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Ute tribe welcomes spring



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ute relatives and friends gathered together in celebration of spring during this year's Northern Ute Bear Dance held in Fort Duchesne, Utah. This year's event was held Friday, May 13 through Monday, May 16. A Bear Dancer from the Ute Indian Tribe, Gavyn Vanderhoop, adjusts her hat, attempting to shade herself from the sun rays; temperatures reached the upper 80's throughout the weekend.

See more Bear Dance coverage on page 13.

FIRE MANAGEMENT

So. Ute Tribe Initiates Stage I Fire Restrictions

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Due to the current high temperatures, dry fuel conditions and the occurrence of recent wildland fires, Stage I fire restrictions have been implemented for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

The Restrictions will become effective at 6 a.m., May 20, 2022 and will remain until conditions improve.

Stage I Fire Restrictions prohibits acts for the general public, commercial operators and industrial oil and gas operators performing work on the Southern Ute Reservation.

The following acts are prohibited for the general public on reservation lands:

- 1. OPEN BURNING.** Burning of trash and/or yard waste is prohibited.
- 2. AGRICULTURAL BURNING.** Burning of crop land, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles prescribed burning and weed burning are prohibited.
- 3. CAMPFIRE.** Building, maintaining or using a warming fire or campfire outside of officially designated or developed camp sites is prohibited. The fire restrictions do not include charcoal fires (in suitable containers) for barbecues or fires for sweat ceremonies, however, such fires are not to be left unattended and are to be fully extinguished after use.
- 4. FIREWORKS.** Possession, discharging or use of any type of fireworks is prohibited.

Anyone violating the provisions of this fire ban may be subject to prosecution outlined in the Southern Ute Indian Criminal Code.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Southern Ute Agency fire crews at the ready



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

BIA - Southern Ute Agency firefighters stand together with personnel from two Type 6 Engine Crews from Fort Lewis Mesa (Brush 73) and Los Pinos (Brush 88) on Wednesday, May 18 – crews are on site ready to respond to fires on the Southern Ute Reservation.

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Agency is geared up, staffed, and ready to respond as fire season hits Southwest Colorado earlier than usual. A relatively mild winter, coupled with hot dry spring conditions and extremely high winds, have set the stage for wildfire across the Four Corners. “We are ready for lightning or man caused fire, anything with a high potential for spread – we are really hoping to avoid any big fires,” emphasized BIA Southern Ute Agency, Fire Management Officer, Rich Gustafson. “Tribal Forestry and Range, they are Red Carded and ready to go, to provide manpower to assist BIA.”

“We recently had the Devil Fire, a four-acre fire on Devil Mountain – plus, a couple of Ag burns we had to respond to. No lightning caused fires yet.” Gustafson said, “Hopefully we are getting the word out that things are hot and dry.”

Currently the Southern



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Howard Richards, Assistant Fire Management Officer for the BIA Southern Ute Agency, served as the Task Force Leader on the historic Cameron Peak Fire in 2020, where he was stationed near Red Feather Lakes. Richards is a 20-year veteran in the field of wildland firefighting.

Earlier this week, the Plumtaw Fire broke out north of Pagosa Springs, Colo. and quickly reached 600 acres in size. Just last week, BIA was called in to assist with the Ute Pass Fire in Durango, Colo. due to its complexity and the need for a Type 3 team on-site. “The conditions are extremely dry, this is early for large, high elevation fires – it’s not common to see these types of fires so early in the season,” Gustafson emphasized.

Ute Agency has two Type 6 Engine Crews from Fort Lewis Mesa (Brush 73) and Los Pinos (Brush 88) onsite ready to respond – the additional fire crews come by way of fire severity funding. “Resources are starting to become scarce with everything picking up in New Mexico – be it hand crews, engines, or helicopters,” explained Howard Richards, Assistant Fire Management Officer for the BIA Southern Ute Agency.

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TRIBAL HEALTH

Behavioral Health now has space for growth

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Department has now been in their new building and providing in-person treatments since June 2021, first offering services during the pandemic. With the new building comes a significant increase in staffing and patients, including 14 employees, plus four contract personnel. “We now have therapists, counselors, a PEER recovery coach, a psychol-



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

Aeden Valdez-Baker added his own touches to the “Rise Above” mural that adorns the wall in the new Behavioral Health building. He was one of many youths who helped paint the mural with help from graphic artist Jonathan Judge, Director of Media and Campaigns for Rise Above Colorado.

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Tribe honors law enforcement



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Judge Scott Moore introduces former Chief Judge and Tribal Chairman Pearl Casias as one of the two Ute women being recognized in a dedication ceremony to acknowledge the renaming of the Justice Building to the Casias-Newton Justice Center, Monday, May 16.

See more Law Enforcement coverage on page 11.

Southern Ute Tribal Rangers were among those at the annual Law Enforcement Memorial Day recognition ceremony held by the Tribe, Monday, May 16, at the Tribal Justice Building in Ignacio. The recognition is honoring those officers locally and across the nation that have given the ultimate sacrifice in their service to the communities they serve.





FIRE CREWS AT THE READY • FROM PAGE 1

“We might get a BIA helicopter in Dulce, N.M. to get us through our fire season,” Richards added. “The good thing about local resources is that they know the area. It helps the local fire departments too. Personnel, they get to go home to their families after work – vs. National resources.”

Richards started his career in May of 1994 to the 2000 fire season. In 2008 he became a Fire Operation Specialist; Richards hits the 20-year mark of his career in December of this year. One of Richards’ long-term goals is to bring on more tribal members into permanent positions within the BIA Southern Ute Agency, in addition to facilitating plans for a new building to house the BIA’s Southern Ute Agency with additional amenities and space.

Hoping to secure funding through a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Southern Ute Agency has a five-year plan for a new Fire Station on the Southern Ute Reservation to house BIA, Forestry and Fuels under one roof. Expanding on the number of vehicle bays and providing improved workspaces. A fitness room with showers – the proposed facility would also be able to



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Contracted crews construct two large metal sheds onsite, Wednesday, May 18, to house additional firefighting equipment – ATVs, UTVs and other vehicle attachments, shared by Fire, Forestry and Fuels.

provide better technological support for staff and increase overall energy efficiency. “My personal opinion is that this building doesn’t accommodate everyone – we need adequate space,” Richards said.

“Chairman Baker is interested in getting more firefighters; we’re pursuing grassroots recruitment,” Gustafson said. “Were hoping to attract kids who like this sort of thing – and provide jobs, training, were always working to develop programs. It’s incumbent on us to become self-sufficient, to fight fires [on the Reservation] without outside resources.”

The 2022 Wildland Fire Academy saw 250 students earlier this spring, where

BIA and the Tribe cooperated with regional fire agencies. “That was in March, and it was hosted at the Casino, and it was a big success,” Gustafson said. “We plan to host it again in the spring.”

Two new large metal sheds are currently being constructed on site, to house additional equipment – ATVs, UTVs and other vehicle attachments, shared by Fire, Forestry and Fuels. BIA, Southern Ute Agency also has a stock of backup supplies secured in two equipment trailers filled with hoses, field supplies and misc. firefighting gear – all in preparation for the anticipated fire season, which is well underway in Southwest Colorado.

KSUT RADIO

KSUT partners with StoryCorps to foster connection across America’s political divides

Staff report

FOUR CORNERS PUBLIC RADIO

KSUT has partnered with StoryCorps, the national nonprofit dedicated to recording, preserving, and sharing the stories of Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs, as part of StoryCorps’ One Small Step Radio Station Hubs project. KSUT is one of six public radio stations across the coun-

try selected to receive training and production assistance to collaborate on StoryCorps’ One Small Step initiative, which facilitates conversation and connection between people of opposing viewpoints. One Small Step Communities is made possible with support from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

“KSUT has always had a mission to provide a bridge

between the communities we serve,” said KSUT Executive Director Tami Graham. “Partnering with StoryCorps is a great opportunity to further that mission, and be a convener and connector in our region.”

“We are reaching out to a diverse array of Four Corners residents and everyone is welcome,” said Ad-

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Many Moons Ago



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Various tribes of the Four Corners states participated in the annual Walking Together for Healthier Nations event on Friday, May 4. The walk began from three different locations in three different states – Aneth in Utah, Red Mesa in Ariz., and the U.S. Hwy. 160/U.S. Hwy. 491 junction in Colo. – leading to the Four Corners Monument.

This photo was first published in the May 18, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

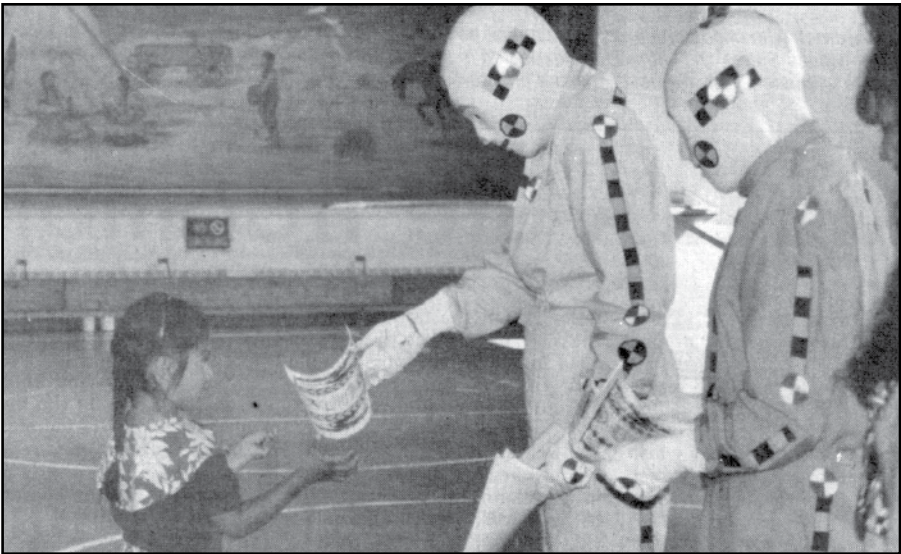


Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

On May 2, 2002, Ignacio Elementary School held its 18th Annual “Carousel of Creativity.” During the program, the school had a grand opening celebration for the Secret Garden. The school honored Amelia Howe for her dedication and hard work in making the Secret Garden a reality by installing a bench bearing her name inside the garden.

This photo was published in the May 17, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dedra Millich/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Crash Dummies Vince and Larry hand out safety awards to Head Start Students. Youngsters also learned to be safe riders on buses and vehicles by buckling up.

This photo was published in the May 16, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Cynthia Kent, Executive Director of Indian Affairs for the State of Colorado was the guest speaker for the annual tribal dinner for Southern Ute seniors at the Strater Hotel in Durango, Colo.

This photo was published in the May 21, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

FOUR CORNERS POWWOW

JUNE 17TH & 18TH 2022

Tico Time Resort • Aztec, NM

HEAD GOURD STAFF

MC - Elvin Keeswood (Diné)
Head Gourd - Deaton Smith (Diné)
Gourd Dance AD - Chaske Taylor (Choctaw)
Head Singer - Josh Pinto (Diné) (Smokestack)

Dress Accordingly: Long sleeve shirt & dress pants.
NO cowboy hats or ball caps. Otter hats are okay.

HEAD POWWOW STAFF

MC - Elvin Keeswood (Diné)
Head Man - Marvin Pinnecoose (Southern Ute)
Head Lady - Sage Jack (Diné)
Powwow AD - Johnnie Keeto (Diné)
Host Northern Drum (FRI) - Iron Colt
Host Northern Drum (SAT) - Lightning Hórsé

Color Guard - Shiprock Chapter Veterans organization

SPECIAL GUESTS

Summer Jones (Isleta Pueblo)

Def-i (Diné)

Volunteer & Vendor Info

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505.374.3388

Thanks to the hosts - Robert Homes, Bear Gable, & the Tico Time Family
Event Coordinator - Ryneal Lewis-Adams (Diné)

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THE SMITHSONIAN

NMAI to Dedicate National Native American Veterans Memorial Nov. 11

Staff report
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE
AMERICAN INDIAN

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian will dedicate the National Native American Veterans Memorial Friday, Nov. 11. The dedication ceremony will take place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., as part of a three-day event (Nov. 11-13) to honor Native veterans. A Native veterans procession will take place before the start of the dedication ceremony.

"The dedication of this memorial is an opportunity to gather and reflect on the extraordinary service and sacrifice of Native veterans and their families," said Cynthia Chavez Lamar (San Felipe Pueblo, Hopi, Tewa and Navajo), the museum's director. "I hope ev-

everyone will join us for this momentous occasion, so together we can offer them our thanks for their contributions to our country.”

Events Nov. 11 will begin in the afternoon with a Native veterans procession, which will make its way along the National Mall to the dedication ceremony. There will be viewing areas along the procession route for supporters to gather to honor the participating veterans and watch the ceremony.

