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The Southern Ute Drum: Winner of 9 Society of Professional Journalists awards in 2022!



Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Southern Ute Council Member, Linda Baker gives a warm hug to Tribal Attorney, Julianne Begay who has been a key member of the Tribal Water Quality Standards (WQS) team and its success.

WATER QUALITY

EPA approves the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Water Quality Standards

Staff report

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA) announced its approval of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s water quality standards under the federal Clean Water Act. This milestone approval culminates a 20-year effort by the Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division.

“EPA’s approval of the Tribe’s water quality standards is the culmination of years of work by the Tribe and its staff,” Southern Ute Chairman Melvin J. Baker stated. “The tribal approval process included consulting with EPA and the State of Colorado and an outreach and engagement process with tribal members and stakeholders. The Tribe appreciates the EPA’s approval and looks forward to implementing the standards and issuing water quality certifications to protect water resources on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.”

With EPA’s action, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe becomes only the 47th federally recognized tribe, out of 574 nationally, to have tribal water quality standards approved by EPA under the Clean Water Act. The ap-



Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Tribal Attorney, Julianne Begay, EPD General Assistance Program Manager, Jeff Seebach, and EPD Environmental Program Manager, Alexandra Ratcliff were presented with awards of recognition for their work on the Tribal Water Quality Standards (WQS) that were approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

proval allows the Tribe to protect the water quality of the lakes and rivers they use for swimming, boating, and fishing. The Southern Ute Indian Reservation is located in southwest Colorado and is comprised of lands within La Plata, Archuleta and Montezuma counties.

Water quality standards are state, territorial, tribal, or federal law that determine the water quality goals for rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands. Water quality standards serve as the basis for several Clean Water Act programs, including issuing permits for discharges and assessing water quality.

“EPA congratulates the Southern Ute Indian Tribe,

the Tribal Council, and Environmental Programs Division for their determination in building programs and expertise to protect valuable Tribal water resources,” said EPA Regional Administrator KC Becker. “We look forward to working together with the Tribe as a partner in ensuring clean rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands for tribal members.”

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s water quality standards apply to many waters within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation including portions of the La Plata, Animas, Florida, Los Pinos (or Pine), Piedra, San Juan,

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SOFTBALL

A brief history of the Los Pinos Spring Classic softball tourney

Tourney is a hometown tradition dating back to 1964



SU Drum archive

Participants of the 1982 Los Pinos Softball Tournament All Tourney Women’s Team pose with their trophies after the game. Pictured (not in order) are Karen Montoya, Dorthea Pinnecoose, Terri Duran, Florann Richards, Dianne Mestas, Vennie Valdez, Cassandra Naranjo, Gloria Hart, Robin Oliger, Monica Herrera, Trish Valdez and Misty Wilson.

Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Spring has arrived and many look forward to attending community, cultural, and sporting events throughout the season as we transition into warmer weather and longer days. The Los Pinos Spring Classic is one of many events that has made a comeback after a lengthy standstill due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year’s tournament is to be held Thursday, May 28 through Friday, May 29; the 52nd annual tournament will bring teams from various regions to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to participate in men’s, women’s, and coed softball.

The first Los Pinos Spring Classic held in 1964 began as a self-funded event by Southern Ute tribal member Clement J.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder, Clement J. Frost during an interview at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Friday, April 15. Frost is the founder of the Los Pinos Spring Classic softball tournament and former Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Frost along with the help of family members, volunteers, and local teams. Frost had the idea to host this tournament to offer another event for visitors to attend in conjunction with the annual Southern Ute Bear Dance, which is held during the same time. In doing so, the Los Pinos Spring Classic tournament

encouraged visitors and locals to be active, be safe, and learn more about the Bear Dance tradition.

The name for the tournament came from the nearby Los Pinos River which flows throughout the reservation to the San Juan River, “The riv-

Los Pinos page 18

To benefit Children’s Powwow



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Daisy Bluestar and Edward Box III hold a bear he made as one of the raffle give-away prizes. The non-profit, Native Love (Daughters of the Red Road) sponsored the Gourd dance to raise money for the upcoming Children’s Powwow to be held later this year.

See more Gourd Dance photos on page 13.



courtesy Rachel Shockley

Southern Ute Drum Editor/Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley stands with his newsroom’s culminative awards earned during the 2022 Top of the Rockies – Excellence in Journalism awards; a recognition reception took place at the Denver Press Club, Saturday, April 9.

MEDIA AWARDS

The Southern Ute Drum wins 9 Society of Professional Journalists media awards

‘Top of the Rockies’ covers Colo., N.M., Wyo. and Utah

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The 2022 Top of the Rockies journalism contest awards were announced at a reception Saturday, April 9 at the historic Denver Press Club in downtown Denver.

“Seventy-five media outlets plus a dozen freelancers from Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico entered this year’s contest, submitting 1,507 entries, an increase of 15% over the 2021 contest,” according to a PSA from the

SPJ pro Chapter. The contest is sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists’ professional chapters in the four states and is administered by the Colorado Pro chapter.

Drum wins page 19



courtesy Lorelei Cloud/SU Tribal Council

Southern Ute Lands Administration Coordinator Trainee, Wendell Vigil speaks to those in attendance at the Southern Ute Farm Assignment meeting, as Southern Ute tribal member Marvin Pinnecoose takes notes in the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility, Tuesday, April 12.

TRIBAL LANDS

First tribal member farm assignment meeting a success

Efforts underway to inform, encourage farmers

By Marvin Pinnecoose
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER

The first session of the tribal member farm assignment meeting was held on Tuesday, April 12, at the Multi-Purpose Facility. The meeting began with an explanation that we were gathered as a means of sharing knowledge, learning from each other's mistakes, and answering questions that arise from growing crops.

Our collective gathering is a way of sharing experience from our established farmers and to inspire people who are new to farming. We must always remember that land and water are very valuable resources and outside forces are always looking for a reason to take them from us if we are not using them. The notion of hard work and long hours were addressed multiple times. Clearly this is not work that one should take lightly when deciding to farm.

The meetings are open to any type of farmer, but it appears that we are mostly hay farmers or ranchers with cattle/horses. Chairman Baker said that he wakes up early in the morning to go out to his farm property on the other side of town, come back to shower and go to his job, and then to come home to change clothes to go back

out to the field and race the sun until it sets.

Many of us have adopted this way of life from May through October. Still, with hard work comes great achievement. Clearly this is a labor of love that is entrenched with sentimental value or just a need to work hard and make the most of a day.

In the meeting, we discussed how to apply for an agricultural assignment and went over the process of the application from beginning to approval by council. We also talked about the need for a five-year farm plan for people who want to apply for an assignment.

Councilwoman Lorelei Cloud explained the Tribe's holding of water rights and how our continued use of water in farming is crucial to our identity and our future.

We had Water Resources talk about their program and how it benefits the membership. We also had the Ag Department speak about the many services that they provide.

One issue brought up during the meeting involved the waiting list and timing of when hay is ready to cut and the reasons why it may take some time to get the hay processed, baled, and stacked. One of the goals we have is to look for oth-

er people in the area (with their own machinery) that we can hire during peak season. Having options will help alleviate bottlenecks in our need for services.

We even had a speaker from Pueblo Community College explain what types of programs are currently offered and she asked what kind of programs we would like to see in the future. There is a Pueblo Community College campus in Bayfield and they do offer a certificate program in Agricultural Business.

A comprehensive questionnaire was used to gather information about each person's assignment and the issues that they would like to resolve going forward.

I am currently compiling this information and will present to our leadership. I did receive phone calls and emails from a few people who were unable to attend this meeting but were interested in our efforts.

If you would like to fill out the questionnaire, please feel free to call or text me at 702-302-3972. All of our voices are important, and we have started off with great momentum. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a very productive meeting. Be on the lookout for our next meeting and the results of our questionnaire.

Many Moons Ago

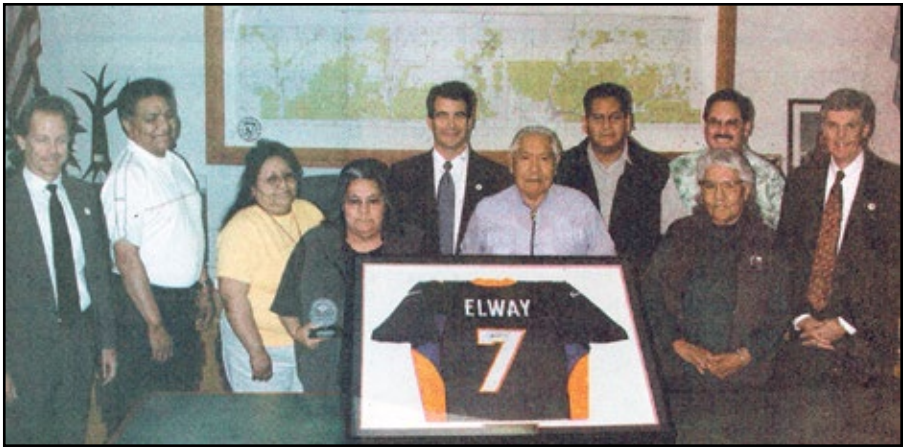


Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Lake Capote opened the gates to fisherman on Thursday, April 12. Snow flurries interspersed with clear skies and crisp air did not deter the many fishermen who descended on the lake for opening day. Drawing anglers from the Ignacio community and as far south as Farmington, N.M. Derby prizes were awarded totaling in the hundred-dollar range for specially tagged fish. Lake Manager Craig Reinhart manned the bait shop with a little help from Parks and Recreation Manager, Josh Batchelor.

This photo was first published in the April 20, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

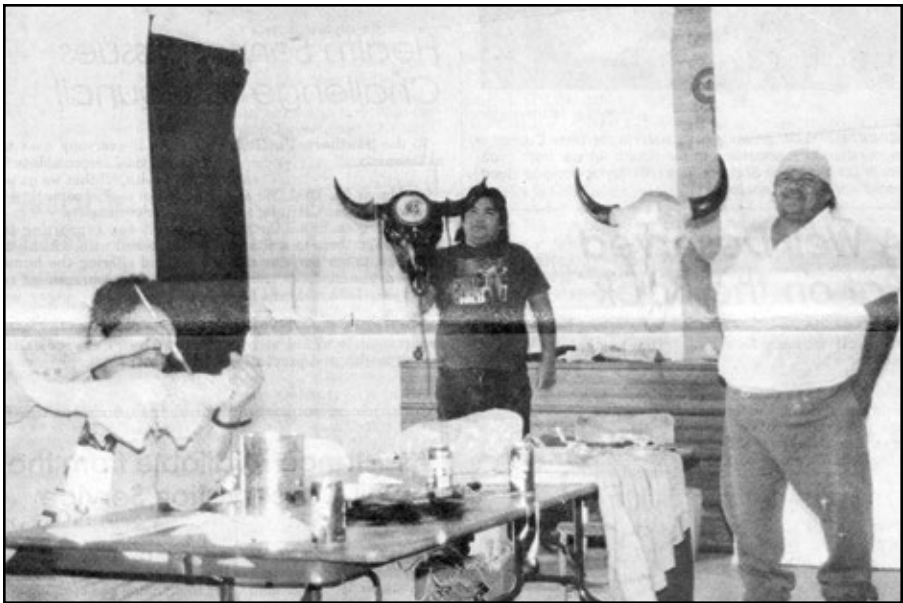


Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Officials with Bank One of Colorado recently came to Ignacio to report the completion of the sale of Southern Ute Tribal bonds to finance construction of the SunUte Community Center, Southern Ute Indian Academy, and soon the new Tribal Affairs Building. To commemorate the event, the bank officials presented the Tribe with an autographed John Elway/Denver Broncos jersey. It is expected the jersey will be displayed at the Community Center.

This photo was published in the April 18, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Tom Weaver/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Nathan Winder, Steve Rivera, and John Chad Williams show off buffalo skulls that they hope to market with the help of the Economic Development department. The skulls were purchased from the Denver Buffalo Company.

This photo was published in the April 18, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

40 years ago

A photo from the corresponding issue 40 years ago was not available in the Drum archives. Look for the 40 years ago photo in the May 6, 2022, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



**Southern Ute
BEAR DANCE WORKSHOP**

**9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Sky Ute Casino Events Center**

**Inviting All Tribal Membership,
Tribal Employees, Public Schools
General Public and all who are interested.**

**Please adhere to the Sky Ute Casino Resort's
current COVID-19 Guidance.
Visit their website at: www.skyutecasino.com
for up to date guidance and operating hours.**

The current guidance is as follows:

- Mask Mandate for all Guests & Employees have been lifted.
- No Smoking or Vaping in ALL Indoor Spaces.
- Temperature Checks Upon Entrance.

Info: Bear Dance Chief, Matthew J. Box, 970-759-7038


Top photo: Unknown photographer (circa 1979/80) • Bottom photo: Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum (2017) • Designer: Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

**2022 Intertribal Opioid
Wellness Summit**
June 21*-24

"Nuh-Nuh-Muh" (Together) Reconnecting & Healing
Uintah Conference Center | Vernal, Utah

* Pre-conference Sessions & Activities: June 21





UtahStateUniversity
College of Education & Health Sciences
Tribe & Rural
Opioid Initiative



Utes grace State Capitol



Tribal leaders stand together in the Colorado State Capitol in celebration of Ute Day on Monday, April 11, 2022. Legislators throughout the State of Colorado and tribal leaders from all three Ute tribes gathered for introductions and discussions on how to improve opportunities for Colorado’s oldest continuous residents.



The Southern Ute Veterans Association opened this year’s Ute Day recognition by posting the colors and proudly displaying the tribal flags.



Chairman Melvin J. Baker greeted the attendees of the Ute Day, Legislative Breakfast which began the day-long events.

Photos by Lindsay Box
Southern Ute Council Affairs

Southern Ute Bear Dance

May 27 – 30, 2022

Bear Dance Corral Blessing: 10:30 a.m., Fri., May 27
Bear Dance Feast: 12 p.m., Mon., May 30
Bear Dance Chief: Matthew J. Box

BEAR DANCE RULES: No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing. Photography, Video & Audio Recording is prohibited; except by members of the Ute Tribes. The Southern Ute Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft. The Pine River is RESTRICTED.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is adhering to all CDC guidance regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Face covering use is at the discretion of all attendees. Proof of vaccination will expedite entry into the Bear Dance, all other participants will be subject to COVID-19 screening protocol.

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

Bear Dance etiquette at HOPE



courtesy Trae Seibel

Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box and his family gave a workshop on the Bear Dance to the Hope Community Christian Academy, Thursday, April 14. Bear Dance Chief Box spoke of the history and protocol of the Ute dance, which is held traditionally each spring. The workshop included Bear Dance rules and participation information. Box, a former Southern Ute Chairman, also spoke about the Southern Ute Tribe to the Hope Academy students and staff.

Powwow time in Fort Collins



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Yellow Jacket Singers of Ignacio, Colo. gathered as an invited guest drum at the 28th annual Northern Colorado Intertribal Powwow Association (NCIPA) Powwow — held Friday, April 8 through Sunday, April 10. This powwow is hosted at the Northside Aztlan Community Center in Fort Collins, Colo. offering singing, dancing, various artists, vendors, and hospitality.



Robert “R.C.” Lucero guides daughter Aaliyah Lucero in the dance arena during the tiny tot’s dance competition Saturday, April 9 at the NCIPA powwow. After each session children receive small gifts and prizes for their participation; children are encouraged to continue their dancing within the powwow circuit as they grow older.

Come together...

Powwow Spring Celebration

Saturday, May 28, 2022
1:00 pm to 7 pm
Ute Park
256 Ute Road, Ignacio, CO
All Drum Groups, Singers, and Dancers are invited!

SOUTHERN UTE POW WOW COMMITTEE

Powwow Committee:
Chairman: Mikki Naranjo – 970.317.1710
Vice-Chairman: Tara Vigil – 970.799.0615
Treasurer: Dona Frost – 970.553.9291
Secretary: Rochelle Aguilar – 970.759.1722
Members: Jalisa Paul, Brandi Raines, and Edward Box III

BRING OWN CHAIRS - NO DINNER BREAK – NO VENDORS
NO FOOD STANDS – NO CONTESTS

The Powwow Committee is not responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft. Alcohol, drugs, and weapons prohibited



HEALTHY RECIPES

Fiber is the bomb!

