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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Southern Ute Dept. of Energy under new leadership

Wetherall hired as DOE Energy Manager

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Department of Energy has hired Andy Wetherell, CPL, as the new Energy Manager. Wetherell will carry out the department’s mission to ensure tribal members receive the maximum benefit from the energy and mineral resources located on the reservation while minimizing impact and protecting natural and cultural resources.

After graduating from Dallas Baptist University in 2006, Wetherell began his career as a landman in Texas and Louisiana. He is skilled in lease negotiation, mineral title, production title, curative, rights of way, and surface owner relations. In 2011, he became employed by Chevron to manage assets in the San Juan Basin including on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. He developed a relationship with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and grew his knowledge of the Tribe, tribal energy operations and cultural values. He was then hired by the Southern Ute Department of Energy in 2018 as the Land Manager where he worked closely with operators on the reservation to manage the tribal resources.

“It is incredible to work for a Tribe that has worked so hard towards self-deter-



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Andy Wetherell, CPL – Energy Manager

Southern Ute Department of Energy

mination. I look forward to carrying out the mission of the department, making certain all operations within the reservation boundaries adhere to the tribal environmental regulations protecting tribal natural and cultural resources,” Wetherell said.

Wetherell served as the acting Energy Manager since November 2021. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf and spending time with his children, Whittaker (age 13) and Molly (age 9).

“The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is thrilled we are able to retain and promote Mr. Wetherell to Energy Manager. His thorough understanding of all aspects of tribal energy development are extremely valuable to the organization,” Chairman Melvin J. Baker said. “We wish him the best of luck and look forward to the department’s bright future ahead.”



courtesy U.S. Dept. of the Interior

The Bears Ears National Monument sign, which includes insignias of the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, and the Pueblo of Zuni was unveiled on Highway 261.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

BLM, Forest Service and tribes commit to historic cooperative management of Bears Ears

Staff report

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At a signing ceremony in White Mesa, Utah, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, and the five tribes of the Bears Ears Commission formalized and celebrated their partnership for co-management of the Bears Ears National Monument, Saturday, June 18.

After signing the cooperative agreement formally recognizing their strong working relationship, the parties travelled to Highway 261 to unveil the Bears Ears National Monument sign, which includes insignias of the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, and the Pueblo of Zuni.

“We are so pleased to celebrate this unique partnership between Tribal Nations and federal agencies to manage and protect the remarkable and sacred Bears Ears landscape,” said BLM Director Tracy Stone-Manning. “This is an important step as we move forward together to ensure that tribal expertise and traditional perspectives remain at the forefront of our joint decision-making for the Bears Ears National Monument. This type of true co-management will serve as a model for our work to honor the nation-to-nation relationship in the future.”

“It’s an honor for the Department of Agriculture to sign this one-of-a-kind cooperative agreement,” said USDA’s Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Dr. Homer Wilkes. “This agreement outlines a common vision for management of Bear Ears National Monument and protection of these sacred lands that are important to so many.”


“Today, instead of being removed from a landscape to make way for a public park, we are being invited back to our ancestral homelands to help repair them and plan for a resilient future. We are being asked to apply our traditional knowledge to both the natural and human-caused ecological challenges, drought, erosion, visitation, etc.,” said Bears Ears Commission Co-Chair and Lieutenant Governor of Zuni Pueblo Carleton Bowekaty. “What can be a better avenue of restorative justice than giving tribes the opportunity to participate in the management of lands their ancestors were removed from?”

To support the work that the five Tribes will perform under this agreement and through their representatives on the Bears Ears Commission, the BLM and U.S. Forest Service also announced that they will provide resources to each tribe through a separate process.

On October 8, 2021, President Biden issued Proclamation 10285, which restored the Bears Ears National Monument, and recognized the importance of knowledge of Tribal Nations in managing the monument by re-constituting the Bears Ears Commission as established by President Obama in 2016, consisting of one elected officer each from the five tribes. The BLM and the U.S. Forest Service jointly manage the monument and will prepare a management plan for federal lands within the 1.36 million-acre boundaries of the Bears Ears National Monument working cooperatively with the tribal members of the Bears Ears Commission to protect and restore the monument objects and values.


Bears Ears National Monument has a rich cultural heritage and is sacred to many Native American tribes who rely on these lands for traditional and ceremonial uses. There are also world-class opportunities for scenic driving, photography, rock climbing, hiking, biking, camping, paleontological exploration, and wildlife viewing. Learn more at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/utah/bears-ears-national-monument>.

SUIT welcomes NAIG Directors



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

A small group of dancers and singers gave a Bear Dance presentation to the North American Indigenous Games NAIG Council Board of Directors. Top row, left to right; Lexy Young, Monika Lucero, Elisia Cruz, Cyrus Naranjo, and Noah Box. Bottom row, left to right; Thunder Windy Boy, Tim Ryder, and Bird Red.



