Day
Washington's Birthday (Presidents Day)	Independence Day	Thanksgiving Day
National Vietnam War Veterans Day	National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	Christmas Day
	Labor Day	

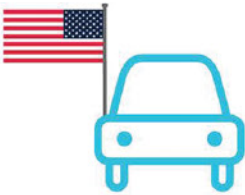
When displaying the flag ...



From your porch, place the union (blue section) at the peak of the staff.



Against a wall or on a window, place the union (blue section) at the top left corner.



On your vehicle, clamp the staff to the right front fender.



With another flag, place the U.S. flag to your left when crossed.



Keep your flag completely dry and folded properly — into a triangle, with the union (blue section) visible — before storing it in a well-ventilated area. If the flag is damaged or worn out, it should be disposed of with dignity.



The flag should not touch anything below it or rest on the ground.

Source: United States Code, Title 4, Chapter 1—The Flagdignity.

UTE MOUNTAIN CASINO

98% of Ute Mountain Casino Hotel employees comply with vaccine mandate

By Margaret Thomas
TRAVEL, REAL ESTATE, LIFESTYLE

After the successful implementation of its vaccine mandate, executives at Ute Mountain Casino Hotel reported that 98% of its employees are now vaccinated with at least the first or second shot, underscoring the property and tribal community’s commitment to keeping employees and guests healthy and safe while providing a comfortable, clean environment.

“This is a sought-after milestone for Ute Mountain Casino Hotel as we continue to work together as an organization and a community to navigate our way through the pandemic,” said Rick Scheer, General Manager. “The dedication and willingness of our employees to step up and receive the vaccine has made this effort highly successful and we



couldn’t be more grateful.”

At the height of the pandemic and throughout, Ute Mountain Casino closely followed federal/state health and safety recommendations, temporarily shuttered, and reopened with expanded COVID-19 and sanitation policies that included comprehensive employee training programs, thermal cameras, social distancing, mask requirements and a non-smoking policy as part of its mitigation efforts.

“The vaccine is just another way for us to do

our part to help protect ourselves, fight against COVID-19 and hopefully get closer to eradicating it so that we all can move forward,” said Scheer. “We will continue to align and comply with tribal, federal and state guidelines to ensure our community’s safety and overall well-being.”

For more information about Ute Mountain Casino Hotel, please call 1-800-258-8007 or visit utemountaincasino.com. Connect with us on Facebook and at: www. utemountaincasino.com.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Hickenlooper, Bennet join bipartisan bill to prevent military suicide

Staff report
OFFICE OF SENATOR BENNET

After alarming report revealed a 15% increase in military suicides, new bipartisan effort would streamline suicide prevention efforts.

U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet this week joined a bipartisan group to introduce the Save Our Servicemembers (S.O.S.) Act. The bill directs the Department of Defense (DOD) to immediately address military suicide rates by evaluating the effectiveness of their suicide prevention efforts, improving data collection, reducing bureaucratic duplication, and strengthening collaboration between DOD offices.

“We should do everything possible to prevent suicide among our servicemembers,” said Hickenlooper. “Improving efforts means we save lives.”

“Now more than ever, we have a responsibility to support the extraordinary

men and women in uniform who bravely serve our country every single day,” said Bennet. “Through the Save Our Servicemembers Act, we have an opportunity to take a much-needed step to prevent military suicides and ensure our troops have access to the resources and mental and behavioral health care they need.”

According to the Veterans Administration, Colorado lost 170 veterans to suicide in 2019 – significantly higher than the national suicide rate. An alarming 2020 report revealed a 15 percent increase in military suicides nationally from the year before.

This past spring, the Government Accountability Office (GAO), a nonpartisan watchdog agency, released the findings of a review of the DOD suicide prevention programs. The report identified three areas that DOD should address to improve suicide prevention efforts. The S.O.S. Act directs DOD to implement those GAO recommenda-

tions, which include:

- Assessing DOD’s individual non-clinical prevention efforts to determine their effectiveness.
 - Improving DOD’s data collection by reducing duplication and developing consistent suicide-related definitions to be used department-wide. This is in response to concerns that inconsistent definitions could be impeding the ability to access and improve prevention programs.
 - Strengthening collaboration between Pentagon offices, specifically between the Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO) and the Psychological Health Center of Excellence on the production of the annual suicide reports, to minimize duplication of efforts.
- The S.O.S. Act has the support of over 30 senators – Democrats and Republicans – as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion.

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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MASS Intercultural Liturgies - Ignacio, Colorado

TUE / SEPT 28 @ 6:00PM
SUN / OCT 17 @ 11:00AM
TUE / NOV 16 @ 6:00PM
SUN / DEC 19 @ 11:00AM

Join us to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha and Nicholas Black Elk by celebrating American Indian Catholic Spirituality as a gift to the Church. Our celebrations are followed by a fellowship gathering with food and refreshments at the Parish Hall.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING BY READING, USHERING OR SINGING CONTACT FATHER CESAR at 970.563.4241.



Committee of Elders meeting



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Franklin Thompson and Luana Thompson, both Southern Ute tribal elders, wait to enjoy a warm meal with their niece Briana Olguin. The meeting's purpose was to share the results of the recent survey and hear concerns and questions from Tribal Elders in attendance. Tribal Council approved the reestablishment of the Committee of Elders with the goal to draft a new set of bylaws to be presented to Tribal Council for approval and adoption via Resolution.

Southern Ute elder and former Chairman of the Committee of Elders, Ray C. Frost, addresses the group of elders and Tribal Council members attending the Committee of Elders survey review meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 26.



Chairman Melvin J. Baker welcomes tribal elders and explains what information will be covered throughout the meeting. He also explained his history working with the previous Elder's Committee and its members. "The loss of an elder is really a strong reminder to pay attention to the language and traditions, it is vital to carry on what has been taught," stated Chairman Baker.

Yakama Nation visits Tribe



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Yakama Nation Natural Resources Director makes comparisons between the two nations and their fight to protect tribal resources which can be utilized to bring economic development to Indian Country. The Yakama Nation visits with the Southern Ute Tribal Council Tuesday, Oct. 26. to discuss economic development, natural resource protection, agriculture, sovereignty, and tribal government structure.

Southern Ute Council Members, Marjorie Barry and Vanessa Torres give guests from the Yakama Nation small gifts to take home, Tuesday, Oct. 26. Both Tribes agreed to continue the partnership into the future.



Breast Cancer Awareness Walk




photos Lindsay Box/SU Cultural Affairs

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, Chairman Melvin J. Baker and Council Members Linda K. Baker and Vanessa P. Torres joined in to support Shining Mountain Health & Wellness Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. For information on breast cancer and resources available, contact Morgann Graham with Shining Mountain Health & Wellness at 970-563-2349.

The lunchtime, 1-mile walk was rescheduled from its original date due to inclement weather. This event wraps up the Tribe's Breast Cancer Awareness Activities!





STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

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

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

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Tribal Council Updates will be posted to social media platforms.

FRIDAY MORNING

Chairman Baker or Vice Chairman Valdez will provide updates on KSUT Tribal Radio every Friday at 9:00 A.M.

TUNE IN ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION AT 91.3 FM, IN TOWAC AT 100.9, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT [KSUT.ORG](https://www.ksut.org)

TREASURER'S
PANA-QARÜ 'URÜ
APAGHARÜ



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

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



Photo Credit | Jeremy Wade Shockley, Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council
Contact Information

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

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CORONAVIRUS

5 to 11-year-olds now eligible for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is pleased to announce 5 to 11-year-olds are now eligible for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in La Plata and Archuleta counties. The public will be able to make appointments for 5 to 11-year-olds for Thursday, November 4, or a later date. The CDC voted unanimously to authorize the Pfizer vaccine for 5 to 11-year-olds on Tuesday, November 2, citing a thorough review process for safety and efficacy.

Youth ages 5 through 17 are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. It is important that residents verify the Pfizer vaccine is being offered when signing up minors for COVID-19 vaccine appointments or walking into a clinic. Families have options and are encouraged to either sign up for a community vaccination clinic, contact their pediatrician, or reach out to their preferred vaccine provider. Clinic and provider information is available on the SJBPH website. The public is encouraged to continue checking the SJBPH website for available clinics for 5 to 11-year-olds.

“The eligibility of 5 to 11-year-olds for COVID-19

vaccine is a really positive step for our community, and one that families have been waiting for. We hope that families will take advantage of this opportunity as soon as possible,” said Liane Jollon, SJBPH Executive Director. “Getting more of our youth vaccinated will help ensure in-person learning is as safe as possible and protect kids in their extracurriculars, sports, and day-to-day lives. SJBPH has been preparing for this moment by ordering pediatric Pfizer doses in advance and coordinating a range of clinics and providers across Archuleta and La Plata counties to meet the needs of families,” Jollon added.

While schools and higher education have worked hard to limit spread of the virus within the classroom setting, ensuring safety in activities both inside and outside of school has been a challenge. Young people have been tremendously resilient throughout the pandemic in the face of obstacles and changes to their daily lives. The expanded vaccine eligibility for 5 to 11-year-olds is a positive development and will help keep young people and their families safe and limit community spread of the virus.

Upcoming community

vaccination clinics in La Plata and Archuleta counties offering Pfizer vaccine (additional locations and providers available on the SJBPH website).

Although advance registration is strongly encouraged, walk-ins are also welcome at upcoming clinics. Parents and guardians are required to provide consent for minors to be vaccinated. The vaccine is free, and no ID is required. SJBPH urges families to make appointments as soon as possible since it can take five or more weeks from the date of the first dose of Pfizer to reach full immunity.