Throughout the weekend, the museum will host special programming in honor of the dedication of the memorial, including hands-on activities, films in the Rasmuson Theater, performances in the Potomac Atrium and a dedicated veterans hospitality suite. The museum will remain open until 8 p.m. Nov. 11.

Visitors can also visit the exhibition “Why We Serve: Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces” on the museum’s second floor. The exhibition, which tells personal stories of Native Americans, Native Hawaiians and Alaska Native veterans who have served in the U.S. armed forces, brings long overdue recognition to those who have served their country selflessly and with honor for more than 250 years.

More information about the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial can be found by visiting the memorial's website. The website includes details on how to register to participate in the Native veterans procession. The dedication ceremony will also be livestreamed on the website so those who cannot attend in person can also watch.

Sharing the Bear Dance



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box introduces Nathan Strong Elk as the Bear Dance Catman to students at Bayfield High School on Friday, May 6, explaining the importance of the role played by the Catman, and the protocol for visitors attending the Bear Dance.

The Bayfield High School hosted a group of Southern Ute Bear Dancers from Ignacio on Friday, May 6, to share aspects of the cultural celebration, and inform the students on basic Bear Dance etiquette, while also encouraging their participation in the upcoming spring celebration.



Bear Dancing in Randlett



courtesy Marvin Pinnecoose/SU Cultural Preservation

The Randlett Bear Dance took place Thursday, May 5, through Sunday, May 8 in Randlett, Utah. This is the first Bear Dance of the year, and the purpose is to help bring the bears out of hibernation and celebrate Spring.

Prepping for Bear Dance



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Shawna Steffler stands with her two boys, Devin and Kele, during a visit to the Southern Ute reservation, both left for their current homes in Austria the following day. The Baker family gets together each spring to clean, prep, and set up their traditional camp adjacent to the Bear Dance grounds, where the family gathers each spring to participate in the Bear Dance events and around the campfire each evening.

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
Tipti 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@southernnute-nsn.gov

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A decorative graphic for the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant. The text is centered within a gold-colored geometric border. The words "SOUTHERN UTE" are in a black serif font, arched. Below them, "Royalty Pageant" is in a black script font. Underneath that, "BEING HELD" is in a black sans-serif font. The date "AUGUST 2022" is in a large, bold, black script font. At the bottom, "MORE INFORMATION FORTH COMING" is in a black sans-serif font. The graphic is adorned with pink flowers and green leaves on the left and right sides.

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SOUTHERN UTE
Royalty Pageant
BEING HELD
AUGUST 2022
MORE INFORMATION FORTH COMING



HEALTHY RECIPES

A healthy bean salad

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

Great to bring to events and BBQs and so easy to make! This salad has all the requirements: Beans for protein, carbohydrates and fiber and healthy fat in the dressing.

You can really add whatever veggies you like but the key is keeping the veggies you include cut to similar sizes.

Bring this to Bear Dance to help keep your loved ones nourished!

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



courtesy Healthy Fitness Meals

Nourishing Bean Salad

Ingredients

- 15 oz can of pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 15 oz can of black beans, rinsed and drained
- 15 oz can garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
- ½ red onion, chopped
- ½ English cucumber, chopped
- ½ red pepper, chopped
- ¼ cup parsley or cilantro, finely chopped
- (Optional ingredients to try — corn, olives, jalapenos, etc.)

Dressing

- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon honey or maple syrup

- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

Directions

1. Place beans, onion, cucumber, red pepper, and parsley in a large bowl.
2. Place all dressing ingredients in a mason jar (or any container with a tight-fitting lid) and shake vigorously to combine.
3. Pour dressing over bean mixture and stir. Serve or place in refrigerator for later use.

Tips: If serving later (1-2 days), keep dressing and parsley separate.
Serving size: ½ cup; Servings: 12
Nutrition per serving: 175 Calories, 9.3g Fat, 19.3g Carbohydrates, 4.9g Fiber, 5.7g Protein

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: May is Mental Health Awareness Month, back to the basics

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

What’s everyone talking about? Mental Health

Since the start of the pandemic, more and more people are talking about mental health. An increasing number of folks are starting to see it for what it is: one very important component of your overall health and well-being, just like your physical health. However, mental health conditions, resources, and conversations can still feel complicated and out of reach.

Are there common warning signs for mental health conditions or crises? Specific factors that can lead to mental health conditions or even crises? What resources are out there – and how do I know if they’re right for me?

Many people are learning about mental health topics for the first time. Having a widespread understanding of the topic can help you be more informed if you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health condition or crisis. Around half of people in the U.S. will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition at some point in their life, so everyone should know what to look out for.

Everyone should have the support needed to thrive. Communities that have been

historically and presently oppressed face a deeper mental health burden because of the added impact of trauma, oppression, and harm.

There’s often no one single cause for a mental health condition. Instead, there are many possible risk factors that can influence how likely a person is to experience a mental health condition or how serious the symptoms may be.

Some risk factors for mental health conditions include the following: trauma, which can be a one-time event or ongoing; your environment and how it impacts your health and quality of life (also known as social determinants of health like financial stability and health care access); genetics; brain chemistry; and your habits and lifestyle — such as a lack of sleep.

Of course, understanding the risk factors for a mental health condition can be more difficult when it’s your own mental health. Take time to ask yourself about your thoughts, feelings, and behaviors to see if this is part of a pattern that may be caused by a mental health condition.

Here are some questions to get you started:

- Have things that used to feel easy started feeling difficult?
- Does the idea of doing

daily tasks like making your bed now feel really hard?

- Have you lost interest in activities and hobbies you used to enjoy?
- Do you feel irritated, possibly to the point of lashing out at people you care about?

Our society focuses much more on physical health than mental health, but both are equally important. If you are concerned about your mental health, there are several options available. You are not alone – help is out there, and recovery is possible. It may be hard to talk about your concerns, but simply acknowledging to yourself that you’re struggling is a really big step.

Wondering? Take a Mental Health Test

Taking a screen at mhascreening.org can help you to better understand what you are experiencing and get helpful resources. After the screening, consider talking to someone you trust about your results, and seek out a professional to find the support you need. Think about sitting down with your family and friends who might also like to talk about their mental health and take the test together.

While you may not need this information today, knowing the basics about mental health will mean you’re prepared if you ever need it. Go to mhanational.org/may to learn more. You can also reach out to the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700 to talk about taking a screening in-person or if you have questions about mental health challenges and support.

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.

You can also reach out to the Colorado Crisis Line at anytime, anywhere, for a mental health or substance use challenge. 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.

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Council aims to Lift the Label



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

As one of Tribal Council’s 13 Priorities, messages around substance abuse and prevention will be regularly shared throughout the community. It is the wish of the Southern Ute Tribal Council to have a drug-free tribal community, one that our youth can thrive in for generations to come. Council Member Lorelei Cloud holds up a Lift the Label campaign poster. To learn more about the project please call Southern Ute Behavioral Health at 970-563-5700.

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@southernuten.gov for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **Southern Ute Police Department:** Anonymous Tip Hotline. Do you have information about a crime? Please call 970-563-4999. This “Tip Line” was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously, if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The “Tip Line” is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it DOES NOT replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police number 970-563-4401.
- **St Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4241.
- **Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave, Ignacio, CO (currently located inside ELHI) 970-759-3633
- **Second Wind Fund of the Four Corners:** Believes that every child and youth at risk of suicide should have access to the mental health treatment they need. We match children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities, 720-962-0706.
- **Women’s Resource Center:** Creates personal, social, and professional growth opportunities for all women in La Plata County, 970-247-1242.

24/7 State or National Resources

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

Shining Mountain Fresh

Sign up for a FREE, healthy meal kit for you and your family with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness's 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/SMFreshMay>

Sign-up Deadline: Monday, May 23rd
* Pickup Date: Wednesday, May 25th

Meal Kit Includes:

- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

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

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Contact Marvina Olguin marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov
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You don't have to do it alone; we can do this together.

Marvina Olguin, Peer Recovery Coach



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Students for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted a lemonade stand on Tuesday, May 17, during the Walk for Hope; proceeds from selling refreshments will go towards sponsoring a presentation and workshop by acclaimed poet Tanaya Winder. Sibrya Larry and Osias Goodtracks work together to provide change to customers.

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Kʷanachigani pə’əkwatɨ - Eagle’s Nest

By Principal Mari Jo Owens
SU INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

There is one more week left of school, and Bear Dance is right around the corner! What an exciting time for our school as the students and staff have been working on their shirts, skirts, and dance steps. Even though we have our end of the year ceremony on May 26, we get the pleasure of ending the school year with the opening of the Bear Dance on May 27. Looking back, I have to say that this was one of our most difficult years. Having to still navigate through COVID-19 caused minimal classroom/school closures for SUIMA, and the added stress of the health and safety balancing act was tiring, yet we made it!

Looking forward to next school year, we will continue with a five-day school



courtesy SUIMA

Resident squirrel, Dennis the Menace (aka Spider Man), was running rampant in the SUIMA grow dome. After several attempts to alleviate the situation, some of the Natural Resources staff were able to capture and release him far, far away from the tasty vegetables and flowers.

week and move our early release day to Friday. Our choice to stay as a five-day week was based on parent response as well as what will work best for our school. With that being said, as the Ignacio School District has moved to a four-day school week, some of

our days might not match up like in the past. The move to Fridays as our early release was to align with ISD’s enrichment day. Thank you to everyone who provided input and suggestions so we could serve the students, parents, and tribal organization in a good way.

Nuu’apaghapi

(Ute phrases, sentences and songs)

- spring - tamanatɨ
- school - pə’əghani
- Bear Dance - Mamakwanhkapɨ
- exercise – puwagɨ
- sweat- paqháa (perspire)

Upcoming events

- May 19 & 20 – Primary level field trips
- May 20 – Upper elementary poetry slam with Tanaya Winder
- May 24 – Final Parent Advisory Group meeting
- May 26 – End-of-the-year ceremony (Parade details will be coming out soon)
- May 27 – Opening of Bear Dance – ½ day
- Aug. 24 – Open House
- Aug. 29 – 2022-2023 School year begins

Kinders enjoy Field Day



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Students of Tracy Strohl’s class win the tug of war competition during Kindergarten Field Day, at the Ignacio High School football field, Monday, May 9. Strohl’s Class won all rounds of the tug of war event and became the overall champions.

Tug of war champions and students of Tracy Strohl’s class pose for a celebratory photo to conclude the Kindergarten Field Day at the Ignacio High School football field.



Mothers Day Tea



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Miracle Ortiz shares light refreshments and tea with her children Alliyannah Tahlo and AhKeem Williams during the Mother’s Day Tea celebration held within the Dining Hall at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) on Friday, May 6.



Kristean Velasquez conversates and breastfeeds daughter Scarlett Velasquez while attending the Mother’s Day Tea celebration at the SUIMA Dining Hall Friday, May 6.



Shining Mountain Health and Wellness hosted Mother’s Day High Tea in the SunUte Community Center Capote Room on Thursday, May 12. Attendees enjoyed light refreshments including a variety of hot and cold tea. Attendees also had the opportunity to ask questions related to breastfeeding and motherhood. Shining Mountain Health and Wellness is a fully grant funded community and clinic-based program that has a primary focus on chronic disease management and prevention, additionally Shining Mountain Health and Wellness provides resources and education in both the breastfeeding and breast/cervical cancer fields.

2022-2023 School Calendar

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

275 Mousache Circle, P.O. Box 737 ms52

Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: (970) 563-0253 Fax: (970) 563-3695

Aug 15 Staff Returns
 Aug 25 Back to School - Open House
 Aug 29 First Day of School for Students
 Sep 5 Labor Day - No School
 Sep 10 So. Ute Tribal Fair Parade
 Sep 23 Professional Development Day
 Oct 10 Indigenous Peoples Day - No School
 Oct 31 Teacher Work Day
 Nov 4 End of First Trimester
 Nov 7-10 Parent Teacher Conferences
 Nov 11 Veterans Day - No School
 Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving Break
 Dec 9 LCB Day - No School
 Dec 25 - Jan 6 Christmas Break
 Jan 9 Students and Staff Return
 Jan 16 MLK Jr. Day - No School
 Feb 20 President's Day - No School
 Mar 10 End of Second Trimester
 Mar 10 Teacher Work Day
 Mar 13-17 Parent Teacher Conferences
 Mar 20-24 Spring Break
 Apr 21 Professional Development Day
 May 25 End of Third Trimester
 May 25 Transition Ceremony
 May 26 Bear Dance - 1/2 Day for Students
 Jun 2 Last Day for Staff

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Total Student Days 164.5

Total Staff Days 183

PAG, Family Night, and School Board meetings to be scheduled

No School
 PDD (Professional Development Day) NO SCHOOL
 Parent Teacher Conferences
 Early Release
 Transition Ceremony
 First & Last Day of School

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<https://www.vertex42.com/calendars/school-calendar.html>



Singing into spring



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Students sang along to the tracks of “Do-Re-Mi,” “La Bamba,” and “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” during the Second Grade Spring Concert at Ignacio Elementary School on Thursday, May 5.