Elisia Cruz, Lexy Young, and Monika Lucero demonstrate the Bear Dance to the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) Council Board of Directors during their visit to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Wednesday, June 29 at Ute Park. NAIG Council Board of Directors enjoyed a brief lesson of Bear Dance and even got to participate in the dance. They also received a tour of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and enjoyed a lunch catered by the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

MENTAL HEALTH

What is a Peer Recovery Coach and why is peer support helpful?


Staff Report

SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

A Peer Recovery Coach offers emotional support, encouragement, and motivation. In the early stages of recovery, it is very important to have all the support you can. A Peer Recovery Coach can help you learn new ways to manage your emotions in a healthy way, as an addict or someone in recovery, learning how to identify your emotions, and work through them can be challenging since you are not familiar with this new way of thinking. It is easier for someone who is in early recovery to connect and relate to someone who has “lived experience” with addiction and has worked through the stages of recovery to become a better person.

A Peer Recovery Coach is a good role model and can help you find your internal motivation while providing.

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Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Peer Recovery Coach, Marvina Olguin





PEER RECOVERY COACH • FROM PAGE 1

ing empathy, understanding, and acceptance. Peer Recovery Coaches also have access to many resources and programs that can help keep you on the right track.

The Behavioral Health Division is happy to introduce you to our Peer Recovery Coaches, Marvinina Olguin and Ryan White.

Marvinina Olguin is Peer Recovery Coach and has been with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Behavioral Health Division for two and a half years. Olguin is certified by CCAR and White Bison. She also facilitates White Bison’s Warrior Down Wellbriety Talking Circle and Medicine Wheel 12-Step Program. Olguin has lived in Ignacio all her life and has two boys. Olguin enjoys spending time with her boys and their dog Harley, as well as reading, beading, and sewing. Olguin has been in recovery for six and a half years and enjoys helping others find their own path to recovery.

Ryan White is our new part-time Peer Recovery Coach and will be working closely with Marvinina Olguin. He is Cheyenne River Lakota and Dine’ and greets you all with “Was’té’/Ya-tahey/Greetings my fellow relatives.” White has resided in the Durango, Ignacio, and Bayfield areas for ten years. He has a B.A. in Psychology from Fort Lew-



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum  
Peer Recovery Coach, Ryan White

is College and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in Clinical Social Work. He provides Equine Assisted Learning and Healing services for cognitive, physical, and learning impaired in our communities. “I am honored and pleased to be selected to fill a part-time position as a Peer Recovery Coach with the Southern Ute Tribe Behavioral Health Dept,” White emphasized. “Thank you for allowing me to work with your Southern Ute Tribal community.”

Southern Ute Health Services’ Behavioral Health division offers two White Bison programs, The Warrior Down Wellbriety Talking Circle, as well as The Medicine Wheel and 12-Step Program.

The Warrior Down Wellbriety Talking Circle provides support and finds the resources to get that warrior back into their recovery pro-

cess. This is a peer-to-peer program that is designed to equip Native American/Alaska Natives in recovery to provide recovery support, prevent recidivism and provide community referrals for those re-entering the community from treatment or from various forms of incarceration. The Warrior Down Wellbriety Talking Circle is held every Monday from noon to 1pm virtually on Teams.

The Medicine Wheel and 12-Step program was developed to provide a culturally appropriate 12-Step program for Native American people. This program is based on the teachings of the Medicine Wheel, the Cycle of Life, and the Four Laws of Change. The Medicine wheel and 12-Step Program is held every Thursday from 5 – 7:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum in the large classroom.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Two new grants support the work of StrongHearts Native Helpline

Staff Report  
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

StrongHearts Native Helpline has received two donations that will strengthen its operations in 2022. The glassybaby foundation has awarded a \$15,000 partner grant in appreciation of StrongHearts “providing resources and a place for those struggling.” The Hickman Holler Appalachian Relief Fund of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee has awarded a \$50,000 unrestricted grant “to support the important work of StrongHearts Native Helpline.”

The glassybaby foundation, located in Seattle, Washington, awards partner grants to non-profit organizations working within the foundation’s mission: hope and healing for people, animals and the planet. The Hickman Holler Appalachian Relief Fund



of Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee in Nashville was established by Senora May and Tyler Childers to bring awareness and financial support for philanthropic efforts in the Appalachian Region and other communities in their home state of Kentucky.

“On behalf of StrongHearts Native Helpline and its board of directors, we are immensely grateful for

these wonderful foundation grants,” said Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) chief executive officer, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “These generous gifts will ensure our ability to continue carrying out our mission to provide supportive services to Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence.”

Many Moons Ago



Esther Rima/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

An aerial firefighting unit drops slurry over the Ponderosa Fire near Ignacio on Thursday, June 28, 2012. The summer of 2012 featured dry conditions that were ideal for forest fires to become rampant on and near the Southern Ute Reservation.