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

It helps you feel full, helps to lower cholesterol, and keeps you regular, what more could you want from a nutrient? Want more? It also keeps your blood sugar from rising too quickly and feeds our good-gut bacteria! This recipe has fiber and protein from black beans and quinoa along with a variety of nutrients from veggies, herbs, and spices. While this news might not be exciting for everyone, we can all still enjoy the mixture of flavors and textures. Serve this for lunch or as a side dish with dinner. Healthy Eating!



courtesy Yummly

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

Mexican Quinoa

- Ingredients:
- ½ cup dry quinoa
 - 1 cup water
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 ½ tablespoons lime juice
 - ¼ teaspoon coriander
 - ¼ teaspoon cumin
 - 2 tablespoons cilantro, finely chopped
 - 2 medium green onions, chopped
 - 1 15oz can no added salt black beans, drain and rinse
 - 1 tomato, diced
 - 1 medium red bell pepper, diced
 - 1 Poblano pepper, diced
 - ¼ teaspoon salt
 - ¼ teaspoon pepper

- Directions:
1. Rinse quinoa in cold water. Place quinoa and water in a saucepan, bring to a boil. Turn down and simmer for 15 minutes. (If quinoa is still not done, add 2-3 tablespoons of water, cook 2 more minutes, then remove from heat and keep covered for 5 minutes). Cool for 15 minutes.
 2. Meanwhile, in a small bowl mix together: olive oil, lime juice, coriander, cumin, cilantro, and green onions.
 3. In a large bowl, mix: black beans, tomatoes and peppers.
 4. Stir olive oil mixture into bean and veggies, mix well to coat.
 5. Add quinoa, stir to combine. Add salt and pepper. Cover and place in refrigerator to chill.

Servings: 6
Nutrition per serving: Calories 208, Fat 6.6g, Carbohydrates 30g, Dietary fiber 8g, Protein 9g

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: New substance use prevention educational sessions offered: “Parents’ Night Out”

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

It’s that time of year! Activities and events in full swing! Spring is here. We are out and about enjoying each other’s company and our youth are out socializing. They are playing sports, going to afterschool activities, and attending personal and community events. It’s a beautiful time of the year and as parents we also know now is the time, we have the “talk” with our youth about how to stay safe at all these activities and events. One of those talks might be about substance use, right? So, where and how do we have this conversation

with our youth? Southern Ute Native Connections will now offer “Parents’ Night Out” educational sessions. Over 80 percent of young people ages 10 to 18 say their parents are the leading influence on their decision about whether or not to drink alcohol. Yet many parents do not have these important conversations. As part of our commitment to supporting local youth, the Southern Ute Native Connections Program is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s “Talk. They Hear You.” campaign and the new

“Parents’ Night Out” educational sessions for parents and caregivers. Working together, parents and caregivers will now have access to campaign materials and support aimed at equipping them with information, skills, and confidence to talk with youth about the risks of underage drinking and substance use. According to the 2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, alcohol continues to be the most widely misused substance among our nation’s young people. However, in recent years, other drugs, such as marijuana and prescription pain medication, have become increasingly prevalent among youth.

Our community is no different. The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division and Native Connections Program has been keeping track of data collected in our region to monitor changes in youth substance use. The “Talk. They Hear You.” campaign will help to address these alarming statistics by enhancing our local efforts to educate citizens on the risks and consequences of substance misuse. The information and materials available through the campaign will augment parents’ and caregivers’ commitment to talk with children about the risks of alcohol and other drugs.” SAMHSA’s “Talk. They Hear You.” campaign is a national media campaign with a host of useful resources for parents, including fact sheets, brochures, infographics, and public service announcements.

Historically, the campaign has equipped parents with the knowledge and skills to increase actions that reduce and prevent underage drinking. Recently, it has expanded its messaging to include other substances, such as marijuana and prescription drugs. The campaign now offers resources to assist parents in talking with young children about those other drugs. For more information

Local Resources

- **Southern Ute Health Center, Behavioral Health Division:** 4101 CR 222 Durango, Co 970-563-5700. For local Native Americans. We are here to support mental health, substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Please call to schedule an appointment to talk to someone.
- **Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO 970-563-2331 or dss@southernute-nsn.gov for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **Southern Ute Police Dept.:** Anonymous Tip Hotline Do you have information about a crime? Please call 970-563-4999. This “Tip Line” was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously, if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The “Tip Line” is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it DOES NOT replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police number (970) 563-4401.
- **St Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4241.
- **Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave, Ignacio, CO 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 a 24/7 phone line at 1-800-273-8255 if you are thinking of suicide or need help for a loved one.
- **The Trevor Project:** Which seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.
- **24/7 Axis Crisis Line:** SW Colorado 970-247-5245 or Text 741741

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Sign up for a **FREE**, healthy meal kit for you and your family with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness’s **NEW** monthly program—**Shining Mountain Fresh**

Sign up for your meal kit now! Use the link below, or scan the QR code to quickly register in under 2 minutes!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshMarch>

Sign-up Deadline: Monday, April 25th
Pickup Date: Wednesday, April 27th*

Meal Kit Includes:

- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

Contact: Margann Graham (970)-563-2349
If you need to schedule a different pickup time/date, please reach out to Margann

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

The Southern Ute Division of Social Services is recruiting foster homes in Ignacio and nearby communities to help provide safe and stable family home care to children in need of protective services.

Will you help?

CONTACT DSS TODAY!
FOSTER CARE COORDINATOR KELLIE YAZZIE
CALL/TEXT: Cell/Text: 970-749-7420
Email: kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children

Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) has been used for over 35 years and remains popular today because the teachings are timeless. Historically, we had rich teachings that helped children grow up safe with strong families. Colonization threatened those teachings—our Native families were being separated and traditional practices were at risk of being lost. PIP was developed in the 1980s to fill this void and was designed to help parents and families remember our traditional teachings and apply them in the modern world.

In part one of each session we will discuss examples of traditional practices and teachings from several different tribes. Instructors also share teachings from local areas and communities. Part two of each session discusses how to apply those teachings and values today. Complete all 8 sessions to receive a certificate.

WHERE: Mouache Capote Building, 116 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO
Conference Room #148

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays in May 2022
May 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO SIGN UP EARLY

Call Kellie at Southern Ute Division of Social Services to sign up
(970) 563-2337

Division of Social Services
116 Capote Dr.
Ignacio, CO 81131
(970) 563-2332



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

CHILDRENS HEALTH

Tùuchupikivi Suumuguavi “Good Brain, Strong Heart”

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Spring Fever

Oh, the joy of spring! Warm breezes, daffodils breaking through to meet the sun, longer days, and non-stop itchy eyes, runny nose, and sneezing. While not everyone has those last three experiences once the air starts to warm, about 15% of children in the United States do. We call it “hay fever” or “seasonal allergic rhinitis” or “seasonal allergic conjunctivitis.” While having these symptoms can really put a damper on the delights of the season, there are ways to control them and enjoy spring again.

First, the name: the seasonal part refers to symptoms that occur only part of the year versus those that occur year-round. While the season the allergies occur in can be different from person to person – many people experience them in the spring, but some have them in the summer or fall – the key is that they are not year-round. Year-round symptoms usually suggest the cause is not a pollen but perhaps dust mites or a pet.

While it rolls off the tongue easily, the term hay fever is misleading as the allergy can be to be to many, many other pollens and there is no fever involved. Which pollen is causing the symptoms depends on what plants are around you and blooming at that time. Some of the prominent outdoor allergens in our area in April are tree pollens – particularly juniper

and oak. Grass pollens usually follow and then weeds with the common allergen ragweed blooming from late summer until the first frost. Some people are allergic to only one pollen and only have symptoms during the weeks that is blooming, but others are allergic to many and may have symptoms from spring to fall.

Seasonal allergies result from the immune system reacting to pollen and causing the release of a chemical that results in the runny and itchy eye and nose symptoms we experience. This reaction can be inherited. Also, children who have asthma have a higher likelihood of having seasonal allergies. Sometimes allergy symptoms can even make a child’s asthma worse and treating the allergies can make their asthma easier to control.

The most common symptoms of seasonal allergies are itchy, watery eyes; itchy, runny nose, and sometimes an itchy roof of the mouth or inner ears. Nasal congestion can lead to mucous dripping down the throat, causing a sore throat or a cough. Sometimes it gets in the way of getting a good night’s sleep and results in fatigue.

Fortunately, for most people, seasonal allergens can be managed with things you can do at home. First, avoid exposure to allergens when you can through closing windows or avoiding areas with a lot of the pollen that you think is causing symptoms. When you can’t avoid the pollen, try to wash it off when you can. Wash-

ing your hair and face can help get some of the pollen off and can be particularly helpful before bed. If the symptoms persist, older kids and teenagers can use allergy medications that don’t need a prescription. These include saline nasal washes, glucocorticoid nasal sprays, antihistamine eye drops, and oral antihistamine medications. Always read the bottle very carefully to be sure it is ok to use in a child your age or call your provider to check. There are additional medications to treat allergies which your child’s doctor may prescribe after a visit to see them.

When all these efforts still aren’t controlling the symptoms well enough, it can be helpful to see an allergist for skin testing to determine the specific pollen causing the symptoms and maybe to discuss immunotherapy treatment. This can take the form of the well-known allergy shot, or, for some allergens, a tablet that dissolves under the tongue.

Seasonal allergies can really put a damper on being outside, but there are ways to try to reduce the symptoms and get back to enjoying spring – and summer and fall!

For more information about environmental allergies in kids and teenagers, try healthychildren.org, or hopkinsmedicine.org.

If you want to make an appointment to see a provider to talk about allergies, or any other concern about your child, call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Warning signs that someone has experienced sexual violence

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

Sexual violence is a far too common thing throughout Native communities. According to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, Native Americans are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual violence in their lifetime. As we know, this may be even higher due to the lack of reporting common in Native communities. Sexual violence is any type of sexual activity done without consent. We often don’t know when someone is struggling with something. Sexual violence is no exception.

If you believe someone you know and love has experienced sexual violence, here are some warning signs:

Pulling out of their favorite activities or hobbies

Your relative may be showing little or no interest in their favorite activities. Small signs of loss of trust. Your relative might stop trusting you or your family members with small or large things.

Isolation

You may notice that your loved one is absent or turning down more invitations. They may have secluded themselves in their homes or workplaces or finding reasons to spend

more time alone or with very few people.

Signs of depression or energy fatigue

Your relative may be starting to show signs of depression. This can include changes in appetite and weight, conversations that include hopelessness or lack of outlook on life, and either uncontrollable emotions or numbing of emotions.

Loss of interest in conversations or seeming spaced out

Your relative might be experiencing zone out or feelings of disconnection while in the middle of a conversation. This could look like slow responses to questions, looks of lost in thoughts or slower speech when talking.

Seeming to be uncomfortable when talking about sex or topics related to sex

This can be a little hard to detect if you don’t already know how comfortable someone is with talking about the topic of sex. But if you see a dramatic change in the comfortability of one’s expression and opinions of sex this could be a sign of sexual violence.

If your partner has a change in interest in sex or being touched

If you are concerned that

your partner may have experienced sexual violence, one warning sign may be that they no longer show interest in sex and pull away when you try to approach or touch them. The main component here is that they seem to have lost trust or interest in sexual touch, but not necessarily in your relationship.

While not every sexual assault or rape leaves physical injuries, here are a few to look out for:

- Bruising
- Vaginal or anal bleeding
- Broken or dislocated bones
- Difficulty walking

It can be difficult to talk with someone who has experienced something as traumatic as sexual violence. But as a relative, your support can mean a lot to a victim-survivor. StrongHearts Native Helpline is here to chat about ways that you can support a relative experiencing the effects of sexual violence. Call or text 1-844-7NATIVE or chat here on strongheartshelpline.org, advocates are available 24/7 for free, safe and confidential support. If you would like more information about how you can help someone in an unhealthy or abusive relationship visit our Help a Friend or Relative page.

Your body. Your sovereignty. Your decision.

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tion about “Talk. They Hear You.” and how parents and caregivers can help prevent underage drinking and other drug use, visit www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov.

How can you take sign up for the “Parents’ Night Out” Education Sessions?

The Southern Ute Native Connections Program plans on starting the “Parents’ Night Out” program which consists of three 1-hour long sessions in June. Light snacks and prizes will be available for all those in attendance. More details and event flyer will be coming out soon!

For more information you can call the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700.

If you need to talk to someone, please reach out.

It’s okay not to feel okay. If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections

Program at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.

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25% of youth have reported a pandemic-related decline in their mental health. Free, confidential therapy is available through #IMatterColorado. Learn about how youth in your life can access these free sessions at IMatterColorado.org.



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- Melissa, Fort Collins





Photo: Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health challenges or substance use, please reach out to the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700.



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- April 11, 5:30-7:30
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- May 9, 5:30-7:30
- May 16, 5:30-7:30

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What is Love & Logic?

"Love and Logic is a philosophy of raising and teaching children which allows adults to be happier, empowered, and more skilled in the interactions with children. Love and Logic is a way of working with children that puts parents and teachers back in control, teaches children to be responsible, and prepares young people to live in the real world, with its many choices and consequences."

Love & Logic skills are useful with children of all ages!



SUIMA

From the Eagle's Nest

Kwanachigani pə'əkwatn - Eagle's Nest

By Principal Mari Jo Owens
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

As with many schools in our country, SUIMA students are gearing up for their end of the year student assessment period. With the students on campus, as opposed to last year, these assessments will be done quickly and efficiently. With the learning that has taken place this school year, we expect to see some wonderful results.

Of course, just as important as teaching and assessing those reading and math skills, is keeping alive the student's sense of wonder and connection with their natural world. Recently, the Durango Nature Studies worked with the elementary level, bringing math, reading and science skills to a walking field trip to Scott's Pond and the Pine River. The early childhood/primary level used their math skills as they counted the number of eggs that we found during their Easter egg hunt. No matter the age, students gain a connection to nature once they step foot out into it. With this week ending Earth Week, the Earth (təvəpə) was cared for by the planting of trees and flowers, the collection of litter and the enjoyment that student have just by being in nature. It is a good time of the year.

Tumiikukh kwanachiu – Eagles of the Week

Our first tumiikukh kwanachiu is 11-year-old, Keyon Alston. His Ute name is Kə-si'nipə'igyetə which means "Smiling Eyes." Keyon is a fifth grader who has been with SUIMA for as long as he is old. His favorite book is Bad Guys, which he read as a challenge with others in his class. Keyon has a huge heart and cares for his classmates. He does his best to be a good leader, is respectful to all the adults he encounters, and tries to help everyone with any project. He enjoys telling jokes and making people laugh. He can often be found trying to help a peer when they are having a bad day. He loves pizza – almost any kind, and Reese's – any kind! Keyon, who thoroughly enjoys football and basketball, is very athletic and willing to try his skills with other sports. Other than

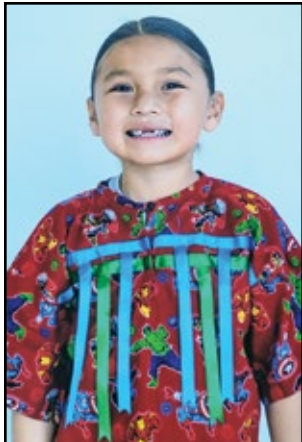


courtesy SUIMA

Meskvlvv Wesley, Lawrence Santisteven II, Landon Miles, Destiny Valdez, and Shayne White Thunder ventured out on a chilly walk with their teacher, Danielle Burns, Wednesday, April 13, to partake in the groundbreaking ceremony for Dancing Spirit's new building. Currently, Dancing Spirit is housed in the ELHI building, but in the future, they will be in a new state of the art building. Dancing Spirit works with SUIMA weekly for the after-school programs as well as offering specially requested art lessons to coincide with in-class Montessori lessons.



Keyon Alston
Fifth Grade



Landon Miles
First Grade

his favorite activity of playing video games, he can be found spending time with his buddies and his dog, Lulu.

Our other tumiikukh kwanachiu is Landon Miles. His Ute name is Kayavawatu, which means "Brave." Landon is a first grader, who is in lower elementary and who has been at SUIMA off and on for a total of four years. His favorite food is pizza, any kind and for any day of the week! When Landon is at school, he can be found working on almost any subject, asking questions, and enjoying the STEM activities. One subject that he is getting good at, is the Ute language. Landon's favorite book is the book titled, Nibbles by Emma Yarlett. When he is not at school, his favorite activity is hanging out with his family, being outside, and playing with his Juras-

sic World dinosaurs. He is very knowledge when it comes to dinosaurs and is an expert at knowing the names and types of dinosaurs from all over the world.

'apagha nuu

Our monthly Family Night was held on April 12. With the topic being "Ute BINGO" there were many parents who joined the Zoom event. Bryan Howe (a.k.a. Unu'nitə), Joe Howell (a.k.a. Seekwanachi), and Tenet-ke Wesley (a.k.a. Unu'nitə) were the winning students! It was a night of laughter and fun! If any parents still have the Bingo cards, use them to help your child grow the Ute words. As always, reach out to the school for support on how to say the words; go to Speak Ute Now on our website, or find the word in the Ute Dictionary.