It is critical that all residents and youth finish their vaccination series and receive both doses if receiving a two-shot vaccine. Anyone who is overdue for their second dose should find a clinic that matches their original vaccine type, sign up for an appointment, and bring their vaccination record card. Studies have shown completing the two-dose regimen is the best way to ensure protection against the Delta variant of COVID-19. SJBPH urges all residents, regardless of vaccination status, to continue to follow public health precautions such as wearing a properly fitted mask in public indoor settings and washing hands often.

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

Testing event welcomes all



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center’s Fitness Trainer, Elijah Lucero prepares to start checking in the first community members, tribal members and tribal staff for testing at the two-day October Drive-thru Testing Event from Monday, Oct. 25 — Tuesday, Oct. 26 in the Sky Ute Casino Overflow Parking Lot.

Candi Johnson fills out her paperwork for a voluntary viral COVID-19 test during the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s two-day October Drive-thru Testing Event that was hosted at the Sky Ute Casino Resort from Monday, Oct. 25 – Tuesday, Oct. 26.



Third Dose
Booster
Vaccination
Notice

Third dose booster vaccination notice for the Southern Ute Tribal Community. Please contact the Southern Ute Health Center to set up your booster appointment at 970-563-4581. They can also provide clarification to any questions one may have.

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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of November 3, 2021)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases

370 Positives
263 Recovered
31 Breakthrough
14,994 Total Tests

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

145 Positives
111 Recovered
3 Deaths

SUHC Vaccination Update

Pfizer, Moderna, & Janssen Vaccine Available!

Fully vaccinated persons can also schedule a 3rd dose Pfizer/Moderna and 2nd Janssen Booster!

Vaccine Eligibility: Anyone 18 years of age and older (5 years and older for Pfizer).

Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Booster Vaccines

COVID 3rd Dose Booster Dose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have now approved booster shots of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson for select individuals. This is in addition to the group of people who are already eligible and receiving Pfizer boosters. The new approval from the FDA and CDC allows individuals to ‘mix and match’ and get different vaccine types for their booster other than the vaccine they originally received. The Southern Ute Health Center will also begin to administer the booster for Pfizer, Moderna and Janssen vaccinations.

The Southern Ute Health Center has scheduled the following COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics for the months of October and November. Please call (970) 563-4581 to schedule your appointment.

Who Is Eligible?

- 65 years +
- Individuals 18-64 with underlying health conditions

- High risk workers
- Living or working in a congregate care setting

Vaccine Name	Eligible Age Group	When can I receive my booster dose?
Pfizer	• 65 years and older • 18-64 years with underlying health conditions.	Six (6) months after your 2nd dose.
Moderna	• 65 years and older • 18-64 years with underlying health conditions.	Six (6) months after your 2nd dose.
Janssen	• 65 years and older • 18-64 years with underlying health conditions.	Two (2) months after your 1st dose.

Upcoming SUHC Vaccine Clinics:

Please call the SUHC for availability and to schedule your appointment.

November 24

December 1, 3, 14, 15, & 16

For more information, please contact the Southern Ute Health Center at (970) 563-4581 Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

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Produced by Lindsay J. Box

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

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



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

THE TRIBE IS IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 2
Wear your face covering at all times, to keep our future generations and tribal elders safe! Face Coverings are required in most settings where social distancing is not possible, including outdoors. Individuals can schedule a vaccination appointment by calling the Southern Ute Health Center at (970) 563.4581.
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 TRIBE

COVID-19 Holiday Guidance

The holiday season is a time spent gathering with loved ones and to celebrate reconnecting with friends. Unfortunately, we continue our fight against COVID-19. The Tribal remains in Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 2 which limits personal gatherings to no more than 20 persons to protect the health of the tribal membership. Please celebrate the upcoming holidays together but from afar. Here are some tips to celebrate a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Southern Ute Tribal Council would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

Share a meal with your immediate household members only. If you must prepare a meal for others, call and arrange a time to deliver the meal while limiting close contact.

Connect with loved ones by calling or Facetimeing as a way to catch up and celebrate in a safe, virtual way.

Be sure to wear your face covering when shopping for the holidays. Continue to practice social distancing and washing your hands or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

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

Designed and Published by Lindsey J. Rice

The Tribal Offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25 through Friday, Nov. 26 and tribal offices will resume normal operations on Monday, Nov. 29, 2021.
For more information or updates visit the Tribal website, SU Drum, and social media.

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

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

Care for Family & Pets

Buy groceries or household supplies

Obtain medical supplies

Engage in banking

Go to work or get things from work

Exercise or engage in non-group activities

Get or buy educational supplies

Maintain or buy things for the household

Preparing Children and Teens for Vaccination

The experience of getting a COVID-19 vaccine will be very similar to the experience of getting routine vaccines. Use our tips to support your child before, during, and after routine vaccinations when they get a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your child before vaccination about what to expect. It is not recommended you give pain relievers before vaccination to try to prevent side effects. Tell the doctor or nurse about any allergies your child may have. To prevent fainting and injuries related to fainting, your child should be seated or lying down during vaccination and for 15 minutes after the vaccine is given. After your child's COVID-19 vaccination, you will be asked to stay for 15-30 minutes so your child can be observed in case they have a severe allergic reaction and need immediate treatment. For info visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/

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, Southern Ute PowWow Committee Secretary, at 970-759-1722

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southernutemuseum.org



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.

Attention Southern Ute Tribal Members:

2021 Annual Salmon Give-Away

Friday, November 5th,

Friday, November 12th &

Friday, November 19th

By Colorado Parks & Wildlife



With permission from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Animas-La Plata Association, Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) is again conducting its annual Lake Nighthorse kokanee salmon spawning operation. This spawning operation is important for fisheries within the Southwest Region and across the State of Colorado.

CPW wants to let the Southern Ute Tribal members, as well as, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Members, know about the spawning and fish giveaways. We are inviting enrolled tribal members (SUIT & UMUT) to share this fish resource.

- Fish giveaways are scheduled for 3:00pm on Friday, November 5th, 12th & 19th.
- Tribal Members need only to present their Tribal Census Card or Tribal Brunot Area fishing permit. Tribal members do NOT need to possess a State fishing permit.

Participants can begin lining up at the boat ramp at 2:00 p.m. When entering the lake, members should let the City of Durango staff at the entrance booth know they are there for the Kokanee giveaway. CPW staff members will distribute kokanee based on the number of fish that have been collected from the reservoir and the number of people in line.

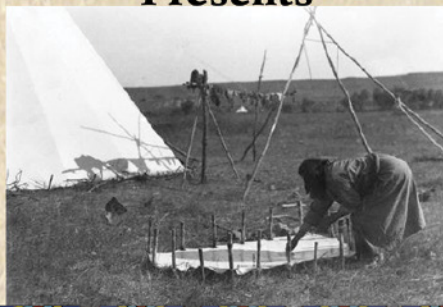


Please, call the Wildlife Division if you have any questions at (970)563-0130.

FY2022 Foresty Wood Program

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

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



For more information, contact:
Crystal Rizzo, Cultural Education Coordinator
970-563-2306

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Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Department of Natural Resources staff introduce leadership from the Santa Ana Pueblo, Monday, Nov. 1. The Tribe approved hunting permits for Santa Ana hunters to continue important traditional ceremonies.

WILDLIFE

Santa Ana Pueblo hunters hope for a successful harvest

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Southern Ute Tribal Council met with members and staff from the Santa Ana Pueblo, Monday, Nov. 1. Every year, Tribal Council approves two cultural hunts, which allows hunters from New Mexico Pueblos to harvest animals vital to their cultural ceremonies. A limited number of tags were provided and the Pueblo determines hunter selection through an application process. Due to the drier climate, the animals that were traditionally available are more difficult to come by, but vital to the continuation of cultural ceremonies.

"It is good to see you all and to see you are in good health. I wish you the best on your hunt," Council Member Ramona Eagle said.

Last year, due to COVID-



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Chairman Baker shares his hunting stories with an important spiritual leader from the Santa Ana Pueblo, Monday, Nov. 1.

19, the cultural hunts were unable to take place; and this year, the hunters and guests were all vaccinated and required to test negative within 72 hours of the trip.

The hunters will be here through the week, hunting a specific unit on the east side of the reservation. After the welcome with Tribal Council, Southern Ute Di-

vision of Wildlife staff will cover the hunter orientation and all hunters will be required to verify their animals upon harvest.

"We don't own the animals, they are the Creator's and with great management we are able to share them with you and help you out in a good way," added Vice Chairman Bruce Valdez.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

The group of hunters from Northern New Mexico were fully vaccinated and tested negative to COVID-19 prior to traveling to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

The 2021 First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt

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

Important Information

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

Hunt Information

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

For More information and to find a link to the SUIT Store please visit the Website at:

[First Descendant Antlerless Elk – Southern Ute Indian Tribe \(southernute-nsn.gov\)](https://southernute-nsn.gov/First-Descendant-Antlerless-Elk)

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

Halloween delivers in 2021



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The Multi-Purpose Facility hosted a three-day long haunted house event Friday, Oct. 29 through Sunday, Oct. 31. A sinister group of clowns was featured as the first attraction in the Haunted House, delivering scares to the community, while also being COVID safe.



The Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility's annual Haunted House put the fear into all who visited. The Haunted House was open to the community starting Friday, Oct. 29 and closed their doors on Sunday, Oct. 31.