This photo was first published in the July 13, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

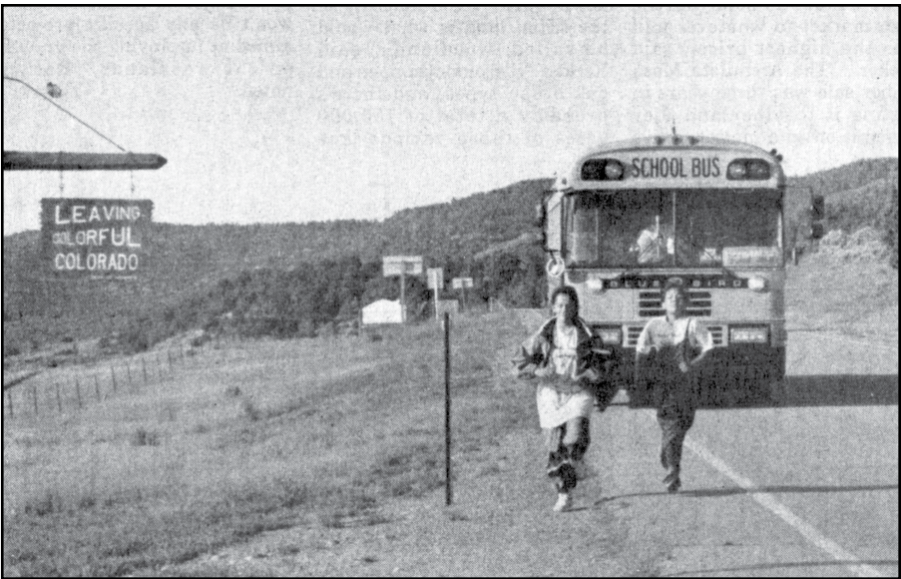


Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

La Plata County Fair Rodeo Queen Tristian Jefferson and members of her court wave to a huge crowd packed into downtown Bayfield, Colo. for the town’s Annual Fourth of July Parade held on July 12, 2002.

This photo was published in the June 28, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

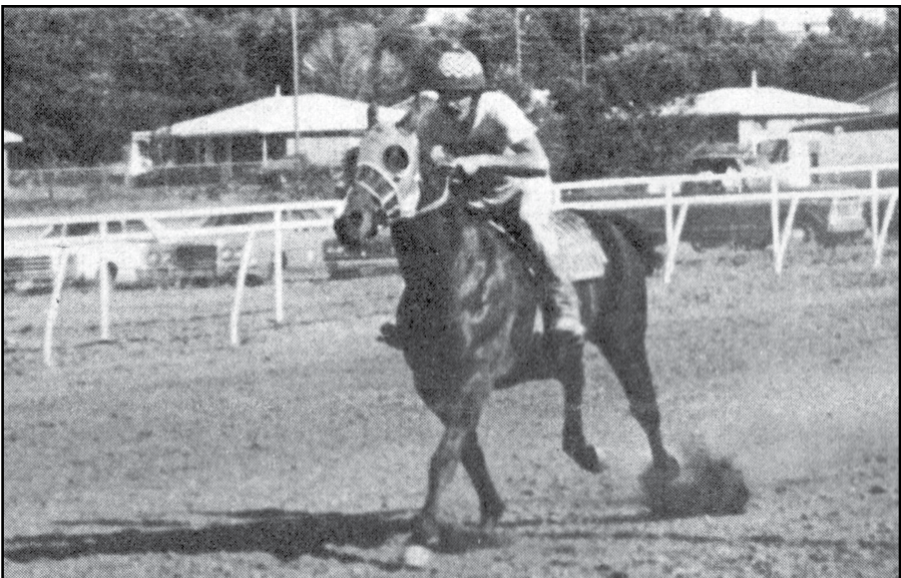


Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Teresa Cox and April Lopez take the first leg of their quest to run from the Colorado state line to the steps of the State Capitol in Denver to promote a drug-free society.

This photo was published in the July 11, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Trainers practiced and worked with their horses at the Sky Ute Downs for the upcoming Quarterhorse Meet held on July 17 and July 18, 1982 at the race track. This event helped prepare for future horse racing events to be held at the Sky Ute Downs.

This photo was published in the July 16, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.





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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE ROYALTY PAGEANT



Jeremy Wade Shockley | SU' DRUM

Date change

**AUGUST 27, 2022  
AT 3:00 P.M.**

*Multi-Purpose Facility*

McKayla Lee | SU' DRUM



SU' DRUM Archive

### Royalty Categories:

- Miss Southern Ute**  
Ages: 16-25
- Jr. Miss Southern Ute**  
Ages: 10-15
- Little Miss Southern Ute**  
Ages: 5-8
- Southern Ute Brave**  
Ages: 5-15

## Utes immerse into language



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Tribal Council Member Lorelei Cloud stopped by the SILDI Ute Language Immersion Class held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Wednesday, July 13. The grant funded workshop was open to members of all three Ute tribes. The SILDI Ute Language Immersion Class was hosted by the Southern Ute Culture Dept. through a Cultural Preservation Dept. and Fort Lewis College language grant. The five-day workshop is slated to run through Saturday, July 16.