Ready to wear



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ignacio High School students of Ms. Leash's class are beginning to finish various sewing projects they have been working towards completing this semester. On Monday, April 18 a group of students proudly show off their ribbon skirt and ribbon shirt projects at the Ignacio High School commons area.

Student Adriano Phillips works diligently to complete a ribbon shirt on Monday, April 18 in the Fishbowl which is located in the Academic Wing of Ignacio High School. Multiple sewing machines are available within the small learning space for students to complete their projects.



ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD NOMINATIONS

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

Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are: A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Deserving; A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program; Interested in continuing his or her education; Interested in serving the Tribe and the community; and Approved by the Department of Education. An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 2022 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For information contact Ellen at 970-563-2793 or email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Tribal student.

Scholarships are available for the 2022-2023 academic year

Southern Ute Scholarship Program

Certificate, Associate, Bachelor, Master or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is 5:00 pm July 1st 2022
- Part-time scholarships are also available-Due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Scholarship applications are now available on-line or you can pick them up in-person

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



For more information: Michael Kirsch-
Academic Advisor
970-563- 2783
E-mail: mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov

Nuu'apaghapī – Ute phrases

Retired teaching guide, Edwina Watts, enjoyed creating this song as she worked with the students at SUIMA. Thank you, Ms. Eddie, (a.k.a. Pachichin).

Days of the Week Song

by Edwina Watts

Every week has seven days.
See how many you can say.
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Saturday, Saturday.

Every week has seven days.
See how many you can say.
Tumiikukh, Kwasutavay
Wáykutugyarikyatu, Paykutugyarikyatu
Whchutugyarikyatu, Suwasáavaru
Sáavaru, Sáavaru.

Upcoming events

- April 22 – No school – Professional Development for staff
- April 26 – Parent Advisory Group meeting
- May 4 – Bear Dance workshop
- May 10 – Family Night. Topic TBA
- May 16 – SunUte sponsored walk
- May 18 – Field Day
- May 19 & 20 – primary level field trips
- May 20 – upper elementary poetry slam
- May 26 – End-of-the-year ceremony. Details will be coming out soon
- May 27 – Opening of Bear Dance



SOUTHERN UTE
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The Powerhouse Amplified: A Guitar Gala

Join us for "The Powerhouse Amplified: A Guitar Gala" on Saturday, April 30, 6 – 8 p.m. This fundraising event offers an exclusive preview of Medieval to Metal, a touring exhibition celebrating the guitar's unique history and development, on display at The Powerhouse May 1. Enjoy food, drink, and a live musical performance from guitarist Tyler Simmons. Tickets are \$75 with sponsorship packages available.

SUIMA PARENT ADVISORY GROUP (PAG)

APRIL 26
6:00 TO 7:00 P.M.



STUDENT: SAGE VELASQUEZ
VIRTUAL MEETING LINK WILL BE SENT VIA REMIND
TEXT MESSAGING TO SUIMA FAMILIES.
ATTENDANCE WILL BE COUNTED TOWARDS
PARENT COMMITMENT REQUIREMENT.



SCSYAC going away



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Tribal Council, the Southern Ute Education Department, and Executive Officer James “Mike” Olguin extend their best wishes to the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) in their future endeavors on Friday, April 15 at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort Event Center.

SCSYAC Members received bright and colorful Pendleton blankets with personalized embroidery, including their years of service to the community and the youth council.



HEALTH FAIR

Community health fair set for May 7 in Ignacio


Free and affordable health screenings to be offered

Staff report
9HEALTH:365 formation about 9Health:365 community health fairs and a complete list of health fair locations, dates and times and available screenings offered at each site, visit <https://9health365.org/health-fairs/fair-result>.
“With rising costs and inflation’s impact on the health care industry, these free and affordable health screenings are a vital resource to fill the gap for those who lack access to preventive health care and those who have high deductible insurance plans or no insurance at all,” added Drews.
Medical professionals will be on site to offer advice and assistance, helping participants to decide which screenings are right for them.
For those unable to attend a community health fair, 9Health:365 and Quest Diagnostics have partnered to offer the same affordable health screenings at Quest Diagnostics Lab Patient Centers (PSC). No doctor’s visit or insurance is needed.
In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, 9Health:365 fairs will follow CDC safety guidelines and require participants to wear masks. While walk-up screenings will be accepted, appointments are encouraged.
Each year, 9Health:365 relies on the dedicated support of volunteers to offer free and affordable health screenings and help improve health awareness. Those interested in volunteering or serving as site leads are encouraged to visit <https://9health365.org/volunteer-1/>.
About 9Health:365
9Health:365, a trusted non-profit, has over 40 years of experience welcoming into its communities millions of people who have an active interest in their health and are seeking affordable alternatives to improve their health outcomes. By providing convenient, accessible and equitable preventive-health solutions via volunteers, medical professionals, and partners, this legacy continues by adapting and adopting new technologies and services for individuals facing expanding health system gaps as they pursue their optimal health. For more information, visit www.9health365.org.

The Southern Ute Education Department,
Public Education

**THE SUNSHINE
CLOUD SMITH
YOUTH ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

SCSYAC is looking for new council members, tribal members aged 11-17
Needs to be enrolled in public, private or home school program and maintain a 2.0 GPA
The youth council meets twice a month for regular meetings



Contact Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council
Coordinator | Dustin Weaver 970.563.2786
dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov

LEND YOUR VOICE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Ignacio School District

**STRATEGIC
PLAN
MEETINGS**


All meetings will be held in the
Ignacio High School Auditorium from 5:30pm - 7:00pm

May 23rd - Focus group progress report and finalize Strategic Plan

June 9th - Present to Board for potential adoption

All parents, community members, district employees, and students are encouraged to attend. A light meal will be served at each meeting.



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**2022 Demystifying
Native Entrepreneurship**
<https://yesipc.com/events-calendar/>



Leeds School of Business CU Boulder and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe present the 2nd Annual Demystifying Native Entrepreneurship Conference.

Don’t miss this opportunity to learn from award winning faculty from the Leeds School of Business, and Local Native Entrepreneurs.

- Entrepreneurship: What is it and why it is important
- Motivation: Hear from local successful entrepreneurs
- Value Propositions: Develop successful products and offerings
- Differentiation & Competitive Advantage: Sales & marketing
- Entrepreneurial Economics: Revenue & profitability
- Funding Types & Sources

Date & Time:
May 13 5:30PM TO 8:00PM
May 14 8:00AM TO 4:00PM

Location:
Sky Ute Casino, Ignacio, CO





<https://4cornersevents.primoticketing.com>



Students pay a Golden visit with Tribe



The Golden High School students kick up their heels outside the KSUT Eddie Box Jr. Media Center, after live in-studio interviews by REZ-olution Radio Hour host Robert Ortiz. KSUT Tribal Radio Station Manager, Sheila Nanaeto, flanked by Tribal Radio Music Director, Lorena Richards discusses the origins of KSUT from the KSUT performance studio in the newly opened Eddie Box Jr. Media Center.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

The Golden High School students visited the Southern Ute Tribe during their annual Senior Seminar trip, Wednesday, April 6. This group has visited the Tribe each year since 2012, with the exception of 2020 and 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. During this year's one-day visit, students met with tribal departments to learn about the Southern Ute Tribe. They met with staff members of the Wildlife Dept., Cultural Preservation Dept., Southern Ute Drum and Tribal Council. They also toured the Southern Ute Museum and finished the day with a tour of SunUte, followed by a swim.



Southern Ute Drum Media Archivist, Fabian Martinez gave an in-depth presentation about the historic Boarding School, formerly on the Southern Ute Reservation.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

A group of students, teachers, and chaperones from Golden High School paid a visit to the Southern Ute Tribal Council. Members of Tribal Council gave the students some life advice regarding their next steps as they approach their upcoming graduation date.



Museum Education & Outreach Coordinator, Raelynn Torres tells the students of the Ute Creation story during their tour of the museum.



Events & Heritage Coordinator, Marvin Pinnecoose talks about the events the Cultural Preservation Dept. holds for the tribal membership.



The Southern Ute drum group sing a round dance song as the students, led by Marvin Pinnecoose make their way through the classroom.



Golden students watch skaters in action as SunUte Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth speaks about the construction of the newly built Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park.



Bison Manager, Jesse Lasater gives the students a chance to feel the buffalo hide box, during their visit to the buffalo pasture.



Attention

The 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair will be held September 9-11, 2022. The Cultural Preservation Department is seeking Tribal Members, Tribal Departments, Tribal Employees, or community members to volunteer as superintendents for the following events:

- Tug-O-War
- BBQ Cook-Off
- Golf Tournament
- Bowling Tournament
- All Native Chicken Pull
- All Native Bareback Watermelon Horse Race
- All Native Best Hand Painted Horse
- Tipi Raising Contest

If no one volunteers as superintendents for the listed events by May 13, 2022, the event will be canceled.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Marvin Pinnecoose at 970-563-2983 or mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov

ATTENTION

Families and individuals are invited to add to the purse for the following Southern Ute 100th Annual Tribal Fair Rodeo events:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Bareback | Saddle Bronc |
| Ranch Bronc | Bull Riding |
| Tie Down Riding | Steer Wrestling |
| Team Roping | Ladies Breakaway |
| Ladies Barrels | Jr. Bull Riding |
| Jr. Barrels | Steer Riding |

Families and individuals are welcome to sponsor one of the following events for the Southern Ute 100th Annual Tribal Fair:

- Painted Horse Contest
- Bareback Watermelon Race
- Stick Horse Rodeo

If interested, please contact Marvin Pinnecoose mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov or 970-563-2988

UTE BEARDANCE 2022

Randlett, Utah

May 5-8

Whiterocks, Utah

May 19-22

Towaoc, Colorado

June 3-6



Ft. Duchesne, Utah

May 13-16

Ignacio, Colorado

May 27-30

White Mesa, Utah

September 2-5



GIFT SHOP SALE

40% off everything except books! Sale runs until May 1st

SOUTHERN UTE Cultural Center & Museum

For more information call 970-7563-2982

TRIBAL MEDIA

KSUT welcomes Diné filmmaker Ashley as Tribal Media Center coordinator

Staff report

KSUT FOUR CORNERS RADIO

KSUT has fulfilled a significant benchmark in its multi-year strategic plan with the hire of Colten Ashley as Tribal Media Center coordinator.

Ashley is a Diné filmmaker originally from the Four Corners. He studied Media Arts at Brigham Young University, with an emphasis in narrative filmmaking and critical media studies.

His professional background includes working for such companies as ESPN, ABC, BYUtv, Hallmark, and he's contributed to work that has appeared on Utah PBS. In addition to his work in film and TV he has mentored college and high school students with trainings and workshops based on film production including the "Hands on a Camera program", teaching students



courtesy KSUT

Colten Ashley is a Diné filmmaker originally from the Four Corners. Ashley was hired by KSUT as the new Tribal Media Center Coordinator.

how to create documentaries about their community. He will be returning to the Four Corners from Utah as KSUT's new Tribal Media Center coordinator.

The Tribal Media Center will offer multimedia training to Native American and Indigenous individuals with a goal of expanding first-person and narrative storytelling

content that can be distributed broadly to both native and non-native audiences throughout Indian Country. Tribal Media Center projects already underway include Native Braids, Native Lens and numerous partnerships with Rocky Mountain PBS, Fort Lewis College, Dream Warriors and Vision Maker Media.

MAY 19-22, 2022

BEARDANCE CHIEF: PAUL LAROSE

WHITEROCKS, UT. CATMAN LANE LAROSE

WHITEROCKS OLD STYLE UTE BEARDANCE

THURSDAY, MAY 19	FRIDAY, MAY 20	SATURDAY, MAY 21	SUNDAY, MAY 22
8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony 8:30 am. Breakfast 12:00 pm. Lunch 1:00 pm. Beardance Creation Story 3:00 pm. Beardance	8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony 8:30 am. Breakfast 9:00 am. Dress Making Demo 10:00 am. Cradle Board Demo 12:00 pm. Lunch 1:00 pm. Women's Shiny Game 3:00 pm. Beardance 5:00 pm. Traditional Hand-game	8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony 8:30 am. Breakfast 9:00 am. Painted Horse "Walk/Run" 12:00 pm. Kids Parade 12:30 pm. Lunch 1:00 pm. Kids Games 3:00 pm. Beardance	8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony 8:30 am. Breakfast 11:00 am. Horse Parade 12:00 pm. Lunch 1:00 pm. Beardance 3:00 pm. Honoring BC Ute Indian Business Committee 6:00 pm. FEAST 7:00 pm. Turkey Dance

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: PAUL LAROSE AT 435-722-7705



Randlett, Utah
May 5th - 8th
2022

Beardance Chiefs:
Skyler Lomahaftewa
Lloyd Arrive
Nelson Colorow
Henry Cesspooch

Sponsored by:
Ute Tribe, Firley Resources, Local families.

Ute Tribe, Beardance Chiefs not responsible for theft, injuries, accidents, and domestic violence.

May 5th Beardance starts at 3pm, ending in the evening.

May 6th Beardance starts at 11am ending in the evening.

May 7th Beardance starts at 11am ending in the evening.

May 8th Beardance starts at 11am ending in the evening.

Feast:
Sunday May 8th in the afternoon.



LAW ENFORCEMENT

Southwest Colo. narcotics traffickers sentenced to federal prison

Staff report

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado announced that four defendants were sentenced to federal prison after pleading guilty to possession with intent to distribute illegal drugs. The defendants operated across the southwestern portion of Colorado, ranging from Alamosa to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

"These convictions and sentences show our office's commitment to vigorously prosecuting drug trafficking in Southwestern Colorado," said U.S. Attorney Cole Finegan. "Each of these cases involved coordination between state and federal agencies, including our partners with the Southern Ute Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs."

Camelo Martinez, age 30, was sentenced to 120 months of imprisonment to be followed by five years of supervised release for the distribution of pure methamphetamine on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. According to court documents and facts presented at sentencing, Martinez used an intermediary to distribute 56.2 grams of pure methamphetamine in July 2020. The case was investigated by the Southern Ute Police Department.

Roger Reyes, age 39, was sentenced to 87 months in prison, to be followed by

five years of supervised release for possession with the intent to distribute heroin in Alamosa, Colo. According to court documents and facts presented at sentencing, In April 2021, law enforcement observed Reyes leaving the home of a known gang member and was found in possession of 122.4 grams of heroin that same night. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and the Alamosa Police Department.

Aaron Claycomb, age 37, was sentenced to 84 months in prison, to be followed by four years of supervised release for distributing heroin in Durango, Colo. According to court documents and facts presented at sentencing, Claycomb sold 195.6 grams of pure methamphetamine to undercover law enforcement agents at a gas station in Durango. At the time, Claycomb was on parole for several other drug-related convictions. The case was investigated in a coordinated effort of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southwestern Drug Task Force, and the Southern Ute Police Department.

Abraham Romero, age 33, was sentenced to 30 months in prison, to be followed by four years of supervised release for distributing methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine in Alamosa, Colo. According to court documents and facts presented

at sentencing, law enforcement searched Romero's residence in June 2021 and found 89 grams of a methamphetamine mixture, 36 grams of heroin, and 13.2 grams of cocaine, separated out into zip lock baggies. The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Alamosa Police Department.

"During the current opioid epidemic, the steadfast dangers of methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin are often eclipsed by the proliferating fentanyl threat. Methamphetamine continues to be one of the most deadly drug threats within our communities," said DEA Denver Field Division Special Agent in Charge Brian Besser. "DEA Denver is committed to ensuring that the drug laws of this country are upheld even within the farthest reaches of our state, and we are proud to serve alongside our state and local partners to ensure the safety of our neighborhoods."

United States District Court Judge Robert Blackburn, sitting in Durango, Colo., sentenced the defendants on April 11, 2022.

Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey Graves handled the prosecution of these cases. CASE NUMBERS: Martinez, 21-cr-00069-REB-JMC; Reyes, 21-cr-00160-REB-JMC; Claycomb, 20-cr-00264-REB-JMC; Romero, 21-cr-00260-REB-JMC

Shumway completes final shift



photos Chris Mimmack & Lt. Jason Harrison/SU Justice & Regulatory

Thursday, April 14, at 6 a.m., Sergeant Carol Shumway, completed her final shift on behalf of the Southern Ute Detention Center. "Sergeant Shumway has been one of the hardest working and dedicated staff/supervisors I have ever worked with," SUDC Lieutenant Harrison stated. "Her hard work and dedication to SUDC will be greatly missed." "We wish Ms. Shumway well in her future endeavors and are pleased to share these professional accomplishments by staff and their service to the Southern Ute tribal government and tribal membership," Tribal Information Services Director, Amy Barry said. "Job well done Ms. Shumway and Southern Ute Detention Center!"