For most, the Halloween spirit was resurrected for a weekend full of frights, tricks, and treats with adults and kids joining in the celebrations. Kicking off the Halloween weekend, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and Southern Ute Tribal Departments participated in a COVID-19 conscious Trick-or-Treating event for parents and students on Thursday, Oct. 28. The festivities continued into the day as tribal employees displayed their best dress for the annual employee costume contest and "winner takes all" booth contest. Ghosts, goblins, and ghouls ruled "All Hallows Eve." Families got treats at a Trunk-or-Treat event hosted by the Ignacio Community library as well as a special Drive Through Trunk-or-Treat hosted by the Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club on Sunday, Oct 31. Scares were delivered throughout the weekend by the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facilities' annual Haunted House, as well as the Southern Ute Tribe's Motor Pool Division earlier in the week, as they prepared a terrifying "Haunted Hallway" for staff. So many events, and so little time, made for a memorable Halloween in the midst of the ongoing pandemic.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum



Nevaeh Sandoval, hands out candy with her mom, Skydawn Moccasin-Flower at the Ignacio Community Library's Trunk or Treat event. Sandoval and mom decorated their vehicle and visited with community members in the library's parking lot on Sunday, Oct. 31.



Southern Ute Council member Linda Baker hands out candy alongside Council member, Vanessa Torres during the Boys and Girls Club's Trunk or Treat event at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Sunday, Oct. 31.



Shirelle Garcia and family, walk together to check out all the decorated vehicles and to collect Halloween treats at the Ignacio Community Library's Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, Oct. 31.



De'Vra Richards gets a handful of goodies from SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth at the Boys and Girls Club's Trunk or Treat event at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Sunday, Oct. 31.



Ignacio celebrates with events



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Drum hosted a spooky walk-through haunted house, which was erected outside on Tribal Campus, for kids and parents alike to enjoy.



The Southern Ute Motor Pool Staff created their very own 'Haunted Hallway' for tribal staff to view. The Haunted hallway featured bright lights, loud music and truly scary costumes.



Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Teacher, Dawnnet Naranjo leads Angelisa Pena and Bianca Weaver through the 'Carn-EVIL' booths outside the Annex Building to Trick-or-Treat for goodies that led them across tribal campus.



Janice Salazar, AKA 'Maleficent' walks in front of Tribal Council as they judge for the funniest, scariest and most original costumes on Thursday, Oct. 28.



Southern Ute Council member, Dr. Stacey Oberly dressed up in costume to greet the Southern Ute Indian Montessori students while the Trick-or-Treat for treats to different departments and buildings.



Tracy Mickey, dresses as a monkey for the group 'Carn-EVIL' costumes and hands out popcorn to spectators of Tribal Council's Costume Contest on Thursday, Oct. 28.



Sisters, Shayne and Malia White Thunder Trick-or-Treat around the Three Springs community, Saturday, Oct. 30 during the 15th annual Fall Festival.



Maria Rivera, Justin, Jaelyn, Keyon, and Charles Alston share smiles as they leave the 15th annual Fall Festival at Three Springs on Saturday, Oct. 30. The festival featured trick or treating, live music and a free pumpkin path in the plaza.



BOBCATS BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

Quintana places 56th at State Championships

Lone qualified 'Cat cracks standings' top half

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Before departing Ignacio for the 2021 CHSAA State Cross-Country Championships, Eppie Quintana acknowledged qualifying for the supreme meet could push him towards goals even he himself hadn't pondered. "Last year I was still kind of new to running and so I was still, like, understanding how to run as a pack, how to hold a steady pace all the time – honestly, I feel like this last year was me kind of learning the sport ... putting your body through that kind of strain," he said before practice Thursday afternoon, Oct. 28. "So, this year I kind of, like, felt what it was like to know how to run the whole season ... and not be hurt!" "And if I'm here now ... where am I going to be next year when I actually know how to run, how I can push my body?"

'Here' meant a swift 18-minute, 13-second timing in Delta at the 2A-Region IV Championships determining who would next compete in Colorado Springs. Needing to place top-15 individually, IHS' junior came in a confident tenth – earning him a sec-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Eppie Quintana (122) perseveres through the last quarter-mile during the 2021 CHSAA State Cross-Country Championships' Class 2A Boys' race Saturday, Oct. 30, in Colorado Springs. Quintana – a First Team All-SJBL pick this fall – finished the Norris-Penrose Event Center/Bear Creek Park course 56th overall.

ond shot this fall at the demanding Norris-Penrose Event Center/Bear Creek Park route, upon which he'd previously clocked 20:43.2 to pace the Bob-

cat boys in the Cheyenne Mountain Stampede.

"Like, if I'm running 18:13, what's in store for

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BOBCATS GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

Lady Bobcats miss State by two spots

Seventh at regional, IHS needed a top-five



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Avalena Nanaeto rounds a bend during the Four Corners Southwest Classic at Hillcrest Golf Course in Durango earlier this season. Despite not qualifying for a fourth CHSAA State Cross-Country Championships, she still placed top-25 at 2A-Region IV in Delta and earned Honorable Mention All-SJBL.

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Running one of the finest races of her program-bedrock career Friday, Oct. 22, in Delta, senior Avalena Nanaeto clocked a season-best 22 minutes, 47 seconds within speed-conducive Confluence Park, but ultimately could not qualify for a historic fourth CHSAA State Cross-Country Championships despite placing an Ignacio-leading 21st in the Class 2A-Region IV girls' feature.

According to the Colorado High School Activities Association Cross-Country Bulletin, the top 15 individuals at each regional earned the long-sought Colorado Springs trip, and Nanaeto certainly did her best to advance – via an effort 2:32 faster than hers at the previous Friday's Sar-

gent-hosted Eric Wolff Invitational in Monte Vista, after not competing Oct. 9 at Mancos' off-road Chicken Creek Challenge.

"We had a conversation before the race about just going out there and giving it her all if it's her last race," said proud head coach Daniel Holley. "Came up short, but not by much."

"To qualify for State three out of four times in high school is almost unheard of," he continued, "and who knows, with less ... injury, I'll say, around her I think she would have had a chance to go – as part of a team – one last time. I wish I could give her the best sendoff possible."

All told, the Lady 'Cats totaled 124 points – right behind SJBLers Dolores (120) and Telluride (113) – and, needing top-five status, earned seventh place.

Soroco (54) took the title back to Oak Creek, with Mancos (64), Grand Junction Caprock Academy (65) and Carbondale Colorado Rocky Mountain School (73) all very much in the hunt.

IHS sophomore Lauren deKay placed 27th and posted a personal-best 23:19. Sophomore Moriah Ashley took 36th in a personal-best 23:48, and senior Alannah Gomez placed 40th in a season-best 23:50.

"She's had a season with some injury setbacks and things," Holley said, "so for her to post a season-best ... in the 23s – in her last race – you really can't ask for more."

"She was really working hard today so ... everybody just following what we talked about in practice, sticking to the plan and executing it was awesome to see."



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Volleyball's Fall 2021 varsity poses for posterity Tues., Oct. 26, following their 25-21, 25-19, 19-25, 25-21 win at Dolores – leaving the Volleyscats with an 8-0 record against the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's 2A side, as well as a 10-1 overall SJBL mark.

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Historic 'Cats to host volleyball regional

2-2 in Rye, Ignacio gets 2A-Region XII

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Distinctive amongst Colorado prep volleyball coaches in that he joins – if not initiates – his players' celebrations depending on what a point-producing play warrants, Hoehne's Tyrel Mincic-Barry kept his loudest cheer this past weekend out in the Greenhorn Valley contained.

After all, it was one he wasn't sure he'd be able to utter.

For with the Lady Farmers on the cusp of being able to host a three-team postseason regional, he knew they'd have to get past as-yet under-the-radar Ignacio – also looking to secure hosting rights as another chapter in their own historic season – in the four-team Rye Invitational's Day 2 bonus match Saturday afternoon, Oct. 30.

"We're sitting 13th going into this game, so this is big for us," he said, referring to HHS' standing in the Colorado High School Activities Association's Class 2A Volleyball Rating Percentage Index. "We'll kind of have to wait to see what the RPI says, and what the [CHSAANow.com] Coaches' poll says tomorrow; we're crossing our fingers here."

Able to take the first two games of the contest, a late add-on for both teams as a make-up for matches missed earlier due to COVID-19 issues, Hoehne ran into the real Volleyscats in Game 3 – a team which fell behind 8-7 after a booming kill by HHS' Janae Ramos, but mentally regrouped and fought all the way back to tie at 14-14 via an Alexis Pontine tip shot. And though Hoehne again forged ahead, 22-20, IHS wouldn't let go knowing how important a victory would be.

Closing out on a 5-0 run triggered by a Harmony Reynolds kill and one from Pontine, the 'Cats reached game point after consecutive Lady Farmer errors, and sophomore Kacey Brown, put on serve after Reynolds' kill, kept Ignacio alive with an ace of Mackenzie Gauna.

And Game 4 would begin as a continuation, with Ignacio capitalizing upon Jessica Sakariason's initial netted serve and taking a 5-1 lead before HHS began chipping away and eventually tied the score at 10-all. Able to establish something of an upper hand, Hoehne again found themselves facing a motivated side and lost the lead at 20-20 after Reynolds – kept out of IHS' 2A/1A San Juan Basin League finale at Dolores a few nights before as a precaution against a right ankle rolled during a loss (on the second-to-last point) at non-league Sargent the previous Saturday – blocked Ronni San Roman for a point and then smashed another kill.

IHS would again get to game point first, via a Soly-mar Cosio put-away giving the 'Cats a 24-23 advantage. But the Lady Farmers, now just as energized and fully knowing the stakes, wouldn't break; Ramos tied with a soft roll shot, and HHS then took the lead after Laci Brunson was called for a double-contact. As one might expect, Ignacio skipper Shasta Pontine called a timeout, but like Brown the previous game, Hoehne put the match away with Carli Valdez acing libero Trinity Strohl.