Southern Ute Education Director, LaTitia Taylor discusses Ute language with Southern Ute Chairman Mel Baker during the SILDI Ute Language Immersion Class, Thursday, July 14.



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Ute language students learned to speak Ute, write Ute and construct sentences of their choosing, with their newfound Ute vocabulary skills; instructors referenced the Thomas Givon Ute language dictionary.

## 62nd ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR POWWOW



**SEPTEMBER 9, 10, & 11, 2022**  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds  
200 East CO 151 - Ignacio, CO

### DRUM CONTEST

- 1st Place—\$16,000
- 2nd Place—\$13,000
- 3rd Place—\$10,000
- 4th Place—\$8,000
- 5th Place—\$6,000
- 6th Place—\$4,000
- 7th Place—\$2,000
- 8th Place—\$2,000
- 9th Place—\$1,000

### SPECIALS

- Men's "Old Style" All Around
  - Fri - Traditional
  - Sat - Fancy
  - Sun - Grass
- Women's "Old Style" All Around
  - Fri - Traditional
  - Sat - Fancy
  - Sun - Jingle
- War Bonnet (35+)
- Red Dress (All Ages)



### POWWOW COMMITTEE

- Chairman—Mikki Naranjo—970.317.1740
- Vice-Chairman—Tara Vigil—970.563.2667
- Treasurer: Dona Frost—970.653.9291
- Secretary: Rochelle Aguilar—970.759.1722
- Members: Jalisa Paul, Brandi Raines, and Edward Box III, Heather White Thunder

### POWWOW & GOURD DANCE TIMES

- Grand Entry  
Fri. 7 PM  
Sat. 1 PM & 7 PM  
Sun. 1 PM
- Gourd Dance  
Fri. 5 PM—6:30 PM  
Sat. 11:00 AM—12:30 PM & 5 PM—6:30 PM  
Sun. 11:00 AM—12:30 PM

### CONTEST CATEGORIES

- Golden Age: (60+) Men & Women
- Senior Men: (35-59) Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Northern Traditional & Southern Straight
- Senior Women: (35-59) Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Northern & Southern Cloth, Southern & Northern Buckskin
- Junior Men: (18-34) Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Northern Traditional, Southern Straight
- Junior Women: (18-34) Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Northern & Southern Cloth, Southern & Northern Buckskin
- Teen Boys: (13-17) Fancy, Grass, Northern & Southern Traditional
- Teen Girls: (13-17) Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Northern & Southern Traditional
- Junior Boys: (6-12) Fancy, Grass, Traditional
- Junior Girls: (6-12) Fancy, Jingle Traditional

### VENDOR INFORMATION

- Arts/Crafts: Edward Box III — (702) 305-0790
- Food: JD Brunson — (970) 759-5794

### POWWOW REGISTRATION

- Fri—5 PM to 7 PM
- Sat—Closes at 1 PM

## POWWOW HEAD STAFF

**Northern MC - Bart Powaukee (Utah)**

**Southern MC - Erny Zah (New Mexico)**

**Northern Host Drum - The Descendants (North Dakota)**

**Southern Host Drum - Blazing Bear (Oklahoma)**

**Drum Judge - Ignacio Colorow (Utah)**

**Arena Director - Marty Pinnecoos (Colorado)**

**Head Gourd Dancers - Jack Frost Jr (Colorado) &**

**Afrem Wall (Colorado)**

**Head Man/Woman - Picked Daily**

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will not be responsible for any accidents, injuries, theft, or food borne illness. Alcohol, drugs, and weapons are prohibited.

## ATTENTION

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

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

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

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

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

## Tribal Council on KSUT Tribal Radio

The Southern Ute Tribal Council provide updates Friday mornings at 9 a.m. to share updates from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe! Tune in at 9 a.m. sharp, in Ignacio at KSUT 91.3 FM, in Farmington at KUUT 89.7 FM and on the Ute Mountain Ute reservation tune in at KZNM 100.9 FM! KSUT Tribal Radio also streams online at [www.tribalradio.org](http://www.tribalradio.org)

## Save the Date The 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Ute Fair

### Exhibits

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum Large Classroom

Wednesday, September 7, 2022  
Homemaking, Agriculture, Arts & Crafts

Thursday, September 8, 2022  
Baking & Livestock

### Fair Events

Sky Ute Fairgrounds  
September 8, 2022 to September 11, 2022

### Rodeo

Sky Ute Fairgrounds  
September 16, 2022 to September 17, 2022

### Stickgame Tournament

Sky Ute Event Center  
September 16, 2022 to September 18, 2022

### Artist Market

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum  
September 9, 2022 to September 11, 2022







HEALTHY RECIPES

Grilled marinated vegetables are tasty for summer grilling!