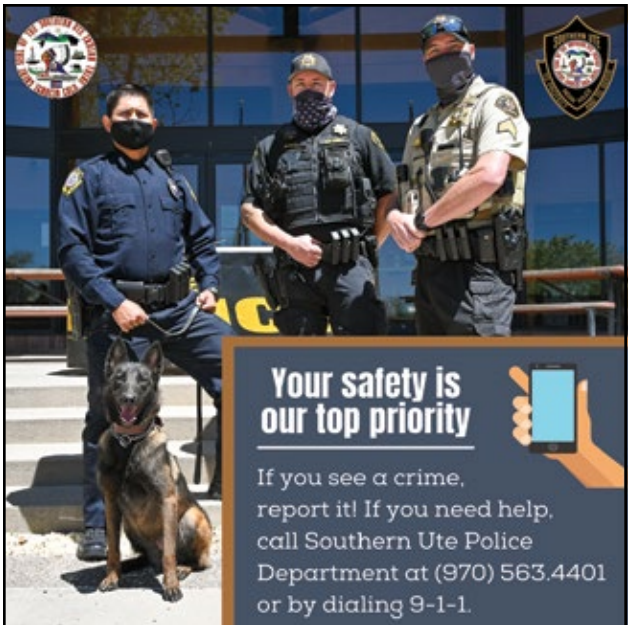
Carol Shumway has been an officer, courts/transport officer, corporal and a sergeant. Shumway was presented with a Pendleton blanket and a plaque of recognition from the Division by Justice and Regulatory Director, Chris Mimmack. Detention Director DeWayne Todd presented Shumway with the years of service plaque.

On to Tribal Planning



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Roman Seibel bids farewell to the Tribal Information Services (TIS) department on Thursday, April 14 in the Buckskin Charlie Room as he prepares to move onto Tribal Planning as the Administrative Assistant for their department. TIS staff gave well wishes and gifts to Seibel during their staff meeting.



Anonymous Tip Hotline

Do you have information about a crime? Please call 970-563-4999. This "Tip Line" was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously, if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The "Tip Line" is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it DOES NOT replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police dept. number 970-563-4401.



Applications for the Law Enforcement Academy in Mancos are open until Friday, August 5, 2022

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

For more information, contact:

Doug Parker, Coordinator

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(970) 564-6202 · Douglas.Parker@pueblocc.edu



Sign-Up for the new Tribal Member Experience

To get started, please go to <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tmx/>

Step 1 Visit link and click on the green "I need an account" button

Step 2 Complete form and click "Submit"

Your request will be sent to TIS to verify enrollment, for SUSS to approve your account. Log-in information will be sent to the email used on the form. Once you log-in to the TMX, you can reset your password.

Account holders must be enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and 18 years of age or older.

For questions, please contact Ms. Lindsay J. Box at (970) 563.2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov



Dancing Spirit breaks ground



courtesy Cora Shubert

Southern Ute Tribal council members, Linda Baker and Ramona Eagle join members of the ELHI Board of Directors, Innovative Design & Renovations (IDR) staff, and Ignacio community members during a groundbreaking ceremony, Wednesday, April 13 for Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center's new location in Ignacio. A Dream maker Campaign to help with funding has been created for donations towards the construction of the new building. Visit the Dancing Spirit website for info, www.dancingspiritgallery.org

Kasey Correia, Dancing Spirit founder and executive director, displays her joy on the location of the soon to be permanent location – on main street (Goddard Ave.) in downtown Ignacio – of the new Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center.



courtesy Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center

Dream Maker Campaign

DANCING SPIRIT IS BUILDING A PERMANENT HOME! YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DONATING TODAY AND HELPING US RAISE THE MONEY WE NEED TO MAKE SURE IGNACIO HAS A COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER THAT WILL BE HERE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.



We have been helping the communities of Ignacio, Bayfield, Durango, Aztec and Pagosa Springs since 2010 through art programs and camps for children; classes and workshops for adults and families; by offering Ignacio's only art gallery and co-op; and through therapeutic arts at the Ignacio Schools, the Department of Justice and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. During that time, we have had to move four times, and each time, we have lost a little bit of our identity as Ignacio's community arts center. Most recently, we have been an integral part of helping pilot the ELHI Community Center, and although we are glad for the collaboration and experience, it's past time that we finally focus on building YOUR community arts center.

Our current goal is to raise \$250,000 towards building a new building on our own property in downtown Ignacio. We plan to restart and build up our art gallery with art openings and shows for professional and aspiring artists; add more classes and workshops and bring in live music, pottery and art demonstrations while continuing to offer our children's camps and therapeutic art programs.



Or visit our GoFundMe page at: <https://gofund.me/f9852e28>

Southern Ute Tribal Offices will be closed

Mon., May 30 in observance of Memorial Day

Southern Ute Bear Dance Feast
Mon., May 30 at Bear Dance Grounds

Offices will resume normal business hours Tues., May 31

Holy pilgrimage to Ignacio



photos courtesy Father Cesar Arras/St. Ignatius Parish

The Saint Ignatius Parish Penitential Walk took place, Saturday, April 9 from Bayfield to Ignacio. The nine-mile pilgrimage began at Saint Bartholomew Church in Bayfield and ended at Saint Ignatius Parish in Ignacio. A mass was held in conclusion of the walk at St. Ignatius during Holy Week.



The pilgrimage had over 60 participants, from Bayfield to Ignacio along Rainbow Road (HWY 516/517). Pictured left to right, Marcus Archuleta, Renee Sage, Florian Howe and Mamie Burch.

Mother and daughter, Darlene Frost and Tara Vigil make the pilgrimage.

San Ignacio de Loyola Parish

among the SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH UNITING CULTURES IN CHRIST



Native American Heritage Mass
Tekakwitha Prayer Group

Wed. April 27, 2022
6:00pm

Our celebration is followed by a fellowship gathering with food and refreshments at the Parish Hall.

Come and meet native American artist Elwyn Shorthair who has done for us our Venerable Nicholas Black Elk. Elwyn is in the process of finishing a new rendition of St. Kateri Tekakwitha for our parish and will be presenting it to us on this day. Let us welcome him and meet him.



- ✓ Age 14–19?
- ✓ Ready to make a difference for Colorado youth?
- ✓ Join COYAC!

In 2008, the Colorado Legislature created the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (COYAC) to "examine, evaluate and discuss the issues, interests, and needs affecting Colorado youth now and in the future, and to formally advise and make recommendations to elected officials regarding those issues" and to give Colorado's youth a voice in the lawmaking process.

COYAC consists of 40 youth members, including one voting member representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. In 2021, state legislators accepted all of COYAC's policy ideas, and COYAC students are helping legislative staff draft bills for introduction at the 2022 legislative session at the State Capitol.

COYAC students commit to:

- Attend an in-person retreat in downtown Denver on October 9, 2021 (travel funding and assistance are available)
- Serve a two-year term through June 30, 2023 or until your 19th birthday
- Attend meetings (whether virtual or in-person)
- Fully participate in at least one student-led sub-committee. These committees work in between full COYAC meetings to accomplish the COYAC's goals of advising and providing recommendations to members of the Colorado Legislature
- Respond promptly to COYAC communications using assigned SUIT@coyac.org email address
- Complete paperwork in a timely manner
- Communicate with students and youth organizations about youth-related issues

www.coyac.org director@coyac.org

SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRESENTS:
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP



DO YOU HAVE A
FAMILY MEMBER
SUFFERING FROM
ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE
ABUSE?

Starting April 14th, 2022
Every 2nd Thursday of the month
@ 5:30-6:30 PM

COME JOIN US
IN-PERSON FOR
SUPPORT AND
CONVERSATION.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
PROVIDED.
PLEASE RSVP.



SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION

970.563.5700
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Marvina Olguin (Peer Recovery Coach) marolguin@southernute-nsh.gov



Nsiga'a Nation visits



Members of the Nsiga'a Nation leadership and executive staff meet with Tribal Council on Wednesday, April 6, to learn more about the history of the Tribe's success as a natural gas producer, while also learning about the various economic endeavors of the Tribe.



The Nsiga'a Nation reside in British Columbia, Canada and share a similar history – neither Southern Ute nor Nsiga'a Nation have a migration story from their current reservation, homelands.



The Nsiga'a Nation is a Modern Treaty Nation which successfully negotiated a treaty with Canada and the modern provinces in which they reside. Council Members Dr. Stacey Oberly and Vanessa Torress share details about the upcoming Bear Dance which is a woman's choice dance.

Photos by Lindsay Box
Southern Ute Council Affairs

Touring tribal investments



photos courtesy Linda Baker & Marjorie Barry/SU Tribal Council

Staff from the Southern Ute Growth Fund tour an investment property in the Seattle, Wash. area while in town attending the NAFOA Conference in early April. The Southern Ute Growth Fund Seattle investment property with EverWest. The investment property is a warehouse ideally located to import and export goods.



Council Treasurer Marjorie Barry and Council Member Linda Baker also attended NAFOA and accompanied the SUGF team to visit investments in the area and meet with tribal members who reside in Seattle, Wash.

Water Law Symposium



Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Southern Ute Council Member, Lorelei Cloud was an invited panelist at the University of Denver, on Friday, April 15 for the Sturm College of Law, Water Law Review's "100 years of the Colorado River Compact, flowing into a new era."



VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

With Council Member
+++ Lorelei Cloud +++

Tribal Council Member, Lorelei Cloud, will host virtual Office Hours the last Wednesday of every month.

April 27, 2022
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/3snCpwn>
Password: suit2022





Southern Ute Tribal Council hosts Tribal Elder Town Hall

Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in Tribal Council Chambers.


- + May 3
- + July 7
- + September 5
- + November 3

May 3 Agenda

- + Elder Tribal Housing
- + Committee of Elders Update

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at (970) 563.2319.

This bi-monthly meeting is for Southern Ute Tribal elders to receive and discuss elder-specific information.



did you know?

On April 15, 2022, the EPA approved the Tribe's Water Quality Standards.



For additional information, please visit: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/water-quality/>

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

Benefit Gourd Dance rocks SunUte



An honoring was done for Twyla Blackbird, daughter of Russell Blackbird (left). Standing beside Twyla are Gourd Dance MC – Afrem Wall, Nathan Strong Elk, and Head Boy Dancer – Stoney White Thunder.

A benefit Gourd Dance was held Saturday, April 9 at SunUte Community Center. The non-profit, Native Love (Daughters of the Red Road) sponsored the Gourd dance to raise money for the upcoming Children’s Powwow to be held later this year. Erny Zah served as the Gourd Dance’s MC, Rusty Cozad was the Head Man Dancer, Stoney White Thunder and Myla Good Tracks served as Head Boy and Girl Dancers respectively and Afrem Wall was the Gourd Dance Arena Director. Money was raised throughout the evening by way of raffles, cake walks and other contests.



Sebastian Cozad dances during one of the evenings last gourd dances prior to closing out the evening’s session.



Nathan Strong Elk and Rusty Cozad dance side-by-side during the afternoon gourd dance session.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



During an honoring, Southern Ute Tribal Council member, Marge Barry joins Lyndreth Wall, Nathan Strong Elk and Afrem Wall.



Javier Colorow carrying baby Bronco, receives an easter basket as a gift from the Head Staff presented by Edward Box III.



Giveaway prizes were on display, such as this much-sought-after Sasquatch clock, created by artist Ben Watts.



Marge Borst shows her “fishing” skills at the fishing booth, sponsored by the Whiteskunk family.



Oolcu Buckskin, dances with her daughter (foreground), along with Mali White Thunder and Deborah Richards.

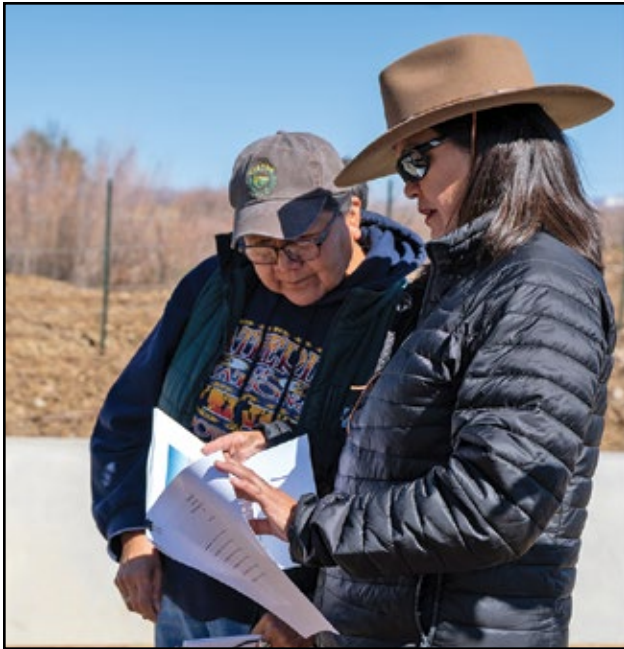
Council tours PRIIP



The PRIIP repair tour on Friday, April 8, included tribal leadership, Water Resources Division staff, BIA Southern Ute Agency staff, and construction crew from Weeminuche Construction who completed all the repairs.



The Morrison canal underwent significant repairs which will improve water delivery systems throughout the corridor. This ditch feeds into the Frost lateral.



Council Member Dr. Stacey Oberly shares pictures with BIA, Southern Ute Agency's Irrigation Manager. The photos show what the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project delivery system looked like prior to the rehabilitation.

Photos by Lindsay Box
Southern Ute Council Affairs

Brunot Treaty Hunting at Lone Mesa State Park Now Available to Southern Ute Hunters



Lone Mesa State Park, located 23 miles north of the Town of Dolores, is an approximate 12,000-acre park managed by Colorado Parks & Wildlife. The park is encompassed entirely within the Brunot Treaty Area and features incredibly scenic lands ranging in elevation from about 7,200 feet to just over 9,000 feet. Access to the park is highly restricted and only allowed for big game hunting each year. State hunters are required to apply for park access permits through a limited-draw lottery process.

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is pleased to announce that interested Tribal Member hunters can now access Lone Mesa State Park for treaty hunting *using access permits issued by the Tribe*. A limited number of permits will be available each year, free-of-charge, beginning with the 2022 hunting season. For more information on huntable big game species, season framework, weapon types, etc., please contact the Wildlife Division.

The access permits will be available either first-come first-serve, or through a Tribe-administered drawing if there is sufficient interest. **Applications for Lone Mesa Access Permits must be received at the Wildlife Division during the month of May and no later than Friday, May 31st, 2022.**

Please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563- 0130 for more information.

WILDFIRE

Secretary Haaland joins senators to announce wildfire funding for Colo.

Staff report
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper and Colorado U.S. Representative Joe Neguse joined U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Secretary Deb Haaland and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Chief Randy Moore in Boulder County as they announced over \$33 million in funding from the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to help Colorado prevent and mitigate wildfires.

"Climate change has made wildfires a year-round threat and we must prepare for it," said Hickenlooper. "The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill funding announced today is a first step toward building more resilient communities as we confront this new reality."

During the roundtable discussion, Bennet discussed his bipartisan, bicameral Outdoor Restoration Partnership Act (ORPA) to make a historic investment in America's forests and wa-

tersheds while creating millions of jobs in Colorado and across the West. This legislation will provide direct support to local, collaborative efforts to restore habitat, expand outdoor access, and mitigate wildfire. In August 2021, Bennet held an "Outdoor Restoration Partnership Act" Tour with stops in Denver, Clear Creek, Grand, and Routt counties to highlight the importance of forest and watershed health to economies throughout Colorado.

"The people of Colorado need no reminding of the dire threat wildfire presents to states across the West," said USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack. "In 2020, Coloradans saw three of their largest fires on record. With the investments we're announcing today, USDA will do its part to make your communities safer and our forests more resilient to our changing climate."

"These efforts to reduce wildfire risk to communities located in these landscapes are just the beginning," said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. "The first-year investments are a part of a 10-year

strategy to reduce the exposure of communities and infrastructure to the risk of catastrophic wildfire. With each successive year we will plan and implement more, continuing to reduce the risks associated with extreme wildfire for communities in these vulnerable areas."