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Ignacio's Elisia Cruz, left, and Alexis Pontine celebrate a point during the Volleyscats' 2A/1A San Juan Basin League finale Tuesday night, Oct. 26, at Dolores.

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wins over Sanford (25-21, 20-25, 26-24, 17-25, 15-12) and Trinidad (25-18, 25-9, 25-15), plus a lackluster Day 1 loss to RHS (19-25, 19-25, 15-25), left Ignacio with a 17-6 overall match record and No. 15 RPI standing. "It's one we shouldn't have lost," Pontine said afterwards. "Then ... I thought, 'Man I hope something changes and we can still host.' They've worked really hard and deserve to. Hoehne was, like, a fun game and they really did well even though we came out with a loss."

"We're going to see what this win does – and what everybody else did – and if we can get into that top 12 and host," Mincic-Barry said. While IHS actually rose one spot while keeping the same .571 RPI, HHS' victory bumped them from No. 13 (.575) up to No. 11 (.583). Released the next morning, the final regular-season CHSAANow.com poll showed HHS climbing to No. 10, and IHS – previously an afterthought – elevated suddenly to the top 'Others Receiving Votes' pick.

And Monday, Nov. 1, it was revealed: Both Hoehne (15-6 overall), by way of RPI, and Ignacio, via mainly their 8-0 record against the SJBL's 2A side, will be hosting regionals.

"I've had people texting me, and I'm like, 'No! I'm driving!'" Pontine said Monday night. "I'm like in

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Bayfield Coed Basketball and Indoor Soccer

Coed Basketball K-4th

Come dribble into basketball season this winter with Bayfield Parks & Recreation's basketball program. Youth basketball is an exciting sport combining team play and individual skills. Give your child the opportunity to develop balance, hand-eye coordination, teamwork, social skills, and confidence with Bayfield Youth Basketball for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 4th grade. Registration deadline is Nov. 26, 2021. League Dates are from Jan. 8 – Feb. 5. Registration Fee is \$35. Register at www.ourbayfieldparks.org

Adult Indoor Soccer

Coed soccer is played indoors at the Old Middle School Gym on Monday and Thursday nights and possibly Sundays pending number of teams. Games are played 5 on 5 - there must be 2 females on the floor at all times. Registration deadline is Dec. 15, 2021. the registration fee is \$300 per team. League begins on Jan. 10, 2022. Register at www.ourbayfieldparks.org



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shock; I have to make sure it's real. I was looking on the boards today in the gym – I don't even know when the last time (a regional) was at home!"

And one of the first individuals to inform, and no doubt congratulate the first-year head coach was Mincic-Barry.

"Tyrel and I are pretty good friends ... and so when I met up with him when we played them, that was so much fun," Shasta Pontine said. "He's one of the people that texted me to let me know ... we were hosting! And he's hosting too; it worked out really good for both of us."

"But this team has been good for the last ... I don't know ... three years," she continued. "Last year was a (preview); they should have been doing this well. So, to step in and continue It's awesome they're starting to believe ... how good they really are."

"I feel we have a lot of potential," said Cosio. "On our bench, our team ... anyone can step in and do their job."

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Awarded Region XII beginning the 36-team post-season, Ignacio will next welcome 13-seed Greeley Union Colony plus 25-seed Collbran Plateau Valley into IHS Gymnasium for a tense Saturday, Nov. 6.

UC will arrive standing 16-7 overall following a forfeit over Nederland (0-17), which did not win even one game all season, in their regular-season finale; PV, meanwhile, stands 15-8 after a loss at Rangely (12-11). The Volleys will get things underway facing PV at 9 a.m., with UC-PV following, and Ignacio-Union Colony ultimately closing the curtain.

"We're very happy, very excited ... it's the first time in forever that this has happened; it's probably a big blessing to us," said IHS ju-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Harmony Reynolds (5) gets a block against Hoehne during the Volleys' Fall 2021 regular-season finale Sat., Oct. 30, at neutral Rye H.S.

nior Grace Gonzales. "And we're proud of all the teams that have played us too; they put up a fight every time."

"I'm not nervous; I'm ready to play ... been practicing for so long," senior Lexy Young said. "I've been dreaming about this moment – being a senior, it's my last year – so ... just have fun, be ready for the next game!"

"I've told them, 'Let's take care of our side, do what we do,'" said Pontine. "If we play our game, that'll take care of the other side."

ADDITIONALLY

Hoehne will host Region X Friday, Nov. 5, welcoming No. 15 Sargent (15-6) and No. 27 Lyons (16-7).

"We missed basically a whole month of the season due to quarantines, so we're really kind of just getting into, you know, our groove," Mincic-Barry said. "We started running a new lineup just three games ago, a big

change, but ... I've had girls come out of nowhere that have stepped up, really like to play. That's a big help; I only have two seniors and three juniors in the program, so I've got a lot of kids figuring things out."

After posting a winning 3-0 Invitational record, Rye – now 18-5 overall and boosted to No. 9 in the aforementioned 2A poll – will entertain 17-seed Calhan (15-7) and 29-seed Olathe (13-9) in Region VIII on the 6th.

"Coming in we were ready to play Sanford and Ignacio," head coach Jamie Donlon said, following her squad's 25-15, 25-20, 25-21 sweep of SHS on Day 2, locking up first place with IHS second, Sanford (13-9) third and Trinidad (4-17) fourth. "We knew they'd be tough – teams going to the playoffs – so we were kind of excited; my team came with confidence they really hadn't had in the last couple weeks. That was ... a big confidence-builder."

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Forfeits finalize IHS' football season

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Monday morning, Oct. 25, the other shoe dropped. And with Ignacio Football barely treading water, sunk the Bobcats' once-promising Fall '21 season like cement galoshes.

Having elected to forfeit their 10/22 Senior Night home game versus 1A Southern Peaks Conference heavyweight Centauri, the decision was made – and announced in an e-mail from IHS Athletic Director Leo Garand – to also axe their slated finale Friday night, Oct. 29, at Del Norte.

"I've got nine kids left, so it was really tough; I wish we would have had the same 14 kids when we started, before we got hurt," IHS head coach Alfonso 'Ponch' Garcia said at the time, alluding primarily to a crippling wave of injuries, which first impacted Ignacio right before their SPC opener Oct. 8 against Center, but also indirectly to rumored academic troubles – likely compounded by on-field struggles. "Who knows what would have happened, you know what I mean?"

"We were in touch with them last week ... trying to give them the heads-up that



Joel Priest/SU Drum archive

Five game-day footballs – seemingly saluting Ignacio's 5-0 start to this season, the first such Bobcat outbreak since 2002 – lie on IHS' sideline, ready for use, before a Fall 2021 contest. Unfortunately, back-to-back forfeits – stemming from injuries and other issues – to Centauri and Del Norte concluded the once-promising campaign.

there could be a possibility we were not going to have a game," he continued. "The only way we were going to play was ... It would have to be a miracle."

"It is always difficult to not play a game for whatever reason, whether it be for COVID, eligibility issues or injury," DNHS head coach/AD Richie Madrid commented the next morning. "The Del Norte football team was looking forward to playing Ignacio, not because they are a league opponent but because it is Ignacio and you know the game is going to be competitive."

Following a second 2-0

forfeit loss in as many weeks, the 'Cats finished 5-4 overall but a most disappointing 0-4 in SoPeaks play. The Tigers, meanwhile, improved to 2-6, 1-2 (their 10/8 clash with Centauri was ruled a no-contest, due to pandemic-prevention protocols depleting both teams), but then fell to 2-7 overall after losing 49-0 to non-conference replacement foe Peyton.

"I'm really sad what's happened because I wanted our seniors to finish on a good note. And they don't get to finish like that now," stated Garcia. "They'll be very well-missed; it's a

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me next year?" he said. "Can I take top-ten at State or something big?"

Seeing firsthand the speed required to do so and coming up short of matching it Saturday morning, Oct. 30, Quintana nonetheless made much of his maiden grand finale, setting himself a cornerstone upon which to build his senior 2022 season.

Slicing off more than one minute, 40 seconds off his Stampede time, Quintana valiantly pursued his regional pace and clocked 18:59.6 as the last runner – out of 133 finishers – breaking 19 minutes (57th-place Chase Bodine, a Wiggins sophomore, finished in 19:01.9) under near-perfect conditions, but atop terrain the polar opposite of Confluence Park's.

"Starting off was good, cruising down the downhills, and then ... It was uphill, downhill, uphill, downhill," said Quintana. "Coach (Daniel Holley) says I'm on track, so we'll just go with what he's saying and keep up the work."

Naturally, some decorated entrants seemed to have little difficulty in the sunshine, not yet at its most intense. Lyons junior Tyler Ball crossed the finish line in 16 minutes, 16.7 seconds, followed by Crested Butte senior Connor Williams (16:28.6) and Ellicott senior Jodzuel Juarez (16:33.3), the Stampede winner.

Tops amongst Quintana's fellow qualified San Juan Basin Leaguers was Ouray sophomore Vincent Schierenberg, eleventh in

17:21.6; Mancos senior Edgar Hernandez finished next with a 19th-place 17:49.8. In the adjusted score-4 calculations, OHS finished 13th with 214 accumulated points while MHS ended up 16th with 253.

Earning the team title was Fort Collins Heritage Christian Academy – champs at the Stampede – which tallied a winning low of 54 points. Right behind them however, were both Colorado Springs St. Mary's (57) and LHS (60), with Rocky Ford (101) and Colorado Springs Thomas MacLaren Charter (116) rounding out the top five of 20 squads in contention. Plenty familiar with the layout, SMHS had finished third at the Stampede; MacLaren Charter took second.