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

Not only can you grill your meat and poultry, but it is a great way to cook your vegetables. Using a marinade will bring out great flavors.

You can use any kind of summer vegetable you like but it's best to keep them larger as they will go directly on the grates.

Another way you can do this is by using a skewer and then your veggies can be cut smaller.



courtesy My Recipe

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

Vegetables for grilling

- 2 Red peppers, cut into wide strips
- 1 lb. Asparagus, ends trimmed
- 1 Zucchini, cut in half, then quarter each half
- 1 Yellow Squash, cut in half, then quarter each half
- 1 Red onion, cut into wedges through the root end (don't cut off root!)
- 8 oz. Mushrooms, left whole
- 1 small Eggplant, cut in half and then cut in 1/2 semi circles

Marinade

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

- 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper

Directions

1. Cut all veggies as directed above.
2. Place all marinade ingredients in a large bowl and whisk vigorously to combine.
3. Place cut veggies into bowl with marinade and toss to coat, let sit for 20-30 minutes.
4. Turn veggies on medium heated grill, placing to brown (save marinade left in the bowl).
5. Watch veggies, most will be done in 3-5 minutes on each side.
6. Once veggies are done you can drizzle with the remaining marinade or save it for another batch to be grilled in the next 2-3 days.
7. Serve promptly!

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Addiction and the brain

By Precious Collins  
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

**Is addiction a brain disorder?**

Addiction is a brain disorder. It is a chronic disease of the brain that impacts how the brain works. Addiction also impacts physical, mental, social, and spiritual aspects of life. This is reflected in an individual's behavior to pursue the drug, and a lack of concern over the harm they cause themselves or others.

Addiction is a messy, rough road for everyone involved. But there is hope and people live successful and meaningful lives in recovery every day.

**Treatment works!**

Treatment approaches and efforts to prevent addiction are generally as successful as those for other diseases. The area of the brain most affected by addiction is called the reward pathway. What happens is the reward pathway becomes damaged with repeated substance abuse. The reward pathway begins in the part of the brain called "the old brain." This part of the brain controls basic survival skills, like eating or running away from danger. There is what is called a "go circuit" that causes a person to seek out food, sex, or pain relief when needed. When a person uses drugs or alcohol

daily, these parts of the brain become hijacked. There is a "stop circuit" which tells a person to stop eating when they are full or feel satisfied. When drugs hijack the brain, the stop circuit no longer works. They lose the power of choice to stop using. The drugs hijack what is called the "new brain" where people make logical decisions. Their logic goes out the window, and as a result they will choose drugs before paying rent or buying food.

What does this all mean?

For years many people did not understand how a person could choose substances over their families or basic needs. Now that we understand the brain, we can understand why a person cannot stop on their own. There is help there! Treatment options are available for anyone eligible for services at the Southern Ute Health Center. At the Behavioral Health division, we work hard at helping people get the right treatment for themselves and their loved ones.

Local Resources

- Southern Ute Health Center, Behavioral Health Division:** 4101 CR 222 Durango, CO 970-563-5700. For local Native Americans. We are here to support mental health, substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Please call to schedule an appointment to talk to someone.
- Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-2331 or dss@southernute-nsn.gov for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- Southern Ute Police Dept. – Anonymous Tip Hotline:** Do you have information about a crime? Please call 970-563-4999. This "Tip Line" was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously, if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The "Tip Line" is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it DOES NOT replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police number 970-563-4401.
- St Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4241.
- Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave, Ignacio, CO 970-759-3633
- Second Wind Fund of the Four Corners:** Believes that every child and youth at risk of suicide should have access to the mental health treatment they need. We match children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities, 720-962-0706.
- Women's Resource Center:** Creates personal, social, and professional growth opportunities for all women in La Plata County, 970-247-1242.

24/7 State or National Resources

- Colorado Crisis Line:** 844-493-8255 or Text "TALK" to 38255. You'll immediately be put in contact with a trained counselor, ready to text with you about anything.
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Has both an online chat and a 24/7 phone line at 1-800-273-8255 if you are thinking of suicide or need help for a loved one.
- The Trevor Project:** Seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.
- 24/7 Axis Crisis Line:** SW Colorado 970-247-5245 or Text 741741.

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Refreshingly healthy



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Lisa Smith instructs Olyvia Watts as she delicately removes mint leaves from the stem for a healthy drink recipe. The 30-minute Cooking Matters class is held via Zoom to allow participants to ask questions about healthy eating and drinking.



Diabetes Patient Coordinator, Lisa Smith and tribal member Olyvia Watts prepare ingredients in the Mouche Capote Building's lower floor kitchen for the last online Cooking Matters class on Tuesday, July 12. The cooking class revolved around different alternatives to healthier drinks which included using fresh ingredients such as cucumbers, mint leaves and limes.