"Climate change continues to drive the devastating intersection of extreme heat, drought and wildland fire danger across the United States, creating wildfires that move with a speed and intensity previously unseen," said Secretary Haaland. "Funding provided by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will support the Interior Department's ongoing efforts to invest in the science and research that is needed to better understand the impacts of climate changes on wildland fire in order to better safeguard people, communities and resources. With so little room for error, we must remain steadfast in our commitment to wildland fire preparedness, mitigation and resilience."

EPA APPROVES WATER QUALITY • FROM PAGE 1

and Navajo Rivers and portions of the Navajo Reservoir. With the approval of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's water quality standards, combined with the prior and separate EPA approval of Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe's water quality standards, all federally recognized Indian tribes with reservation lands in Colorado now have EPA-approved water quality standards.

The Clean Water Act has a two-step process to establish Tribal water quality standards: 1) Tribes acquire Clean Water Act water quality standards program authority from EPA; and 2) Tribes submit specific water quality standards to EPA for Clean Water Act review and approval. In 2018,

the Southern Ute Indian Tribe received Clean Water Act water quality standards program authority from EPA for waters on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation located on tribal trust lands (as well as one parcel of tribal trust land contiguous to the Reservation).

In developing its water quality standards, the Tribe collaborated with the State of Colorado and surrounding county and municipal governments, as well as other interested parties, to gather input on their proposed water quality standards. The Tribe held a water quality standards public comment period from August 23 to October 22, 2021, including an October 7, 2021, public hearing. Based on com-

ments received through this public participation process, the Tribe revised its water quality standards, adopted the revised water quality standards on February 8, 2022, and submitted them to EPA on Feb. 15, 2022. EPA approved the Tribe's water quality standards after determining they are consistent with the requirements of the Clean Water Act and EPA's Water Quality Standards Regulation.

The Tribe's water quality standards and supporting documents will be available on the SUIT Environmental Programs Division website. For more information contact Lindsay J. Box, SUIT Communications Specialist at 970-553-0287 or lbox@southernute-nsn.gov.



BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS

3 Big Horn Sheep
2 Mountain Goat
2 Moose

**The Wildlife Division will be accepting
Brunot Rare Game Applications the month of MAY.
The drawing will be held in June.**

How to apply:

1. Call the Wildlife Office at (970) 563-0130 to pick up an application/or
2. Go to the Southern Ute Hunting website below and download the application.
Mail- SUIT Wildlife Division or Email: npearson@southernute-nsn.gov
ATTN: Rare Game Application
PO BOX 737, Ignacio, 81137

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

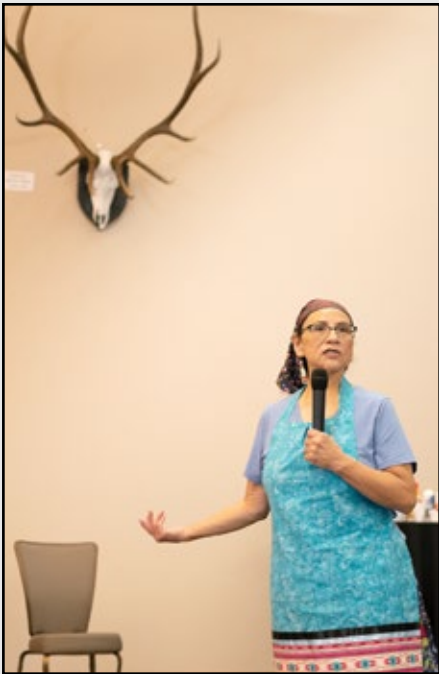


Elders gather for Easter



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Melvin J. Baker serves tribal elder Cynthia Buckskin at April's Sip, Chat, and Chew event hosted by the Multi-Purpose Facility on Friday, April 15. Members of Tribal Council served guests a meal prepared by the Multi-Purpose staff in celebration of the Easter Holiday.



Tribal elder Luana Herrera chooses from one of many gifts donated by staff and community members during a raffle. A cake walk followed the raffle and was joined by those in attendance.

Multi-Purpose Facility Operations Manager, Elise Redd showcases the newest addition to the Multi-Purpose gathering room, a mounted elk rack donated to the facility by Dermarr Harlan.

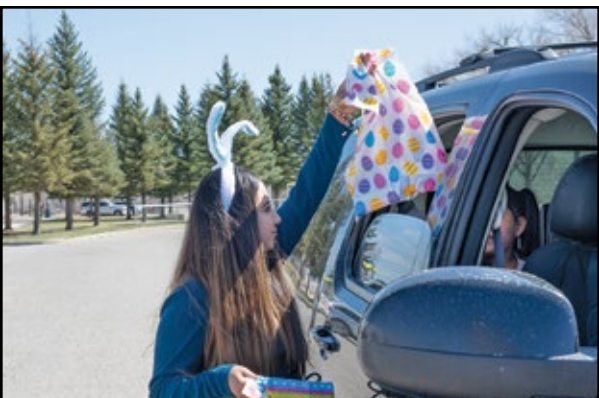
Eggs to go!



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Southern Ute Police Department teamed up to give away prepackaged Easter goodie bags to the youth in the community. Families had the opportunity to receive their bags drive-thru style.

Shalisha Chavez helps to pass out Easter bags during the Easter Drive-thru Giveaway on Saturday, April 16 at the SunUte Community Center Park.



AQP Ambient Monitoring Program

The Air Quality Program maintains three State and Local Air Monitoring Stations (SLAMS) to monitor air quality on the Reservation. The air monitoring station Ute 1 is located just north of Ignacio, Colorado while the second station, Ute 3, is located off of Colorado State Highway 550 north of Bondad, Colorado. The third station, a mobile monitoring station, is located at Lake Capote on the east side of the Reservation. All stations adhere to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) SLAMS quality assurance guidelines and data is reported to the EPA Air Quality System for National Ambient Air Quality Standard comparison and EPA's AirNow website. For more information about the Ambient Monitoring Program and to view ambient air quality forecasts for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, visit our Ambient Monitoring web page at www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/

Multi-Purpose Facility May Senior Breakfast

Wednesday May 4, 2022
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Open to all Community Senior Citizens
55 years and older

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

Multi-Purpose Facility Beginning Beading Class



May 10 & 12, 2022

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM & 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Subject to Bead - rose, flower etc.
Beads in colors to match subject size 11
Nylon thread - size A or 0
Beading needles size 12 sharp & beeswax

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or
e-mail eredd@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi-Purpose Facility May Events

Sr. Breakfast—Friday, May 4, 2022 10:00 — 11:30 AM

Elder Craft Day—Monday May 9, 2022 10:00 AM—3:00 PM
Elders only please 55 plus years young

Beginning Beading —Tues. & Thurs. May 10 & 12, 2022 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Indoor & Outdoor Yard Sale—Saturday May 14, 2022 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Shawl Class Tuesday & Thursday May 17 & 19, 2022 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sip, Chat & Chew Lunch—Friday May 20, 2022 11:30 AM—1:30 PM
3 Ute Tribe Members & their families

Quilt Class—Tuesday & Thursday May 24 & 26, 2022 10:00 AM—3:00 PM
Must know how to use sewing machine

Arts & Crafts Fair Monday May 30, 2022 10:00 AM— 4:00 PM

Classes fill up fast and space may be limited - sign-up is required
256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO 970- 563- 2640

Multi-Purpose Facility May Elder Craft Day



Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun

Monday May 9, 2022
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Elders Only Please

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or
e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



THE POWERHOUSE

Medieval to Metal: The Art & Evolution of the Guitar

Staff report
THE POWERHOUSE

The Powerhouse will be hosting “Medieval to Metal: The Art & Evolution of the Guitar” in the main exhibit gallery from May 1, 2022-September 3, 2022. This touring exhibition celebrates the artistic development of the guitar and encourages visitors to engage with interactives to learn about the science behind sound and recording.

Developed by The National GUITAR Museum (NGM), this exhibit features 40 objects, ranging from the intricately in-laid oud to the transparent acrylic body of California’s BC Rich guitars. Spanning centuries of design and craftsmanship, visitors have the opportunity to travel through the history of an object that is one of the most recognizable items on the planet.

“Over the past several years, interest in the guitar as an icon has grown significantly,” according to HP Newquist, executive director of the NGM. “The guitar has been a signature element of world culture for more than 500 years; now visitors can explore the design history and artistry that has played a major role in the guitar’s evolution.”

Accompanying historical guitar displays, there will be hands-on interactives such as the “Science



of Recording” and “Exploded Acoustic”, allowing visitors to see, touch, and learn about the components of an acoustic guitar and the evolution of the technology of producing music. Instruments will be available throughout The Powerhouse for visitors to play including an acoustic, electric, and lap steel guitar.

The “Medieval to Metal” exhibition also includes life-size photorealistic illustrations of historically important guitar designs from noted artist Gerard Huerta, and 20 photographs of acclaimed musicians and their guitars from Neil Zlozower, one of the world’s premier concert photographers.

“The Powerhouse is proud to fill our gallery with a unique blend of science, design, history, and art for the second summer in a row,” said Teresa Craft, Deputy Director at The Powerhouse. “We feel the guitar exhib-

it accents the vibrant music scene in Durango and therefore provides an opportunity for the whole community to come together to celebrate this gorgeous collection.”

The Powerhouse will be hosting multiple events surrounding “Medieval to Metal” including an exclusive preview fundraising event, “Amplified: A Guitar Gala” on April 30th, along with a summer long monthly free music series, “Rock-in’ on the River” featuring local and regional bands.

About The National GUITAR Museum

The National GUITAR Museum is the first museum in the United States dedicated to the history, evolution and cultural impact of the guitar. Its touring exhibitions, launched in 2011, have been installed in more than forty different museums across the country. The organization was founded in 2009.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribal Broadband Modernization Project construction travel impacts

CR 311 – Mesa Mountain

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Bonfire Engineering will begin construction on Mesa Mountain as outlined in Phase I of the Tribal Broadband Modernization Project. Construction will take place along CR 311 south of the intersection of CR 318 and CR 311. Workers will begin approximately two miles south of the intersection.

Crews will start approximately two miles south of the intersection of CR 318 and CR 311 working southbound on CR 311. Construction will take place along the shoulder of the roadway.

Please see attached map.

The broadband project will include trenching, boring, and plowing to lay fiber, as well as reclamation and seeding. Construction vehicles and fiber spools will be visible on the shoulder.

Construction on both sections will begin on Monday, April 25, and conclude on Monday, May 9. Hours of operation will be from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Travel Impact: Traffic lanes will be narrowed on CR 311. Motorists will be required to reduce speeds and travel safely around the construction taking place on the side of the road. Please

remember to slow down in construction zones, eliminate distractions and drive with extra caution. Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway.

In the event of an emergency or to report a reckless driver, please contact Southern Ute Police Department by dialing 9-1-1, or using the non-emergency line at 970-563-4401.

To find more information about the Tribal Broadband Modernization Project, please visit the project website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/broadband-modernization-project/>

Department of Natural Resources, Construction Services, Tribal Housing & Tribal Credit are hosting an Open House

When: June 8, 2022
Where: Multi-Purpose Facility
Time: 10am-2pm

Tribal Members
Please join us, lunch will be served!

Representatives from each division will be available to discuss programs & projects that serve the Membership.

Information will be available regarding:

- DNR Divisions: Agriculture, GIS, Forestry, Lands, Range, Water Resources & Wildlife
- Construction Services
- Tribal Housing
- Tribal Credit
- BIA Irrigation

DOOR PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED

See you there- June 8th, 10am-2pm

Arts & Crafts Fair

Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO



Monday May 30, 2022
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Booth Space \$45

Spaces assigned at time of payment
Doors open at 8:00 AM



Call to reserve your space - 563-2640
e-mail: multiurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM



JOIN US!

INTERESTED IN THE MUSEUM?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR

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

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

970.563.2973

southernutemuseum.org



MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU!

PLAY WITH 4X THE POINTS

Ace's Club members, come play with us on Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 (9AM-Midnight), to automatically receive a 4X point multiplier to celebrate May the 4th!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH | 9AM UNTIL MIDNIGHT

14324 Hwy 172 North, Ignacio, CO 81137 | skyutecasino.com

DISCLAIMER: All Ace's Club members are eligible for this promotion. Must be actively playing slots with Ace's Club Card properly inserted during the promotional period to be eligible to receive point multiplier. Sky Ute Casino reserves the right to modify or cancel promotion at any time without prior notice. Must be 21 or older to enter Casino. Rules apply. See Ace's Club for details.



Know Your COVID-19 Community Level

The CDC COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area. Go to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html to view your county by State.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE LIFTS BOTH TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS
(EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2022)

Tribal Offices are **FULLY OPEN**. Tribal members and community are encouraged to continue the following safe health practices.

WEAR A MASK

WASH YOUR HANDS

SOCIAL DISTANCE

GET A VACCINE

TEST FREQUENTLY

The Tribe will adhere to the CDC's Updated COVID-19 Community Level Guidance which issues advice regarding face coverings in public indoor spaces based on current community level. To view the current local Community Level, visit the CDC's COVID-19 by County website.

INDIVIDUALS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE COVID SCREENING UPON ENTERING ANY TRIBAL BUILDING.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Pertussis cases on the rise in La Plata, Archuleta counties

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

After two years of low case counts, Pertussis, or “whooping cough,” is more prevalent in Colorado in 2022. All residents are urged to get vaccinated to reduce the risk of infection. There have been 29 pertussis cases in Colorado this year, up from seven over the same period in 2021. Of those, six cases have been reported in La Plata and Archuleta counties in March. This increase serves as a reminder to be sure you are current with your pertussis vaccine – either DTaP or Tdap – which helps protect against and reduces the severity of the illness. Pertussis is an illness spread by direct contact with respiratory droplets or saliva from an infected person. Initial symptoms typically include cold like symptoms and a mild cough or fever. This can develop into fits of rapid coughing followed by a high-pitched

SAN JUAN BASIN
public health

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

“whoop” sound, vomiting and gasping. Symptoms are often more severe in babies. The average incubation period is 7-10 days. People who are current on their DTaP or Tdap vaccine can still be infected with pertussis but usually experience a milder and shorter illness. Find out more about vaccinations at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/pertussis/index.html> Of the cases reported statewide, the individuals infected with pertussis have ranged in age from 10 months to 77 years. There have been no reported hospitalizations associated with the cases. Aside from two family clusters, none of the cases are linked nor do they share a common exposure. If you are experiencing a cough that has lasted two or more weeks, or coughing fits or post-cough vomiting, see your medical provider. San Juan Basin Public Health is a local public health agency, governed by a seven-member local Board of Health, serving all residents of La Plata and Archuleta counties. For over 70 years, San Juan Basin Public Health has improved the health and environment of the Southwest Colorado community.

VACCINE MOBILE BUS

NEXT STOP!

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
109 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137

Tuesday, May 10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<https://www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/6012079369>

Wednesday, May 11, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<https://www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/9317296001>

Pfizer 1st and 2nd doses (ages 5+) and booster doses
Moderna 1st and 2nd doses (ages 18+) and booster doses
Johnson & Johnson (ages 18+) 1st doses and booster doses
Influenza

Vaccines are free, and no ID, insurance, or appointment is needed!

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE
(As of April 13, 2022)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases 823 21,536 Positives Total Tests	SUHC Vaccination Update Pfizer, Moderna, & Janssen Vaccine Available!
Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases 341 4 Positives Deaths	Vaccine Eligibility: Anyone 12 years of age and older (5 years and older for Pfizer). IHS-eligible patients will receive priority when scheduling. Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

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

INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A BOOSTER DOSE (FOLLOWING A 3RD DOSE PRIMARY SERIES).

Call the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) at 970.563.4581 if you have questions regarding eligibility and to schedule your appointment.

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

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CREATE YOUR FUTURE

Become a CNA

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

Program begins May 16
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Bethany Powell
970.385.2098

Pueblo Southwest Community College

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BOBCATS BASEBALL

Bobcats split away pair with Pirates

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Traveling Saturday, April 16, eastward to Monte Vista's Adrian M. Gutierrez Memorial Field, the Ignacio Bobcats came away with a 15-14 victory and an 8-5 loss against the 2A Southern Peaks-representing Pirates.

Outscored 7-4 in a wild first inning getting the non-league doubleheader underway, IHS (3-6 overall, 0-2 2A/1A San Juan Basin) would tie the score at 9-all with a five-run fifth, only to see MVHS (8-6 overall)

creep ahead with a run in the home half of the frame. Each side scratched out two sixth-inning runs, but the 'Cats cranked out four more in the top of the seventh before surviving the Pirates' final comeback bid.