Second Grade students at Ignacio Elementary School showcase their percussion skills during the Spring Concert. Throughout the performance students displayed their musical talent by playing musical instruments, singing, and dancing.



Spring Concert resounds

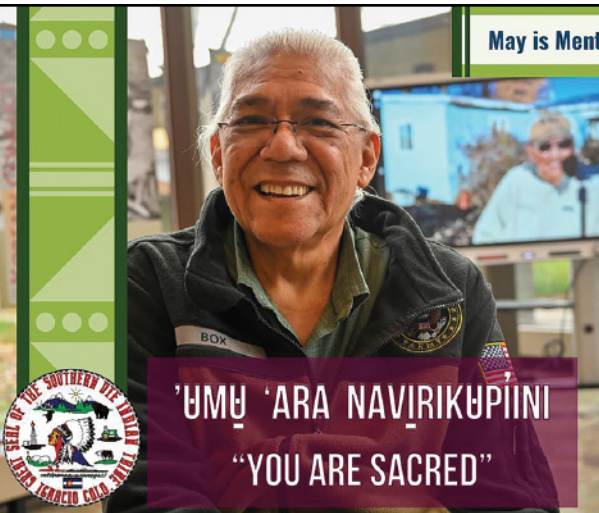


photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Music graced the Ignacio High School Auditorium on Tuesday, May 17, as the Ignacio Middle School and High School bands held their Spring Concert to showcase their hard work and talent in the field of fine arts. Audience members were treated to a hand-picked setlist of 12 songs ranging from classical and traditional folk to jazz and rock and roll all conducted by Music Director, Chris Morag.



Ignacio High School student and saxophonist, DaVonte James, performs his solo during the popular Miles Davis jazz song, “All Blues.”



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

You are a gift from the Creator, and you are not alone. We are in this together. There are resources available and people who are willing to help, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you, or someone you know, is experiencing stress, anxiety, fear, and/or depression, share the resources below.

- **Southern Ute Behavioral Health**
970.563.5700, Monday through Friday
4101 CR 222, Durango, CO
- **Local 24-hr Crisis Hotline**
970.247.5245
- **Colorado Crisis Services**
1.844.483.TALK(8255) or text “Talk” to 38255
- **National Suicide Prevention**
1.800.273.TALK(8255)
- **National Suicide Prevention**
Text “HOME” to 741741

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2022 REGIONAL SCHOOLS UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

- May 26 – Academy Transition Ceremony
- May 27 – Half-Day for Students
- May 27 – Students' Last Day (Bear Dance to follow)

IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

- May 24 – 5th Grade Continuation
- May 25 – Kindergarten Graduation
- May 26 – Field Day (1st - 5th Grades)
- May 26 – Students' Last Day
- May 28 – High School Graduation (Parade to follow)

DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT

- May 27 – High School Graduation
- June 2 – Students' Last Day

MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT

- May 26 – Students' Last Day
- May 26 – High School Graduation

Please check each school's websites for information.



Starting June 1st

Water Fitness will be offered

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

7:30am-8:30am



By scheduling this class earlier it will allow for our summer swim lessons to be offered to the youth.

There will be one lap lane, sauna and jacuzzi available to adults at all times during the morning pool hours.

Ignacio School District and its Community Partners

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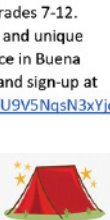
Summer Enrichment 2022

June 13th – 17th
STEM Camp
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)



Students will enjoy hands-on STEM Activities. Cost \$25, scholarships available. Students must provide a sack lunch. [Click here to register](#)

June 13th – June 18th
Ignacio Youth Services hosts a week long overnight camping trip for grades 7-12. Outdoor activities and unique camping experience in Buena Vista CO. Details and sign-up at <https://forms.gle/U9V5NqsN3xYidJrKA>



June 20th-24th
Music Camp



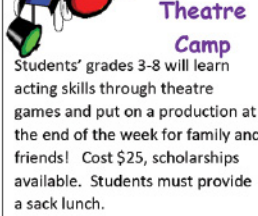
Students will learn and practice various forms of music. Cost \$25, scholarships available. Students must provide a sack lunch. [Click here to register](#)

June 27th- July 1st
Art and Cooking Camp



Students will learn various art and cooking skills. Cost \$25, scholarships available. Students will prepare each day's lunch! [Click here to register](#)

June 27th – July 1st –
Theatre Camp



[Click here to register](#)

July 19th – 21st
Camp Sasquatch

Ignacio Schools in cooperation with Southern Ute Tribe is sponsoring a 3 day overnight camp exploring outdoor activities, team building, and survival skills. Cost \$30 Scholarships available.

For more details and sign-up go to <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/education/>

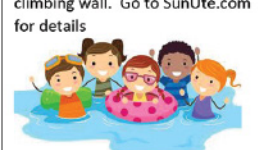
June 1 – July 27
Free Library Summer Programs weekly on Wednesday throughout the summer 10-11 AM. Contact the library at 970-563-9287 to sign up.

Camp Creative sponsored by Dancing Spirits Community Arts Center. Sessions are June 13-17, July 11-15, and August 8-12'. Each session costs \$65. Sign up by calling 970-563-4600.

June 13-August 12
Boys and Girls Club will provide daily activities for youth ages 6-18 years old. Registration required as well as a weekly fee. Scholarships available. Go to www.bgcso.org

Rolling Thunder Bowling on Fridays from 12-3 PM will offer 2 free games of bowling with \$2 shoe rental. Contact them at 970-563-1707 for more information.

May 2022 – May 2023
SunUte Rec Center is offering FREE Full Year Memberships for children from 5th-12th grade. Includes swimming pool, gymnasiums, weight room, and climbing wall. Go to SunUte.com for details



The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's

END OF SCHOOL YEAR BASH!

May 21, 2022 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Color Run 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

7:30 a.m. Registration

All Students & Their Families Welcome!

Fun!
Raffles!

Piinu Nuuchi Skatepark

591 Ute Road

Ignacio, CO 81137



For more information please contact SunUte at (970) 563-0214.



Earth Day flowers



courtesy Marquette Cloud/SunUte

The SUIMA Upper Elementary Class, led by Maethalia Yazzie, offered to plant SunUte's flower pots this year for Earth Day! They told SunUte what colors they wanted and SunUte purchased the flowers. They decided where to put which flower on their own. To finish up the project, they will find some smooth rocks and paint Ute words on them along with some decorations. Students started by cleaning out the pots and it was a two-day project. Some of the kids were absent for the second day but assisted on the first day. Pictured above is fourth year SUIMA student, Sibrya Larry. The students that assisted with the planting were: Niko Frost, Max Veneno, Joe Howell, Sibrya Larry, Dwight Litz, Keyon Alston, Saniyya Valdez, and Osias Goodtracks. Thank you SUIMA for helping to beautify SunUte!

Josh the Otter is back!



Precious Collins/SU Behavioral Health

Roman Velasquez, Josh the Otter, and Abel Velasquez take the "Water Safety Pledge" at Ignacio Elementary School, Wednesday, May 11. They gave a total of 10 presentations at the Ignacio Elementary School and one each at SUIMA, the Pine River Library and the Ignacio Library. For more information on the Water Safety Pledge, please call Roman Vasquez at SunUte 970-563-0214.

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 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

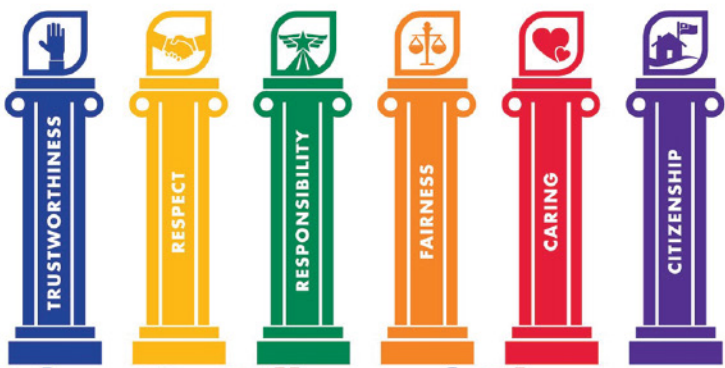


For more information: Michael Kirsch-
Academic Advisor
970-563- 2783
E-mail: mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov

CHARACTERCOUNTS!

Training Opportunity

for anyone who works with youth in the Ignacio community



May 31st & June 1st, 2022

Character Counts has been very successful in our community over the last few years.

Join us for a two day training to learn more about the SEL program, Character Counts, and how to incorporate it with the youth and organization you work with. Must attend both days.

Limited Availability

Registration Deadline May 20th

Email Cass at casanchez@southernute-nsn.gov to register!

UTE INDIAN MUSEUM
COMMUNITY
APPRECIATION
FESTIVAL

FREE Admission to Museum/Event
NATIVE VENDORS, FRY BREAD, KIDS BUMP & JUMP

Gift Store Specials

MAY 28
10 am-3 pm

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

10 AM SILENT AUCTION OPENS

10 AM - 12PM KID'S ACTIVITIES
PETROGLYPH CARVING
AND MORE

10 AM - 1 PM IN MEMORY OF
MISSING & MURDERED
INDIGENOUS WOMEN
PLACE YOUR PAINTED
HANDPRINT ON A BANNER

11 AM - 12 PM ETHNOBOTANY GARDEN TOUR
DEMONSTRATION IN
MAKING PINE PITCH SALVE
(FREE SAMPLE TO TAKE)

11 AM - 12PM FREE FUDGSICLES AND POPSICLES

12 PM - 12:45 PM FILM ON MISSING
& MURDERED
INDIGENOUS WOMEN

1 PM GREGG DEAL PROGRAM
Gregg Deal (Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe)
challenges Western perceptions of
Indigenous people, touching on issues
of race, history and stereotypes.

3 PM SILENT AUCTIONS CLOSES



970-249-3098 | www.UteIndianMuseum.org
17253 Chipeta Road Montrose, CO 81403

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Fast Facts
about the
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Education
program at PCC

- Program Start Term: Fall and Spring semesters
- Award: Associate of Applied Science or Associate of Arts degrees; Certificates
- Program Length: 9-60 Credits, 2-5 Semesters
- Part-Time or Full-Time: Both
- Course Availability: Evening and Online
- Course Locations: Pueblo, Fremont, Durango, Mancos, Bayfield and Online

Contact us for more information

Pueblo/Fremont campuses:

719.549.3138

PCC Southwest locations:

970.564.6201

pueblocc.edu/programs/ece



Pueblo
Community College
Early Childhood
Education



Participants walked over a mile from start to finish. The walk encouraged many to push themselves as they saw fit, while also stressing the importance of exercise and mental health.



Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Mel Baker chats and walks with Council Member, Vanessa Torres during the Walk for Hope event.



Lieutenant Deirryck Begay of the Southern Ute Police Department (SUPD) takes part in the walk while enroute to the Bear Trail. SUPD was vital in helping make sure that the event was safe, and traffic was directed accordingly.

Walking for HOPE




Emergency Family Services Program Coordinator Velma Armijo shows what she hopes for to feature in part of the “Living Board” hosted by the Behavioral Health Division.

Photos by Fabian Martinez
The Southern Ute Drum


Over 70 Southern Ute tribal members, tribal Employees, and community members gathered during the lunch hour on Tuesday, May 17, for the Walk for Hope event in front of the Leonard C. Burch Building to “spread and share hope amongst our youth and community.” This event was a collaboration between the Tribal Information Services, SunUte Community Center, Tribal Services and Tribal Health Department with each department hosting small booths with snacks, mental health resources and information. The event also highlighted a “living board” hosted by the Behavioral Health Division, where participants could write positive affirmations and post them for others to see. Once it kicked off, the walk featured two routes – a shorter route around Tribal Campus for elders – and a longer route that took participants past the KSUT Radio Station and onto the Bear Trail. Participants also purchased lemonade from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students – hoping to raise money to sponsor a visit from Southern Ute Poet, Tanaya Winder.



SUIMA student Landon Miles grabs a tube of bubbles and a few healthy refreshments from the main sign in desk ahead of the event.



COYAC
Colorado Youth Advisory Council



✓ 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.

