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VETERANS AFFAIRS

# Commander seeks change for local veterans

By Divine Windy Boy  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Veterans Association and the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs held a meeting at the DoubleTree Hotel in Durango, Colo. on Thursday, June 2, to identify issues within the local Southwest Colorado veteran community. Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr. will work with Kristy Cunningham, who is the Southwest Regional Veteran Services Officer to create a presentation for the Director of the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs David Callahan, highlighting the issues identified during the June 2 meeting to begin work on creating solutions. Association Commander Howard Richards Sr. is an enrolled member of the



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Howard Richards Sr., Commander of Southern Ute Veterans Associations, met with board members of the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs, Thursday, June 2 at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel in Durango, Colo. This meeting was held to discuss making more resources available to Southern Ute veterans as well as local Native and non-Native veterans in Southwest Colorado.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, he is also an honorably discharged Vietnam veteran having served with the Ninth Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta in 1969. Richards is also former Vice Chairman and Chairman

of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council. “This meeting is a historical moment, there is not one but two Chairman present current and past,” stated Richards.

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Bear Dance Fire consumed 89 acres along the Pine River, just east of SunUte Park and north past Scott’s Pond, spread by high winds, Friday afternoon, June 3. The BIA, Southern Ute Agency, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and Los Piños Fire crews were onsite Friday afternoon, and throughout the weekend aided by Hot Shot crews and regional air support. The Bear Dance Fire was extinguished and 100% contained as of Tuesday, June 7.

WILDFIRE

# Ignacio’s Bear Dance Fire hits close to home

Textbook collaboration of resources key to success

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Dry fire fuels, buried amongst thick brush, wil-

lows, and aging cotton-wood trees proved to be a perfect recipe for a fire that sparked along the Pine River corridor, north-

Fire page 11

CULTURE

# Southern Ute Museum unveils new exhibits

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

Just in time for the tourism season, the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum has installed three new exhibits for your viewing pleasure. The creation of new exhibits involves all museum staff with everyone playing a different role such as research, writing, selection of exhibit items, graphic design, production of text panels, installation, development of educational materials, and marketing and promotion. It is a fun and creative hands-on process that serves our visitors and expands the museum’s knowledge about Ute and Native American history and culture.

Jd Challenger Exhibit: The Temporary Gallery now features 29 works of art by Jd Challenger, a highly regarded painter of Native portraits. This exhibit’s featured piece is an 8’ by 8’ painting called “Hear the Voices of the People” which was recently purchased by private collectors, Bob and Laura Gray. The Grays wanted the piece to go on exhibit for the benefit of Native audiences and they, along with the artist Jd Challenger, are underwriting much of the costs associated with the exhibit. The Museum is fortunate to have been selected as the first stop for the exhibit and owes a debt of gratitude to the Grays and Jd Challenger. Special thanks also go to Arthur Piubeni, president of Essential Magazine, who recommended the museum for this honor and Exposures Gallery owner, Marty Herman, who has provided special support for the project. Run dates: June 1-November 30, 2022.

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courtesy SU Cultural Center and Museum

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er-House): In the Second Floor Gallery an exhibit about Ute leadership introduces visitors to Tribal Chiefs, explains the transition to the Tribal Council in 1936, and honors tribal members who have served as Council Chairmen and Councilors. While doing research for the exhibit, Collections Manager Tallias Cantsee and Education and Outreach Coordinator, Raelynn Torres, retrieved an important original source from the Museum’s archives that revealed new information about the transition into the era of constitutional governance. Their research of the first Tribal Council meeting minutes shows that John Burch became Council Chairman in April 1934. Burch was then re-elected chairman under the new constitution by his fellow councilmen when it was adopted in late 1936. He served until he passed away in spring 1937. Antonio Buck Sr., traditionally viewed as the first chairman, was elected to that position in August 1937. At

that time, Council Chairs were elected by other Council members. It wasn’t until the adoption of the 1975 Constitution that tribal members directly elected the Chairman. Run dates: indefinite.

Ute STEM Exhibit: Located in the Alcove Gallery, this hands-on exhibit highlights the Utes’ use of science, technology, engineering, and math in traditional practices such as tipi raising, basket weaving, beading, and hunting and gathering. The exhibit was created through a collaboration between the three Ute tribes and the state museum, History Colorado, located in Denver. It was underwritten by the National Science Foundation so that multiple copies of the exhibit could be produced and shared with the partners. The exhibit is designed to be portable so that it can be loaned out to schools and community groups. The Museum will begin loaning the exhibit in 2023. Run dates: May 2022-May 2023.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

# Southern Ute Reservation initiates Stage II Fire Restrictions

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Due to current high temperatures, dry fuel conditions and the occurrence of the recent wildland fires, Stage II Fire Restrictions will be implemented for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Everyone on reservation land is asked to be very cautious and use common sense with fire this time of year. Stage II Fire Restrictions prohibits acts for the general public, commercial operators, and industrial oil and gas operators performing work on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

PROHIBITED ACTS:

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. **CAMPFIRES.** Building, maintaining or using a warming fire or campfire outside of officially designated or developed camp sites is prohibited.

Charcoal broilers and wood and coal stoves used outside of dwellings are classified as campfires and prohibited. Campfires for ceremonial sweats may be allowed only upon approval from the BIA Fire Office.

4. **FIREWORKS.** Possession, discharging or use of any time of fireworks is prohibited.
5. **SMOKING.** Smoking is restricted to designated areas, within structures or within vehicles equipped with ashtrays.

Individuals intending to use a campfire for ceremonial purposes, such as sweat, must contact the BIA Fire Office for approval prior to the ceremony. Please plan for ceremonies in advance to ensure proper approval has been granted. Commercial and Industrial restrictions can be obtained from the BIA Fire Office at 575 County Road 517, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by calling 970-563-4571. Anyone violating the provisions of this fire ban may be subject to prosecution outlined in the Southern Ute Indian Criminal Code. The restrictions became effective at 6 a.m., June 15, 2022 and will remain until conditions improve.

# Remembering Deanna Frost



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Young tribal member, Ivan Joseph works hand in hand with his grandfather, Byron Frost to plant a variety of herbs in the spiral garden outside of the Southern Ute Tribal Health Center on campus, Thursday, June 2. The herb garden was originally created by Ivan’s mother, the late Deanna Frost, in 2016 with the hope of encouraging healthy eating and lifestyles within the community – made possible at the time through grant funding. The project was, and still is, a collaboration with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness. The Frost family will install a bronze plaque, in remembrance of Deanna Frost, and her commitment to community health and wellbeing.



## COMMANDER SEEKS CHANGE • FROM PAGE 1



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Commander Howard Richards Sr. identified multiple issues local veterans face and presented these issues to the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs board members and Chairman Melvin Baker on Thursday, June 2.

“This is also the first meeting between with the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs to my knowledge.”

The Southern Ute Veterans Association was unofficially formed by three Vietnam combat veterans in 1983, then became official in 1986 to address the immediate needs of all veterans for their health and welfare. In an opening letter addressed to the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs board, Richards informed the Veterans Affairs board of the Southern Ute Veterans Association’s hopes following the meeting, requesting — “More involved communication with program managers and the creation of a position on the board to represent both the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes.” Richards said. “We are feeling as though we are forgotten as the state of Colorado Indian Veterans.”

During the meeting, issues identified included: lack of transportation for veterans, mental health awareness, no Indigenous representation within the board committee, and poor communication between veterans of the southwest region of Colorado and the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs. In addition, Richards requested that a post be created for the Southwest Regional Veteran Services Officer, Kristy Cunningham, so that she will be available to assist veterans with necessary applications, documents and any other paperwork required to receive assistance from a state program in person.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Commander Howard Richards Sr. was presented with the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs five-star coin by Director David Callahan after the conclusion of the Thursday, June 2, meeting in Durango, Colo.

“Identify a location for her to come in, maybe every other week – have an office capable of connecting to the internet – and let the people know that she is there.” Richards said. “I know that Council is behind us, we will show Chairman Baker after this discussion that we are all on board to move this forward.” The presence of Cunningham on the reservation will benefit not only tribal veterans but will also benefit other Native and non-native veterans within Southwest Colorado.

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## Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

On Tuesday, June 5, the SunUte Community Center’s Recreation staff hosted a fishing field trip to Lake Capote under pristine blue skies. Open to youth from eight to 18, the staffers gave summer students a chance to get their lines in the water and share some quality outdoor time with peers on the tribally owned reservoir.

This photo was first published in the June 14, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Dignitaries turned shovelfuls of dirt at the June 12, 2002 Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Tribal Affairs Building and Tribal Council Chambers to be completed in late 2003.

This photo was published in the June 14, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Miss Southern Ute Sheila Ryder leads guests in a round dance. The Heritage Dancers performed every Wednesday during the summer season at the Arbor Area near the Sky Ute Downs.

This photo was published in the June 13, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

Sky Ute Community Center recently unveiled new video game machines for their game room. Southern Ute tribal member Frieda Pinnecoos is taking care of the machines by cleaning them.

This photo was published in the June 18, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.





# SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION

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PHOTO COURTESY: TRIBAL FIRE OFFICE

Designed & Published by Lindsey A. Bice





NATIVE FILMMAKERS

Vision Maker Media funds \$1.2 Million in direct film funding

Support to Native filmmakers

**Staff report**  
**VISION MAKER MEDIA**

This year, Vision Maker Media has funded \$1 million to 11 documentaries through its Public Media Fund for future television broadcasting and \$180,000 through its Creative Shorts Fellowship fund to emerging Native filmmakers and their film mentorships. Through these projects, Vision Maker Media’s total support provides representation in media to filmmakers from 19 Native nations in the United States. Film topics range from social justice, climate and environment, health and wellness, democracy and arts.