Falling behind 1-0 after an inning in Game 2, Ignacio took charge with a four-run fourth – giving the guests a 5-1 lead, which shrank to 5-2 after the home half – but couldn't counteract Monte Vista's momentum-stealing six-run sixth.

Individual statistics for IHS had not been reported by press time.

With no Prom Day (4/23) action scheduled, the Bobcats will next face resistance Saturday, April 30, at SPLers Trinidad. The road double-header against the Miners – presently 6-2 overall, and No. 8 in the CHSAA Now. com Class 2A poll (released 4/18) as of this writing – at historic Central Park is slated to begin at 11 a.m.

IHS will then resume SJBL play at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, with two home games versus 1A Nucla.

Results from Ignacio's April 19 SJBL two-fer at 1A Dove Creek (6-5, 1-1) were unavailable at press time.

BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

Lady 'Cats bag fifth place in Del Norte

IHS boy's 18th at sizable Tiger Invite

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Despite going up against one of the largest fields of competition she'd seen so far this spring, Ignacio senior Alexis Pontine nevertheless remained one of the throwers to beat Saturday, April 16, at 2A Del Norte's 2022 Tiger Invitational.

Quite successful at IHS' own Abel Velasquez Invite the week before, finishing second in the discus (97'4") and fourth in the shot put (27'0.5"), the Lady Bobcat senior ended up only about 4.5 feet out of first in the latter at the Tiger, heaving a fifth place – out of 42 recording a distance – but still-improved 28'1.5" best.

Victory would be hers, however, in the former specialty; she winged a winning 103'4", bettering runner-up Emily Melgoza of 3A Alamosa by nearly ten feet, plus 44 other placers including teammate Danylle Herrera (39th, 46'7").

Attacking the 300-meter hurdles on the track, Pontine logged another top-10 by placing ninth in 1:01.98, helping the Lady Bobcats pile up 58.5 points and finish fifth overall. Tops amongst 21 scoring squads, 3A Pagosa Springs prevailed with 132 and AHS was a distant second with 80. 2A Buena Vista (60.5), however, barely clipped La Jara-based 2A Centauri's 59 as well as Ignacio's total to earn third place. Trailing IHS – fourth at the AVI – in the standings, 2A Monte Vista (36)



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Lexy Young speeds towards the finish line during the girls' 100-meter dash Saturday, April 9, at IHS' Abel Velasquez Invitational. She'd end up placing fourth in the event but won the 200-meter version.

came in sixth.

Continuing to score well in the sprints, Lady 'Cat senior Lexy Young won the Tiger's 200-meter dash in 29.07 seconds – she'd won at the AVI with a 28.08 – or 0.23 faster than 2A Center senior Alexis Varela and 0.25 ahead of PSHS freshman Rylie Carr, both of whom ran against Young in the same seventh and last heat and were the only other entrants breaking 30 seconds. Close to her fourth-place 13.56 100-meter dash at the Abel Velasquez, Young took third at DNHS in 13.6 seconds.

Sophomore Maci Barnes was sixth in the 400 meters, recording a time of 1:08.85, but shot up to second place at double the distance with a 2:44.58 – less than two seconds behind Pagosa's Annie O'Donnell, but more than eight ahead of PSHS' Nell Taylor – in the 800. Eighth-place Kacey Brown (3:21.15) also earned IHS a point in the event.

Sophomore Lauren deKay shared sixth place – with DNHS' Aden Howell – in the pole vault, clearing 6'2", and she also earned sixth-place points in the 1,600-meter run (7:07.55). Recent squad addition Brown finished tenth in 7:29.53.

In the 800m medley – a 100-100-200-400 relay – Pontine, deKay, Young and Barnes teamed to snag second in 2:05.26.

On the boys' side at the Tiger, Ignacio placed 18th



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Kyle Rima throws the discus Saturday, April 9, at IHS' Abel Velasquez Invitational. He'd place ninth in the event, plus 11th in the shot put at the meet.

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LOS PINOS SPRING CLASSIC • FROM PAGE 1



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Pictured are the 1988 Men's Division Champions, the Colorado Eagles. Pictured are Clement Frost, Byron Frost, Sheldon Frost, Joe Vigil, Wendell Vigil, Alex Cloud, Sam Burch, Mike Frost, Vincent Mirabel, Ralph Watts, Adrian Lucero and Joe Gonzales.

er ran alongside there, and it divides the softball tournament from the Bear Dance," Frost explained. "So, with that tying it together – we called it Los Pinos. It is held in May, so add Spring Classic, and it has been that name ever since."

As the tournament progressed year after year, new additions for the tournament came about, such as light poles donated from La Plata Electric Company, enabling Frost to host night games – new fields with dugouts and other features eventually came to pass. Then, with a newly established Recreation Department under the Tribe, Frost made the decision to pass the baton to newly appointed Recreation Director Alex Cloud.

"I finally turned it over to Alex Cloud – he became a Recreation Director and was one of the team members," Frost said. "I stepped back, and the Recreation Department under Alex Cloud took over, and that is where it has been, it has been run by SunUte since that time."

What started off as a small local softball tournament soon grew to be an annu-

al attraction, bringing teams from all around the nation to participate in the Los Pinos Spring Classic. Frost developed a set of rules and regulations for the tournament following Amateur Softball Association, now known as USA Softball guidelines. With the assistance from family members and generous volunteers, the tournament eventually grew to host 16-18 teams from areas such as Shiprock, N.M., Dulce, N.M., Denver, Towaoc, Colo., and Fort Duchesne, Utah.

In recent years the Los Pinos Spring Classic has seen a decrease in participation, both Frost and SunUte Recreation hope that this upcoming year more teams, families, and spectators will be in attendance. Recreation Specialist Tara Vigil remembers playing in the tournament as a young girl and is optimistic in regard to the attendance rate. "It was huge, and it was awesome, it brought a lot of people to our area and then it kind of died down – being there [with SunUte Recreation] I want to bring it back, recreation wants to build this back up," Vigil emphasized. "One of my goals is to

get more women's teams involved locally, there are many women's teams out there, but I also want the young girls to get back into softball – like when we were growing up."

The Los Pinos Spring Classic, like Bear Dance, marks the beginning of spring and the new year for many in Ignacio. The return of this tournament brings back many memories for past and future players, including Clement Frost. Upon reflection, Frost is very proud of the event, "When I look back at it – how a small idea grew and how it attracted a lot of people, seeing all the teams from different areas, different places, different tribes, it made me feel proud of having that Los Pinos," Frost expressed. "Here they were – come to our reservation to take part of the softball tournament and be over at the Bear Dance, it just grew – it grew big."

For more information about the upcoming 52nd Annual Los Pinos Spring Classic contact the SunUte Recreation Department at 970-563-0214 extension 2652, 2667, or 2655.

52nd Annual Los Piños Spring Classic

May 28th & 29th

Open Men's, Women's & Coed Softball Tournament

Teams will hit their own softballs Classic M and Classic W

Only USSSA Thumbprint bats allowed

Entry Fee: M /W \$250.00, CO-ED \$300.00

Registration deadline May 16th, NO LATE ENTRIES

Double Elimination - Awards 1st-3rd Place

All-Tourney & MVP

(CHAMPIONS WILL RECEIVE FREE ENTRY NEXT YEAR)

HOME RUN DERBY
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WINNER TAKE ALL!
Rules will apply!

For more information call SunUte Recreation Department 970-563-0214
Virgil x2652, Tara x2667, Daphnee x2655

2022 TRI-UTE GAMES

When: July 25th – 28th

Registration Deadline May 13th

Late Registration May 20th

Looking for Athletes & Coaches for the upcoming

Tri-Ute Games held in Towaoc, CO

Must be fully Vaccinated and show proof

Sports: Basketball, Co-Ed Volleyball, Archery, Golf, Hand Games & "Ultimate Warrior Challenge"

Who: Enrolled Tribal Members and 1st Descendents with CIB

Ages: 9-18

The purpose of the games is to come together so our children get to know one another and to foster friendships between the Northern Ute, Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribes.

Tri-Ute Games subject to cancellation due to COVID

To be a part of Team Southern Ute
Please contact SunUte Recreation
(970) 563-0214 - Virgil x2652, Tara x2667, Daphnee x2655



TRIBAL OBITUARIES



RIVAS – Jordan Joshua Rivas passed away on April 4, 2022. Jordan was born on Oct. 1, 1988 in Durango, Colo. to Marie Ann Valdez and Henry Carl Rivas. Jordan was the most loving, thoughtful, kind, funny and entertaining person. He had a love for music, fishing, and entertaining. He loved making people laugh and would do what he could to make anyone’s day a little brighter. Being in his presence meant endless amounts of laughter and smiles. His greatest loves were his family and God. He worked hard every day to provide for his wife and children. So their needs were always fulfilled. Jordan was

an amazing dad. He loved his children and was a proud father. He was helping to raise his children with patience, kindness, understanding and a love for God. Jordan loved God. He loved talking about God with anyone. Spreading Gods message was always something Jordan felt moved to do. He was saved and he needed to save others through Gods work. Jordan was truly one of a kind and his love for life will go on in those who knew him. Jordan would want you to smile, turn to God and live your life one quarter mile at a time. Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust your servant Jordan. In this life you embraced him with your tender love; deliver him now from every evil and bid him eternal rest. The old order has passed away, welcome him into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen Jordan is preceded in death by Hank Carl Rivas. Jordan is survived by Marie Ann Rivas; Wife Davina Hamby; his children Henry, Elijah, Avianna; Brother Andy Rivas (Kristina Rivas, Tyler); Sisters April Clark (Ryan Clark, Dustin, Cheyenne, Kaylee, Arecio, Brooklyn, and Charizma), Amber Gracia (Lando Garcia, Dorian, Janiah, Aleah), China Rose Rivas (Quintin, Zariah, Symphony, Alessandra), Kimberly Velez-Reyes (Luis Velez-Reyes, Mateo).

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Congratulations Aaron Hayes! The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Vocational Rehabilitation Program would like to celebrate and recognize Mr. Aaron Hayes. Mr. Hayes is enrolled in GRID Alternatives-Colorado’s Installation Basics Training program. GRID Alternatives-Colorado installs rooftop, community, and multifamily solar electric systems for income qualified households and affordable housing providers throughout the state, providing families with needed savings and training Colorado workers for jobs in the growing solar industry. Aaron has worked very hard to make changes in his life and improve his skillset.



He is working toward his North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioner certification. We are very happy for him; he deserves to be celebrated! Keep up the good work, Aaron! We are cheering for you!

Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation



EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

GEORGE (REINALDO) MANZANARES On behalf of the family of our most loving Husband, Father, and Grandfather George (Reinaldo) Manzanares, who left on his journey Feb. 20, 2022, to be in the arms of his Creator. We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to our beautiful family, friends, and community for the outpouring of love and support, Each and every one of you touched our hearts and helped us during our time of sadness and great loss and we are forever grateful. We would like to express our gratitude to Deacon John O’Hare from St. Ignatius Catholic Church for the most comforting, sincere blessings given at the grave side. To the Southern Ute Veterans Association and The Southern Ute Color Guard, thank you for giving George his Military Honors. To The Southern Ute Police Department, Southern Ute Tribal Rangers, and Ignacio Police Department for the escort. Thank you to Carlos Leon and Yellow Jacket Drum Group for honoring us all with your beautiful melodies. To Eddie and Betty Box for your comforting blessing, and to all of George’s Independent Box-

ing Club Members for bringing so much joy to George’s dream!! Our Family has the comfort of knowing that George’s legacy will live on. We send our love and Blessings to everyone.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES AT SUNUTE! Dear Student and Parent/Guardian, It is with great excitement that we, at SunUte, write this letter. The SunUte Community Center just received a grant for \$36,200 from Tribal Services with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This grant allows us to give away 362-1-year SunUte memberships to youth that live within the Ignacio School District boundaries. To be eligible for this grant, youth must be in grades 5th- 12th. This opportunity for the youth is exciting for us all but is not in lieu of the Boys and Girls Club. There is a difference between what SunUte is able to offer our youth and what BGC is able to offer. While we both offer a safe place for youth with fun activities, BGC is a youth development program that checks children in and out of their program. Youth that utilize SunUte will check in but may leave

at any time. Grant parameters: Youth 5th-12th grade. If we don’t have the full 362 youth sign up by the time school is out for summer vacation, we will then open it to next year’s 5th graders. Youth must live within the boundaries of the Ignacio School District. Youth may go to other schools but still live in the Ignacio School District. This opportunity ends on June 30, 2022. Please sign up as soon as possible to ensure your free membership. You can pick up your membership packets at your child’s school (Ignacio schools) or at SunUte. Parents/guardians, we ask that you return the packets to the front desk at SunUte. If this is not possible, please call and let us know so we can arrange other options. If you have any questions, please call SunUte, and front desk should be able to answer all inquiries. If you have further questions or would like a tour of SunUte, please ask for Robin Duffy-Wirth, Director of SunUte. We can’t wait to see you all at SunUte!

Robin Duffy-Wirth, SunUte Community Center Director 970-563-0214 rwirth@southernute-nsn.gov

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DRUM WINS 9 SPJ AWARDS • FROM PAGE 1

“Top of the Rockies showcases the best in journalism from 2021, and it is evident that journalists in the four-state region are doing excellent work,” said Deb Hurley Brobst, the contest coordinator. “Every year, I am thrilled at the strong news reporting, feature writing, photography and design that is taking place in cities of all sizes in our region.” The Southern Ute Drum earned a total of nine awards at this year’s recognition ceremony. Graphic Specialist, Robert L. Ortiz took home a total of four awards, including a First-Place award for Feature Page Design, “Rally and Round Dance for MMIR” — Third Place for Single Page Design, “Sharing songs of the

Bear dance” and another Third Place in Feature Page Design, “Ignacio graduation makes a comeback.” Drum staffers, Robert L. Ortiz, Fabian Martinez and Trennie Collins won second place in Sports Photography for their coverage of “Skating for suicide awareness and mental health.” Former Drum Reporter/Photographer, McKayla Lee earned a Third-Place win in Best Solutions Journalism for her coverage, “I Rise Above’ mural unveiled” and another Third-Place win in Spot News Photography for “Heritage presented at library.” Southern Ute Drum Editor/Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley won awards in both writing and pho-

tography – bringing home a Second-Place win in the Science and Technology News category for “Ignacio acquires first electric vehicle charge station.” Shockley also earned a Third-Place win for his Mental Health Feature titled, “Horse Empower brings families closer, fosters communication” and Third Place in Feature Photography for his photo essay titled “Sister tribes gather for Bear Dance.” The Southern Ute Drum has been an active member of the Society of Professional Journalist (SPJ) for over ten years, in addition to long standing affiliations with the Colorado Press Association (CPA) and the Native American Journalist Association (NAJA).

Correction

In a photo published in the April 8 issue of the Drum, “Council Meets with Los Pinos Fire Dept.,” James Brown was misidentified as Wayne Brown. In the “Bobcat Bulletin” article published in the April 8 issue of the Drum. The date for the High School Graduation was incorrect. The date of graduation is May 28, 2022.

COME AND JOIN US!

ELDER SERVICES IS HOSTING TWO SEWING CLASSES FOR OUR ELDERS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

LOCATION: CULTURAL CENTER SEWING CLASSROOM

We will be making Ribbon Shirts, Ribbon Skirts and Shawls. We have room for 8 guests to come and join our class. This class will be first come, first serve. Wednesday, May 11, 2022, will be reserved for the completion of our creations. If you would like to join us, please contact: Michelle Salazar (Elder Services Admin)

@ 970-563-2309 and reserve your spot. There will be drinks, snacks and a lunch provided.

Come join us for an afternoon of fun!