Big Bodiez takes championship



photos courtesy SunUte

SunUte Recreation hosted its first Autumn Softball League since 2019, mdu to COVID-19. The league ran for six weeks with a two day tournament. There were four teams which came out and braved the cold weather to compete. Team "Big Bodiez" battled to take the Championship! League Champions, "Big Bodiez," top row: Kelsey Frost, Deja Herrera, RC Lucero, Bird Red, Heather Baker, Tasha Herrera, Tim Ryder, Patrick Littlebear, Melanie Tsosie, Bottom: Monika Lucero, DJ Pacheco, Jason Carmenoros, Allec Rodriquez, Tawnie Knight. "STFU" placed 2nd, "Merica" placed 3rd and "Middle's Open" placed 4th. SunUte Recreation would like to thank the Officials Skyler Mirabal, Ben Martinez and Virgil Morgan, along with the Score Keepers Laura Martinez and Cassandra Sanchez for working as a team to make this happen. Congratulations to all the teams, we hope to see you all next year!

2nd place winners, "STFU," top row: Robert Coronado, Danielle Coronado, Michael Toledo, Brian Wilhelm, Anthony Chamblee, Gerald Howe, Pedro & Rose Vigil, Bottom: Jaime Larkens, Felicia Toledo, Claudette Casaus, Megan McCoy.



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TRIBAL OBITUARIES



Billy Jack was a member of the Yellow Jacket drumming group in which he took great enjoyment and pride in. He also sponsored and coached a winning softball team. He most enjoyed hunting and fishing. One cannot express the joy he felt while being out in the wilderness, surrounded by nature, all while being in a wheelchair.

Billy Jack is survived by his mother, Bonnie; brothers: Duke and Grant Baker; Uncles: Clifton (Alice) Baker of Ignacio, Myron (Krissy) Baker of Cortez, Christopher A. Baker, Jr. of Las Vegas; Aunts: Carol (Richard) Olguin, Nancy Baker (Mike Sage) of Ignacio, Christine (Roger) Sage of Ignacio; Sister-in-law Mal-li R. Baker; Nephews: Peyton and Noah Baker; Nieces: Addie and Zuriah Baker; god parents: Eddie and Betty Box, Jr. and many cousins who each meant so much to him always hunting, fishing and riding back roads together.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather and grandmother Christopher and Ester Baker, Sr. and his great grandfather Julian Baker.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Weiss and the rest of the ICU staff. Memorial contributions may be made in Billy Jack's memory to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy or the Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club.

A rosary was recited on Monday, Nov. 1, 2021 at St Ignatius Catholic Church, with Mass of Christian Burial following. Burial took place after services at La Boca Cemetery.

BAKER – Billy Jack Baker AKA Billy Jack Christopher Elk Boy Baker passed away Oct. 25, 2021 at Centura Health Mercy Hospital in Durango.

Billy Jack was born on Feb. 11, 1978 to Bonnie K. Baker in Durango, CO. He was a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Billy Jack had a life changing accident when he was 15 years old. At the time he was attending Ignacio High School. He soon mastered life while being confined to a wheelchair and went on to graduate from Ignacio High School. Billy Jack carried his disability with honor, bravery and determination. He still wanted to maintain his independence and dignity.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



RGBA TRAINING CAMP FOR DIEGO

Hello,
My name is Diego Perez-Baker and I come from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Mexican heritage. I will be attending the 2021 Robert Garcia Boxing Academy Training Camp. This camp starts on Nov. 1 and is over a month long. I am an amateur boxer with four bouts, waiting to go professional by next year. The admission alone for the camp is \$5,000 and does not include airfare. Please help me in following my dream.

To donate at GoFundMe: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/2021-rgba-training-camp-for-diego>

GRATITUDE OF THANKS

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee would like to express their thanks for the Food Donation drive held at the Sky Ute Casino Rolling Thunder Lanes Parking Lot on Sept. 16, 2021.

- Friends of the North Fork Valley- providing the fresh food staples.
- Delta Learning Center, Alicia Michelson, Elyse Castleberry and Amanda.
- Sky Ute Casino for the use of the parking lot, complimentary room, security and staff who were on hand to assist.
- Tribal Treasurer, Marge Barry

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee has been working with our sister tribe, Ute Mountain Ute tribal members, the City of Delta and Delta Learning Center to revive once again the Delta Powwow.

To show their thanks for bridging the gap, the Friends of the North Fort Valley, organized by Alicia Michelson, provided food to share with our tribal members.

*Thank you all very much,
Southern Ute Powwow Committee*

EDITOR'S NOTE: ALL LETTERS PUBLISHED IN THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM ARE PUBLISHED AS SUBMITTED AND DO NOT REFLECT THE OPINION OF THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM OR THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE IN ANY WAY.
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KIDZ KLUB

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, GAMES, CRAFTS AND MORE AT KIDZ KLUB!

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Ignacio Floral has been in business for 31 years!

The business, equipment and inventory is now being sold with the option for a long-term space lease at it's current location.

For more information on how to make this established business yours, contact Kasey Correia at 970-769-1364.

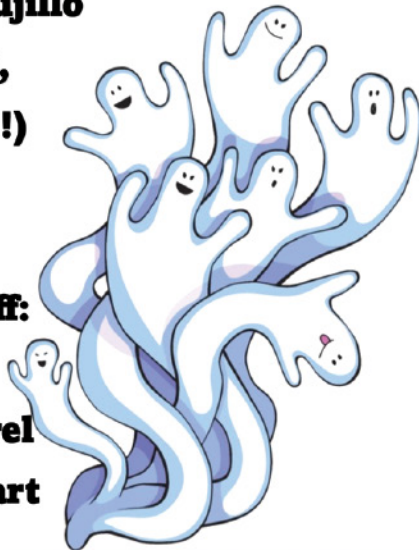


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HAUNTED HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

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**All Haunted House Donors,
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Hunter Frost, Christen Heart



FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE
Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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| • Distribution, Friday, Oct. 29: | NOON, Monday, Oct. 25, 2021 |
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2020 Southern Ute
Annual Report
now available

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

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

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



2020 Southern Ute Indian Tribe ANNUAL REPORT

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Correction

In a photo published in the Nov. 5 issue of the Drum, Kaylynn Weaver was misidentified at the Men’s Frybread Making contest.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Fish Tissue Laboratory Assessment

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified consultant to conduct fish tissue analyses for a study of metal bioaccumulation within the Animas River. The project area includes four sampling sites along the Animas River within the Tribe’s boundaries. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Attn: Taryn Chaya, Animas River/WIIN Coordinator, PO Box 737 MS #81, Ignacio, CO 81137. тчaya@southernute-nsn.gov. Proposals will be received through Dec. 3, 2021. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

Published: Nov. 5 & 19, 2021

Community’s Input Needed For
2021 Tribal Transportation Plan

The Tribal Planning Department is soliciting the community’s input to support the ongoing 2021 SUIT 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-

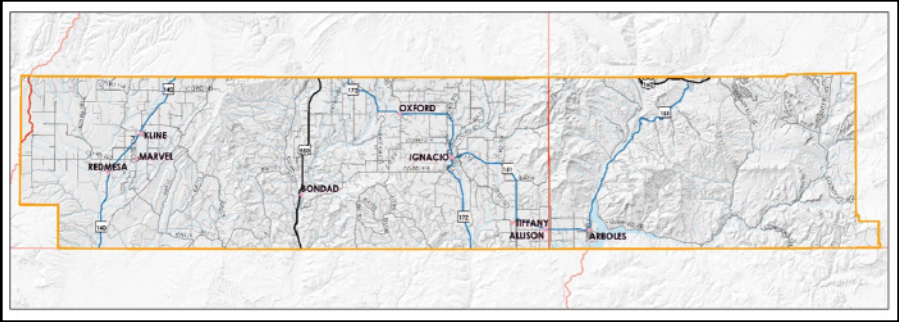


The plan will address transportation needs and issues. (Photo: Bridge South of Ignacio)

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.

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.

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. 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

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 admin-

istrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. Questions? Call the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

JOHNSON O’MALLEY COMMITTEE

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

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.

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 UTILITIES REMINDER
November Utilities Shut Off Notice

The Southern Ute Utilities Division would like to send a friendly reminder that shut offs will take place on **Nov. 3, 2021**. Customers enrolled in the automatic deduction should contact Tribal Finance to verify your deduction reflects the newly adjusted rate. Contact Edith Muniz at 970-563-5501 or Wahleah Frost at 970-563-5506.

Payments can be processed in the following ways:

- Online at www.suitutil.com/pay-my-bill
- Southern Ute Utilities Drive-thru
- Over the phone with a credit/debit card
- Via Wells Fargo BillPay, Ignacio branch.
- Tribal Deduction through Finance Dept.
- By mail: Southern Ute Utilities Division, P.O. Box 1137, Ignacio, CO 81137

- Over the phone: 970-563-5500
- Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUHA), Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Please contact the SUIHA at 970-563-4575 for more information. Utilities can also be covered through this program.

The Utilities Division Drive-thru Window and Waste Transfer Station are NOW OPEN Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and CLOSED on Sundays. The Waste Transfer Station is also open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Utilities Division Lobby remains closed until further notice. The office can be reached by dialing 970-563-5500.



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

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

*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

Room Attendant (Full-time)

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

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

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

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms.

Kitchen Utility Steward

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

Bowling and Rec. Counter Clerk (Full-time)

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

**Denotes 21 years of age or older to apply.*

*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.