“Through the support of many, this year Vision Maker Media is able to offer nearly \$1.2 million in direct film funding support to Native filmmakers,” says Executive Director Francene Blythe-Lewis (Eastern Cherokee, Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota, and Diné). “The honor is ours, for everyone at Vision Maker Media, to be part of the creation of these important stories.”

Funding categories included: Research and Development (\$5,000 to \$25,000); Production (up to \$150,000) and post-Production (up to \$100,000); benefiting projects selected for the 2022 Public Media Fund through support from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Vision Maker Media (VMM) is the premier source of public media by and about Native Americans since 1976. Our mission is empowering and engaging Native people to share stories. We envision a world changed and healed by understanding Native stories and the public conversations they generate. We work with VMM funded producers to develop, produce and distribute programs for all public media. VMM supports training to increase the number of Native Americans and Alaska Natives producing public broadcasting programs. A key strategy for this work is in partnerships with tribal nations and Native organizations and communities.

Vision Maker Media is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) funded in part by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). For more information visit [visionmaker-media.org](http://visionmaker-media.org).

Alden Naranjo recognized at CPI



Cassandra Atencio/SU Cultural Preservation

The family of the late Tribal Elder, Historian, and Veteran, Alden B. Naranjo, Jr. accepted the Alpine State Bank Honor Award for his contributions to tribal, state, regional, and national history and cultural preservation.

Cassandra Atencio shared her appreciation to Colorado Preservation Inc. and partners for their recognition of her father’s legacy. She spoke on behalf of the Naranjo family to a room full of attendees. The award ceremony was held in Denver, Thursday, June 9 at the Denver Botanic Gardens.



Stacey Oberly/SU Tribal Council



**SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE CAMP**

Age 6-10  
June 28-30, 2022  
9:00am-3:00pm

Applications (electronic and paper copies) will be available beginning Monday, May 30, 2022.  
**SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS & 1ST DESCENDANTS**

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2022, AT 5:00PM.**




For more information, contact:  
Cultural Preservation Department at 970-563-2983.



Stacey Oberly/SU Tribal Council

Grandsons Cyrus Naranjo and Mo'av Berry participated in the Ute STEM Grant award event also in Denver on Saturday, June 11.

**SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY PAGEANT**




SU Drum Archive

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Homemade Granola

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

Save money, easy recipe! Anyone can make this, even kids (with a little help)! Granola can be costly at the store and can have too much sugar or an ingredient that you don't like or have an allergy to. This can be customized to your taste and is a great topping for yogurt, cereal, fruit salad or by itself as a snack.

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



courtesy Jessica in the Kitchen

Homemade Granola

- Ingredients:**
- 4 cups old fashioned rolled oats.
  - 2 teaspoons cinnamon.
  - 1/2 cup nuts or seeds (sunflower seeds, pepitas, pecans, etc.).
  - 1/2 cup optional ingredients (dried cherries, dried cranberries, raisins, or unsweetened shredded coconut).
  - 1/2 cup honey or real maple syrup.
  - 2 tablespoons oil (canola, vegetable, or coconut).
- Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a rimmed baking sheet with non-stick spray.
  2. In a large bowl combine oats, cinnamon,

- nuts/seeds, and optional ingredients.
  3. In a small bowl whisk honey and oil together.
  4. Pour the honey mixture over the oat mixture and stir well to combine.
  5. Spread granola onto baking sheet and bake for 15-20 minutes, stirring every five minutes, until golden brown.
  6. Remove and let cool completely. Can be stored in an airtight container for several weeks.
- Pro tip: Pour a little oil in your measuring cup before pouring in the honey ... It'll just slide right out!
- Serving size: ¼ cup Number of servings: 20; Calories 44, Fat 0.9g, Carb 8.7g, Fiber 0.8g, Protein 0.9g

TÙCHYPIKIVÌ SÙMUGUAVÌ

“Good Brain, Strong Heart”

By Sandra Beirne, MD  
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

PREVENTING SUNBURN

We are fully into summer now – officially as of June 21, but with kids out of school and temperatures in the 90's, I'm counting this as summer. Long, hot, sun-drenched days that we dreamt of in January are to be savored, but nothing ruins a golden summer day like blistering, red skin. Sun protection is important for all ages, but with kids often playing outdoors, shielding them from UV rays that carry the risk of cancer is crucial. Skin cancer is common in the U.S. with 20% of people developing at least one by age 70. We can help prevent the immediate pain of sunburn and decrease the long-term risk of skin cancer by protecting our kids' skin from the sun.

We all want kids to play outside, for their mental health and their physical health, but at the peak of summer sun and heat, the first way to decrease the chance of a burn is to decrease outdoor play in the full sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. That's the bulk of the day and often it's not possible, but we can at least try to keep our kids in the shade during the strongest rays.

The next layer in protection from sunburn is wearing clothes, hats, and sunglasses. There are so many sun-protective items available that are affordable and fashionable. Clothes with an UPV (ultraviolet protection factor) of at least 50 blocks nearly all the sun's rays, meaning once you get your kid into one of those garments,



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

ments, their covered skin is pretty well protected.

For any skin that remains exposed, sunscreen is essential. Look for sunscreen labeled “broad spectrum,” meaning it blocks against both types of UV light, is rated SPF (sun protection factor) of at least 30, is identified as “water resistant,” and ideally has mechanical blocking minerals like titanium dioxide or zinc oxide. Get it on your child at least 15-20 minutes before they go outside so it can generate the barrier needed to prevent sunburn. Creating a routine where you put it on each morning can both get them in the habit and avoid the scenario where you pull up to your recreation destination and they are so excited to get playing that they wriggle out of your hands before you can get them adequately covered. Also keep in mind that UV rays can still cause damage even on cloudy days and that sunscreen needs to be re-applied every two hours.

A special group we should talk about are babies. Most sunscreens say not to apply to babies under six months old only because the research done on sunscreen didn't include infants younger than six months – not because there is a magical skin

change on their six-month birthday. All babies should have their skin protected against the sun. Ideally, this occurs through keeping them in the shade and covered with hats and clothes. If there are small areas of skin that are sun exposed, peeking around their sun hat or on their hands, and they cannot be in the shade, the American Academy of Pediatrics says it is better to put sunscreen on those areas than to risk them getting sunburned. Using a mineral-based sunscreen with titanium dioxide or zinc oxide is even more important in this age group.

I hope you and your families enjoy many lovely, sunburn-free days together over the next couple of months. Happy summer!

A wonderful place to find quality information about sunburn prevention and treatment in kids is healthychildren.org's pages on “Sunburn Treatment and Prevention,” “Sun Safety: Information for Parents About Sunburn & Sunscreen,” and “Baby Sunburn Prevention.”

You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Clinic to talk more about sun protection or anything else by calling 970-563-4581.

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!

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**\* Sign-up Deadline:** Monday, June 27th

**\* Pickup Date:** Wednesday, June 29th

**June's Recipe:**  
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**Meal Kit Includes:**

- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
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**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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970.563.5700  
Mary Trujillo-Young & Jennifer Goodtracks  
M-F 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

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or text "TALK" to 38255

Local 24-Hour Crisis Hotline  
970.247.5245

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Les Mills Launch Party

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

10am-12:30pm

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SUIMA bylaws approved



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Education Director, LaTitia Taylor and SUIMA Principal, Mari Jo Owens joined members of the SUIMA School Board before Tribal Council, Tuesday, June 7 to present the SUIMA School Board Bylaws for approval. School Board members from left to right: Joe Poynter, Daphnee Washington, and Rhiannon Velasquez. Tribal Council approved the bylaws via Resolution.

Accomplishing their GOALs



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Brothers – Cadell, Dillon, and Tristan Thompson share an embrace after the conclusion of the GOAL High School graduation ceremony, Friday, June 3. GOAL High School is the largest high school in Colorado; offering a blended-online learning curriculum, in-person communications, and cutting-edge technology, the school also has a partnership with Microsoft and Lenovo.

Summer 2022

# CAMP SASQUATCH

Brought to you by: Ignacio School District and Southern Ute Indian Tribe

OVERNIGHT Camp July 19<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup>

Location: Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Youth Camp

For all students going into 1<sup>st</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grades (Open to SD students and SUT tribal member students)

Refundable deposit: \$30, scholarships available please inquire

Purpose: Summer celebration to explore outdoor activities, community building, survival skills, mental and spiritual well-being.

Activities: Community building, camping, archery, fishing, campfire and storytelling and other fun adventures!

\*Limited to 40 approved applications. Deadline July 1, 2022. First come, first serve

For more information or a registration packet contact: Dustin Weaver @ 970-563-2786 or dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov

\*Additional packets available at Sun Ute, Middle and High school, and the Ignacio Administration Building.

SOUTHERN UTE & UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

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– Melyssa, Fort Collins

# I Matter.

D'Vondra Garcia and younger sister De'Vra Richards pose after the commencement of the GOAL High School students on Friday, June 3. Friends and family all gathered to celebrate graduating students at GOAL High School, the graduation was held in the Fort Lewis College Concert Hall, Durango, Colo.

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-  
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# SUMMER TUTORING

At Southern Ute Education Center

Open to Southern Ute Tribal Members,  
1st Descendants & JOM Students in  
Ignacio and Bayfield School Districts  
Grades 9th- 12th

Mornings 8:30am- 11:30am Afternoons 1pm- 3pm  
June 7, 2022- August 1, 2022

Snacks will be provided,  
Lunch break from 12pm-1pm

Contact: ShaRay Rock 970-769-7067  
srock@southernute-nsn.gov



## IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# The only constant in life is change

Staff report

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Although few people know of the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus, almost everyone can quote him; “The only constant in life is change.” One of the most significant instruments of change in a society is the library. Whether you’re looking for self-help books, how to books, or stories of how others have changed their lives, the library is a natural place to find help in changing ourselves or the world around us.