Southern Ute Behavioral Health  
970.563.5700  
Mary Trujillo-Young & Jennifer Goodtracks  
M-F 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

Colorado Crisis Services  
1.844.483.TALK(8255)  
or text "TALK" to 38255

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text "HOME"  
to 741741

Local 24-Hour  
Crisis Hotline  
970.247.5245

National Suicide  
Prevention Hotline  
1.800.273.TALK (8255)



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I'M LISTENING



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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshJuly22>  
**\*Sign-up Deadline: Monday, July 25**  
**\*Pickup Date: Wednesday, July 27**



**July Recipe:**  
Summertime Pasta Salad

**Meal Kit Includes:**

- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

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





DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Impacts of the Roe v. Wade decision on Native women

Staff report  
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE  
HELPLINE

The June 24 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the constitutional right to an abortion will adversely impact Native American and Alaska Native victim-survivors of sexual violence in several ways. The ruling paves the way for national criminalization of abortion. A number of states, including Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wyoming, already have existing trigger laws that allow those states to ban abortion now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned.

“Native women and girls suffer the highest rates of stalking, rape and femicide in the nation,” said Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), chief executive officer, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “Abortion is not offered at the Indian Health Service (IHS) and having planned parenthood clinics is essential to the health and well-being of sexual assault victims. It’s a breach of trust responsibility and body sovereignty that goes back to colonization.”

In fact, the IH (which provides health care on reservations) is prohibited under the 1976 Hyde Amendment from using federal monies for abortion services, except when the mother’s life is endangered and in instances of incest and rape.

Making it difficult for any woman to obtain an abortion or by criminalizing it in some, or even all, states won’t make abortions disappear. It makes them unsafe and potentially fatal. Those at most risk will be poor women and women of color, especially Native women who reside on tribal lands or in remote areas where abortion ser-



vices are difficult to access.

Making abortion services inaccessible to Native women whether they live in an urban or rural area further exacerbates the enormous socio-economic and health disparities. For example, the poverty rate among Native women is the highest among racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. at 28.1 percent. Overall, one in three Native Americans live in poverty with an annual median income of \$23,000. Complications during pregnancy or childbirth (or both) are three to four times more likely for Native women.

There are also barriers to acquiring emergency contraception outside of reservation communities and travel to obtain abortion services can require exorbitant travel and other expenses that Native women simply cannot afford. Financial abuse – a form of relationship abuse where one partner controls their partner’s financial situation – also can figure into the picture. An intimate partner who takes control of their partner’s finances ultimately has control over making financial decisions that undermine their partner’s well-being and, in cases such as these, make it difficult or even impossible for that partner to seek abortion services.

Native women in the United States suffer from the highest rates of sexual violence. In Indigenous communities, more than half of American Indian

and Alaska Native women (56.1%) have experienced sexual violence in their lives and the vast majority (96%) are victimized by a non-Native perpetrator. Sexual violence is based on power and control and an abuser may see the unpredictability of pregnancy as an opportunity to increase power and control. Sexual violence robs Native women of the right to body sovereignty and the choice of reproductive autonomy.

Sexual violence is a tool and result of colonization, which has been responsible for the enslavement and genocide of Native peoples and the theft, occupation, resource extraction and exploitation of Native lands that began at contact. The same government infrastructure and its federal laws, policies and institutions has targeted and permitted sexual violence, abuse and harassment of Native women for centuries. The legacy of colonialism continues to exist in 2022 through this most recent action by the U.S. Supreme Court to deny Native – and all – women the right to body sovereignty.

About StrongHearts Native Helpline

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7/365 culturally appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans, available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon at [strongheartshelpline.org](https://strongheartshelpline.org).

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“Good Brain, Strong Heart”

COVID-19 vaccines for young children

By Sandra Beirne, MD  
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

In mid-June, after a very long wait, COVID-19 vaccines finally became available for our youngest kids. On June 18, 2022, immediately after the FDA authorization of two vaccine products for children this age, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention endorsed the recommendation for kids six months to five years old to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Since then, other organizations have also issued recommendations for COVID-19 vaccination for this age group, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

The two products authorized are from the makers of the initial COVID-19 vaccines, Pfizer and Moderna. While both products are recommended for kids in this age group, the two are a little different. The young child Pfizer vaccine is for kids six months to four years old and is a 3-dose series given three weeks apart between doses 1 and 2, and eight weeks apart between doses 2 and 3. Each dose is 1/10th of an adult dose and after three doses it was 80% effective in preventing an infection with symptoms. The young child Moderna vaccine is for kids six months to six years old and is given in two doses, four weeks apart. Each dose is 1/4th of an adult dose and after two doses, it was 40-50% effective



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

in preventing an infection with symptoms.