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. Display a friendly and welcoming attitude.

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. Maintaining a professional appearance to clients and wearing the appropriate uniform at all times.

*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the Gaming Revenue Departments. Pulls the containers, and counts or verifies the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

*Property Shift Manager (Full-time)

Key License coverage for the Casino gaming area, providing leadership and oversight in the operation of all Casino activities in the absence of the General Manager. Assists in maintaining efficient gaming operations in accordance with the Division of Gaming Regulations of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Assists and monitors that appropriate actions are taken to ensure the safeguarding of company assets and the health and safety of guests and employees of the property.

Event Staff (On-call)

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

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.

Growth Fund 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.

GFMC Tribal Member At-Large – SUGF (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 11/22/21 – Assisting in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Growth Fund, as established by Tribal Council, and in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Financial Plan. Serves as a representative of the Growth Fund and assists in providing recommendations, updates, business plans, and attending Growth Fund Management Committee, GFMC, LLC, and Tribal Council meetings. The At-Large committee member reports to Tribal Council and must be a Southern Ute Tribal member.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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

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.

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.

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.

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. Position 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

FSCM Developer II (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 11/12/21 – Development and technical production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. Will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain Management applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the technical benefit of system enhancement as well as the implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

Southern Colo. Community Action Agency (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, Addiction Specialist/Program Coordinator, Monitoring Technician Substitute, Substitute Teachers, Teacher Assistant.

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

Animal Care Technician – So. Ute members only

Closes 11/9/21 – Under the general supervision of the Tribal Ranger Sergeant, assures the care of impounded animals and other duties related to the care of the site and the animals. Pay grade N7; \$14.48/hour.

Building Maintenance Technician

Closes 11/16/21 – 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.

Chief Judge Apprentice – Southern Ute tribal member only

Closes 11/16/21 – An apprentice position for a Southern Ute Tribal member to learn all the requirements and duties of the Chief Judge position in the Southern Ute Tribal Court. Mentoring, training, and all aspects of employee supervision will be performed by the current Chief Judge or delegate in accordance with SUIT Personnel Policies and Procedures. For purposes of employment, the successful candidate shall be classified as an apprentice. The Judicial Review Committee shall also provide insight, guidance, and recommendations when needed. The length of the trainee program is two years to five years depending upon experience and individual progress. Performance will be evaluated pursuant to the requirements of the Tribal Apprenticeship Program and annually with the Tribal Judicial Committee. The trainee will be eligible for wage increase based on performance evaluations and policies governing this position.

Clinical Supervisor

Closes 11/16/21 – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. This position also provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; \$67,244.15/year.

Deputy Court Clerk (Part-time w/benefits)

Closes 11/12/21 – Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner. Position is part-time w/ benefits. Pay grade N10; \$18.32/hour.

Detention Division Head

Closes 11/12/21 – 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.

Early Childhood Teacher Trainee – So. Ute members only

Closes 11/8/21 – Trainee position developed for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in teaching with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide SUIMA 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. Program is designed to last three (3) years but may be extended or reduced on circumstances. Position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N9 and be subject to bi-annual evaluations and pay increases. Upon successful completion of the training requirements, incumbent will assume the Early Childhood position.

Grounds Maintenance Worker

Closes 11/12/21 – Performs daily grounds maintenance and repair of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade N6 / \$13.47/hour.

Legal Assistant I

Closes 11/8/21 – Under general supervision of the Director of the Legal Department, responsible for reception, administration, and scheduling of departmental tasks, as well as assistant with the work of the Department's attorneys. Pay grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

Media Technician (Part-time) – So. Ute members only

Closes 11/12/21 – Part-time position only for the duration of a grant project; position is contingent on grant funds. Responsible for creating audio and video documentation of language very specific to grant project requirements. Pay grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

Active Kid Care Leader (Part-time)

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

After School Program Attendant

Open Until Filled – 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 implement-

tation, 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 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, Perio-Dental Assistant is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade 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. The Transportation/Detention Officer will be 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 – 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. 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 Agriculture Division equipment and/or secures repairs through outside vendors. Ensures that equipment maintenance and repair services are provided for the Agriculture Division/Custom Farm Program and other Tribal Depts., 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 Community Recreation 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



Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Personnel Dept.

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

Job Openings as of October 25, 2021

- Child Development Center, FT – Day Care Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Paraprofessional – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, FT – White Mesa Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, FT – Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter/EMT-P – Open Until Filled
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Director – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehab Counselor I – Open Until Filled
- WM Education, Adult Education Coach – Open Until Filled
- WM Education, Juvenile Interventionist – Open Until Filled
- WM Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled
- WM Recreation Center, PT – Assistant Director – Open Until Filled

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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.

Public Education Tutor (Temp./Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Guiding students to improve their academic performance through extended lessons, creative teaching, and interactive materials. The tutor will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Pays \$30/hour.

TEAM Worker – So. Ute Tribal Member only

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

TERO Worker

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Tumbling Tots/Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

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

Umpire/Referee

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Dept. sporting events. Pay grade N7; \$14.48/hour.

Ute Language Teacher (Part-time w/benefits) - Southern Ute members 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. Pay grade E12; \$27,141.75/year.

USDA Forest Service - San Juan National Forest
2022 Temporary Fire Hiring Outreach

The job vacancy announcements for the positions below should be offered through [USAJOBS.GOV](https://www.usda.gov/main/r2/jobs) during the following time frames:

Vacancies Open: 11/5/2021 and Vacancies Close: 11/12/2021

For more information about all Region 2 Temporary Fire positions being advertised during this time, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r2/jobs>

Announcement Number	Duty Location City	Point of Contact	Wildland Fire Position Title	Plan-Series-Grade
22-TEMPF3-R2-3867-3DH	US/CO - Bayfield	Noah Daniels – noah.daniels@usda.gov	Forestry Aid	GS-0462-3
22-TEMPF3-R2-0003-4DH	US/CO - Bayfield	Noah Daniels – noah.daniels@usda.gov	Forestry Technician	GS-0462-4
22-TEMPF3-R2-3869-5DH	US/CO - Bayfield	Noah Daniels – noah.daniels@usda.gov	Forestry Technician	GS-0462-5
22-TEMPF3-R2-3867-3DH	US/CO - Dolores	Vincent Mowery – Vincent.Mowery@usda.gov	Forestry Aid	GS-0462-3
22-TEMPF3-R2-0003-4DH	US/CO - Dolores	Kevin Lindner – kevin.lindner@usda.gov	Forestry Technician	GS-0462-4
22-TEMPF3-R2-2856-4DH	US/CO - Dolores	Tracy Milakovic – tracy.milakovic@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Lookout)	GS-0462-4
22-TEMPF3-R2-3451-5DH	US/CO - Dolores	Tracy Milakovic – tracy.milakovic@usda.gov	Forestry Technician	GS-0462-5
22-TEMPF3-R2-0003-4DH	US/CO - Durango	Gabe Vera – gabriel.vera@usda.gov	Helitack	GS-0462-4
22-TEMPF3-R2-0200-5DH	US/CO - Durango	Gabe Vera – gabriel.vera@usda.gov	Helitack	GS-0462-5
22-TEMPF3-R2-2036-4DH	US/CO - Durango	Tom Allbright – john.allbright@usda.gov Scott McCreary – scott.mccreary@usda.gov	IHC	GS-0462-4
22-TEMPF3-R2-2037-5DH	US/CO - Durango	Tom Allbright – john.allbright@usda.gov Scott McCreary – scott.mccreary@usda.gov	IHC	GS-0462-5
22-TEMPF3-R2-3867-3DH	US/CO - Pagosa Springs	Jesse Jones – jesse.jones@usda.gov	Forestry Aid	GS-0462-3
22-TEMPF3-R2-0003-4DH	US/CO - Pagosa Springs	Jesse Jones – jesse.jones@usda.gov	Forestry Technician	GS-0462-4
22-TEMPF3-R2-3869-5DH	US/CO - Pagosa Springs	Jesse Jones – jesse.jones@usda.gov	Forestry Technician	GS-0462-5

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Vacancies Open: 11/05/2021 and Vacancies Close: 11/12/2021