With this philosophy in mind the library will make some changes over the next few months. The hours for Makerspace Workshops will be seeing some changes in July 2022. Makerspace Classes will be held Friday and Saturday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is partly due to Ignacio School District moving to a four-day week and dispensing with early release on Wednesdays and partly due to patron requests. However, as always, the IDEA LAB is available anytime by reservation. Patrons requiring a staff member to provide coaching will need to arrange a time that



works for both themselves and the staff.

The last month has seen patrons using the IDEA LAB in making journals, tying knots, folding origami, and making and flying model airplanes. There has also been quite a bit of serious experimentation with the 3D printers. Most of the learning opportunities in the IDEA LAB have a spectrum of difficulty, meaning that you can learn the basics of a piece of equipment or software in a relatively brief period of time, but true expertise can take much longer. 3D printing is just one such example of the many opportunities for hands-on learning at your library.

Also, in response to the new school schedule, ICL will be offering its Kidz

Klub Science Program on Friday afternoons. This program, popular with both kids and parents, will focus on a variety of fun, interactive, and engaging subjects designed to peak kids’ interest.

Make arrangements to spend some time in ICL’s IDEA LAB and see what changes you can make for your life. Stop in the library for books, DVDs and more to see what we offer, so that you can be the change you wish to see in our world as well as to learn new skills, meet new friends, and participate in new programs. In more recent times, it was the enlightened American philosopher Ben Franklin, who once said, “When you are finished changing, you are finished.”

## Tribe welcomes new enrollee



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Nicole Lansing holding her grandson Tavach Randall Litz during a request for enrollment given at the Tribal Council Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, June 7, in Council Chambers. Tribal Council welcomed Litz as a new enrollee and congratulated his parents, Alyssa Nez and Leandro Samuel Stacy Litz, at the conclusion of the new enrollment.

The Southern Ute Tribal Council and the family members of new enrollee, Tavach Randall Litz, gather for a group photo after the approved request for enrollment during the Tribal Council Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, June 7 in Council Chambers.



### TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Monday, June 20, 2022 for Juneteenth.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, June 21, 2022!



## SUNUTE SCHOLARSHIP

**NEW AGES!! 3rd TO 12th!!**



**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?**  
**ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP ONLY ACCEPTS CHILDREN GOING INTO 3rd GRADE AND LEAVING THE 12th GRADE!**  
**WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER?**  
 THIS SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS A FREE SUNUTE MEMBERSHIP!



**...AND A NEW PS5!!!**



**WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?**  
**THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER ENDS JUNE 30TH!**



**WE HAVE A NEW XBOX SERIES X...**

**PARENTS OF APPLICANTS ARE WELCOME TO ASK FOR A TOUR OF THE BUILDING!**

**WHERE CAN YOU SIGN UP?**  
**PACKETS TO SIGN UP FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AT THE SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER. JUST ASK FOR ONE AT THE FRONT DESK!**





Pine River Shares introduces

## SUMMER 2022 TEEN TIME

Thursdays, 10AM – 4PM  
June 9 – August 11

**JOIN IN!**

PLAY FREE LUNCH

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

YOUTH-LED PROJECTS

OPEN GYM

AGES 13-19 WELCOME

COMMUNITY BUILDING

EARN MONEY


**10AM**  
10AM-4PM  
10AM-2PM  
12PM-1PM  
1PM-4PM  
1PM-4PM  
1PM-4PM  
4PM

**Doors Open and Sign-in**  
**Free Time @ Old Mid-School Gym**  
**\* Teen Time in the Garden**  
**Lunch Time**  
**\* Teen Powered Food Support**  
**\* FreeCycle Free-For-All**  
**\* Teens Only! Youth-led Projects**  
**Close**  
**\*Cash stipends - \$25 for every 6 hours**

**@ Pine River Shares, 658 S East St, Bayfield**  
**Drop in on Thursdays for scheduled activities or to just hang out.**  
**Pine River Valley youth ages 13 -19 are welcome.**  
**No childcare available.**


Funding provided by LPEA Round Up Foundation & Community Members of the Pine River Valley

**For more info call**  
**Pine River Shares at 970-884-6040**  
*When everyone shares, no one goes without*



## 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](http://www.coyac.org) [director@coyac.org](mailto:director@coyac.org)





DNR hosts open house



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Tribal Housing Project Administrator, Mandy Brown shares a smile while manning the Tribal Housing information booth at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Open House event held at the Multipurpose Facility on Wednesday, June 8. During the event representatives from DNR, Construction Services, Tribal Housing, and Tribal Credit shared information about their respective programs and projects that serve the tribal membership.

Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Ramona Eagle converses with employees of the Water Resources division during the DNR Open House event on Wednesday, June 8. Visitors received free hand-outs, small goods, and a free lunch.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division operates three air quality stations on the Reservation and maintains a website that provides real-time air pollutant and EPA Air Quality Index (AQI) health alerts from data collected at these stations. High wind and smoke from wildfires can cause unhealthy levels of particulate matter (PM) in the air. Particulate matter is continuously measured at the Ute 3 monitoring station near Bondad Hill and the Ute 1 monitoring station in Ignacio. To view the ambient monitoring program website, and for more information about how to understand the AQI forecast, follow the links below:

- EPA Air Quality Index Information Website  
<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/.../ambient-monitoring/>
- Fire and Smoke Map (airnow.gov)  
<https://www.airnow.gov/.../how-smoke-from-fires-can-.../>
- <https://fire.airnow.gov/>

AGRICULTURE DIVISION PRESENTS GRAZING MANAGEMENT FOR LIVESTOCK

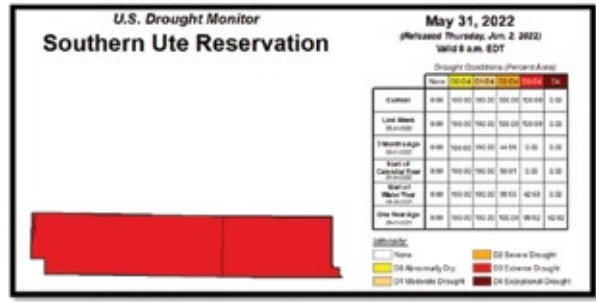
Wednesday, June 22, 2022  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
AG/CUSTOM FARM SHOP LOCATED AT 655 CR 517

Identify what Tribal Members would like to learn in the future classes.  
Agriculture Division can be reached at 970/563-0220.



ATTENTION IRRIGATORS!

The Southern Ute Indian Reservation is currently in an Extreme Drought (Figure 1) due to rapid snowmelt, warm temperatures, and lack of spring precipitation.



The 2022 Summer drought forecast shows average precipitation and above average temperatures for southwest Colorado.

Pine River

- 93% Irrigation Supply
- Likely full season, but depends on monsoons

Florida River

- 50% Irrigation Supply
- Irrigation season will end mid-late July

Outlook

- Warm Summer
- Potential for average precipitation
- Drought persists but is slightly better than last year

Southern Ute Water Resources  
575 CR 517  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-563-9482



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

The difference between the dry neglected land on the right with no irrigation and the re-emergence of native grass with a couple rotations of flood irrigation.

AGRICULTURE PRACTICES

That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

By Marvin Pinnecoose  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

IT BEGINS

Over the past five years, I have lost my last two brothers on my mother’s side. Within these same past couple of years, I lost my mother too. This leaves me as a beneficiary of the farm/ranch left behind by my father since his passing in the year 2000. He was the real farmer of the family. He could make grass grow as high as his armpits. He had a gift for it.

Now, I do have a loving family of my own who are handling business and themselves in Nevada. I, however, am listed as the next in line to take care of the house and the farm. As I return to analyze the situation and state of the farm after a 20 plus year absence, I remember that as my dad had passed, my mother and my brother each did what they could with the fields. They did their best to keep things going.

As I look out among the fields, I can see that the fields, farthest from the house are the thirstiest. The ones closer to the house show a little more promise. As I remember, it took two people getting up at 5 a.m. to change water in half the fields and then go to work. After work, it would take two people another two and half hours to change the water in the remaining fields. Without my dad, it would only be either my mom or my brother tending to the property. This means that it was probably only feasible to work half the fields, the fields closest to the house.

THE FIRST WATERING

Once the house was situated, I turned my attention

to what the fields looked like. The color “green” was missing. Also missing was the Alfalfa, the Timothy, the grass. It reminded me of a black and white picture. The ground was grey and the only vegetation in the fields was willow along the B.I.A. ditches and very thick thistle patches around the fence lines. Prairie dogs built mounds over each field and they were not shy to bark their celebrations across the property. I remember putting my head back and saying to myself “Where do I start?” I haven’t personally farmed in over 20 years, and I knew my memory of how to do things was patchy at best.

I decided to call Tribal Ag Division to come out and give me some advice on how to get things started. Micco and Kevin came out and we walked out to the fields. By the time that I had decided to pay the fields any mind, it was already late June. I could see all around me that the neighbors were irrigating their second cut. I wasn’t optimistic in whatever advice they would give. Their advice was simple, “Put some water on it and let’s see what comes up.”

Now growing up all my life, our property was irrigated by feeder ditches and tarping. We use flood irrigation. In my dad’s time, side-roll irrigation was a new thing and very pricey. Gated pipe had not been invented yet. Fancy sprinkler systems were non-existent. Everything was done by shovel, globs of dirt, and bright orange tarp. It was all I knew, so I went over to Co-op in Durango to get me a roll of tarp. I turned on the headgate and instantly found myself shoveling the main feeder ditch. I shoveled countless hours on the secondary ditch each time I moved the setting. I also

shoveled corrugates down the fields to try and hit hard to reach areas and elevation changed parts (thanks to the prairie dogs). This was my first summer back home. It was watering the dry grey dirt to see if anything would rise. Oddly enough, it did, but not much. Nowhere near enough to cut and the grass mainly grew in clumps. It was a physical first year with all the shoveling and walking back and forth along the ditch lines, but there was optimism. I might be a farmer after all.