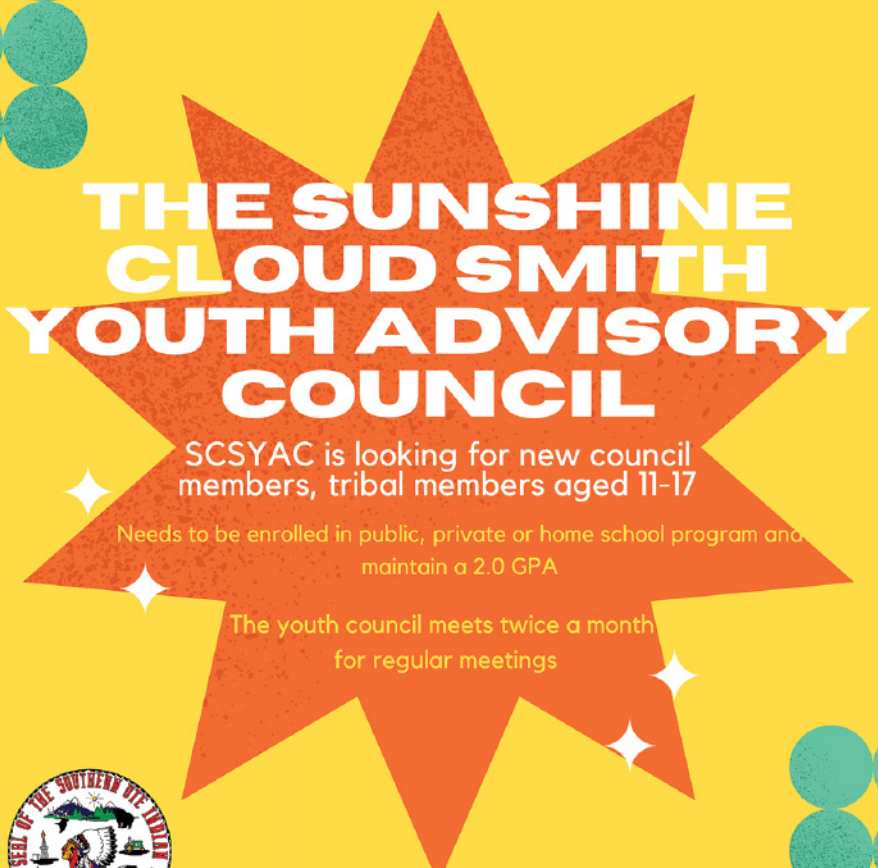
COYAC consists of 40 youth members, including one voting member representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. In 2021, state legislators accepted all of COYAC’s policy ideas, and COYAC students are helping legislative staff draft bills for introduction at the 2022 legislative session at the State Capitol.

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

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



MAY 19-22, 2022

BEARDANCE CHIEF:
PAUL LAROSE

WHITEROCKS, UT.

CATMAN LANE LAROSE



WHITEROCKS

OLD STYLE UTE BEARDANCE

THURSDAY, MAY 19

8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony
8:30 am. Breakfast
12:00 pm. Lunch
1:00 pm. Beardance Creation Story
3:00 pm. Beardance

FRIDAY, MAY 20

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

SATURDAY, MAY 21

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

SUNDAY, MAY 22

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

Southern Ute Tribal Offices will be closed
Mon., May 30 in observance of Memorial Day

- Mon., May 30: Day of Remembrance
- Mon., May 30: Southern Ute Bear Dance Feast

Offices will resume normal business hours Tues., May 31

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!



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

Ute Mountain

133RD BEAR DANCE
JUNE 3-6, 2022

FRIDAY JUNE 03, 2022

Bear Dance Starts 10:30 am
Powwow
Handgame
Co-ed Softball Tournament
Registration:
\$250 PER TEAM before May 27th

SUNDAY JUNE 05

BEARDANCE – All Day
HANDGAME TORUNAMENT

MONDAY JUNE 06

BEARDANCE – All Day
Feast

SATURDAY JUNE 04

BEARDANCE – All Day

Parade @ 10 am

Beardance "Memorial" Walk:

REGISTRATION
8 am – Front of Rec. Center

Walk starts @ 8:30 am

HANDGAME TORUNAMENT: TBA

Co-ed Softball Tournament: 8am

Powwow: TBA

Beardance Chiefs:

Terry Knight Sr.

Mark Wing

Austin Jacket

Farley Ketchum Sr.

Terry Knight Jr.

UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR: ACCIDENTS, THEFT, INJURIES OR DIVORCES, NO SOLICITORS,
No Videos or photography Without Chief's Permission
THIS EVENT IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENTMemorial Day 2022
Honoring All Who Served

SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS

WE HONOR THE CREED OF THE SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS. WE REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY AND PEOPLE. WE REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY AND PEOPLE. WE REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY AND PEOPLE.

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Presented by
The Southern Ute Veterans AssociationSouthern Ute Veterans Memorial Park
May 30, 2022 at 8:00am
Ignacio, CoSouthern 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.

Top photo: Unknown photographer (circa 1970's) • Bottom photo: Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum (2017) • Design: Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



Dressed in uniform, members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Gaming Division, Tribal Rangers, La Plata County Sherriff's Dept, Southern Ute Police Department, and Southern Ute Detention stand together for a formal portrait in front of the Justice Building.

Honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice



SUPD Detective, Richard Herrera stands at attention as the flags are lowered in remembrance and recognition of fallen officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

On Monday, May 16, members of tribal and regional law enforcement gathered in front of the Justice Building for a recognition ceremony. “We realized that we have migrated away from the true purpose of what President Kennedy established in 1962,” Justice and Regulatory Department Director, Chris Mimmack stated. “The consensus from staff is that we need to return to truly recognizing what Law Enforcement Memorial Day is about, honoring those officers locally and across the nation that have given the ultimate sacrifice in their service to the communities they serve. Law Enforcement Memorial Day is about honoring those officers that lost their lives in the course of their duties.”



Justice and Regulatory Department Director, Chris Mimmack welcomes Southern Ute Tribal Council, tribal law enforcement, their families and the community following the blessing, vehicle inspection, and lowering of flags.



Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Ramona Eagle inspects an SUPD patrol unit outside of the Justice Building.



Southern Ute singers Bruce LeClaire, Tyson Thompson, R.C. Lucero, and Sam Burch perform a Flag Song during the Law Enforcement Memorial Day Ceremony at the Justice Center.



Pearl Casias called upon the Tribal Court to recognize former Judge pro tem, David West for his years of dedicated service to the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribes. Judge Moore and Casias wrapped West in a Pendleton Blanket, a gesture of gratitude.

Tribal Court hosted a dedication ceremony to acknowledge the renaming of the Justice Building, to honor two Chief Judges, Monday, May 16. Chairman Baker read a proclamation renaming the Tribal Justice Center to the Casias-Newton Justice Center. The proclamation notes the exceptional legacy of two renowned Ute women and Former Chief Justices: Chief Judge and former Chairman Pearl Casias and the late, Chief Judge Elaine Newton. A formal unveiling of the renamed Casias-Newton Justice Center will be announced at a later date.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Chief Judge and Tribal Chairman Pearl Casias shares a moment with her great-grandson, Matthew Carrillo during the Casias-Newton Justice Center dedication ceremony.



Families of Pearl Casias and the late, Chief Judge Elaine Newton stand together on the steps of the newly renamed Casias-Newton Justice Center. Southern Ute Executive Officer, Mike James Olguin, spoke on behalf of his sister Elaine, and the Newton family.



Jicarilla Nation visits council



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Chairman Melvin J. Baker welcomed tribal leadership from the Jicarilla Apache Nation who visited the Reservation, Monday, May 9.

Jicarilla Apache Nation and the Blackhawk Energy Company visited the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Southern Ute Growth Fund to learn more about the tribe's legacy of energy development.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Statement on the Department of Interior's Indian Boarding School Report

Staff report
Office of the Chairman

The Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report is the first step in pulling back the layers of secrets that have remained hidden for decades resulting from the federal government's assimilationist Indian Policy. The report's findings, and our oral histories passed down from our grandparents and parents, expose the true and accurate agenda of the federal policy in the United States.

The report is long coming, but opens a deep, painful wound in our community. To read of the violent trauma experienced from our ancestors as a strategic tool to assimilate our people, starving them of our traditional and cultural identity in an act of genocide, is heart-breaking. But just as the report rips open the wounds, it also serves as an example of the resilience of our people.



courtesy SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Boarding School, Girl's Dormitory.

The report also documents the misleading initiatives of the federal government to bring the "American Dream" to Indigenous communities. The United States purposely introduced policies that would subject our ancestors to economic hardship in another attempt at genocide. Indian Country has been ringing the alarm about the inequities that exist for years. The report is proof the federal government never intended to treat Tribes as sovereign nations.

We would like to thank the Secretary of the Interior for leading this initiative, bringing awareness to the atrocities experienced by Indigenous communities. We look forward to working with the State of Colorado, the various federal partners, and local entities to bring our children home. We also hope this report, and others to follow, bring about purposeful change to how the history of the United States of America is taught in schools today and in the future.

Council tours HeadStart



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Environmental Programs Division Head, Mark Hutson explains to Tribal Council how the remediation work was completed in the old Head Start building during a site tour, Thursday, May 5.

Southern Ute Council Member Linda Baker takes a moment from the former Head Start building tour to reflect on both the good and bad memories that were made in the historic Boarding School era building.



Southern Ute Tribal Offices Closure

Southern Ute Tribal Administrative offices will be closed
Monday, May 30, 2022
in observance of Memorial Day.
Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 31, 2022



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL
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Tribal members are welcome and encouraged to contact any Tribal Council Member regarding tribal information. Tribal Council Members are available for individual meetings, both in-person and virtually. To arrange a meeting, please contact Mrs. Sunshine Whyte at (970) 563.2319 or via email at swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov

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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

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

May 3 Agenda

+ Elder Tribal Housing

+ Committee of Elders Update

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



Kicking up dust in Fort Duchesne



Young lady dancers join hands and await to dance the “line dance,” moving back and forth in sync with fellow dancers throughout the duration of each song. Line dancing will occur until Bear Dance Chiefs and the Catman allow individuals to split from the line with their chosen partner, usually occurring on the third day of Bear Dance.



Visitors come from near and far to take part of the annual Bear Dance celebrations each spring within the Ute Nations of Utah and Colorado.

The Ute Indian Tribe (Ouray & Uintah) welcomed visitors from their Ute sister tribes and surrounding areas to enjoy this year’s Northern Ute Bear Dance held in Fort Duchesne, Utah. This year’s event was held Friday, May 13 through Monday, May 16. The four-day cultural celebration ended with a friendly competition between dancers and singers, lasting one and a half hours, resulting in a win for the dancers. Bear Dance season continues with the upcoming Whiterocks, Ignacio, Towaoc, and White Mesa Bear Dances.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Per request, women dancers lined the Bear Dance corral to honor veterans participating in the “Flag Lowering” ceremony before the conclusion of the Northern Ute Bear Dance and the “Last Song.”



Ignacio Bear Dance singers Cesar Corona, Dustin Teague, Jake Ryder, Tim Ryder, and Bird Red take their turn at the growler box in Ft. Duchesne.



Kelcie Whammers, like most dancers, dons her best accessories throughout the entirety of Bear Dance. Many people wear bright colors and jewelry during the Bear Dance to usher in the spring.



A young dancer joins the adult dancers in line dancing, many learn how to Bear Dance from a young age and are encouraged to continue participating as they grow older.



Bear Dance Chief Reffel Kanip shares a laugh with singers.



Touring CR 500



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

The Southern Ute Tribal Council spent the morning of Monday, May 9, touring the west side of the reservation with Tribal Planning and Lands staff, along with Archuleta County leadership and staff. The group began the tour at the Pagosa Junction Bridge, which is approximately 100 years old and in need of repair.

The second leg of the tour focused on the erosion issues along County Road 500. The San Juan River is naturally carving away at the silt hillside which will soon impact the roadway. The Tribe and the County are working towards finding the best long-term solution.



Ratcliff receives sendoff



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Environmental Programs Division (EPD) hosted a small farewell reception for Environmental Programs Manager, Alexandra Ratcliff, Wednesday, May 4. Ratcliff has been instrumental in the success of many of the Tribe's environmental projects and initiatives over the years — including the recently approved Tribal Water Quality Standards. EPD staff pooled together resources to surprise Ratcliff with some of her favorite things during the sendoff. Ratcliff has plans to move to Colorado's Front Range. Chairman Melvin Baker, J&R Director Chris Mimmack, and EPD Division Head Mark Hutson stand for a photo with Ratcliff during the luncheon hosted by EPD.

AGRICULTURE

Tribal member agricultural questionnaire results

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE AGRICULTURE
DIVISION

This article is a follow up to the tribal member agricultural assignment meeting which was held April 12. Tribal members gathered to discuss issues that we would like to tackle during the current 2022 growing season. Though this meeting was open to anyone who is growing any type of agricultural crop on a tribal assignment or allotment, most members seem to be hay farmers.