Announcement Number	Duty Location	Point of Contact	Position Title	Plan-Series-Grade
22-TEMP3-R2-2308-4DT-MM	BAYFIELD	Sean Kelly – sean.kelly@usda.gov	Range Technician	GS-0455-04
22-TEMP3-R2-2309-5DT-EW	BAYFIELD	Sean Kelly – sean.kelly@usda.gov	Range Technician	GS-0455-05
22-TEMP3-R2-2861-5DT-EW	BAYFIELD	Jed Botsford – jed.botsford@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Trails)	GS-0462-05
22-TEMP3-R2-0008-5DT-EW	BAYFIELD	Jed Botsford – jed.botsford@usda.gov	Forestry Tech (Wilderness / Trails)	GS-0462-05
22-TEMP3-R2-0017-5DT-EW	BAYFIELD	Jed Botsford – jed.botsford@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Recreation)	GS-0462-05
22-TEMP3-R2-0010-4DT-EW	BAYFIELD	Jed Botsford – jed.botsford@usda.gov	Forestry Technician	GS-0462-04
22-TEMP3-R2-0018-4DT-KP	BAYFIELD	Jed Botsford – jed.botsford@usda.gov	Forestry Tech (Wilderness / Trails)	GS-0462-04
22-TEMP3-R2-2860-4DT-MM	BAYFIELD	Jed Botsford – jed.botsford@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Trails)	GS-0462-04
22-TEMP3-R2-2466-4DT-EW	DOLORES	Martin Aksentowicz – sean.aksentowicz@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep)	GS-0462-04
22-TEMP3-R2-0041-5DT-MM	DOLORES	Martin Aksentowicz – sean.aksentowicz@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep)	GS-0462-05
22-TEMP3-R2-2362-7DT-EW	DOLORES	John Chmleir – john.chmleir@usda.gov	Archaeology Technician	GS-0102-07
22-TEMP3-R2-3271-9DT-EW	DOLORES	John Chmleir – john.chmleir@usda.gov	Archaeologist	GS-0193-09
22-TEMP3-R2-2309-5DT-EW	DOLORES	Corey Ertl – corey.ertl@usda.gov	Range Technician	GS-0455-05
22-TEMP3-R2-2308-4DT-MM	DOLORES	Corey Ertl – corey.ertl@usda.gov	Range Technician	GS-0455-04
22-TEMP3-R2-5389-5DT-MM	DOLORES	Pete Merkel – pete.merkel@usda.gov	Engineering Equipment Op Helper	WG-5716-05
22-TEMP3-R2-0017-5DT-EW	DOLORES	Bryce Paul – bryce.paul@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Recreation)	GS-0462-05
22-TEMP3-R2-2327-3DT-EW	DOLORES	Chris Bouton – christopher.bouton@usda.gov	Forestry Aid	GS-0462-03
22-TEMP3-R2-2452-8DT-EW	DOLORES	Chris Bouton – christopher.bouton@usda.gov	Engineering Equipment Operator	WG-5716-08
22-TEMP3-R2-0038-6DT-SB	DOLORES	Chris Bouton – christopher.bouton@usda.gov	Forestry Tech (Wilderness / Trails)	GS-0462-06
22-TEMP3-R2-2861-5DT-EW	DOLORES	Chris Bouton – christopher.bouton@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Trails)	GS-0462-05
22-TEMP3-R2-2860-4DT-MM	DOLORES	Chris Bouton – christopher.bouton@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Trails)	GS-0462-04

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22-TEMP3-R2-2706-7DT-EW	DURANGO	Eric Herchmer – eric.herchmer@usda.gov	Hydrologic Technician	GS-1316-07
22-TEMP3-R2-2705-6DT-MM	DURANGO	Eric Herchmer – eric.herchmer@usda.gov	Hydrologic Technician	GS-1316-06
22-TEMP3-R2-5389-5DT-MM	DURANGO	Pete Merkel – pete.merkel@usda.gov	Engineering Equipment Op Helper	WG-5716-05
22-TEMP3-R2-4550-8DT-MM	DURANGO	Ryan Halonen – ryan.halonen@usda.gov	Maintenance Worker	WG-4749-08
22-TEMP3-R2-2309-5DT-EW	PAGOSA SPRINGS	John Garcia – john.w.garcia@usda.gov	Range Technician	GS-0455-05
22-TEMP3-R2-2451-5DT-EW	PAGOSA SPRINGS	Paul Blackman – paul.blackman@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Recreation)	GS-0462-05
22-TEMP3-R2-2456-5DT-MM	PAGOSA SPRINGS	Paul Blackman – paul.blackman@usda.gov	Customer Service Representative	GS-0303-05
22-TEMP3-R2-2455-4DT-EW	PAGOSA SPRINGS	Paul Blackman – paul.blackman@usda.gov	Customer Service Representative	GS-0303-04
22-TEMP3-R2-0039-6DT-EW	PAGOSA SPRINGS	Tim Leishman – timothy.leishman@usda.gov Kevin Emde – kevin.emde@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep)	GS-0462-06
22-TEMP3-R2-0041-5DT-MM	PAGOSA SPRINGS	Tim Leishman – timothy.leishman@usda.gov Kevin Emde – kevin.emde@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep)	GS-0462-05
22-TEMP3-R2-2466-4DT-EW	PAGOSA SPRINGS	Tim Leishman – timothy.leishman@usda.gov Kevin Emde – kevin.emde@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep)	GS-0462-04
22-TEMP3-R2-0015-3DT-MM	PAGOSA SPRINGS	Tim Leishman – timothy.leishman@usda.gov Kevin Emde – kevin.emde@usda.gov	Forestry Aid	GS-0462-03
22-TEMP3-R2-2861-5DT-EW	PAGOSA SPRINGS	Tyler Albers – tyler.albers@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Trails)	GS-0462-05
22-TEMP3-R2-2860-4DT-MM	PAGOSA SPRINGS	Tyler Albers – tyler.albers@usda.gov	Forestry Technician (Trails)	GS-0462-04
22-TEMP3-R2-2327-3DT-EW	PAGOSA SPRINGS	Tyler Albers – tyler.albers@usda.gov	Forestry Aid	GS-0462-03

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KSUT PUBLIC RADIO
Tribal Media Center Director

KSUT Public Radio, a public media non-profit organization, located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in Southwest Colorado, seeks a Tribal Media Center Director with strong leadership, management and multimedia skills. The KSUT Tribal Media Center Director is responsible for overseeing and managing all administration and programming for the newly developed Tribal Media Center (TMC).

Essential Duties and Responsibilities: Working collaboratively with existing TMC partners and foster new organizational partnerships. Research, write and administer grants including reporting, to support TMC programs and projects. Project lead for Native Lens storytelling project: www.nativelens.org. Management and oversight of existing collaborative TMC projects including Native Braids: www.nativebraids.org and Dream Warriors: www.dreamwarriors.co. Planning, organizing and implementing projects, programs, trainings and work sessions to include other Native American media organizations. Coordination of multi-media training opportunities for Native American youth. Oversight of part-time youth engagement coordinator. Coordination with KSUT staff for dissemination of produced content on KSUT platforms. Maintaining archive of media files for future use, digitize content for content retention. Performing other duties and special projects as assigned.

Qualifications: Minimum three years broadcast and/or multi-media experience; Minimum two years in administration or management; Experience developing and implementing budgets; Experience working with a broad spectrum of individuals and communities, including Native American and/or Indigenous communities; Proficient in multi-media equipment and systems, including recording, video, editing and uploading produced files for distribution on media platforms. Computer literate.

Compensation: This is an exempt, salaried position and includes a benefits package. Wages will be negotiated depending on experience. Hours will be 40 per week, although some weeks may require more than 40 hours depending on events.

Additional TMC Offerings: State of the art broadcast training for tribal representatives

and Native media organizations from across Indian Country; Recording and sharing of historical family recollections of music, language and stories; Performance and recording studio for production of professional, high-quality recordings of contemporary and traditional Native artists; Safe storage of oral history and other audio archive.

TERO Compliance: Preference will be given to qualified Native American applicants in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Employment Rights Code. Appropriate verification of Native American status is required. Other than the aforementioned, Federal Law requires that all applications be considered without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin.

To Apply: submit a cover letter, resume and three professional references by November 17th to: Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director, tami@ksut.org. Full job description available at: www.ksut.org/employment-opportunities

KSUT Public Radio: KSUT was founded in 1975 by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a means of communication with tribal members. KSUT is now an independent non-profit organization and has two distinct FM signals: Four Corners Public Radio and Tribal Radio. Based in Ignacio, Colorado KSUT Tribal Radio serves the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, Jicarilla Apache and portions of the Navajo Nation with its terrestrial signals, and streams its signal at www.tribalradio.org KSUT Four Corners Public Radio serves five counties in Southwest Colorado and Northwest New Mexico including Durango, Bayfield, Silverton, Pagosa Springs, Farmington, Aztec, Mancos, Cortez and unincorporated areas in between. In October 2020, KSUT began broadcasting from the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center, a state-of-the-art 5,000 sq. foot facility in Ignacio, Colorado.

Tribal Media Center: The development of a Tribal Media Center, a key component of KSUT's comprehensive plan, builds on our last 45 years as an invaluable service to Native Americans in our region. The KSUT Tribal Media Center, in partnership with other Native-focused organizations, will offer multi-media training and production opportunities resulting in unique and compelling storytelling content.

KSUT is your Radio Station!
KSUT seeks one (1) enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors

KSUT was founded by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in 1976.
KSUT was one of the first Native American radio stations in North America.



Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot chief, Mountain Chief on a cylinder phonograph for the Bureau of American Ethnology (1916).

– photo Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

KSUT Board of Director Duties:

- Advance KSUT's mission as a community-supported public broadcasting organization serving Ignacio and the Four Corners community
- Monitor financial performance and adherence to budget
- Participate in fundraising and community events
- Serve as representatives and advocates of KSUT
- Oversee the Executive Director and execution of the strategic plan

Desired Skills:

- Knowledge of the Southern Ute community; Dedicated; and a Committed team player.

Board Member Term:

- Board member will serve a three-year term.