For parents, protecting their children is their primal instinct and their job, and it can be scary to give our kids a new vaccine. While nothing is 100% safe, these vaccines have been very carefully tested and the data from those tests heavily scrutinized by many scientists and determined by the FDA to be safe. That decision is not made lightly and not without lots of experts providing lots of layers of oversight because everyone wants kids to be safe and healthy.

Mercifully, COVID-19 infections have been less severe in children, when looking at the whole population, but that doesn’t mean individual children have not gotten very sick and even died. For those families, the statistics on the overall low severity in children are meaningless. Because a severe illness or death from COVID-19 in even one child is unacceptable, vaccines are recommended for all kids, starting at six months of age.

Additionally, as we all

know too well, kids are often carriers of viruses. The

less people getting infected, the less there are to spread the virus, particularly to those who are at the highest risk of severe infection. Many, many children have already been infected with the COVID-19 virus. But even they are recommended to get the vaccine as we don’t know how long there is immunologic protection after an infection.

Keep in mind that it is OK for your child to get any other vaccine they are due for at the same time as the COVID-19 vaccine, so they can get caught up on their routine vaccines while also start on the path to being protected against COVID-19 infection.

For information about COVID-19 vaccination in children, try one of the multiple articles on [HealthyChildren.org](https://HealthyChildren.org).

You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Clinic to get a COVID-19 vaccine, or any other vaccine, by calling 970-563-4581.

Medicine Wheel & 12-Step Program

White Bison's

TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE THE COMMUNITY, WE HAVE CHANGED THE MEETING DAYS TO THURSDAYS.

IN-PERSON MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM- LARGE CLASS ROOM EVERY THURSDAY FROM 5:30-7:00 PM STARTING JUNE 30TH, 2022

Please contact Marvinna Olguin [marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information.

If you plan on attending, please call us at 970.563.5700 to RSVP.

Light snacks will be provided.

Brought to you by the:  
Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division

Mission Statement

It is our mission to inspire & empower other sisters & brothers in treatment and help those in recovery live a life of integrity, honesty, & resiliency. Knowing that honesty is the foundation of change, if we live our lives one moment at a time & rationalize every thought before it becomes an action, WE WILL CHANGE.

You don't have to do it alone; we can do this together.

Facilitators: Marvinna Olguin, Peer Recovery Coach & Ryan White, Peer Recovery Coach

Updated 6/29/2022

Southern Ute Health Center

After Hours Care Line

(970) 287.1180

Photo Credit | Lindsay J. Box

In the event of a health-related illness or emergency after hours, tribal members and SUHC patients may use the After Hours Care Line to speak with a on-call health provider to address your health-related questions.

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)





# Ignacio youth learn filmmaking skills



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

The film workshop was held Monday, July 4 through Friday, July 15, for students entering grades 9-12. Southern Ute Council Member Dr. Stacey Oberly shared her experiences and thoughts on being Ute.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Tribal youth worked with Bruce Borowsky and Joey Lopez to learn the basics of film making. The students will produce and edit a final video to be shared at a later date.

DANCE

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ART

FILM

COUNCIL

FASHION

## CREATIVE NATIONS INDIGENOUS ARTS MARKET

OCTOBER 8-9 2022 + BOULDER, COLORADO



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Council Member, Dr. Stacey Oberly was happy to be interviewed by the participants of the Education Department's film workshop for tribal youth.

Southern  
Ute  
Indian  
Montessori  
Academy



## SCHOOL REGISTRATION

SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

OPEN TO S.U. TRIBAL MEMBERS  
AND DIRECT DESCENDANTS

SPACE AVAILABLE IN ALL LEVELS  
7 MONTHS - 12 YEARS

Registration Packet can be found at:  
[www.suima.org](http://www.suima.org)  
Call 970-563-0253 for more information  
Due by August 10, 2022

## Earning filmmaking certs



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute high school students, Houston Cunningham, Krystyn Weaver, Sarafina Chackee and Sie Chackee received their certificates in video production, Friday, July 8. The four students completed their first week of film making and will be completing their second week of the workshop, as they will edit their video footage. Bruce Borowsky and Joey Lopez were the video instructors for the first week of the workshop. The workshop was hosted by the Southern Ute Education Department.



## JOIN OUR TEAM!

### Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy provides a strong educational foundation to preserve and share the Southern Ute Indian culture within a Montessori environment. We strive to provide an environment that creates future tribal leaders and world leaders who appreciate and support their culture, family, and lifelong learning.

#### Current Vacancies

Elementary Teacher	Early Childhood Guide/Teacher	Teacher Aide
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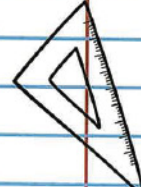

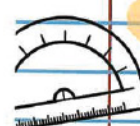




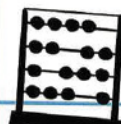
#### How to Apply

- Go to <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/careers/>
- Click on "Careers" in header
- Click "Careers Portal - SU Tribal Government" link
- Click on "Current Jobs"
- Click on the desired job
- Click on "Apply for Job" & complete application.