We are still open to other types of growers and to buyers who may need to be connected to any type of farmers in the area. For the purpose of this article, our findings will primarily cover hay production and buying. We did have members inquire about filling out a questionnaire even though they were not able to attend the meeting and they were invited to do so.

Some of the highlights of information/programs requested are listed below.

AGRICULTURAL LOANS

Access to funding seems to be one of the biggest challenges to new farmers who are just starting out. Seed prices are high and fertilizer prices have almost tripled in just the past year. O&M (water) bills for the year are sent out at the beginning of the year and are expected to be paid regardless of whether a person uses their allotted amount of water or not. Tractor services provided by the Tribe are charged on an hourly basis and so ground prep, seeding, and fertilizer distribution can add up, depending on the number of hours needed to get an assignment up to standards. All these expenses are incurred before the water even turns on. What further complicates the ability to get money for this is the notion that none of these services provide collateral.

If you buy a tractor, an implement, or tangible asset, then at least the item can be used as collateral in a standard bank loan. Many farm processes and incurred costs are done upfront with the hope of generating revenue later in the year. This makes it very difficult for a lending company to confidently loan money to a farmer. Still, if we are going to encourage our membership to farm, then we need to provide them the means of getting the necessary funding. One such option could be providing agricultural loans through our Tribal Credit Dept. The questionnaire asked, "How much would you think would be needed for an impactful agricultural loan?" The results varied and some



courtesy SU Agriculture Division

people even asked for help to create a number based upon an evaluation of their own property and needs.

TRAINING VS. BUYING SERVICES

"Give a person a fish and feed them for a day. Teach a person to fish and you feed them for a lifetime."

One theme that comes up multiple times in the questionnaire is people wanting to know how to do things. The idea of the meeting was to couple new farmers with knowledgeable and wise farmers who have already made the mistakes that we are hoping to avoid. Nothing is more frustrating than buying a \$10,000 hay rake and then breaking it within the same year because of not knowing at which speed/gear to rake or how high to have the rake off the ground. Wednesday, May 25, the Ag Division is hosting a Weed Control class over on their campus. This is one of the many issues brought up and will only help the membership become more confident farmers. Other things brought up were ditch burning, fence building/repair, tractor driving, selecting the right tractor/implements, and irrigating best practices.

Some assets needed to farm are very expensive to buy and one will need multiple years of growing and selling to afford a combine, baler, or hay stacker. Paying custom farms for these services may make sense in the short term and it also eliminates the cost of maintenance and repairs. I think that many of us are looking forward to the day that we can farm independently with our own equipment and can buy, operate, and maintain our own assets.

ACCESS TO EQUIPMENT

There have been a few different ideas floated around about how to best handle the idea of having access to the many different implements needed to prepare the ground and harvest the crop. Even with an agricultural loan, the everyday farmer needs to be strategic in which pieces of equipment he/she selects to start with. Accumulating additional equipment will take years and a person needs to analyze which parts of farming

can be done by themselves and which parts require hiring someone.

The training classes that Ag Division is rolling out should give us confidence in operating implements and inspire us to purchase the right implement for our own farms. Other than having Ag loans, the other unanimous idea that the attendees were in favor of is to have a relationship with local agricultural stores where they might table for our meetings or to have some type of event where we might buy assets at a reduced price.

Used equipment is also a great way to start out. We need to know who is looking for what type of equipment. I am also looking at ways that we might participate in future farm auctions in the area. Another idea is to look into the feasibility of having the Ag Division upgrade their equipment and give the membership the opportunity to buy/use their current inventory.

ON-SITE CONSULTING

I think it's safe to say that if you have asked for any services from Ag Division, then you have probably had Ag Field Supervisor, Micco Wesley or Ag Division Head, Kevin Mallow on your property at some point. This small detail brings great comfort that you are truly getting a "custom farm" experience. The hope of future meetings and training programs is to continue with working with farmers and ranchers on their own respective property. The questionnaire asked, "Would you be interested in on-site training so that we can tailor the learning to your specific property?" The response to this by most people was an overwhelming YES. Learning in a classroom is one thing. Being on-site at someone's property gives a whole new perspective. It lets people offer suggestions and in real time and it give a sense of familiarity to others who may have similar issues at their house. Tribal members agree that having training and advice given on their own property is something that should be encouraged.

Now that the water is on, most of us are spending the early mornings in the field watching the sun come up. Our reward for a good day's work at our job is to return to change that same water later that evening. This will be our schedule for the next few months. We can hope to break away for a little personal time maybe on Saturday or Sunday afternoons. The weekdays do not belong to us. They belong to the responsibility that we have in the job that we are very proud doing.



courtesy SU Agriculture Division

AGRICULTURE DIVISION PRESENTS WEED CONTROL

Wednesday, May 25, 2022
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

AG/Custom Farm Shop located at 655 C.R 517

- ✓ This session will be discussing and identifying the different types of weeds.
- ✓ The different control methods that are utilized on weeds.

Please contact the Agriculture Division at 970/563-0220.

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

For more information call 970-563-0125

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



Cinco de Mayo fiesta at ICL



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Members of the community and the Ignacio Community Library celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a free meal, arts and crafts, and music on Thursday, May 5.

Oscar Cosio provided the Cinco de Mayo celebration with music on Thursday, May 5 at the Ignacio Community Library.



IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Oceans of possibilities at the Ignacio Community Library

By Marcia R. Vining
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Now that spring has arrived and the winds have calmed at least a little, here at ICL we're thinking "Summer Reading!" The theme this year is Oceans of Possibilities! No oceans around here, you say? Ah yes, but here at the library we're nothing if not creative. Ms. Brytanny has been busy planning, creating, and reading!

We hope you'll join us at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1, for our Summer Reading Opening Day Party. There will be activities for all – babies and on up. We'll have sandbox time for the littles, activity stations for the kids three -11 and for the 12 and up crowd, the IdeaLab will have ocean themed activities to explore. We'll serve lunch on opening day. Activities will take place every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the



Ignacio Library.

We've also partnered up with the SunUte Community Center for a couple of Dive In movies, we'll host two family evening events this summer; mapmaking and bingo, movies are back for Movie Mondays, and when it's all over we'll be celebrating this year's crew of fabulous readers with a water themed party in the park on Saturday, July 30. We've got amazing prizes this year too, there will be a giveaway each week, prizes for top readers, and fun facts to be found.

To get a jump start on

the signup process, those who want to can download the Beanstack app on their smartphones and sign up.

With this much fun planned, we hope you won't want to miss a minute of the activities we've got planned to build reading skills with your kids while having a great time connecting with kids, friends and family and of course the library staff. And don't forget Summer Reading isn't just for kids. We've got prizes for adult readers as well. Who knows, you might even have a contest with your kids.

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center offering art camp

Camps will be each month during the Ignacio School District's Summer Break. Each day will include games, activities, arts and crafts and a lunch break. Cost for the week is \$120 and we may have limited scholarships available. For information or to register, please call us at 970-563-4600 or register online at www.dancingspiritgallery.org. Dates & Times are as follows: **Session 1:** June 13 -17, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; **Session 2:** July 11 -15, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; **Session 3:** Aug. 8 -12, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

KSUT WITH STORYCORPS • FROM PAGE 2

am Burke, who is handling KSUT's engagement for the project. "This is an opportunity to have an extraordinary conversation with a stranger and we're committed to ensuring these encounters are engaging, respectful and safe for everyone who participates."

"Since StoryCorps' founding almost 20 years ago, our mission has been to remind each other of our shared humanity through the act of listening. One Small Step builds on this work to address the crisis of contempt ripping at the seams of our nation," said Dave Isay, StoryCorps' founder and president. "We are grateful to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for supporting One Small Step, and to KSUT for partnering with us to gather and share recordings. The initiative is ambitious, but we're confident that by working together in the Four Corners region, we can show the country that an alternative to toxic

polarization is possible."

Each year, StoryCorps partners with public radio stations to administer One Small Step, connecting people in their communities. The 2022 One Small Step Radio Station Hubs are WDET, in Detroit, MI; WUTC, in Chattanooga, TN; KSUT, in Ignacio, CO; Georgia Public Broadcasting radio stations across the state of Georgia; WHQR, in Wilmington, NC; and WTIP, in Grand Marais, MN. To sign up, visit storycorps.org/ksut, or email Adam Burke: onesmallstepksut@gmail.com. For more information on the One Small Step initiative, visit ksut.org.

Two members of each participating station are trained by StoryCorps staff. The stations will receive program support and a customized set of professional recording equipment for in-person recording, as well as access to StoryCorps' remote recording platform, which can be used to host conver-

sations virtually. Trained station staff members will facilitate and record conversations between community residents of differing political persuasions and selected interviews will be shared across each station's media platforms. Stations will also team up with a variety of community organizations to spread the word, and will collaborate with StoryCorps to match participants and record conversations through the end of the year. The project includes a series of public listening events, online.

"One Small Step uses conversation to help people reach across political divides to find common ground," said Patricia Harrison, president and CEO of CPB. "By working with local public radio stations to connect people with different backgrounds and political beliefs, One Small Step is helping stations strengthen their communities, one step at a time."

Multi-Purpose Facility
June Senior Breakfast

Wednesday June 1, 2022
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM



Open to all Community Senior Citizens
55 years and older



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Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility
256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO



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

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Spaces assigned at time of payment
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Pink Bubble Gum

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Walking in support of MMIR



Southern Ute tribal members, Southern Ute Tribal Council members, and community members were joined by the Nahui Ollin Spiritual runners from Denver, Colo. in a walk supporting Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives.

Southern Ute tribal members, Southern Ute tribal council members and community members held a walk in support of the nation-wide Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) movement, Saturday, May 7. The event began with a sunrise blessing by Hanley Frost at Elmore's Corner prior to the 19-mile walk to Ignacio. The walkers were joined by the Nahui Ollin Spiritual runners from Denver, Colo. who run to bring awareness to communities who are in need of unity and healing. A meal was provided by Velma Armijo and family at the conclusion of the walk at the Ignacio Town Park.



Southern Ute Council Member Lorelei Cloud assists MMIR Walk organizer, advocate and Southern Ute tribal member, Neida Chackee as they walk into Ignacio.



Southern Ute Council Member Linda Baker walks with MMIR Walk organizer, advocate and Southern Ute tribal member Daisy Bluestar on HWY 172. Bluestar recently spoke at the Colorado State Capitol in support of the SB22-150 Bill that addresses the MMIR crisis here in Colorado.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Jimmy Maldon ADO, Xiahtonaltzin Quintana, JJ Dela Torre, Diego Florez of the Nahui Ollin Spiritual runners from Denver, Colo., first walked a portion of the route from Elmore's Corner, then back-tracked and then ran – catching up to the walkers on HWY 172.

Raft Guide Training Opportunities Available for Interested Tribal Members

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Prizes will be won by rolling letters as follows:

- No Letters \$100 Sky Ute Loot
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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Elliott Hendren (26) beats a short-hopped throw to Center third baseman Rico Garcia (4) during non-league action Saturday, May 14, at IHS Field. The Bobcats would rout the Vikings 24-0 in three innings, then win the second game by forfeit due to CHS incurring multiple injuries; Garcia's dislocated right ring finger being one.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

IHS Baseball squashes Center, 24-0

Injuries force guests to forfeit second game

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Struggling Center's season really couldn't sink further south, but the Vikings didn't need Rico Garcia's right ring finger to remind them so Saturday, May 14, in Ignacio.

Injured on a headfirst dive failing to keep him from being doubled off first base following teammate Lorenzo Trujillo's line drive straight back to, and caught by IHS pitcher Eppie Quintana, Garcia's dislocated digit appeared to have navigated any compass' cardinal directions as he made a painful walk across the diamond to the trainer's table for aid.

And as if things couldn't get any worse for CHS, reduced to only eight players in the field, second baseman Leo Carrillo – moved to shortstop with SS Nicholas Palma manning Garcia's spot at third – wracked his right knee on an unintentional run-in with Bobcat Eli Arthur as he forced Arthur out at second following Devante Montoya's grounder to the left side.

Down to seven serviceable souls, but desperately wanting to finish at least one of the two scheduled games, the 2A Southern Peaks Leaguers' spirit

its were buoyed when Garcia somehow returned to play first base, receiving much-deserved applause from both sides.

Unfortunately, Montoya's fielder's-choice bounce had plated Marcus Maez, increasing Ignacio's advantage to 13-0 at the time of Carrillo's exit. Montoya would then score via CHS centerfielder Estevan Velez's error fielding a Jacob Gallegos single, allowing Gallegos to hustle all the way to third. Quintana then beat out a flare infield single, and Viking pitcher Francisco Villa then plunked Phillip Quintana to pack the sacks – promptly cleared by Rylan Maez's subsequent fly to center which Velez couldn't squeeze in his glove.