Drum Deadline

Next issue May 6

Deadline May 2

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov

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REQUEST FOR BIDS Southern Ute Growth Fund - Ignacio, CO SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS General Notice

Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project: Site Improvements and Boat Storage Building Project

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at **Goff Engineering & Surveying, Inc.** located at **126 Rock Point Drive, Suite A, Durango, CO 81301**, until **Thursday May 12, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.** local time. At that time the Bids received will be **privately** opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work: **The Project requires site grading, utility installations, and construction of buildings. Site work will include gravel paving, asphalt patching, fencing, and installation of water, sewer, and electrical services. Work includes construction of concrete building foundations and erection of Owner furnished metal storage buildings and modular ice house. Owner will procure and deliver metal buildings on-site to be erected by contractor in accordance with the construction documents. Owner will furnish and install ice vending machine on contractor constructed foundation as detailed in construction plans.**

The Project has a **Contract Completion Time** of **120** days.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents: The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: **Goff Engineering & Surveying, Inc.** 126 Rock Point Drive, Suite A, Durango CO 81301 Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of **9 A.M. to 4 P.M.**, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents on compact disk will be sent via the prospective Bidder's delivery service. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method chosen. Bidding Documents are available for purchase in the following formats:

Format	Cost
Bidding Documents (including Full-Size Drawings)	\$250
Bidding Documents (including Half-Size Drawings)	\$125
Physical Media (USB, CD, etc.) containing Bidding Documents in PDF format	\$25
Electronic download of Bidding Documents at www.goffengineering.com/project_bidding	\$15

Pre-Bid Conference: A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 10 A.M.** at: **Sky Ute Fairgrounds, located at 200 County Road 151, Ignacio, CO 81137.** Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. **TERO: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.**

Bidding Documents: Please go to www.goffengineering.com/project-bidding/ to view project and obtain Bidding Documents. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Proposals will be received through May 20, 2022.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to develop a nonpoint source (NPS) pollution assessment report and NPS management program plan (management plan) for the Environmental Programs Division. For inquiries and a complete copy of the RFP, contact the Tribe's Environmental Programs Division: Attn: Steve Kem – Water Quality Specialist §319 Coordinator, PO Box 737 MS #81, Ignacio, CO 81137. skem@southernute-nsn.gov

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. The Tribe 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 Tribe.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Shirley Ardeoa Frost, Deceased
Case No.: 2022-0006-CV-PR**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO:

Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MAY 24, 2022 at 10:00 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 5th of April,
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

Notice of Hearing

**Case No: 2021-0153-CV-CV
Marten Anthony Pinnecoose vs.
Annabelle Isley Pinnecoose**

The above mentioned parties are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for Money Demand before the above named Court on May 9, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

Date: April 18, 2022
Marlene Price, Southern Ute Tribal Court

LEGAL NOTICE

**To John Francis
In the Case of, AT, 21-DN-146**

Take notice that the SUIT Division of Social Services has filed a Child in Need of Supervision Petition, naming you as a respondent parent, in the case of *In the Interest of AT*, 21 DN 146 (SUIT Tribal Court). Your son, AT, was found to be a Child in Need of Supervision on November 17, 2021. You are hereby notified that a hearing is set in this matter on **May 23, 2022, at 2:00 PM.** in the Southern Ute Tribal Court, 149 C.R. 517, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-0240, for the purpose of reviewing the status of the child. You will be advised of your rights as a parent should you attend. You may contact the Tribal Court to obtain copies of documents filed in this case.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2022
Gayle Dixon
Attorney for the SUIT Division of Social Services

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2022-0014-CV-PR
Nicholas Kyle Herrera, 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 **MAY 23, 2022 at 11:00 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 5th of April, 2022
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Mildred Whyte, Deceased
Case No.: 2022-0025-CV-PR**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MAY 2, 2022 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 9th of March, 2022
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0176-CV-PR
Gerald Buck Cloud, 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 **MAY 10, 2022 at 10:00 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 10th of March, 2022.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Emerging Contaminants Assessment

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified consultant to conduct emerging contaminants analyses for a study of accumulation 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. Email: tchaya@southernute-nsn.gov. Proposals will be received through April 29, 2022. 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.



Southern Ute Utilities Division
SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 04/08/22



UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS



TRANSFER STATION 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MAY 30 TH MEMORIAL DAY — CLOSED
JUNE 20 TH JUNETEENTH — CLOSED
JULY 4 TH INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED
SEPT. 5 TH LABOR DAY — CLOSED
OCT. 10 TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY — CLOSED
NOV. 11 TH VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
NOV. 24 TH THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
DEC. 9 TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
DEC. 26 TH CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY — CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION
MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5PM / CLOSED SUNDAY
Tribal Members: Pick up 2022 Trash Permits by calling office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Show Tribal ID.



IMPORTANT SPRING DATES

- April 18th—April 22nd: Annual Spring Clean-Up
- April 22nd: Visit Utilities Booth at the Tribal Member General Meeting
- May 4th: Utility Shut-Off Day at 10am
- May 30th: Transfer Station Closed for Memorial Holiday



Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

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

Friendly Reminders

- Office Lobby is OPEN! 🐰
- Monthly Shutoffs are the 1st Wednesday of each month:
**May 4th / June 1st
July 6th / August 3rd
Settle your payments before 10AM**

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Online at: www.suitutil.com
Choose "Pay My Bill" tab
- Utilities Drive-Up Window
- Utilities Drop Box at Office
- Wells Fargo Drive-Thru (Ignacio Branch)
- Automatic deductions at Tribal Distribution
- Mail payment made payable to "Southern Ute Utilities Division" PO Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137
- Phone (970) 563-5500 during office hours.

NEW 2022 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per Household.

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

Simplify Your Spring

\$5 BILL CREDIT!

Switch to paperless billing with LPEA in April or May.

LPEA
La Plata Electric Association, Inc.





Tribal Forestry Wood Program

The Forestry Wood Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is winding down, we are in our last month of providing wood to the Tribal Membership.

The Wood Program for the year will end on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

The Wood Program will start again October 3, 2022. Thank you.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Board of Directors Vacancy

Our Board of Directors is seeking to fill a vacancy. **MUST** be a **SUIT Tribal Member**

The Board Members meet 2 times a month (Regular Board meeting and subcommittee meeting)

Applications available at:
<http://www.bgcsu.org>

For more information, contact Bruce LeClaire, CEO
970.563.2694 or bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov

Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission Vacancy

Tribe-Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. Closing April 23, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Vacancy Description: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking applicants to fill one Commission member vacancy on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and State of Colorado Environmental Commission. The selected applicant would serve a three-year appointment to the Commission.

Commission Purpose: Determining and prescribing air quality rules and regulations that should apply on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation; and Reviewing appealable administrative actions. 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

Summary of Commission Duties: Conduct public hearings pertaining to adoption of rules and regulations for the Reservation Air Program or review of appealable administrative actions, and issue subsequent orders; Determining which administrative actions are appealable to the Commission; Review and approve the long-term plan of the Reservation Air Program; Facilitate relationships between agency liaisons and representatives from the EPA, State, County and Tribe; Approve and adopt fees for permits and other regulatory activities conducted by the Tribe; Ensure consistency and adherence to applicable standards and resolve disputes involving third parties; Request administrative or clerical assistance from tribal staff when necessary to issue orders and conduct Commission business; and Review emission inventories developed by the Tribe and State.

Preferred Commission Member Qualifications: Knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order; Knowledge of Federal, State and Tribal air quality regulations; Strong ethics and 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 via Virtual Meeting Platform.

How to Apply: Send letter of interest to: by email to airquality@southernute-nsn.gov or by mail to (must be postmarked by the closing date) Air Quality Program Office, PO Box 737 MS #84, Ignacio, CO 81137

For Questions about the Commission Vacancy or Environmental Commission: Contact Air Quality Program Manager, Danny Powers at dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov or 970-563-2265 or visit the Environmental Commission Website at Environmental Commission – Southern Ute Indian Tribe (southernute-nsn.gov)

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Máyk! 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.

GAMING COMMISSION

The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions for specified terms, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age. Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation. Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures. Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality. Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. These positions are open until filled. If you think you might be interested, please contact 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?

ELECTION BOARD

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking two (2) Regular Board Member. The closing date is Friday, April 22, 2022 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

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.

TERO COMMISSION

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) commissioners; A person with Tribal Regulatory knowledge and experience and; Southern Ute Tribal member at-large to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: Tribal Regulatory Knowledge and Experience; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. TRIBAL MEMBER AT-LARGE: Not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

Notice: SUIHA Committee Vacancy

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) is currently seeking an individual to serve on the SUIHA Board of Directors. The Board adopts policies and enacts resolutions of the SUIHA. Individuals interested in serving as a Board Member should submit an application and a letter of intent to SUIHA stating their qualifications and why they would like to serve on the Board. All applications need to be submitted to the SUIHA, P.O. Box 447, Ignacio, CO 81137 or deliver to the SUIHA office located at 760 Shoshone Avenue, Ignacio, CO. Proof of Southern Ute Tribal Member required. Applications can be obtained at the SUIHA or request email to rtorres@suiha.org. Applications will be accepted until position filled



TERO Department

PO Box 737
71 Mike Frost Way
Ignacio, Co. 81137
Office: 970-563-0117 fax: 970-563-4824

Lawn Maintenance Program Guidelines

This program is to assist the Southern Ute Tribal Elders/handicap who reside on or within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and at their primary residence. The program assists with Spring/Fall Clean up, snow removal, lawn maintenance, small tree/shrub trimmings, raking, assisting with heavy lifting/removal of furniture and appliances and tilling of garden plots.

This program service is not available for secondary homes: ONLY for the primary home.

Lawn Maintenance: [April-mid Oct.]

- ❖ Mowing and trimming of lawns up to a distance of 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Cutting of weeds up to a distance of 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Cutting weeds around zircons, propane tanks, wood sheds, garages and other stationary buildings up to 50 feet, making a 15 feet wide path to home.
- ❖ Leaf rake, bagging and disposing of leaves within the 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Minor small tree/shrub trimming and pruning and disposing. **We do not cut down trees or remove trees, need to call a professional tree removal company.**
- ❖ Wood Chipping – Call Forestry for assistance 970-563-2910 (Marcella Gomez-Forestry Admin. Asst.) and/or 970-563-2911 (Brian Gideon-Forestry Division Head).

Garden Plot: [April-Sept.]

- ❖ Tilling of garden plots are 50x50 feet.
- ❖ If assistance is needed to place a barrier around, we can assist.
- ❖ We will not seed or cover seeds placed or weeding, raking and watering.

Snow Removal: [Nov.-Feb.]

- ❖ Shovel sidewalks and make walk ways to the propane tank, wood shed, garages and/or other buildings needing to get to-15-20 feet wide and garage entrance areas.
- ❖ The lawn service scheduled listing will be used daily for service.
- ❖ Roof raking will be provided as a safety precaution.
- ❖ Snow will be shoveled 15-20 feet from home after falling from the roof, as a safety precaution to the primary homeowner (elder/handicap). This safety precaution is so the snow don't pile up and accumulate icy walk ways or porch areas.
- ❖ Ice melt will be placed down after shoveling.

Other Services: [As Requested]

- ❖ Assist with heavy moving of furniture(s).
- ❖ Assist with heavy moving of outside fixtures.
- ❖ Assist with Fall/Spring cleanup. [Fall-Oct; Spring-April]
- ❖ With approval from TERO Supervisor on other requests, i.e. mowing empty dog pens; trash removal to dump; etc. on a case-by-case request and approval.

Effective 9/1/17

KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION! KSUT seeks one (1) enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors



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



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

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Summer Program)

Closes 5/16/22 – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) summer program. Summer program runs from May 25th to August 12, 2022. Pay grade N4; \$12.32/hour.

Environmental Programs Manager

Closes 4/27/22 – Under the general direction of the Environmental Programs Division Head, plans, develops, and administers multi-media environmental programs for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with focus on Clean Water Act (CWA) Water Quality §106 and §319 Programs, but also requiring knowledge of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) §128(a) Brownfields Program, and the General Assistance Program (GAP). Pay grade E16; \$67,244.15/year.

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator

Closes 4/25/22 – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. May require an employee to be placed on a winter furlough period of at least two months per year, but not more than four months. Pay grade N9; \$16.88/hour.

Health Center Clerk

Closes 5/3/22 – First line of communication for the Southern Ute Health Center. Interfaces with patients, other service centers, departments, outside agencies, hospitals, clinics, etc. Provides clerical/administrative support. Greets patients, answers telephones, data entry, and performs a variety of complex scheduling activities. Pay grade N7; \$14.48/hour. “Full vaccination (per CDC definition) is required based on the duties of this position, subject to the policies of the organization. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered”.

Home & Community Health Services Manager

Closes 5/5/22 – Management and administration of all community and home based health services, programs, and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. This position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent upon grant funding. Pay grade E15; \$60,370.75/year. “Full vaccination (per CDC definition) is required based on the duties of this position, subject to the policies of the organization. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered”.

Medical Records Technician

Closes 5/4/22 – Provide a complete and accurate patient health record that will be maintained and processed for all patients utilizing the health center. Enter accurate and updated patient data extracted from PCC forms, Reports EHR to generate health summaries, monitor health maintenance requirements. Performs technical functions of retrieving, tracking, and maintaining medical record. Pay grade N8; \$15.61/hour. “Full vaccination (per CDC definition) is required based on the duties of this position, subject to the policies of the organization. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered”.

Referral Coordinator

Closes 5/4/22 – Referral Coordinator maintains ongoing tracking of patient referrals for in-house/out sourced services, ensure that referrals are addressed in a timely manner, keep physicians updated with accurate documentation in system, sets up appointment, maintains insurance authorization, ensures complete and accurate registration, demographics and current patient insurance. Pay grade N9; \$16.88/hour. “Full vaccination (per CDC definition) is required based on the duties of this position, subject to the policies of the organization. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered”.

Swimming Instructor (Part-time)

Closes 5/2/22 – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; \$14.48/hour.

TERO-BIA Irrigation Laborer

Closes 4/29/22 – Provides an opportunity for a TERO qualified candidate a support role in field work under the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project for BIA, Southern Ute Agency. Monitors and Cleans trash racks throughout the PRIIP system. Maintains daily entries in the Irrigation system Operators diaries. Performs all work in a safe manner. TERO is offering a sign-on bonus of \$250 to qualified candidates and \$250 completion bonus to candidates that complete the irrigation season.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

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. Pay grade N7; \$14.48/hour.

Custodian

Open Until Filled – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N5; \$12.54/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. “Full vaccination (per CDC definition) is required based on the duties of this position, subject to the policies of the organization. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered.”

Detention Officer

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

Detention Transport Officer

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

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; 18.32/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Economic Development Manager

Open Until Filled – Under general direction of the Tribal Planner, plans, organizes, and implements economic development functions from conception to completion, including business retention, business attraction, and incentive programs. Promoting the small business and economic development interests of the Tribe. Acts as a liaison with various local, regional, State, and Federal organizations (e.g., chambers of commerce, SBDC, Region 9 of the EDA, SBA, etc.). Provides information and/or makes presentations to Tribal Council, civic groups, businesses, and the public on economic development issues, programs, services, and plans. Works with the Communications Specialist to formulate and implement marketing and business attraction strategies. Position is grant-funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade E17; \$75,321.13/year.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position 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. Pay grade E12; 45,236.26/year.

Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

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.

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. Pay grade 14; \$26.21/hour.

Lake Capote Recreation Assistant (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Maintenance Worker will: greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions; clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings; and assist with site development and improvements. Seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade N7; \$14.48/hour.

Lands Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provides general information to the Tribal Membership and general public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. Pay grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

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: 970-563-4777.

Energy Manager – Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/29/22 – Coordination of activities related to the exploration, development, production and accounting of natural gas and other energy resources produced on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation.

Environmental, Health and Safety Specialist II: Health and Safety Emphasis – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/29/22 – Promoting EHS awareness, compliance and stewardship throughout the organization to all employees. Will assist and have limited responsibility for multiple programs which minimizes or eliminates worker safety, environmental, and regulatory risks to Red Willow Production Co. Will assist and may be responsible for the development, execution, and training of EHS programs and initiatives with an emphasis on health and safety programs and compliance.

Senior Environmental, Health and Safety Specialist: Environmental Emphasis – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/29/22 – Promoting EHS awareness, compliance and stewardship throughout the company to all employees and functions as the lead for multiple programs which minimizes or eliminates worker safety, environmental, and regulatory risks. Development, execution, and training of EHS programs and initiatives with an emphasis on environmental aspects and will be the environmental program lead.

Automation Foreman – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/29/22 – Overseeing the operation and maintenance of gas and oil well automation and gas measurement equipment, including all projects related to installation and repair of automa-

tion and measurement equipment, to include ensuring compliance with all applicable company, tribal, federal state, and county regulations and that assigned field personnel are performing in a safe and environmentally appropriate manner. Will oversee automation and measurement work in all operated areas and will require a significant amount of time in the field.

Maintenance Technician – Red Cedar Gathering Company (Durango, CO)

Closing 5/2/22 – Operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Plant and Field Compression facilities, including amine plant equipment, engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration. Performs work related to the repair and ongoing maintenance of equipment.

Assistant Asset Manager – GF Properties Group, LLC (Durango, CO)

Closing 5/10/22 – Effectively performing a variety of real estate functions for investment projects. Will be involved in real estate asset management, financial analysis, project evaluation, management of tenant improvements, and contract negotiation. Requires work on GF Properties Group projects and with joint venture partners on a variety of project types in accordance with company objectives.