TAKE-A-WAYS

**Seek Help:** Realize that no one knows ever everything. Seek out those with experience and knowledge so that you can minimize mistakes and save on costs. Don’t be afraid to ask questions from multiple sources to get a better-rounded picture. Customize that advice to your situation and take things slow.

**The Shovel is Your Friend:** The key to punching through slow repetitious work is to only look at the next few minutes or the next couple of tasks. Don’t try and think out all the processes along the way. This can be done in the planning process, but when it comes time to shovel, “Just keep Swimming.” A good playlist is your best friend. Take time to look over the fruit of your labor. Pace yourself and you’ll be fine.

**Celebrate Success:** People often talk themselves out of successful situations before they even start. Breaking long projects down into tasks will help you celebrate daily successes. Over time, you will move mountains by simply showing up ready to work.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Irrigating a field that was left dry for years to see what will grow without introducing new seed or fertilizer.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

2021 growing season saw Brohm grass begin to emerge but not tall enough to cut or bale. This gives an idea of where to start next year.





SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribal Broadband Modernization Project construction impacts

CO Hwy 172 north into Ignacio

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Project News: Bonfire Engineering will begin construction on CO Highway 172 going into the Town of Ignacio as outlined in Phase I of the tribal broadband project. Construction will take place along CO Highway 172 at the intersection of CR 318 going north along CO Highway 172 into the Town of Ignacio, ending at the intersection of CR 517. Crews will start at the intersection of CO Highway 172 and CR 318 working northbound on CO Highway 172 towards the intersection of CR 517. Con-

struction will take place along the shoulder of the roadway. See map below. The broadband project will include trenching, boring, and plowing to lay fiber, as well as reclamation and seeding. Construction vehicles and fiber spools will be visible on the shoulder. Construction on both sections will begin on Monday, June 6, and conclude on Tuesday, July 5. Hours of operation will be from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Travel Impact: Traffic lanes will be narrowed on CO Highway 172. Motorists will be required to reduce speeds and travel safely around the construction

taking place on the side of the road. Please remember to slow down in construction zones, eliminate distractions and drive with extra caution. Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway. In the event of an emergency or to report a reckless driver, please contact Southern Ute Police Department by dialing 9-1-1, or using the non-emergency line at 970-563-4401. For more information about the Tribal Broadband Modernization Project, please visit the project website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/broadband-modernization-project/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/broadband-modernization-project/)





## FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED



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

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



PUBLIC RADIO

KSUT hires Colten Ashley as new Tribal Media Center Coordinator

By Tami Graham  
KSUT



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

KSUT has fulfilled a significant benchmark in our multi-year strategic plan with the hire of Colten Ashley, as our Tribal Media Center Coordinator. Colten Ashley is a Diné filmmaker originally from the Four Corners. While studying Media Arts at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah with an emphasis in narrative filmmaking and critical media studies, the experience opened diverse opportunities for Ashley. One of those opportunities included teaching two semesters at Polaris High School in Orem, Utah as part of the Hands on a Camera program, while also working various positions on film, television, and commercial productions. After his graduation in 2014, Ashley worked for such companies as ESPN, ABC, BYUTV, Hallmark, and has contributed to work

that has appeared on Utah PBS. In addition to his work in film and TV he has mentored college and high school students with training and workshops based on film production. He will be returning to the Four Corners from Utah as KSUT's new Tribal Media Center coordinator. The Tribal Media Center will offer multimedia training to Native American and Indigenous individuals with a goal of expanding first-person and narrative storytelling content that can be distributed broadly to both native and non-native audiences throughout Indian Country. Tribal Media Center projects already underway include Native Braids, Native Lens and numerous partnerships with Rocky Mountain PBS, Fort Lewis College, Dream Warriors and Vision Maker Media.

Tribal Council on KSUT Tribal Radio

The Southern Ute Tribal Council provide updates Friday mornings at 9 a.m. to share updates from the tribe! Tune in at 9 a.m. in Ignacio at KSUT 91.3 FM, in Farmington at KUUT 89.7 FM. Tribal members residing on the Ute Mountain Ute reservation may tune in at KZNM 100.9 FM! Stream online at [www.tribalradio.org](http://www.tribalradio.org)



## Multi-Purpose Facility June Events

Sr. Breakfast—Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:00 — 11:30 AM

Indoor Yard Sale—June 11, 2022 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Elder / Adult Crafts—June 13, 2022 10:00 AM—3:00 PM  
*Adults only Please*

Sip, Chat & Chew— Friday June 17, 2022 11:30 AM —1:30 PM  
*3 Ute Tribe Members & family*


June Quilt Class—Tuesday & Thursday June 21 & 23, 2022  
10:00 AM—3:00 PM  
*Must know how to use a sewing machine*

Peyote Stitch Beading Class—Tuesday & Thursday  
June 28 & 30— 2022 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

For more information or to sign –up call 970-563-2640  
[multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO




## Multi-Purpose Facility June Mystery Quilt Class



Tuesday & Wednesday June 21 & 22, 2022  
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Call 970-563-2641 for the supply list  
(Class is limited to 6)

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call the MPF to reserve your space - 563-2640 or  
e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)







### 2022 Intertribal Opioid Wellness Summit

June 21\*-24

"Nuh-Nuh-Muh" (Together) Reconnecting & Healing

Uintah Conference Center | Vernal, Utah

\* Pre-conference Sessions & Activities: June 21

## SOUTHERN UTE DENTAL AND OPTOMETRY CLINIC

### Update

Tribal Health is closely monitoring the rise in local COVID cases. To reduce the spread of COVID-19, staff will begin testing patients upon arrival. To avoid any scheduling conflict which may occur, please schedule your dental and eye exams now by calling the front desk at [970] 563.4719.

This is a precautionary notice which will be updated no later than June 24, 2022.

## CANCERandCOVID-19

CONGRATULATIONS!

By receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, you've taken a big step in protecting yourself, your family, and your relatives from the virus. Cancer screenings are a great way to continue prioritizing your health! Cancer is the second leading cause of death among Native people. Screening recommendations may begin earlier or more frequently for Native people to help detect cancer at earlier stages, when it is easier to treat.

### CANCER SCREENING

#### CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

- ✓ 21-29 year olds should be screened every 3 years
- ✓ 30-65 year olds should be screened
  - Every 3 years with pap test alone
  - Every 5 years with HPV testing alone OR
  - Every 5 years with HPV and pap testing together (cotesting)

#### BREAST CANCER SCREENING

- ✓ 40-49 year olds should discuss screening options with their health care provider
- ✓ 50-74 year olds should be screened every 2 years

#### COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

- ✓ Screening should begin at 45 and continue through the age of 75. Talk to your health care provider about what screening option is right for you. Your individual screening regimen will depend on your discussion with your health care provider.

#### LUNG CANCER SCREENING

- ✓ People 50 years and older who have a 20 pack-per-year history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years should be screened.

#### ORAL CANCER SCREENING

- ✓ Currently there is no oral cancer screening recommendation, but it's important to discuss any risk factors with your dental provider. Risk factors include tobacco and alcohol use, and the human papillomavirus (HPV).

#### SKIN CANCER SCREENING

- ✓ Currently there is no skin cancer screening recommendation, but it's important to discuss any risk factors with your health care provider. Some risk factors include fair complexion, tanning bed exposure, history of sunburns or previous skin cancer.

### CANCER PREVENTION

#### HEPATITIS B VACCINATION

- ✓ 18 years of age or younger are recommended to receive a 3 dose series
- ✓ 18 years of age or older talk to your health care provider about this vaccination and if it's right for you

#### HPV VACCINATION

- ✓ 9-15 year olds are recommended to receive a 2 dose series
- ✓ 15-26 year olds are recommended to receive a 3 dose series

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: [WWW.AICAF.ORG](http://WWW.AICAF.ORG)

## CREATE YOUR FUTURE

# Become a CNA

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

## Program begins August 22

Classes held **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** from 4-9 pm at the Bayfield site, 110 E. South St.

Call for more info or to apply.  
**Bethany Powell**  
**970.385.2098**

**Pueblo Southwest**  
Community College

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. To make a request, please notify the PCC Disability Resources Center at (719) 549-3446 or [Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu) at least five (5) working days before the event.

CORONAVIRUS

# COVID-19 community levels rise to high in La Plata County

## Archuleta County moves to medium

**Staff Report**

**SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Community Levels for COVID-19 rose on Thursday in Southwest Colorado, moving Archuleta County into Level Medium and La Plata County into Level High. La Plata County has a case incidence rate of 245.4 per 100,000 and Archuleta County has a case incidence rate of 135.4 per 100,000 residents over the past seven days (CDC data). The counties, which are part of the same regional health service area, had 10.6 new hospital admissions per 100,000 residents over the past week. Wastewater samples collected in Durango and Pagosa Springs on June 2 showed the highest levels of COVID-19 since collection began earlier in 2022.

Based on these increased levels of COVID-19 in both communities, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) recommends increased precautions to slow the spread of the virus, prevent severe illness and hospitalizations, and protect essential services.

In La Plata County (Level High), masking is advised for all public indoor spaces and on public transportation, per the CDC and SJBPH's Public Health Advisory.

In Archuleta County (Level Medium), those at high risk for severe illness should talk to their health care provider about taking additional precautions such as masking. Mask wearing is also encouraged on public transportation.

In both counties, individuals are advised to follow CDC isolation and quarantine guidance if they have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19. The CDC advises mask wearing until at least day 10 for individuals coming out of a five-day isolation period. For both Community Levels Medium and High, individuals are encouraged to stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters, and test if experiencing symptoms.

Both counties remain in Transmission Level High applicable to masking requirements for health care and long-term care facilities, per State Public Health Order 20-38.

Vaccines are the safest, most effective way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death caused by COVID-19 and its variants. Local providers administering COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are available on SJBPH's website. More information about COVID-19 vaccines, as well as assistance scheduling an appointment, is available on the state's website. The public can also call SJBPH (970-247-5702) or Colorado's Vaccine Hotline (877-268-2926) to get help finding a vaccine.