Leading 17-0, the 'Cats would soon get a bases-loaded, two-RBI single from Marcus Maez and a two-RBI double from Eppie Quintana before Center skipper Daniel Garcia swapped Villa (L; 1.2 IP, 11 H, 24 R, 7 BB, 5 HB, 0 K) for catcher Alicia Rios (0.1 IP) after Phillip Quintana beat out an infield single to short with two away.

But when Rylan Maez bounced a Rios delivery into play, Quintana was apparently ruled out of the baseline, bringing the second

inning to a close with IHS ahead by two dozen runs. Completing a one-hit start, Eppie Quintana (W, CG; 3 IP, 0 BB, HB, 4 K) then struck out Devin Thompson and David Felix looking, and got Palma to pop up into Phillip Quintana's mitt just in front of home plate.

And as expected, Center chose to forfeit Game 2, increasing Ignacio's win streak to seven games as the Bobcats improved to 12-7 overall (still a first-place 4-2 in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin).

In his own support Eppie Quintana went 3-3 with a triple and the aforementioned double and was also hit by a pitch. He scored four runs and drove in three. Montoya was 1-2 with a double and two walks, four runs scored and three batted in. Gallegos went 1-2, singling and reaching via error, walked once and was beamed once, and scored four times.

Phillip Quintana ended up 2-2 with a walk and a hit-by-pitch, scored three runs and plated two, while Marcus Maez finished 2-2 with a walk, three runs and three RBI. Elliott Hendren was 1-1 with a walk and a hit-by-pitch, and three runs scored. Rylan Maez went 1-3 with

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio seniors Alexis Pontine and Lexy Young are two of three IHS Track & Field athletes bound for the 2022 CHSAA Class 2A State Championships. Pontine qualified in the discus throw, while Young will compete in the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

BOBCATS TRACK AND FIELD

IHS Track wraps up 2022 season in Junction

Three 'Cats bound for State Championships

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With one goal in mind, Ignacio Track & Field traveled May 13-14 to Grand Junction, seeking to either secure or solidify any sort of State-qualifying status at GJHS' Dennis Teeters Tiger Invitational.

And after two tough days inside Stocker Stadium at Lincoln Park, IHS will end up sending three individuals to the 2022 CHSAA Class 2A State Championships, May 19-21 inside Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood, Colo.

As expected, senior Lexy Young will be going in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes, while classmate Alexis Pontine will be making

a repeat trip in the discus throw, and sophomore Maci Barnes will be making her State debut in the 800m run.

"I am so proud of these young women for working hard and going after their goals," head coach Aimee Larsen said in an e-mailed statement. "Give these kids a high five when you see them!"

Stuck in 17th – and last – place after Day 1 up in Mesa County, logging just 0.33 points thanks to sophomore Maci Barnes' share of eighth place in the pole vault, the Lady 'Cats rose to 15th (10.33) when all was said and done on Day 2. New Castle-based 3A Coal Ridge won the team title with 101.33 points, while

2A Cedaredge (92.5) took second and 4A Glenwood Springs (74.33) third out of 21 scoring squads.

Barnes' best clearance of 7'2" in the pole vault matched that of both GSHS' Danaka Rodriguez and CRHS' Lydia Dye; 4A Durango's Halle Moore, by comparison, cleared a winning 9'2".

Barnes took 11th in the 800, clocking 2:32.44, and also joined Young, Pontine and sophomore Lauren deKay in posting a tenth place 2:02.71 in the 800m medley relay.

Young ended up placing eighth in the 100 prelims, with her third-heat 13.50

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BOBCATS SOCCER

Lady 'Cats lose finale to Crested Butte

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Seemingly envisioning themselves advancing to the Class 2A State Tournament's semifinals, at the very least, Crested Butte Community School's Lady Titans happily familiarized themselves with the ground upon which said postseason action will occur in concluding regular season play at Western Colorado University's Katy O. Rady Field.

Limiting Ignacio to a reported two shots-on-goal Saturday, May 7, while firing no fewer than 31 at IHS junior goalkeeper Trinity Strohl, CBCS, at the time ranked No. 10 in the CHSAA Now.com Class 2A Girls' Soccer poll, rolled 10-0.

Junior Ellie O'Neal netted four goals and sophomore Leigh Harpel three as Crested Butte improved to a runner-up 6-2 in the 2A Southwestern League. Senior Campbell Ryan and junior Morgan Feltus each scored once, and senior Maddie Borgard ended the match early with a 62nd-minute strike set up by senior Nevada Scales' fourth and last assist.

Senior Sami Lakoski and freshman Teagan Turner each logged one helper, as did freshman Paloma Lamar.

Strohl was credited with 25 saves unofficially, while opposite number Mara Pennie stopped both Lady Bobcat tries as IHS finished a confidence-boosting 2022 season standing 2-13 overall and a fourth-place 2-6 in the SWL.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Faye Hackett (12) out-races Bayfield's Meeghan Burrows (7) to a ball during non-league road action Thursday night, May 5, inside BHS' Wolverine Country Stadium. Threatening another upset of BHS, the Lady Bobcats gave the Lady Wolverines all they could handle before falling 5-3.

AFTERMATH

Representing the league in a 16-team pursuit of the ultimate prize, CBCS – initially seeded tenth in the bracket – began well, upsetting 7-seed Buena Vista 3-2 on Friday, May 13. Crested Butte then shocked No. 2 Colorado Springs Fountain Valley the next day, 1-0, to advance to the aforementioned semis at WCU.

Heather Culley's Lady Titans (now 11-5 overall) will

next battle 3-seed Lamar (15-1) on Friday, May 21, at 5:30 p.m.

LHS, as fate would have it, advanced at SWL champion Telluride's expense, defeating the 6-seed Lady Miners 3-0 in a quarterfinal on the Eastern Plains. Including a first-round, shootout-determined 1-1 win over 11-seed Colorado Springs Vanguard School, THS finished the season 8-0 in the 2A Southwestern and 9-6 overall.

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Bacone College Men's Basketball head coach Ruben Little Head, left, jokingly reminds Ignacio's Gabe Tucson that part of the Bobcat senior's National Letter-of-Intent to study at, and play for Bacone College, which includes bringing the boss coffee (with two sugars) at 8:30 each morning. Tucson committed to the NAIA-level Warriors Thursday, May 12, inside IHS Gymnasium.

BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

BC becomes multi-talented Tucson's 'A.D.'

Ignacio star selects NAIA, Bacone College

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Amongst multiple things for which former Hotchkiss (now North Fork) Baseball head coach Blake Carlquist would have been thankful for this spring, one may have been the fact he wouldn't have to watch Ignacio's Gabe Tucson dealing.

"We just kept chipping away ... found a way to get some runs," he'd said following HHS' two-game takeover of IHS Field. "But hats off to that lefty [Tucson]; he's a good arm and it's not going to be an easy day if he's in the strike zone."

Now skipper at reformed HHS-Paonia collective North Fork, Carlquist could easily have been Nuclea's Randy Gabriel or Dove Creek's Trent Daves with that remark, considering themselves fortunate not to see reinvigorated Ignacio's ace in 2A/1A San Juan Basin League play in 2022.

Not that he hasn't wanted to be out on the diamond; the multi-sport standouts just had a different goal in sight.

Pot-committed since the Fall '21 football season's end to a dream finally realized Thursday morning, May 12, Tucson made his next destination known by signing a National Letter-of-Intent to study at, and play National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics-level basketball for Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla.

"It did feel a little unusual," a grinning Tucson said, of having a couple dozen witnesses observing him inside IHS Gymnasium without the rock in his hand, "but I was glad my family was ... watching me make the next move in my life."

"I just wanted to go somewhere that was different, continue playing with Natives and ... yeah, there's mixed emotions," he continued. "I'm feeling very anxious, but excited."

"Well when he came out for the workouts last month, right away I could tell from his charisma, his body language, his energy that he was giving off that he's a basketball player," stated BC Men's Basketball head coach Ruben Little Head, who'd first addressed the crowd – filled with Tucson's family and classmates, plus IHS staff as well as Bobcat Boys' Basketball assistant Damon White Thunder – in his Northern Cheyenne before then offering an English translation.

"What I liked about him was his open court-ness, his ability to fill the lanes and his ... being very positive. That's the word I want to use: Positive," Little Head continued. "As far as being a team player, somebody's coached him good!"

"Gabe proved that he was the best player on the floor, and the good part about him is that it's not about him," longtime IHS boss Chris Valdez had said during the '21-22 campaign. "He was sharing the ball, trying to make things happen for his team – trying to help the team get better. That's when you know you've got a future, when your best player is working with everybody to get them to his level and not just playing above them."

"He's encouraged all of us to do better," sophomore guard Phillip Quintana had said, following Ignacio's season-ending loss to Aurora-based Lotus School for Excellence in the 2A-Region IV semifinals, held at Vail Mountain H.S. "He holds the team to a standard and we came up to his standard; we played with him."

During his two years as a primary varsity weapon, Tucson helped the Bobcats go 14-3 overall during the COVID-compressed 2020-21 season, then 16-7 in '21-22 as Ignacio's lone returning starter. And after averaging 11.9 points per game as a junior, he netted 18.2 (plus 9.8 rebounds, 3 assists and 2.9 steals) per outing this winter en route to earning First Team All-SJBL and Honorable Mention All-2A distinctions.

"We couldn't be here without him for sure; he was the best of us at rebounds, points – best on the team for sure," sophomore post Gabe Cox had said after the LS-FE loss. "He's been the best player the past two years, really carried our team."

"I'm hoping he hits another growth spurt; if he hits 6'3" or 6'4", that'd be awesome," said Little Head. "But he's a big guard, plays the 1-2 positions – maybe even the 3 – and I envision him a slasher in the open court. And he has a pretty good outside shot, from what I've seen."

"Myself, I like offense, but I love defense, and if he works hard for me in that department, he'll earn minutes!"

Defense would indeed appear to be the aspect Little Head, named Bacone's head coach in Feb. 2021, wants

to see most improved for the upcoming 2022-23 haul; ten times in '21-22 the Warriors, part of the NAIA's independent-filled Continental Athletic Conference, surrendered 100 or more points.

Reaching triple digits offensively just once, BC posted a 3-25 overall record including a home win over Moore, Okla.-based Randall University, a three-point win over Lincoln (Ill.) Christian University, and a season-ending, one-point overtime win in Point Lookout, Mo., at College of the Ozarks.

Bacone did not qualify for the eight-team CAC Tournament, held Feb. 25-27 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and hosted by 5-seed Iowa Wesleyan University. Part of a record-breaking 31-4 season, Temple Terrace, Fla.-based Florida College won the event and qualified (along with runner-up Washington Adventist University, of Takoma Park, Md.) for the NAIA National Tournament. The Falcons then defeated Evangel University in the first round – the first Nationals victory in FC history – before falling to eventual national champion Loyola-New Orleans in the LNO-hosted Naismith Quadrant's finale.

Ending up 37-1 overall, the Wolf Pack would ultimately defeat Talladega (Ala.) College to earn Loyola's first NAIA crown since the 1944-45 season, and denied the Tornadoes (32-6) inside Kansas City, Missouri's Municipal Auditorium – the same building in which LNO had beaten current NCAA Div. I member Pepperdine 77 years earlier.

Mentioning interests in studying sports management or radiology, Tucson noted Bacone became his choice partially due to its IHS-like population of around 300 students.

"Yeah, big time," he said. "I don't want to be a 'number' to some professor; I want to get to know my teachers and them get to know me. I'm wanting to make a difference, and ... it felt like home."

"Cooking, rafting, hiking, watching movies We just do a lot of team-bonding where they can get more acquainted with each other, get to know each other," said Little Head. "Because if you know each other well outside the court, when you're on-court you're going to play your roles better."



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Elisia Cruz, left, autographs her National Letter-of-Intent to study at, and play basketball for Bacone College, Muskogee, Okla., as mother, Daisy Blue Star bears witness Thursday, May 12, inside the IHS Gymnasium.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

EC/BC: College hopeful Cruz ready to rock

Bacone offers IHS senior unforeseen chance

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Never asked to be the star, Elisia Cruz was simply asked by her Ignacio High School coaches to be, well, whatever.

No surprise then that Thursday morning, May 12, the senior committed to continue her student-athlete days at a college which only four years ago was forced to do practically, well, whatever just to stay 'in the game.'

Athletically (via axing multiple sports) as well as academically (via cutting faculty and selling off property).

Nevertheless, having been offered the chance, Cruz chose before family, friends, IHS staff and others to ink a National Letter-of-Intent to hoop for and study at re-emerging Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla.