Custodian Technician – Growth Fund Facilities (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 5/13/22 – Provide housekeeping service and support as directed by the Facilities Manager, to include cleaning of public and non-public areas throughout Growth Fund Office Building, Red Willow Office Building, Utilities Office Building, and Quichas Hill Apartments Office. Implementing the arrangement of meeting room tables and chairs and coordinating with food service vendors for setup and kitchen use and for ordering and stocking cleaning supply inventory.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

Lifeguard (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 and includes a \$200 sign-on bonus.

NAGPRA Technician (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – Assists NAGPRA Coordinator(s) with new and on-going projects, including, but not limited to, duties such as: technical data entry, records management, research, and other duties as assigned. The NAGPRA Technician must be organized and able to maintain a complicated work and deadline calendar for new, on-going, short term, and long-term projects by providing timelines to NAGPRA Coordinator(s) to participate in consultations in face-to-face consultations or teleconferences. Assists with consultation with tribal, state, and federal consultations under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) when needed. Pay grade N10; \$18.32/hour.

Native Connections Therapist

Open Until Filled – All Tribal Health employees are required to be vaccinated. Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides behavioral health treatment in the Native Connections grant program. Will work with youth up to age 24, and their families, as part of the Native Connections grant project. Mental health and dual diagnosis services provided within the Southern Ute Health Center, patient homes, schools, and the community as needed to address patient needs. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade E15; \$60,370.75/year.

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. 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. Pay grade N12; 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. Pay grade N13; \$23.81/hour. Sign on Bonus offered based on years of experience. Potential housing available with employment.

Public Education Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Public Dept. ern Ute students or Johnson O'Malley Program students in the Ignacio Elementary School and develops an afterschool program to strengthen academic skills throughout the school year. Designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing the programs and reviewing their success. Successful applicant will support established curriculum/management and is expected to work in different subject areas and classrooms as determined by the Director and building principal. Intent of this teaching position is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. Position is based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations available during periods of the year that do not require student contact. Pay grade E11; \$41,456.65/year.

SunUte Community Center Receptionist (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening, and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade N5; \$12.54/hour.

TEAM Worker (So. Ute Members 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.

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. Purpose of the program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. Apprentices may be placed within Permanent Fund departments or divisions dependent on career interests, educational level and/or length of prior relevant and appropriate work experience. Once application is submitted, applicant will receive an email for detailed information about career interests. The Apprentice Committee will review applications and assess what options may be available for applicants.

Tribal Health Department Director

Open Until Filled – A professional executive management position with overall responsibility for the health services system and supervision of a variety of health and medical services programs operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) through its Tribal Health Department. Provision of effective and efficient health/medical services in coordination with the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, Provider Staff, and other relevant resources. Provides leadership and general supervision to divisions within the Department ensuring compliance with all applicable policies & procedures, contracts, and law. Pay grade X21; \$143,281.09/year. “Full vaccination (per CDC definition) is required based on the duties of this position, subject to the policies of the organization. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered.”

Tribal Ranger

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of Tribal Ranger Sergeant and Ranger Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade N12; \$21.75/hour.

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

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 and includes a \$200 sign-on bonus.

Water Resources Specialist

Open Until Filled – Provides professional and technical level work to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. Pay grade E13; \$49,517.56/year.



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: 970-563-4777.

Southern Ute Digital Equity Program Administrator – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/27/22 – Defining the overall Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) strategy and charter, as well as managing the day-to-day activities to include program meetings, planning and collaborative execution of program deliverables. Drives communication including the planning of outreach events, webinars, training, and expanded program development efforts.

PeopleSoft FSCM Developer I – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/28/22 – Entry level development and production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain Management applications, providing enterprise-wide technical support and consultation. Junior position will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the functional/technical benefit of enhancements, as well as the design and implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

PeopleSoft FSCM Developer II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/28/22 – 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.

Computer Technical Support Administrator I – Desktop – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 5/6/22 – Technical support of end-user hardware and software in the Shared Services Network including escalation support for Help Desk personnel. Provides desktop and mobile operating system and software installation, configuration and repair, and on-site customer visits. Provides end user computing equipment installation and relocation. Works with Computer Technical Support Administrator II employees to help complete requests.

TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information • 970-563-0117

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

TERO-BIA Irrigation Laborer

Closing May 13, 2022 – Provides an opportunity for a TERO qualified candidate a support role in field work under the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project for BIA, Southern Ute Agency. Monitors and cleans trash racks throughout the PRIIP system. Maintains daily entries in the Irrigation system Operators diaries. Performs all work in a safe manner. Qualifications: Must be enrolled in a FEDERALLY recognized Indian Tribe. Must have a High School Education or Equivalent. Must pass pre-employment drug test and through background check. Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions. Must have or be willing to take an ATV safety Course.

Preferred Qualifications: Experience in operating construction and natural resources management tools, equipment and vehicles. Experience with Short-wave radio systems, cellular phones, and other communication devices. Must have a Valid Driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under the Tribal vehicle insurance policy. TERO is offering a sign-on bonus of \$250 to qualified candidates and \$250 completion bonus to candidates that complete the irrigation season. Applications can be submitted via the TERO Worker job opening at www.southernute-nsn.gov/careers. Contact TERO for additional information at 970-563-0117.

Southern Ute Food Distribution

April 2022 Calendar of Events

Southern Ute Food Distribution
Manager, Edward Box III
Kela Hernandez,
Bradlin Goodtracks,
Calvin Levato

• April 29 – Closed Inventory Day

For info call
Food Distribution at 970-563-2530.



SOUTHERN UTE
Cultural Center & Museum

- Are you outgoing?
- Like to talk to people?
- Love your culture?
- Want to share it?

BECOME A DOCENT!

Docents greet museum visitors, introduce them to the exhibits, answer questions and provide tours. They also work in the Museum Store to promote Native arts and crafts and take sales.

We are excited to be fully open this summer and are hiring full-time and part-time docents.

For more information, contact:

Museum: Susan Cimburek at 970.563.2973
TEAM Program: Rochelle Aguilar at 970.563.2990
TERO Program: Laura Sanchez at 970.563.2294

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.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full Time)

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

*Player’s Club Rep (Full-time)

Performs all administrative functions of a Players Club Representative such as: signing up new members, player’s account maintenance, answer player club and general property questions, administering redemption, complimentary and access rewards and benefits to qualified players club members. Maintain the highest standard of guest service, problem resolution and confidentiality. Develops and creates a long lasting experience for all Club Card members.

Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests, luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*Slot Technician II (Full-time)

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation, and relocation of slot machines and related devices. To ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal gaming device performance. Reports to the Slot Technician Supervisor.

*Beverage and Cocktail Server

Will prepare beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 lbs. regularly and will be responsible for monetary transactions. Will maintain the highest level or guest service.

Event Staff (Full-time and 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.

*Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time)

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

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.

Laundry Attendant (Full-time)

Perform the required operations with laundry equipment; ensuring products are clean and acceptable for hotel use. Maintaining laundry for the hotel rooms and other departments as needed.

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.

Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

*Bingo Staff (Part-time)

Servicing guests during Bingo games including selling additional special games and pull tabs, instructing customers in Bingo play, calling Bingo games, beverage service and other duties promoting guest satisfaction and play. Verifying winning Bingo cards and making payouts accordingly.

Cafe Cashier (Full-time)

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Tasks include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments.

*21 years or older to apply.

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

- Gaming, Licensing Agent – Closing 4/20/2022
- Natural Resource, Cowboy – Closing 4/25/22
- Planning & Development, Transportation Specialist – Closing 4/29/22
- Public Works, Maintenance Worker – Closing 4/25/22
- Child Development Center, PT Assistant Cook – OUF
- Child Development Center, FT Assistant Head Start Teacher – OUF
- Child Development Center, FT Day Care Teacher – OUF
- Child Development Center, Paraprofessional – OUF
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – OUF
- Education, Director – OUF
- Energy, Director – OUF
- Minerals, Auditor – OUF
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – OUF
- Public Health, Community Health Representative – OUF
- Public Safety, FT-Security – OUF
- Public Safety, Police Officer – OUF
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter/EMT-P – OUF
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B, IV – OUF
- RISE Grant, Grant Project Manager – OUF
- Social Service, Caseworker I – OUF
- Social Services, Director – OUF
- Ute Counseling, Director – OUF
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – OUF
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehab Counselor I – OUF
- WM-Administration, Member Service Technician – OUF
- WM Recreation Center, PT-Assistant Director – OUF
- WM-Education, Adult Education Coach – OUF
- WM-Education, Juvenile Interventionist – OUF
- WM-Education, Public School Lead Liaison – OUF

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE
Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off date will be processed the following week

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| • Distribution, Fri., May 2 | NOON, Tues., May 24, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Fri., July 29 | NOON, Tues., July 25, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Fri., Sept. 30 | NOON, Fri., Sept. 23, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Fri., Oct. 28 | NOON, Tues., Oct. 25, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Thurs., Nov. 10 | NOON, Mon., Nov. 7, 2022 (CHANGED DATE) |
| • Distribution, Wed., Nov. 23 | NOON, Fri., Nov. 18, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Thurs., Dec. 8 | NOON, Mon., Dec. 5, 2022 |

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



Kicking it



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Angela Baker (4) dribbles the ball to safety away from Bayfield’s Emaliah Sawyer during non-league action Wednesday, April 13, at IHS Field. Playing possibly the program’s best-ever match against the Lady Wolverines, the Lady Bobcats actually held a 2-0 halftime lead – via two goals by junior Harmony Reynolds – before losing 3-2 as BHS improved at the time to 5-2 (1-1 3A Southwestern) overall. Standing a competitive 1-6 (1-4 2A Southwestern), IHS’ next match was to be Tuesday, April 19, at home versus Montezuma-Cortez (3-4, 3-1 3A SWL), but results were unavailable at press time. The Lady ‘Cats will then resume league play on the 22nd at Del Norte. Kickoff is set for 4 p.m. Bayfield and Ignacio are presently slated to next meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, inside BHS’ Wolverine Country Stadium.

LADY CATS BAG FIFTH PLACE • FROM PAGE 18

with 13 points scored; Centauri copped the title with 117.5 and BVHS followed with 103. Rounding out the top five (of 24 scoring teams) were Pagosa Springs (79), Alamosa (53) and 3A Bayfield (41).

Bobcat senior Jeremy Roderick took second – out of 50 placers – in the shot put, his 38’2.25” best only three-quarters of an inch behind that of Buena Vista sophomore Eli Flowers and earning IHS eight team points. Roderick had placed sixth at the AVI with a 39’8” best, plus seventh in the discus with a 104-foot maximum; in Del Norte he ended up 19th with a 79’10”, while Flowers (107’9”) took third behind BHS junior Deegan Barnes’ winning 124-footer.

Freshman Kendrick Nossaman finished 32nd (66’4”), and also placed 26th in the 200 (29.09) plus 14th in the 400 (1:02.53). Sophomore Corey Gomez took eighth in the 800 (2:47.91), with sophomore Trajan Garcia 14th



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Corey Gomez (left) expresses both relief and congratulations to classmate Trajan Garcia following the 1,600-meter run Saturday, April 9, at IHS’ Abel Velasquez Invitational. Gomez placed 14th in the event and Garcia 16th.

(2:56.40) and senior Deekon Gillespie 16th (3:00.89).

Junior John Riepel finished 24th out of 52 in the 100 meters, clocking 12.57 seconds (Centauri’s Deven Brady laid down a winning 11.58), and the 4x200 relay – senior Tyler Barnes, freshman Lincoln Gillespie, Riepel and sophomore Camron Cooper – placed ninth in 1:44.93. Barnes earned three points

in the pole vault, placing sixth with a best clearance of 9’2”, and Gomez earned a point in the 1,600 with his ninth place 6:08.11. Not far behind, Garcia finished 11th in 6:12.01.

Next on Ignacio’s schedule will be Durango’s Ron Keller Invitational on Saturday, April 23, with a long trip out to Centauri following on April 30.

2022 Abel Velasquez Invitational (April 9)

GIRLS’ STANDINGS

1. Durango 192, 2. Pagosa Springs 138, 3. Sargent 44, 4. **IGNACIO 41**, 5. Montezuma-Cortez 65, 4. Dove Creek 55, Nucla 32, 6. Dove Creek 30, 7. Del Norte 26, 8. Bayfield 16, 9. Mancos 11, 10. Montezuma-Cortez 10.

BOYS’ STANDINGS

1. Durango 209, 2 Pagosa Springs 70, 3. Sargent 70, 4. Dove Creek 55, Nucla 32, 6. Dove Creek 30, 7. Del Norte 26, 8. Bayfield 16, 9. Mancos 11, 10. Montezuma-Cortez 10.

NOTABLE IHS GIRLS’ RESULTS

400m – Barnes 1:09.38 (2nd); 800m – Barnes 2:43.72 (4th); 1,600m – deKay 100m – Riepel 12.61 (12th); 400m – 6:59.23 (10th); 300m hurdles – Pontine Nossaman 1:00.64 (9th); 800m – Cooper 1:02.03 (6th); pole vault – Barnes 6’9” 2:19.59 (6th); 1,600m – Gomez 6:02.18 (14th), Garcia 6:09.81 (16th); 4x200m relay – 1:41.30 (4th); pole vault – Barnes 9’9” (5th); long jump – Riepel 16’10” (11th); triple jump – Nossaman 26’6.75” (12th); shot put – Kyle Rima 33’5.5” (11th); discus – Rima 100’8” (9th).

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LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, April 22



Partly sunny 69°F
20% chance of afternoon showers

Saturday, April 23



Mostly sunny 56°F
20% chance of morning showers

Sunday, April 24



Mostly sunny 59°F
Slight chance of morning showers

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



2022 ROLLING THUNDER SHOOTOUT

7TH AND 8TH GRADE BOYS AND GIRLS

APRIL 29TH AND 30TH IGNACIO, CO

ENTRY FEE: \$100

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place awards in each division

Boys contact:

Trae Seibel
(970) 764-8098

Girls contact:

Damon WhiteThunder
(970) 759-5963

BOBCAT ACTION

Look for additional Ignacio Bobcat action on The Southern Ute Drum’s website at www.sudrum.com

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Think deeply
- 5 Soft felt hat that might be worn by 9 Down
- 11 The disappearing --- Sea, which is really a lake
- 12 Eliminate all doubt
- 13 Chess win
- 14 --- acid, used in bleaching
- 15 “Thou canst not then be false to ---” (Shakespeare’s Polonius, “Hamlet”)
- 17 Financial setback
- 18 “Dirty dog”
- 19 “Father of Modern Philosophy” --- Descartes
- 21 Debate topic
- 23 Antiburglary device
- 27 “Diddy,” in Durango
- 29 Fox partner
- 30 Auxiliary track
- 33 Not at all glamorous
- 35 Temuche was once their chief
- 37 California soda lake
- 38 Arthurian paradise
- 39 Squirrel’s nest
- 40 Enter again, as data
- 41 Some wines

Down

- 1 Lady member of the tribe
- 2 Herschel’s 1781 discovery
- 3 Mythological half-men, half-goats
- 4 California Pomo colony
- 5 Intersection accident
- 6 “My Fair Lady” star --- Harrison
- 7 --- Sanford of “The Jeffersons”
- 8 --- Owl Gloyne, Catawba/Cherokee, notable nurse
- 9 Type of pop?
- 10 “Bleah!”
- 16 Length times width, often
- 20 Bread to go with curry
- 22 Disobedient
- 24 Not at sea
- 25 Poured
- 26 Feuding folks
- 28 --- Eddy, noted guitarist of the 50’s-60’s
- 30 “Lion King” baddie
- 31 Apply asphalt
- 32 --- the crack of dawn
- 34 USN title
- 36 Summit

Answers for this crossword will appear in May 6 issue of the Drum.

Answers for April 8, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Pus, 4 Ached, 9 Ash, 10 Drew in, 12 Cree, 13 Eureka, 14 At dawn, 16 Bret, 17 Pot, 18 Yagi, 20 Snobs, 22 Debra, 26 RSVP, 28 Oat, 29 WCTU, 32 Is Born, 34 Rail at, 36 Ohio, 37 Ysleta, 38 Son, 39 Steve, 40 Hog.

Down: 1 Parton, 2 Used to, 3 Shea, 4 Adena, 5 Cru, 6 Herbie, 7 Ewer, 8 Dike, 11 Nat, 12 Caps, 15 Wyss, 19 GDPs, 21 Brulee, 23 Boohoo, 24 Raring, 25 At no, 27 Vitae, 29 Wry, 30 Cass, 31 Tilt, 33 Bosh, 35 ATV.