Testing is available for free at community testing sites in La Plata and Archuleta counties, and at-home tests are available free at the SJBPH offices in both Durango and Pagosa Springs or ordered directly from the federal government (covid.gov/tests). Local information about testing is available on SJBPH's website.

KN95 masks are also currently available at SJBPH front desks in Durango and Pagosa Springs. These are available on a first come, first served basis until they run out.

COVID-19 treatments are for people who currently have mild to moderate symptoms and are not in the hospital for COVID-19, but who are at high risk of getting very sick. You should get treatment as soon as possible when you start to feel symptoms. If you are at high risk and have COVID-19, ask your health care provider about treatment as soon as you can. Telehealth is also an option for receiving treatment. Learn more about how to access COVID-19 treatments via the State of Colorado or SJBPH.

People who are moderately to severely immunocompromised or who cannot get vaccinated against COVID-19 may get a monoclonal antibody treatment called Evusheld. It can help keep you from getting sick with COVID-19. It is not for people who already have the virus or have recently been exposed.

San Juan Basin Public Health is a local public health agency, governed by a seven-member local Board of Health, serving all residents of La Plata and Archuleta counties. For over 70 years, San Juan Basin Public Health has improved the health and environment of the Southwest Colorado community.

### TRIBAL COUNCIL REMINDS TRIBAL MEMBERS AND STAFF FACE COVERINGS AND COVID-19 TEST KITS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Call the Tribal Information Services (TIS) at 970.563.0100 to request for mailing or arrange for pick-up of items.

PHOTOGRAPHED: TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER DR. STACEY L. OBERLY

# VACCINE MOBILE BUS

## NEXT STOP!

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe

109 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137

**Wednesday, June 29, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
<https://www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/3618029079>

**Thursday, June 30, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
<https://www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1902934607>

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

IT'S TIME FOR A COMEBACK. GET YOUR VACCINE NOW!

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





# Elders gather for breakfast



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Laughter echoed in the halls of the Multi-Purpose Facility for the Elders Breakfast. Council Member Linda Baker shares a joke with elders in attendance. The event is also open to community elders as well!



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Tribal elder and Grandmother Renee Sage enjoys her biscuits and gravy, eggs, and chili at the monthly morning meal hosted by the Multi-Purpose Facility.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Council Member Vanessa Torres takes a moment from the Elders Breakfast on June 1 to take a photo with her mother, Southern Ute tribal elder Georgia McKinley.


## Ute tribal water rights



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Tribal Council Member, Lorelei Cloud was invited to be a panelist for the Water Education Colorado's "Colorado Ute Tribal Water Rights and Access" webinar, Thursday, June 9. The webinar's attendees included educators, students, professionals, media, and public. She spoke on the Tribe's water rights, the cultural significance of water, and on negotiations of the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act.






### VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

With Council Member  
+++ Lorelei Cloud +++

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

**June 29, 2022**  
**11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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





## Southern Ute Tribal Council hosts Tribal Elder Town Hall


**Next Meeting**  
The meeting will be held from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in Tribal Council Chambers.

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**July 7**

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

**July 7 Agenda**  
+ Topics to be Determined

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



### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL Contact Information

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](mailto:swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov)

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<b>Linda K. Baker, Council Member</b> 970-563-2407 <a href="mailto:lkbaker@southernute-nsn.gov">lkbaker@southernute-nsn.gov</a>	<b>Vanessa P. Torres, Council Member</b> 970-563-2404 <a href="mailto:vtorres@southernute-nsn.gov">vtorres@southernute-nsn.gov</a>
<b>Dr. Stacey I. Oberly, Council Member</b> 970-563-2403 <a href="mailto:soberly@southernute-nsn.gov">soberly@southernute-nsn.gov</a>	

Photo Credit: Jeremy Wade Stocking, Southern Ute Drum









# SWAIA MODEL CALL

**SANTA FE INDIAN MARKET**  
SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION FOR INDIAN ARTS

swaia.org

IGNACIO GIRLS BASKETBALL PROGRAM PRESENTS

# YOUTH BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP

**WHO: BOYS AND GIRLS IN GRADES 3RD-8TH ALL LEVELS WELCOME!**  
**WHERE: IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL**  
**WHEN: JUNE 20-21 (10AM-2PM)**  
**COST: \$25 PER KID**  
**CONTACT COACH SEIBEL (970) 764-8098 TO SIGN UP**

EACH KID WILL GET A CAMP T-SHIRT, LUNCH PROVIDED ON SECOND DAY OF CAMP(KIDS WILL NEED TO BRING LUNCH FIRST DAY OF CAMP)

MAKE SURE TO BRING SHIRT, SHORTS, BASKETBALL SHOES AND A WATER BOTTLE

## Ute Mountain Ute SUNDANCE

Towaoc, Co

**June 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

We ask that all be respectful of the spiritual ceremony which follows by some important rules.

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Dancers fill the corral during Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance, an annual spring tradition, in Towaoc, Colo. starting on Friday, June 3 and ending on the evening of Monday, June 6.



Dancers were treated to songs from singers of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe as well as singers throughout the weekend visiting from White Mesa, Randlett, Ute Indian Tribe, and Southern Ute Tribe during the annual Bear Dance ceremony.

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## BEAR DANCE FIRE

### BURN AREA CLOSURE

The Bear Dance Fire has left a significant safety issue in its wake. Fire damage to vulnerable trees which remain standing are at real risk of falling, becoming what are known as "widow makers." All areas affected by the fire south of Scotts Pond to Bear Dance Road are CLOSED to public access until further notice. Plans are currently under way to mitigate this hazard. We expect this to take weeks or even months to complete. In the meantime, the danger will persist. Trees that may appear to have survived are at risk due to scorching and damage to their bases. The trail to Scotts Pond from the parking area at the north end of Ute Park Road will remain open as well the trail around the pond itself. Recreational activities must remain to the trail only. DO NOT ENTER THE BURN SCAR. We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of everyone in maintaining the safety of the public. In the event of an emergency, please contact Southern Ute Police Department Dispatch by dialing 9-1-1.

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BOBCATS BASEBALL

# Gallegos named SJBL Player-of-the-Year

*Sophomore SS anchored Ignacio's defense*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Going into the 2022 season, his first as a high-school varsity baseball head coach, Duke Baker knew multiple primary pieces to Ignacio's puzzle were already in place. He also knew there were a few needing finessing to create the desired fit.

But there was one completely missing, one upon which any number of skip-pers would have constructed their lineups.

And with senior Gabe Tucson concentrating this spring on honing his college-caliber hoop game, Baker plus assistants Isiah Valdez and Lawrence Toledo, Sr., were left lacking a mound ace as well as – when Tucson wasn't pitching – a first baseman.

Confident in junior Eppie Quintana's right arm to replace Tucson's left as IHS' No. 1 option on the bump, the Bobcats' brain trust still needed an able glove at the corner ... and early on, the coaches found one.

One which just recently was named First Team All-San Juan Basin League.

"Last year he ... was the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio shortstop Jacob Gallegos (12) prepares to gun out an opposing baserunner at IHS Field. He was recently named not only First Team All-SJBL, but SJBL Player-of-the-Year after his fielding and hitting (plus pitching in a pinch) helped the Bobcats improve from 5-9-1 overall in 2021 to 15-8 in 2022.

bullpen catcher; that's all he played," Baker said, of Rylan Maez. "Well, they put him in the outfield, I think he said – one game ... but we moved him to first at the beginning of the year and he did amazing for us."

"He was (going to be in the) outfield, but ... he went from that to being one of the best basemen in the league. He's come a long ways from where he started; Rylan's a monster at first...can pick it like no other."

"You've got to play with what you've got," said

Maez, who solidified Ignacio's right side with second baseman/brother Marcus. "That's about it."

"Our defense was lockdown," Baker said. "Marcus and Rylan, those boys are stepping up ... rising to the occasion."

Also named First Team All-League as infielders were Nucla sophomore Steele Arnold and Dove Creek freshman Sheldon Gardner. Sophomore teammate Gage Buffington received the only Sec-

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BOBCATS SOCCER

# Gullion garners 2A SWL's COY award

*Mendoza-Lechuga leads IHS' All-Leaguers*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Taking over in Spring 2022 for predecessor Julia Kidd, Heather Culley's Crested Butte Lady Titans certainly deserved all the newspaper ink they earned in advancing all the way to the Class 2A Girls' Soccer State Championship match.

But after shocking bracket opponents Buena Vista, Colorado Springs Fountain Valley, and Lamar to reach the grand finale, CBCS met the same – although not as severe – fate as fellow Southwestern Leaguers Telluride had in '21, losing in Commerce City at DICK'S Sporting Goods Park to Lafayette-based Alexander Dawson School.

Having led her new crew all the way to the last day had to have made Culley a front-runner for SWL Coach-of-the-Year along with THS' Ramon Rodriguez (whose

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga (10) celebrates one of her team-high 11 goals scored during the 2022 season. Just a sophomore, she was recently named First Team All-Southwestern (2A) League.

## Hitmen place first in league



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio Hitmen defeated Durango A&L Coors and Durango KW Joe Clair to take the championship in regular 10U baseball action Saturday, June 11 in Ignacio. The Hitmen advanced to the 2022 Durango Spring Tournament - 10U with a first place seeding and a first-round bye with an undefeated record of 12-0.

CHSAA ALL STATE

# Nanaeto, All-Staters place third in Pueblo

*Graduated IHS star scores 6 in 73-62 win*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Unfazed about actually having a shot clock with which to contend, let alone another team, graduated Ignacio (CHSAA Class 2A) star Avaleena Nanaeto capped her prep-level basketball career in superb style Saturday, June 11.