"Well, Coach Damon (White Thunder, Bobcat boys' assistant) presented me this really good opportunity," she said, overjoyed to be taking a next step most opponents and fans never would have anticipated. "He knows how much I love the sport and how much I love basketball, so I took it, you know?"

"There were tryouts for the boys' team, and I was

personally invited by the girls' coach to come play, try out," Cruz continued. "That's how it went! It just happened for me to be at a perfect time."

"Elisia, she came out just smiling, shaking hands ... real friendly," recalled BC Men's Basketball head coach Ruben Little Head, who traveled all the way out to IHS Gymnasium for the occasion. "Really personable, positive ... what not only myself but the women's coach – Coach Baker – looks for: Positive mindset, hard work ethic, and just being a good, coachable student-athlete."

Having helped Shasta Pontine's volleyball team finish 19-8 and reach the CHSAA Class 2A State Tournament, primarily backing up McCook (Neb.) CC-bound Alexis Pontine, then having helped new Lady Bobcat Basketball skipper Tony Gomez's crew go 11-11 in 2021-22 and reach the 2A-Region VIII semis, Cruz will be suiting up for a Bacone bunch in need.

"She just doesn't quit," Gomez had said of Cruz (2.0 points, 1.4 rebounds per game). "She fights, she grinds, and she competes."

The Lady Warriors finished a truncated '20-21 season standing 8-9 overall, prior to Tera Jay

Cuny-Baker's promotion to head coach in March 2021. Named BC's athletic director in early March '22, Cuny-Baker's first official crew finished just 1-24 this season, downing Moore, Okla.-based Randall University 78-67 at the Champion Christian College Classic in Hot Springs, Ark. BC nearly logged a second win but fell 87-86 at Nevada, Mo.-based Cottey College's Continental Athletic Conference (made of National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics independents) Classic to Crowley's Ridge College of Paragould, Ark. It was part of a season-ending 21-game slide; five other losses in games designated 'exhibition' left Bacone essentially 1-29 overall.

BC did not qualify for the eight-team CAC Tournament, held Feb. 25-27 in Pleasant Hope, Iowa, and won by event-hosting, top-seeded Iowa Wesleyan University with runner-up Haskell Indian Nations University of Lawrence, Kan., initially the 2-seed, joining the Lady Tigers in earning automatic-qualifier status for the NAIA National Tournament.

Despite senior Brittany West's school-record ef-

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Bear Dance memories



photos courtesy Carmen Allanic-Ryder

Bear Dance singers Jonas Nanaeto, Jaeden Bautista, Bird Red, and Noah Box at the Southern Ute Bear Dance in 2017/18. These two photos were submitted by Carmen Allanic, mother of Bird Red.

Youth Bear Dance singers Jonas Nanaeto, Jaeden Bautista, Bird Red, and Noah Box at the Southern Ute Bear Dance in 2005.



Quintana accepts 2nd term



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Byron Frost, Andrea Quintana, Hilda Burch, and Edward Box III pose together after the Gaming Commission Meeting held on Monday, May 9. The Division of Gaming provides background/ licensing for applicants that work in gaming at the Sky Ute Casino Resort while also consistently reviewing rules and regulations to ensure that the Casino is practicing industry standards and ensuring the integrity of gaming.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Andrea Quintana was sworn in as a member of the Southern Ute Gaming Commission, Tuesday, May 10, by Judge Paul Whistler. Quintana is an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. She served on the Gaming Commission from May 14, 2019 to May 14, 2022, as an Alternate Gaming Commissioner. Quintana submitted her Letter of Intent to serve again for another three-year term as an Alternate Gaming Commissioner, starting May 14, 2022 ending May 14, 2025.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division



Notice of Temporary Loss of Water Service

This letter is to inform Southern Ute Utilities Customers that there will be a temporary loss of water service affecting customers on Shoshone Ave. on **Wednesday, May 25th, from 8:00am to 5:00pm** while Utility work is performed on the water distribution system. If you encounter dirty water or air in your water once service is returned, please open all water fixtures and flush for 15 minutes.

Please contact the Southern Ute Utilities Water Department at 563-5509 with any questions or concerns. We thank you for your patience and apologize for the inconvenience.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Elijah Weaver
Job title: Mail Clerk/Receptionist
Description of job duties: Receptionist – Greet people, answer phones. Mail Clerk – check mail, label mail, mailouts.
Hobbies: Enjoy playing golf, riding my dirt bike, and chillin'.
Tribe: Navajo/Southern Ute
Additional comments: I look forward to the challenges and surprises this job has in store for me.



Alana Watts
Job title: Ditch Rider
Description of job duties: Chasing water.
Hobbies: Spending time with my family and loved ones.
Family: Laurie Monte (mom), Orion Watts (brother), Tricia Rose (girlfriend).
Tribe: Southern Ute.

Correction

In the article published in the May 6 issue of the Drum, “Los Pinos Spring Classic” the date for the 2022 softball tourney was incorrect,. Correct date is May 28 and 29, 2022.

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Alexander Frost (d.o.b. 3/19/2021)
Case No: 2022-0037-CV-TE**

The above mentioned parties are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for Termination of Parental Rights before the above named Court on **June 7, 2022 at 4:30 PM.**

Date April 28, 2022

Paula Trujillo, Southern Ute Tribal Court

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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.

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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.
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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.

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- ❖ 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

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.

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.

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?

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

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

Elder Services Supervisor

Closes 5/20/22 – Under general supervision of the Tribal Services Department, provides program management for the Elders Services Program, including supportive services to elderly and disabled tribal members. Pay grade E11; Starts at \$41,456.65/year.

Health Center Support Services Manager

Closes 5/27/22 – Supervision and management of front office operations within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records and referral services within the Health Center. A key focus will be to establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support at all times. Pay grade E14; Starts at \$54,517.63/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.

Peer Recovery Coach (Part-time)

Closes 5/20/22 – Will engage individuals with substance use disorders with a goal of referral into treatment and recovery services. Goal is to connect people in need of treatment to services within their communities and across the state. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade N6; Starts at \$13.47/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.

Senior Detention Officer

Closes 5/23/22 – 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 N12; Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Summer Youth Employment Worker (So. Ute Members/1st Descendants only)

Closes 6/18/22 – Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2022, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

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; Starts at \$12.32/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Summer Program)

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) summer program. The summer program runs from May 25th to August 12, 2022. Pay grade N4; Starts at \$12.32/hour.

Construction Project Manager

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Housing Department Director, incumbent assists in the management and coordination of all functions and activities required to initiate and manage all phases of construction projects through completion. After a period of no more than 2 years, this employee will train and mentor a Tribal member as a Project Manager “Trainee” or Apprentice type position. Pay grade E17; Starts at \$75,321.13/year.

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; Starts at \$14.48/hour.

Custodian

Open Until Filled – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N5; Starts at \$12.54/hour and includes a \$500 sign-on bonus.

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; Starts at \$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; Starts at \$19.93/hour.

Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N12; Starts at \$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; Starts at \$18.32/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee – (So. Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – 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.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E12; Starts at \$45,236.26/year.

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator

Open Until Filled – 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; Starts at \$16.88/hour and includes a \$1,500 sign-on bonus.

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator (Temporary)

Open Until Filled – 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. Pay grade N9; Starts at \$16.88/hour.

General Ledger & Fixed Assets Manager

Open Until Filled – Provides oversight and guidance throughout the general ledger and fixed assets management functions, including managing the monthly close process, assuring consistency and adherence to general accounting rules and regulations and Tribal policies and procedures. Pay grade E16; Starts at \$67,244.15/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; Starts at \$15.61/hour.

Home & Community Health Services Manager

Open Until Filled – 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; they pay range starts at \$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.

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

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; Starts at \$14.48/hour.

Lands Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Div. 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; Starts at \$15.61/hour.

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; Starts at \$12.54/hour and includes a \$200 sign-on bonus.

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.

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

Closes 5/24/22 – 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.

Investment Analyst – GF Private Equity Group (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/25/22 – Supporting investment analysis, due diligence, and investment monitoring tasks.

Accounts Payable and Office Manager – Finance and Accounting (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/27/22 – Provides general accounting support for Growth Fund administrative departments, selected Growth Fund entities, and Southern Ute Shared Services, to include supervision of accounts payable; cash receipts and maintenance of recurring General Ledger journals; provides administrative support to Growth Fund Controller's group as required.

Sr. Environmental Compliance Specialist-Air Quality – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 5/27/22 – Ensuring compliance with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Tribal and State air quality regulations for company facilities.

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.

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

Closes 5/27/22 – 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 and network connectivity in a LAN/WAN environment.

Support Analyst I – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/27/22 – Providing technical assistance and support related to computer systems, hardware, or software. Responds to queries, runs diagnostic programs, isolates/troubleshoots problems, and determines and implements solutions.



did you know?

A virtual Tri-Ute Climate Adaptation Workshop is scheduled for May 23-24. The workshop will teach about the latest tools for tracking drought conditions and explain why monitoring is important for decision making. Please use the contact information below to find out more information about the workshop.

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.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

Native Connections Therapist

Open Until Filled – 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. This will include 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; Starts at \$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.

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; Starts at \$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; Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Public Education Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Public Education Department. Teaches/tutors Southern 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. The intent of this teaching position is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. 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; Starts at \$41,456.65/year.

Public Education Tutor (Part-time, Temp.)

Open Until Filled – Guiding students to improve their academic performance through extended lessons, creative teachings, and interactive materials. Will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Pay; \$30.00/hour.

Swimming Instructor (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Responsible for 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; Starts at \$14.48/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 – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. The 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. After your application is submitted, you will receive an email asking for detailed information about your career interests. The Apprentice Committee will review applications and assess what options may be available for applicants.

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during Sun-Ute Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$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 So. 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; Starts at \$49,517.56/year.



Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Job Opening as of May 16, 2022

- Brunot Wildlife, Ranger – Closes 5/20/22
- Environmental, Water Quality Program Manager – Closes 5/27/22
- Planning & Development,Transportation Specialist – Closes 5/31/22
- Public Works, PT-Custodian – Closes 5/20/22
- Public Works, FT-Custodian (IHS) – Closes 5/20/22
- Purchasing, PBX Operator – Closes 5/27/22
- Transportation, Mechanic III – Closes 5/20/22
- Child Development Center, Education Manager – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, PT-Assistant Cook – Open Until Filled
- Child Development, FT-Assistant Head Start Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, FT – Day Care Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Paraprofessional – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Energy, Director – Open Until Filled
- Education, Director – Open Until Filled
- Finance, Accountant – Open Until Filled
- Minerals, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- Peak Grant, Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Representative – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, WM-Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, FT-Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B, IV – Open Until Filled
- RISE Grant, Grant Project Manager – Open Until Filled
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open Until Filled
- Sunrise Youth Shelter, FT/PT – Houseparent – Open Until Filled
- Tribal Parks, PT-Maintenance Worker – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, Director – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehab Counselor I – Open Until Filled
- WM-Administration, Member Service Technician – Open Until Filled
- WM Recreation Center, PT-Assistant Director – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Adult Education Coach – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Juvenile Interventionist – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled
- WM-PEAK Grant, PEAK Coordinator – Open Until Filled

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

Audio Video Technician (Full-time)

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

*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.

*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.

*Chef De Cuisine (Full-time)

Will consistently provide the highest quality of food, presentation, training, professionalism and customer service. Directly supervises food handling and preparation for all F&B Outlets. Ensures the highest quality and consistency as it relates to food handling, storage, kitchen and restaurant sanitation, food service, and presentation in the dining rooms.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

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. In this position you will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events.

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.

*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.

*Facilities Tech (Full-time)

Electrical and mechanical functions, operations of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment and building by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

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Fine Dining Busser (Full-time)

Provides an exceptional fine dining experience by performing multiple duties to maintain cleanliness, orderliness, and sanitation of dining room and/or other related dining areas. Job duties include clearing off tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste, keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates, glasses, silverware, and napkins.

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 include but is not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

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.

*Night Auditor (Full-time)

Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers and promotes the Casino Hotel. Answering phones, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

*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.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

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

*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

*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.

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FLY FISHING

Small area lakes for large amounts of fun

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



It’s springtime in the Rockies, and as I’ve said before, the weather and run-off at this time of the year makes for challenging fly fishing. There are a couple of solutions. If you haven’t spent your children’s inheritance or grandchildren’s college fund, spend it now and head to warm weather and saltwater fly fishing. If those funds have been spent, or you just can’t get out of town, there is another solution. I suggest you fly fish the small lakes or impoundments in our area.

By my count there are sixteen of these lakes within an hour’s drive of Durango. To the east along Highway 160 is Lake Capote. North of Durango, close to Silverton are Big and Little Molas, plus Andrews Lake. West of Durango, the rest of the small lakes are in the Mancos and Dolores area. Even though you can use a small outboard motor on some of these lakes, I think a trolling motor is a better power source. However, I think the

best way to move around these lakes is in a kayak, float tube, canoe, or paddle board. If you don’t have any floatation equipment, many of these areas are great to fishing from the shore. In fact, if you have a youngster or grandchild that’s too young for fly fish, break the fly fishing rules and drown worms. It’s fun to hear the shouts of a youngster announcing his or her catch.