To apply, submit a letter of interest to: Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director
Email: tami@ksut.org or by mail: P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Info? Call 970-563-0255

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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

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 **December 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



FLY FISHING

Hidden in plain sight

Special to the Drum
DON OLIVER

For the past several years, when driving northeast on Highway 145 from Dolores, I have noticed several lakes on the east side of the road; the lakes are located at mile marker 17. I never gave them much thought, until recently when curiosity got the best of me. I now wish it had gotten the best of me sooner. The lakes are called Twin Spruce Ponds Fishing Lease. The lakes were originally gravel pits. When the gravel played out the pits were turned into lakes and filled with water from the Dolores River. According to Steve McClung with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), the lakes are leased from the Tibbitts Family. The lease was negotiated in 2015 and was originally set to last four years, it has since been extended. Hopefully this extension will allow the lakes to remain under CPW management for many years to come. When the lease was made with CPW they were initially stocked with 6,000 trout. The initial stocking is a drop in a bucket compared to the number of trout that have been stocked over the ensuing years. I also noticed the areas around the lakes were void of trash. According to Steve this is from the efforts of the CPW and volunteers from the Dolores River Chapter of Trout Unlimited. After talking with my fly



fishing partner, Kim, about the lakes we decided a day of float tubing was needed. As we pulled into the parking area it became obvious there were more than just the three lakes you can see from the highway. In fact there are eight lakes. Lakes one through three are at the southern end of the eight lakes. Here is where public parking and a port-a-potty are located. Lakes one through three are easy to access and launch a float tube. The lakes may be fished from the shore or any non-motorized watercraft. We fished lake two from our tubes in the morning and found it had lots of trout in. At least Kim did. For the afternoon we decided to fish lake number eight. Even though there is a really nice gravel road that parallels the lakes, there is a locked gate preventing vehicle traffic. Steve informed me that it was the CPW policy that the road would remain closed, year-round, to all vehicles. I can see the reasoning to close the road.

I think it will prevent the road from becoming a major thoroughfare and help protect the area. The walk from lake three to eight took about twenty minutes and was beautiful; remember it's fall. The walk, to and fro, convinced this old curmudgeon that for fly fishermen with artificial knees and hips, fishing ponds one through three is the best idea. However, since we survived the walk to lake eight, we were going to fly fish it. Accessing this lake from the shore proved to be challenging. There are lots of trees and bushes all around the shore, and since these were gravel pits there's not much bank to stand on. And, they get deep quickly, so there's very little shallow water to stand in. That said, Kim and I found various places to cast our flies from. And, similar to our experience at lake two, Kim proceeded to catch untold numbers of trout. While the lakes on this Saturday were virtually vacant, I would imagine that during the summer they can get crowded. So, if you have the ability to choose the day you want to fly fish on Twin Spruce, and don't want crowds, try Tuesday through Thursday. However, if you enjoy watching a parent help a youngster learn to fish, maybe even fly fish, go on the weekend. I like sitting in a chair and sipping ice tea; I might go on the weekend.

What's Happening at SunUte!

SunUte is open M-F 7a-7p and 8a-5p weekends

- SunUte is FREE to all members of SUIT, UMU and Ute Indian Tribe.
Call for more information
- 24/7 is open to EVERYONE with a SunUte membership (vaccinated and nonvaccinated)
call front desk to sign up! (begins 11/5/21)
- Gymnasium is open for drop in and noon ball
- Pool and hot tub are open
7a-7p M-F & 10a-4:30p on weekends
- Sauna is now open (begins 11/5/21)
please call front desk and make a reservation
- We have a full group exercise schedule
See web site for classes and times
- Active Kid Care is offered 8 times a week!
M-F 8:25a-11:30a & 5p-7p M, T, W
- Volleyball league started this week and youth basketball is coming soon!

Masks must be worn while at SunUte.
Thank you



Thank you for all your understanding as we navigate COVID and what is safest for all who enter.
SunUte staff

The Southern Ute Tribal Administration Offices will be Closed

- Nov. 11 & 12 in recognition of Veteran's Day
- Nov. 25 & 26 in recognition of the Thanksgiving Holiday

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good group of kids, one of the best I've had the pleasure of coaching." The senior Bobcats are Gabe Tucson, Shawn Campbell, Alric Hudson, Tyler Barnes and Jeremy Roderick. POSTSEASON GLANCE Having finished first in the 1A Santa Fe with a 3-0 record, PHS improved to 6-3 overall via routing Del

Norte and, having received the 16-team State Playoffs' No. 15 seed, will next visit No. 2 Centauri for first-round battle Saturday, Nov. 6, at 1 p.m. The winner will then face the survivor of No. 7 Strasburg (6-3, 4-0 Northern) and No. 10 Yuma (5-4, 2-3 North Central) in the quarterfinals. CHS (8-0, 3-0 SPC) clinched the SoPeaks crown on the 29th at Monte Vista,

prevailing 55-8 on the devastated Pirates' own Sullivan Field. Still awarded the Playoffs' No. 13 seed, however, MVHS (6-3, 3-1) will next travel to 4-seed Florence (8-1, 2-1 Tri-Peaks) and also get underway Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. The victor of 5-seed Wray (7-2, 4-1 North Central) and 12-seed Ault Highland (6-3, 3-1 Northern) will await the winner in the quarters.



did you know?

The Environmental Programs Division has a real time air quality monitoring webpage! To view, please visit www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring.

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.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Nov. 5



Sunny 65°F
5 to 10 mph morning winds

Saturday, Nov. 6



Sunny 67°F

Sunday, Nov. 7

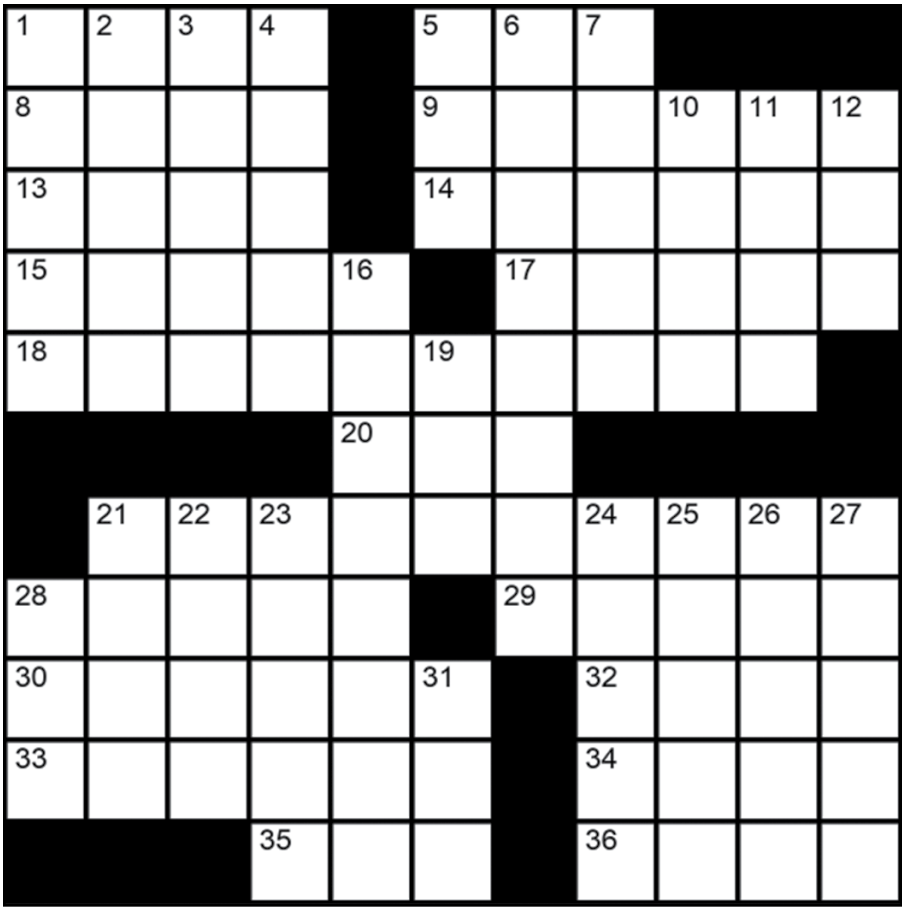


Sunny 65°F

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Enlisted sailor
- 5 Intel competitor
- 8 One of two in a dead man's hand
- 9 Computer pointer
- 13 One on or destined for Skid Row
- 14 Get air circulating for hospital filter
- 15 Throwing weapon
- 17 Dished
- 18 The Hidatsa
- 20 Whopper topper
- 21 Hopi HQ
- 28 Sweatbox
- 29 Middle Eastern rug
- 30 Cases for gastroenterologists
- 32 Turkey
- 33 Emperor of Japan
- 34 Abrading tool
- 35 Medal awarded to MacArthur in WW1 and WW2
- 36 Naval special operator

Down

- 1 Sudden convulsion
- 2 Unlike 21 Across, not an HQ, just a stone pueblo village
- 3 "American Idol" alumnus Clay ---
- 4 Two-time loser to McKinley
- 5 Statute
- 6 Largest city north of the Arctic Circle
- 7 Comparatively arid
- 10 Fill completely with food
- 11 S-shaped molding
- 12 Like Tickle Me Elmo
- 16 Gets back on as border is dissolved
- 19 Exclamation of contempt
- 21 Goddess with a necklace of skulls
- 22 "Disgusting!"
- 23 Work, as dough
- 24 Irritates
- 25 Kukla and Fran's partner
- 26 --- Hatch, former Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribal Chair
- 27 Force
- 28 Total
- 31 An org. or assn.

Answers for this crossword will appear in November 19 issue of the Drum.

Answers for October 22, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Inaja, 6 Umma, 10 V E Day, 11 Neon, 12 Amice, 13 Bylaw, 15 No-no, 16 Muesli, 17 Bear root, 19 Sra, 22 Vin, 23 N G S, 24 Tended to, 27 Aliens, 28 Glam, 32 Bambi, 33 Adobe, 34 Yarn, 35 Defat, 36 Slag, 37 Snide.
Down: 1 Ivan, 2 Nemo, 3 Ad in, 4 Jacob, 5 Aye, 6 Unburnt, 7 Meyer, 8 Molson, 9 Analog, 14 Wits, 16 Maids, 18 Evening, 19 Stab, 20 Relays, 21 Animal, 25 Debra, 26 Ogden, 29 Lo-fi, 30 A bad, 31 Mete, 33 Ads.