With her Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games White squad creeping closer and closer to an Elam-rules 'target' of 72 points – when the special format came in to play midway through the fourth and final 10-minute quarter, White was leading ASG-Black 64-52 – Nanaeto swung out onto the left wing and, unguarded, calmly canned a three-pointer increasing White's advantage to 71-57.

"I didn't know what the score was, so I just shot it. I was like, 'If it goes in, it goes in!'" she said afterwards. "Then (my teammates) were like, 'We only need one (point)!'" So, it felt good."

Minutes later the game was over, the scoreboard inside CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena showing a margin of 73-62.

Nanaeto totaled six points, all coming after Black, triggered by a game-opening basket from 3A Pagosa Springs' Trista Tully, bolted out to an impressive, imposing 26-11 lead through one quarter of play. Metro State University-Denver recruit Mikylah Espinosa of 4A Thornton Skyview (she'd played her first three seasons in Westminster at 3A The Academy) knocked down two threes – one as the horn sounded – and booked ten of her eventual game-high 19 points during the opening onslaught.

But 1A San Luis Centennial's JaeLea Maestas, daughter of Games head



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Playing for the Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games' White team, Ignacio's Avaleena Nanaeto (34) forces a shot – improbably, yet ultimately successful – through ASG-Black's Alexa Peraza (11) and Jami Quick during third-place action Saturday, June 11, inside CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena. ASG-White prevailed 73-62, with Nanaeto contributing six points.

coach Jason Maestas, began the second stanza sinking consecutive treys, igniting a crowd-wowing 11-0 run which helped White rally back to 33-28 at half-time. Bumped by both Alexa Peraza (Skyview) and Jami Quick (Pritchett/1A South Baca County) on a running jumper in the lane, but somehow able to get the shot to drop, Nanaeto's first field goal had brought White back to as close as 31-27.

And after 3A Strasburg's Morgan Manahan and 2A Sanford's Asia Caldon began the third quarter with a two-pointer each, White finally gained the upper hand for the first time, 34-33, when 5A Castle Rock Castle View's Ella Seeley knocked down a 14-footer with 7:27 left.

Espinosa would soon retie the score at 38 with a rim-rattling three-pointer, but White would not only re-take the lead but expand it to as many as seven points, 51-44, via a late Caldon triple. Still trailing 51-46 as the fourth frame commenced, Black managed to stay alive thanks to seven Peraza points and Espinosa's fourth trey in the game, but with White getting scoring from Nanaeto and seven others down the stretch, Black lost the quarter 22-16 and, ultimately, lost the third-place contest.

"Totally ... puts a good end to it," said Tully, when asked if, despite the outcome, playing in the Games made for a memorable conclusion to her high-school

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Shyden Pinnecoose has graduated from Sierra Vista High School in Las Vegas, NV. Shyden has enlisted in the U.S. Army at E3 status and will be reporting to Fort Benning, GA in July. The family is extremely proud of him and his 3 years of ROTC training to prepare him for military service.

Thank you,  
Marvin Pinnecoose



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The Southern Ute Powwow Committee would like to thank the volunteers, dancers, royalty, drum group and those who donated to the Spring Celebration Powwow held on May 28, 2022, at the Ute Park! Your participation was appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you all next year!

Togiak,  
Mikki Naranjo  
Powwow Committee Chairman

SAINT IGNATIUS' PRAYER AGAINST DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY

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Lord Jesus Christ,  
when all seems to be in darkness,  
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grant me the awareness of your holy presence,  
of your love and of your strength.  
Help me to have perfect trust,  
in your protecting love,  
and strengthening power,  
so that nothing my frighten or worry me,  
for, living close to you  
I shall see your hand  
your purpose, your will through all creation.  
Amen.

Fr. Cesar M. Arras, CR. Theat.

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Correction

In the photo published in the June 3 issue of the Drum, "Congratulation Graduates" Cyrus Naranjo's name was incorrect.

The crossword published in the June 3 issue of the Drum was the incorrect puzzle. The correct puzzle is being republished on page 20 of this issue.

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**Deadline June 27**

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TWO-WEEK LOOK-AHEAD SCHEDULE (6-20-22 thru 7-1-2022)



Work being performed by: WCA Construction, LLC  
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Work being performed for: SUIT

Total project duration – June 2022 through October 31, 2022



I.) **FDR (FULL DEPTH REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT)**

**Work Scope:** Full Depth Removal and Replacement of select problem areas within the roadway.

➤ **Location:** North end of Rolling Thunder Avenue, and Intersection of Arrow Street with Fry Bread Ave.

**Dates of Impact:** June 20, 2022 through July 1, 2022 **Monday through Friday 7:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M.**

**Traffic Control Impacts:** (see attached map) Road Closure from Intersection of Lodge Pole Way/Rolling Thunder Avenue north to Rolling Thunder Avenue/Arrow Street intersection, then east to Fry Bread Avenue/Arrow Street Intersection. Work at the intersection of Arrow Street and Fry Bread Avenue will be performed in half the intersection at a time. Closure will remain throughout the length of the project. This section of roadway will be closed to thru traffic.

II.) **Crack Sealing**

**Work Scope:** Crack sealing of select cracks with in the roadway from curb-to-curb.

➤ **Location:** Mountain Dew Circle, Red Dawn Ct., Gray Stroke Ct., and Blue Moon Ct.

**Dates of Impact:** June 20, 2022 through June 24, 2022 **Monday through Friday 7:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M.**

➤ **Location:** Shadow Spirit Street – West, Sage Brush Avenue, Burning Cedar Avenue, and Fry Bread Avenue.

**Dates of Impact:** June 27, 2022 through July 1, 2022 **Monday through Friday 7:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M.**

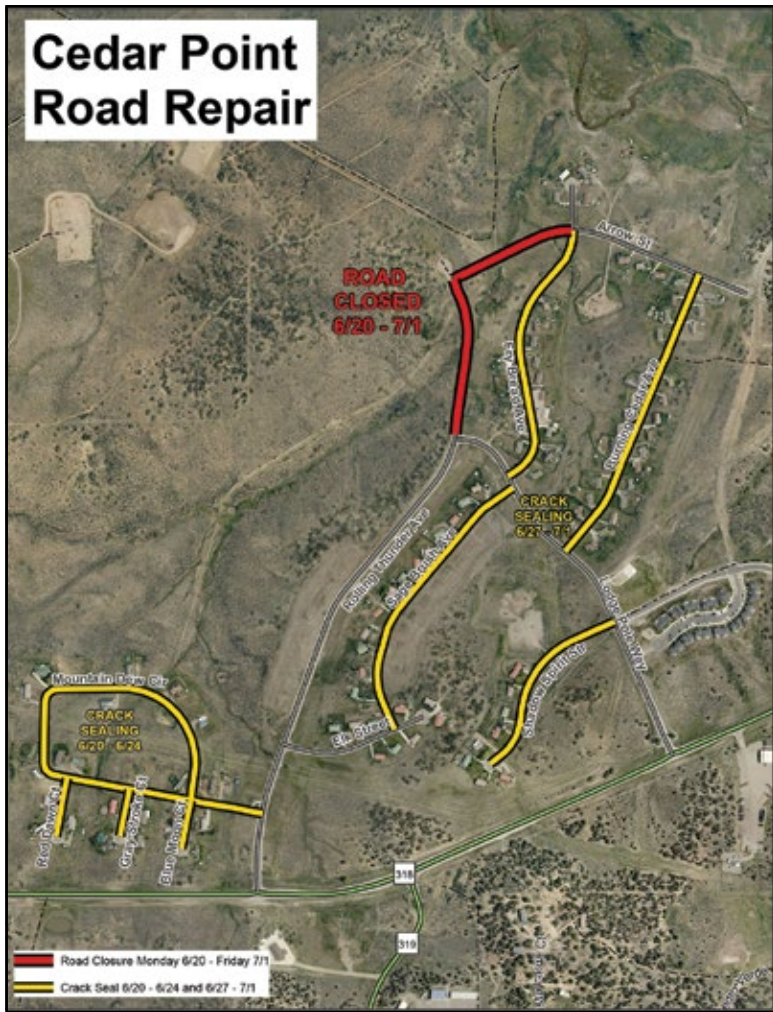
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Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
Aleksandr Bear Soldier Gill, Deceased  
Case No.: 2022-0044-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 July 25, 2022 at 10:30 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 3rd of June, 2022  
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NAIG Informational Meeting

Team Colorado  
Where: Multi-Purpose Building

When: June 30, 2022  
Times: 6:00pm-7:00pm

TOPICS: Passports, Background Check, Fund Raising, Team Practices, NAIG Council updates.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGNUP!



For Information Call Recreation, Virgil 970-563-2652, Tara 970-563-2667, Daphnee 970-563-2655



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FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE  
Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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|------------------------------------|---|
| • Distribution Friday, July 29     | NOON, Tuesday, July 25, 2022              |
| • Distribution Friday, Sept. 30    | NOON, Friday, Sept. 23, 2022              |
| • Distribution, Friday Oct. 28     | NOON, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022              |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Nov. 10  | NOON, Monday, Nov. 7, 2022 (Changed Date) |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 23 | NOON, Friday, Nov. 18, 2022               |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 8   | NOON, Monday, Dec. 5, 2022                |

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



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"Southern Ute Talk"

Find the newest edition on the  
Tribal Member Experience

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

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

Step 2 Complete form and click  
"Submit"

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

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

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








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



UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS



**TRANSFER STATION**  
**2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL DAY — **CLOSED**

JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNETEENTH — **CLOSED**

JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY — **CLOSED**

SEPT. 5<sup>TH</sup> LABOR DAY — **CLOSED**

OCT. 10<sup>TH</sup> INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY — **CLOSED**

NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY — **CLOSED**

NOV. 24<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING — **CLOSED**

DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — **CLOSED**

DEC. 26<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY — **CLOSED**

**Office Hours**  
**Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM**

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

**Friendly Reminders**

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

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**


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

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION**  
**MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM / CLOSED SUNDAY**

Tribal Members: Pick up 2022 Trash Permits by calling office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Show Tribal ID.