One of the things I like best about fly fishing in these area lakes is the variety of fish in them. Depending on the lake, you can catch trout, bass, carp, pan fish, and catfish. One or two of the lakes have all of these species. It makes for an interesting day

never knowing what is at the end of your line. Plus, you might end up with the ultimate grand slam.

For fly fishing in these waters I like to use a five- or six-weight rod with a three- or four-X leader. Flies can be anything you use in the high country plus poppers, large dragon flies, big hoppers, or even mouse patterns. I have seen some fly fishermen use a nymph and indicator set up. If you want to catch a large number of fish, I think a green Woolly Bugger is your best bet. I don’t know why, but I seem to catch more fish, of all kinds, with it in the lakes. However, I like flies that float best.

Safety while paddling or kicking around these lakes needs to always be considered. The water is cold, and in many cases deep. I never get into my float tube without wearing some type of life jacket. Waders full of cold water, in deep water, are an invitation for a tragedy.

So, for this stay-at-home spring, invest in a San Juan National Forest map and go fly fish some of the small lakes. You’ll be glad you did.

TRACK WRAPS UP SEASON • FROM PAGE 17

surviving four more heats’ worth of entrants – paced by 4A Palisade’s Gabrielle Horton (12.69), the only sprinter breaking 13 seconds. Young, however, did not place in the eight-runner 100 finals, while Horton won with a 12.76.

Faring better in the 200 prelims, Young put down a fourth-place 27.45 while Horton again led all with a 25.44. In the final, Horton slowed to a winning 25.74 while Young earned fifth with a 27.48. Barnes finished 11th in the 400 prelims with her 1:06.99 but ended up being bumped into the final where she placed third in 1:05.16.

In the 1,600 meters, deKay finished 30th in 6:44.47 and Kacey Brown (6:53.28) came in 35th.

Pontine took 12th in the shot put with a best throw of 29 feet, 6 inches, but ninth in the discus with a 98’9”.

On the boys’ side at the Tiger Invite, Ignacio managed just 3.5 team points in finishing 19th, half a point ahead of both 3A Carbondale Roaring Fork and 1A Dove Creek. Durango captured the title with 104 points, defeating closest challengers 4A Montrose (83) and 4A G.J. Central (69).

Responsible for the Bobcats’ scoring, senior Tyler Barnes tied for fifth in the pole vault with a best clearance of 10’4”, while DHS’ Jacob Fenberg and CRHS’ Justin Richel shared first in the event with each clearing 11’4”.

Part of a 4x400 relay unit with freshman Kendrick Nossaman, junior John Riepel and sophomore Camron Cooper, Barnes helped IHS clock 3:47.72 and finish 12th. The same quartet finished 14th in the 4x200 with a 1:39.04, but Riepel was unable to make it out of the 200m prelims, ranking 33rd with a 25.47.

In the 100 prelims, senior Deekon Gillespie ended up 66th with his 13.74, and classmate Jeremy Roderrick even got in on the act with a 69th-place 15.22. Gillespie ended up 31st

in the 400 prelims with a 59.87, while Cooper placed 25th (2:14.72) in the 800. In the 1,600 sophomore Corey Gomez clocked 43rd in 5:35.21, and sophomore Trajan Garcia (5:49.37) took 49th.

Roderick ended up 31st in the discus with a 101’3” best (Durango’s William Knight won with a 153’6”, beating G.J. Central’s Daniel Barroumbaye by only two inches), but took 19th in the shot put with a 38’3” maximum (Knight won with a 51’7”).

STATE SCHEDULE

Tentative as of press time Monday, May 16, Young’s 100-meter preliminary sprint is slated for 2:40 p.m. on the 19th, and her 200 prelim at 6:15 that same evening. The 100 final is set for 10:37 a.m. Saturday, May 21, with the 200 at 1:18 p.m.

Maci Barnes’ finals-only 800 is set for 1 p.m. on the 20th, and Pontine will wing the discus early on the 21st at 8:30 a.m.

BASEBALL SQUASHES CENTER • FROM PAGE 17

a double, hit-by-pitch, two runs and one RBI.

In defeat for CHS (1-19 overall), Garcia went 1-1 with a clean, opposite-field single to right. Velez was

officially 0-for-0 with a HBP, and Palma went 0-2 as the lone Viking with two plate appearances.

The Bobcats were to close out regular-season play

Tuesday, May 17, at home versus non-league Centauri, but results against the La Jara-based Falcons (11-10, 2-6 3A Intermountain) were unavailable at press time.

CRUZ READY TO ROCK • FROM PAGE 18

forts of 11 three-pointers and 39 total points, IWU (19-6 overall) lost to Sioux City, Iowa’s Morningside University (30-6) in the first round, while HINU (14-14) fell in the first to eventual national champion Thomas More University (32-4) of Crestview Hills, Ky.

Having experienced success at IHS, Cruz indicated an eagerness to apply that towards progressing not only as a Lady Warrior on the court, but one off of it while attending Oklahoma’s oldest – Bacone’s 1880 founding predated statehood by some 27 years – institution of higher education, effectively rescued in 2019 by multiple Native American tribes agreeing to charter it and returned in late February at last to full Higher Learning Commission accreditation status.

“I think it was a really good experience to have,” she said, summarizing her ’21-22 athletic year, which also saw her suit up for a few matches with Lady Bobcat Soccer, another sport BC offers. “Especially being my senior year – my last being a Bobcat – to have a really

good team and good emotional support from my family and friends.”

“I definitely know a few options (from which) I’d want to choose,” she continued, discussing possible classroom pursuits. “As of right now I’m going to go for my general studies, but a few options would be law, dental hygiene or business. I’ve always wanted to be an entrepreneur, start my own business and give back to my community.”

“All of our student-athletes, when they come to Bacone they become family,” said Little Head. “We’re a small private school and that’s exactly what you get: Family. In the classroom, the class-size ratio is around 10-to-1, 11-to-1, so you get to know your professor on a first-name basis, get attention to detail.”

Cruz was appreciative of everyone aiding her on her journey, particularly her mother Daisy Blue Star and her many coaches.

“They’ve helped me a lot, to find out who I was – and if I wanted to play this sport,” she said. “It was very emotional to figure out, like, all the hard things com-

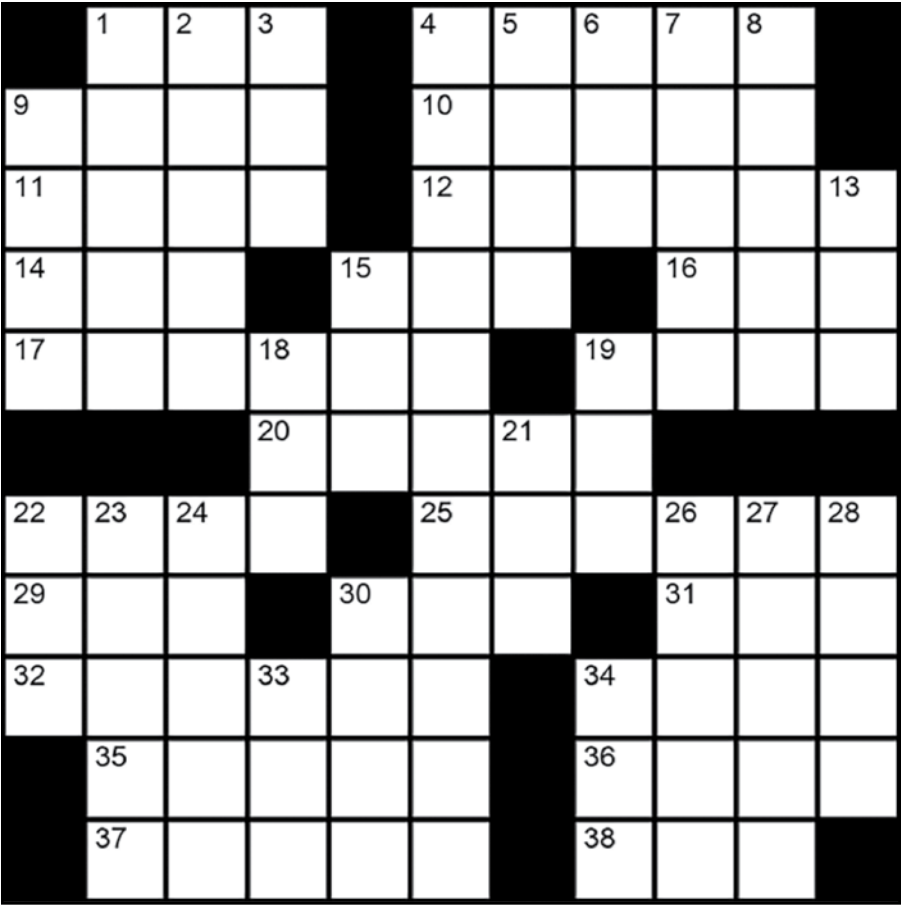
ing my way, but they guided me. I’d like to say thank-you to Damon; he’s like my older brother. And to (IHS Girls’ Basketball assistant) Avi(onne) Gomez for being like a sister to me.”

“I’d really like to thank (IHS Girls’ Basketball assistant) Travis Nanaeto for helping me,” added Cruz. “He’s an amazing coach – never gave up on me, never judged me – and was always there for when I wanted to shoot in the gym after practice.”

“I know Coach’s very happy that she’s able to gain another positive worker,” Little Head said. “It comes down to attitude – I’d take a positive attitude and a good work ethic over a talented, egotistical selfish player – and that’s just common sense, right? Coach wanted me to deliver that she’s very glad Elisia decided to commit!”

“I signed the paper, something that I never thought I’d be doing; I’m very thankful for that. All the people who’d have discouraged me and, you know, not given me the chance, I just proved them wrong,” said Cruz. “It’s a dream come true.”

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle



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| Across | Down |
| 1 The --- Row Wampum Treaty of 1613 | 1 Armistice |
| 4 Speech-related | 2 “A Fish Called ---” (1988 movie) |
| 9 Munich Mrs. | 3 Unfashionable |
| 10 Virulent virus | 4 The Miwok Shingle Springs Rancheria, CA |
| 11 Selma, to Bart | 5 Comply |
| 12 Lee --- of “Days of Wine and Roses” | 6 End of many addresses |
| 14 TV type | 7 Similar |
| 15 --- Cook Opata Osage, writer, singer and artist | 8 Spikes |
| 16 Time capsule satellite that hasn’t yet got off the ground | 9 Yield to temptation |
| 17 Introduction | 13 Caustic potash, chemically |
| 19 Fit nicely | 15 Outer edge |
| 20 Nebraska/Iowa tribe | 18 Unknown John |
| 22 Bide--- (animal shelter) | 19 Impair |
| 25 Mollusk that bores into wood | 21 “Death Becomes ---” (1992 Streep/Hawn movie) |
| 29 “Baby, it’s cold outside!” | 22 “20/20” network |
| 30 “Number Four, Bobby --- !” (kids’ book) | 23 Dropped a line |
| 31 “See-saw, Margery ---” | 24 Mistake |
| 32 Sister --- Kent, former artistic nun | 26 Bodily swelling |
| 34 Chetro ---, ancient Puebloan ruin, NM | 27 Basis for calculating |
| 35 Medicine | 28 Barn birds |
| 36 Earthbound birds | 30 Elevator maker |
| 37 Dadaist Max --- | 33 Tavern |
| 38 Platoon war zone | 34 Range of knowledge |

Answers for this crossword will appear in June 3 issue of the Drum.

- Answers for May 6, 2021 Crossword Puzzle**
- Across:** 1 Chart, 6 Leaks, 11 Ralph, 12 Allot, 13 Anime, 14 Clare, 15 Woe, 16 HHS, 18 Mew, 19 Lingua, 21 Koas, 22 Obits, 24 Gila, 27 Do unto, 31 Ivy, 32 Eat, 33 Orb, 34 Garbs, 36 Eyrie, 38 One-up, 39 Mamas, 40 Tasty, 41 Spade.
- Down:** 1 Crawl, 2 Hanoi, 3 Alien, 4 RPM, 5 The Hub, 6 Lacs, 7 Ell, 8 Alamo, 9 Korea, 10 Stews, 17 Haida, 20 Go a, 21 KSU, 23 Totems, 24 Gigot, 25 Ivana, 26 Lyres, 28 Norma, 29 Triad, 30 Obese, 32 Espy, 35 But, 37 Yap.

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Saturday, May 21



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Sunday, May 22



Sunny 79°F
Breezy

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