**IMPORTANT SPRING DATES**

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



**NEW 2022 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per Household.**  
PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 [www.suitutil.com](http://www.suitutil.com)

# Multi-Purpose Facility - Summer Snacks

## Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00PM



**Piccadilly**  
**Small: \$5**  
**Large: \$8**



**Snow Cone**  
**Small: \$3**  
**Large: \$5**



**Syrups**  
Strawberry - Orange  
Cherry - Tiger's Blood  
Lemon Lime - Grape  
Pina Colada - Rootbeer  
Blue Raspberry - Watermelon  
Pink Bubble Gum

**Flavors & Toppings**  
Dill Pickle - Sweet Pickle -  
Hot Dills - Banana Pepper  
Assorted Kool-ade  
Skittles - Gummies - Sour patch  
Other Flavors:  
Cherry Lime - Tajin - Chamoy - Cinnamon



**Popcorn**  
**Small: \$2**  
**2 Ga. Bag: \$10**

**Come in or call in your order for pick-up 970-563-2640**  
**256 Ute Road - Ignacio CO**

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

### Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

**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.

**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](mailto: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).

**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. Positions are open until filled. If you think you might be interested, please contact the Division

### 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](mailto:rtorres@suiha.org). Applications will be accepted until position filled



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



**Board of Directors Vacancy**



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

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

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

For more information, contact Bruce LeClaire, CEO  
970.563.2694 or [bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov)



**Southern Ute Utilities Division**  
SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 06/15/22



### System Maintenance Announcement

On June 25, 2022, Wells Fargo will be performing maintenance on the E-Bill Express Online Payment System.

**Online Utility Payments will not be accepted on Saturday, June 25th from 3AM to 11AM.**

During this time, you will not be able to view bills or make UTILITY payments. Users who try to access the service will receive a maintenance notification message.

Once the service resumes after 11 AM, it will be available to process payments.

Thanks in advance for you cooperation and understanding.

Questions? Call Utilities at (970) 563-5500.

## KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!

### KSUT seeks one (1) enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors

**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](mailto: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](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs) for complete job descriptions. If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

### ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

#### Animal Care Tech. (So. Ute Members Only)

Closes 6/27/22 – Under the general supervision of the Tribal Ranger Sergeant, assures the care of impounded animals and other duties related to the care of the site and the animals. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

#### Community Health Representative

Closes 6/24/22 – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

#### Early Childhood Teacher

Closes 6/20/22 – 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. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

#### General Assistance Program Manager

Closes 6/23/22 – Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

#### Lands Tech. Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)

Closes 6/24/22 – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member. Will learn how to provide technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provide general information to the Tribal Membership and public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N8 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases to assure that key goals are met. Upon successfully completing the training curriculum, the incumbent will assume the Lands Technician position.

#### Social Worker

Closes 6/28/22 – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social caseworker practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

#### Summer Youth Employment Worker (So. Ute Members and 1st Descendents Only)

Closes 6/17/22 – 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.

#### Tribal Ranger

Closes 6/27/22 – Under the general supervision of Tribal Ranger Sergeant and Ranger Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

#### Water Resources Division Head

Closes 6/20/22 – Works under the direction of the Director, Department of Natural Resources, and is responsible for management/oversight of all Water Resource Division operations including water resource planning and development, irrigation activities, soil conservation activities, and the Tribe's Weed Management Program. The program promotes the appropriate use, development, and conservation of the Tribe's water and soil resources in accordance with all Tribal policies and any applicable State, Federal, or other regulations. Pay grade E17; Pay starts at \$75,321.13/year.

#### Water Resources Technician

Closes 6/17/22 – Under the supervision of the Division Head, with day-to-day direction from the Water Resources Specialist, provides technical level support to professional staff to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hourly.

#### Animal Control Officer

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Tribal Ranger Sergeant, assures compliance of the Tribal Animal Control Code through enforcement and education. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

#### 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; Pay 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; Pay starts at \$12.32/hour.

#### Construction Services Repairman

Open Until Filled – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

#### 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; Pay starts at \$19.93/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; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

#### Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)

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

#### Distance Learning Specialist Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member under the supervision of the Director of Education. The length of trainee program is approximately two years with bi-annual evaluations based upon performance. The beginning wage is 20% below a grade E11 / \$41,456.65/annually. Upon the completion of the program, incumbent will work in coordination with Tribal Organizations, Universities, Colleges, local schools, and community members to provide long distance telecommunications, educational resource information, and classes for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and assists the Academic Advisor in supporting associate degree students.

#### 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; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

#### Farm Heavy Equipment Operator Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)

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; Pay 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; Pay 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; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

#### HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade 14 / \$26.21/hour.

#### Lake Capote Recreation Assistant

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. This position is seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

## Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://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.

#### Financial Reporting Accountant – GF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/30/22 – Assisting in the monitoring, compliance, and implementation of applicable issued accounting, reporting, and auditing pronouncements. Assists in the research and compilation of written technical accounting positions related to complex accounting issues and transactions (according to FASB, GASB, and generally accepted accounting principles). It also supports the planning and reporting processes related to the monthly management reporting, and the annual external audit.

#### Financial Reporting Manager – GF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/30/22 – Supports all aspects of routine and non-routine accounting, auditing, and reporting processes and projects; reviews and analyzes accounting pronouncements, both FASB and GASB related, and determines the impact on Growth Fund business entities; serves as an accounting expert in advising Growth Fund management, Controller and business entities on

complex accounting issues. Assisting in the development of Growth Fund accounting policies.

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

Closes 6/24/22 – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member to be trained under the general direction of the Red Willow Operations Foremen. The objective is to acquire the proficiency and skill set necessary to assume the responsibilities of a Lease Operator I position.

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

Closes 6/24/22 – Effectively performing a variety of real estate functions for both development and investment projects. Will be involved in real estate asset management, financial analysis, project evaluation, contract negotiation, project development and management, contractor supervision. Requires that the Senior Asset Manager work on GF Properties Group (GFPG) projects and with joint venture partners on a variety of project types in accordance with company objectives.

## Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.southernute.com/careers](http://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.

#### Front End Developer I – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/8/22 – Under general direction of the Web and SharePoint Development Supervisor, performs Front End application development project work for Tribal entities including security, support, content management, maintenance, development, and training. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

#### Front End Developer II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/8/22 – Under general direction of the Web and SharePoint Development Supervisor, performs Front End application development project work for Tribal entities including security, support, content management, maintenance, development, and training. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

#### Governance, Risk and Compliance Analyst – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/24/22 – Position is integral part in the development, implementation, and compliance

of information risk management across Tribal Entities. Managing risks related to the use of Information Technology, Information Security, Privacy, Regulatory Compliance and Governance.

#### Senior Data Engineer – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/17/22 – Development and support of data warehouse environments to meet reporting and analytics needs of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal organization. Will focus on data design, database architecture, expanding and optimizing data and data pipeline architecture, as well as optimizing data flow and data collection for cross functional teams.

#### Senior Governance, Risk and Compliance Analyst – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/24/22 – Acts as a lead in the development, implementation, and compliance of information risk management across Tribal Entities. Managing risks related to the use of Information Technology, Information Security, Privacy, Regulatory Compliance and Governance.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

#### Lifeguard (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour and includes a \$200 sign-on bonus.

#### 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. 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; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/year. Full COVID-19 vaccination as defined by the CDC is required for this position. Must receive the booster dose at the appropriate time interval to obtain 'up-to-date' status.

#### Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. An employee in this position works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. Pay grade N16; Pay 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; Pay 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. This position is based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations available during periods of the year that do not require student contact. Pay grade E11; Pay 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. Position pays \$30.00/hour.

#### Social Services Division Head

Open Until Filled – Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical, and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services including child/adult welfare protective services, family group, and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Title IV B – Foster Care Program, Colorado State Human Services and related Programs and Contract/Grants. Pay grade E17; Pay starts at \$75,321.13/year.

#### 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. 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; Pay 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. This is for 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. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

#### Tribal Apprenticeship Program (So. Ute Members Only)

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GULLION GARNERS AWARD • FROM PAGE 14

Lady Miners defeated Crested Butte twice in posting a perfect 8-0 league record; CBCS ended up a runner-up 6-2), but the honor ultimately went to Ignacio's Alisha Gullion.

Again, aided by Jessica Bassett and Beau Brooks, Gullion oversaw a squad which finished a fourth-place 2-6 in league and 2-13 overall, but had four losses come by two or fewer goals. Offensively, however, the Lady Bobcats' improvement was clearly visible; putting forth the most production the program had seen in years, IHS totaled 31 goals – and almost 32, with a strike against, ironically, Crested Butte disallowed due to a handball infraction.

“Our girls are awesome,” Gullion had said during the season, “because they’ve started from the beginning and are just growing, growing and growing.”

“In the first half of the season there was ... intimidation, like ‘I’ve never played soccer before’ or ‘I’ve only played one sea-

son’ or ‘I (last) played when I was little,’” she continued. “But ... they know what to expect; their confidence has gone up.”

Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga exemplified that elevated enthusiasm. Beginning the '22 campaign with a hat trick against visiting Del Norte and later able to torch the same Lady Tigers for four goals out in the San Luis Valley, the sophomore finished with a team-leading 11 goals and was rewarded by being named First Team All-SWL.

Junior co-captain Autumn Sage, primarily a defender, was also named First Team – joining her teammate as well as others including Player-of-the-Year contenders Amelie Sante (Telluride, senior forward/midfielder) and Leigh Harpel (Crested Butte, sophomore midfielder), plus Goalkeeper-of-the-Year Jayden Fortner (THS, sophomore).

Versatile enough to have been a midfielder, defender and goalie this year, junior Alexis Ortiz and sophomore defender Kristianna Brann were Ignacio's Second Team

All-League recipients.

“I know what they have to offer ... and it shows,” said Gullion, of all the honored Lady 'Cats. “The growth I’ve seen from these girls has been just awesome this year.”

Additional First Team picks from Telluride (9-6 overall), which bowed out in the State Tournament's quarterfinals to Lamar, were seniors Francesca Schillaci and Kaleigh Reggiannini. Senior Campbell Ryan and junior Ellie O'Neal were also selected from CBCS (12-6 overall), while juniors Maizy Gordon and Courtney Southall represented Ridgway (5-7, 4-4 SWL) and senior Hannah Trujillo hard-luck DNHS (0-15, 0-8).

Also named Second Team All-SWL were THS senior Ava Hagan and freshman Taylor Carter, Crested Butte senior Mad-die Bogard and junior Cassidy Wirsing, RHS seniors Aynsleigh Wood and Anna Bartschi, plus Del Norte freshmen Ahyari Fimbres and Emely Gurrola.

NANAETO, ALL-STATERS PLACE • FROM PAGE 14

days, “that I was able to play one last time a sport that I love so much.”

She finished with six points, while Peraza ended up with 11 and 4A Greeley Northridge's Seneya Martinez 12.

“I'm honored to be here with all these wonderful ladies that have worked to get here. Really, they're all spectacular,” said Tully, very much looking forward to August and the start of her U.S. Air Force basic training in San Antonio, Texas.

Caldon and 3A Kersey

Platte Valley's Cora Schissler each racked up 14 points for ASG-White, with PV's Brooke Bunting (10 points) also reaching double digits and Maestas (9) coming as close as mathematically possible. Seeley finished with seven points, Sanford's Cheyenne Caldon logged five, and 2A Sargent's Gabby Jones matched Manahan's four.

“I felt like I got to play my position; I was really happy about that,” said Nanaeto, coached by Maestas and PV's Ton-

ya Schissler. “There were good coaches ... who had good plays, and I liked their rotations.”

“I don't know; I just liked the team here better,” she continued, when asked to compare her Pueblo posse – which had lost 72-53 the previous day to ASG-Red; Black had fallen 78-73 to Blue – to her Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State side which played at 5A Aurora Grandview H.S. back in March. “I really enjoyed coming here.”

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**ALL TOURNEY**

- Jerome Istenes
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**MVP**

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**FIRST PLACE**

**DRK**

RC Lucero  
Deja Herrera  
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Kelsey Frost  
Angela Thompson  
Ray Cundiff  
Tyler Young  
Mikey Padilla  
April Abeyta  
Erin Benally  
Nykki Benally  
Charinda Jones  
Jerome Istenes

**SECOND PLACE**

**ALL KINDS**

Tawnie Knight  
Patrick Littelbear  
Clifford Jones  
Melanie Poyer  
Travis Casey  
Jolitta Atcitty  
Tondra Benn  
Keevin Bellison  
Clyde Hight  
Raylene House  
Alicia Tallsalt  
Anthony Ortiz

**THIRD PLACE**

**SHO NUF**

Mike Toledo  
Felicia Toledo  
Clay Miller  
Anthony Chandler  
Emma Candelaria  
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Cloudy 90°F  
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Saturday, June 18



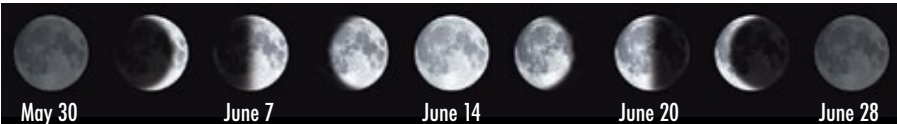
Cloudy 80°F  
Chance of rain & thunderstorms

Sunday, June 19



Mostly cloudy 77°F  
Slight chance of showers

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GALLEGOS NAMED POY • FROM PAGE 14

ond Team nod, while IHS shortstop Jacob Gallegos earned not only a First Team selection but also SJBL Player-of-the-Year.

“That kid ... he’s amazing. Plays great defense, is a team player and a great captain,” stated Baker. “And he’s young! It’s well-deserved, for sure. Jake’s always there, and Eppie and Phillip – those boys are always on it.”

Eppie Quintana was voted First Team All-SJBL as a pitcher, while sophomore brother Phillip Quintana received Second Team as a catcher for his work behind the plate, though his innings dealt as the Bobcats’ No. 2 pitcher (with sibling Eppie usually receiving) proved just as vital in helping Ignacio win the league title and ultimately reach the 32-team CHSAA Class 2A State Tournament’s ‘Sweet 16’ stage, when the ‘Cats fell 6-1 at Wiggins in the Region VIII championship.

WHS then lost the Quadrant I finale 16-1 to top-seeded Limon, which went on to complete an undefeated season by clipping Colorado Springs St. Mary’s 3-2 in the Saturday, June 4, grand finale at CSU-Pueblo’s Rawlings Field.

Building upon a State-winning performance in pandemic-abbreviated 2021,

the Badgers went 26-0 overall – giving LHS 46 straight wins since an extra-innings loss to Rye in 2019’s opening Round-of-16 – in ‘22; second place SMHS finished 19-9.

NHS seniors Brayden Magallon and Josh Flint were named First and Second Team All-SJBL, respectively, as pitchers, while DCHS sophomore Hunter Daves also was chosen Second Team All-League. First Team catcher went to Nucla senior Jarret Sinks; Dove Creek junior Kendall Gardner copped Honorable Mention status.

Though pressed into playing third base late in the season, IHS sophomore Devante Montoya manned centerfield for the majority of it and was a certain First Team All-League pick amongst the loop’s fly-chasers. Also honored as such were DCHS senior Ryan Jarmon and NHS senior Josh Alexander, while Mustang senior Gage Owen received Second Team praise.

Nucla senior Carson Gardner earned First Team All-SJBL as a designated hitter, while Dove Creek junior Cole Taber was a First Team utility-player pick with Flint earning an Honorable Mention nod.

Despite driving Ignacio (15-8, 4-2 SJBL) to ten more victories than the pro-

gram managed last year, SJBL Coach-of-the-Year went to NHS’ Randy Gabriel rather than Baker. And though Baker was nonplussed, he nonetheless expressed congratulations.

“His team, they’re an amazing group,” said Baker. “And Randy’s an amazing coach; I love the guy. For the, you know, (Class 1A) Playoffs I wished him good luck and he wished me good luck, told me what a good team we have.”

“And look at what they accomplished!” he continued. “As a team we did things people never thought we could.”

Stunned 14-4 by, ironically, Dove Creek in the 1A-District 1 championship, Gabriel’s Mustangs soon made amends by eliminating Trent Daves’ Bulldogs 13-3 in the quarterfinals of the 16-team State bracket. DCHS (2-4 San Juan Basin) ended up 12-10 overall, while NHS (3-3 SJBL) finished 15-8 after then losing 18-0 to top-seeded Merino in four innings of semifinals action.

The Rams then completed their school’s maiden title-winning season edging 6-seed Holly, 4 to 3, in ten innings at Keli McGregor Field at Coca-Cola All-Star Park in Lakewood. MHS ended up 24-2 overall in 2022; the Wildcats slipped to 20-4.

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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**Across**

- 1 Typing speed measure
- 4 Palindromic close relative
- 7 Boxer's poke
- 10 "--- Willie Winkie"
- 11 All the rage
- 12 Kind of painting
- 13 Possibly outdated alternative to mail?
- 14 Glossy paints
- 16 Pueblo which is home to the Tiwa
- 18 All-stops subway train
- 20 Break up
- 24 Warrior at Troy
- 25 Roman fiddler
- 26 Piscataway- --- Tribe of Maryland
- 28 Tom Sawyer's love
- 29 "Snow-capped" state - odd, considering the weather there
- 31 Leading family name in ABC's "Revenge"
- 34 Prized team member
- 37 "--- Man Flint" (James Coburn flick)
- 38 A land east of Eden
- 39 Soda
- 40 Make it interesting
- 41 Washington money overseer
- 42 "American Beauty" director --- Mendes

**Down**

- 1 Environmental group with panda logo
- 2 Blowgun ammo
- 3 Kind of jumping bean
- 4 Montana's Little --- Chippewa tribe
- 5 The --- band of Miwok Indians, Plymouth CA
- 6 Utter
- 7 "Average" guy
- 8 Be out of sorts
- 9 Beer containers, in short
- 15 Kind of space flight
- 17 Former German state
- 18 "Hotel du --- " (Anita Brookner Booker prizewinner)
- 19 --- de Dios, octagonal when made by Navajos
- 21 Bolts
- 22 Aggravate
- 23 Little dog
- 27 Binary kind of question
- 28 Motel alternative, informally
- 30 "Va-va- ---!"
- 31 Dollop
- 32 "The Murders in the --- Morgue"
- 33 Illustrative craft
- 35 Worldwide radio network
- 36 Measure of pollution or page production

Answers for this crossword will appear in July 1 issue of the Drum.

Answers for May 20, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

**Across:** 1 Two, 4 Vocal, 9 Frau, 10 Ebola, 11 Aunt, 12 Remick, 14 LCD, 15 Roy, 16 Keo, 17 Lead-in, 19 Mesh, 20 Omaha, 22 Awee, 25 Teredo, 29 Brr, 30 Orr, 31 Daw, 32 Corita, 34 Ketl, 35 Tonic, 36 Emus, 37 Ernst, 38 Nam.

**Down:** 1 Truce, 2 Wanda, 3 Out, 4 Verona Tract, 5 Obey, 6 Com, 7 Alike, 8 Laces, 9 Fall, 13 KOH, 15 Rim, 18 Doe, 19 Mar, 21 Her, 22 ABC, 23 Wrote, 24 Error, 26 Edema, 27 Datum, 28 Owls, 30 Otis, 33 Inn, 34 Ken.