#### Questions?

The posting will explain the job duties and requirements. For additional information, please contact Human Resources at (970) 563.4750 or the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy at (970) 563.0253.

Photography & Production by Lindsay J. Box



## 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](mailto:srock@southernute-nsn.gov)





CYBERSECURITY

# Post-it Notes are not for passwords

Staff report  
KnowBe4 Security Team

Do you keep your login and password information written down on Post-it Notes or pieces of paper near your desk? If so, you should dispose of these notes by following your organization's document disposal policy. If your organization doesn't have this policy, then you should use a paper shredder to dispose of the note. Do not place it directly in a trash bin.

While remembering login information and passwords for all your accounts



may seem difficult, writing down passwords on a piece of paper or on a Post-it Note is dangerous. If cybercriminals find your passwords, they may be able to log in to your computer and gain access to your organization's network.

Try to create passwords

that are easy for you to remember but hard for other people to guess. Or try using a password manager to help you safely manage your passwords. If you need help keeping your passwords safe, contact your IT team or review your organization's password policies.



courtesy Manna Soup Kitchen

Food education is taught to students in the Manna Soup Kitchen Garden Education Programs.

ROUND UP FOUNDATION

# LPEA approves \$46,698 in grants to benefit local non-profits in 2022

Staff report  
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

The LPEA Round Up Foundation Board approved a total of \$46,698 in grant funding to local non-profit organizations at its meetings in April, May, and June 2022. The following groups received funding as part of these three grant cycles: 4 the Children, Animas High School, Durango 9R Athletics and Activities, Durango Cowboy Gathering, Durango High School, Durango Play-Fest, Foundation for Archuleta County Education, La Plata Youth Services, Manna Soup Kitchen, Seed Studio, Southwest Civic Winds, The Hive DGO, Thingamajig Theater Company, Wings Early Childhood Center, and the Women's Resource Center of Durango.

The board has approved 28 grants so far in 2022 totaling \$92,198. In 2021, the board approved 22 grants for \$65,353.

"Manna is extremely excited and honored to be awarded this grant," said Executive Director Ann Morse. "This grant will provide funding to purchase educational supplies to support the four Manna Garden Educational Programs...which support the most vulnerable in our community through accessing nutritionally and culturally important food, relevant nutritional information, cooking, food preservation, and gardening skills, and social connection."

A percentage of Round Up



courtesy Manna Soup Kitchen

Manna Soup Kitchen market.

funds is also distributed to community assistance programs each year. Thus far in 2022, the Round Up Foundation has allocated \$14,680 to the Community Emergency Assistance Coalition and \$4,891 to the Pagosa Outreach Connection to provide families and individuals with emergency assistance funds.

Round Up Foundation grants are made possible, in part, by the generosity of LPEA members who choose to round up their electric bill each month to the next highest dollar. \$60,000 in unclaimed LPEA Capital Credits are also provided annually to the Round Up Foundation Board to support these grants. LPEA members wishing to round up their bill can sign up on SmartHub or at lpea.coop/round-foundation. The average LPEA member contribution is just \$6.00 annually. Members can also elect to automatically donate more each month if they would like to contribute additional money to local non-profits.

Established in 1997, the

La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation is a non-profit, community-support fund for organizations and individuals in LPEA's service territory. A local, eleven-member volunteer board reviews applications and allocates funds. 100% of the tax-deductible donations stay in the communities LPEA serves. Grants are available to registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in La Plata and Archuleta counties and usually range from \$500 to \$5,000. Application forms are available at lpea.coop/grant-programs.

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral, and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to its approximately 35,700 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at 970-247-5786 or visit lpea.coop.

## CARD MAKING CLASS



A BEGINNER'S CARDMAKING CLASS WITH JESSICA TARRANT!

- **Ages under 10 must be accompanied by an adult**
- **All supplies are provided**
- **Cost of 10 dollars per person**
- **Limit of 12 people for each class.**

CALL US TO SAVE YOUR SPOT! (970)563-9287

(970)563-9287 | IGNACIOLIBRARY.ORG | 470 GODDARD AVE.

## AWAKENING THE WARRIOR 2022

A no-cost, multi-media training opportunity with Indigenous recording artists. Program dates are August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in Ignacio Colorado.

Open to youth ages 13-18 • Space is limited to 15 participants Applicants must provide a letter of interest by Friday, July 29th, 2022.

For more information and to apply, contact KSUT at 970-563-5794 or send an email to [colten@ksut.org](mailto:colten@ksut.org)



This project is a partnership between KSUT, Colorado Health Foundation and the Dream Warrior Collective.



## Tested positive?

Treatment for COVID-19 is available

If you tested positive for COVID-19, you may be able to get treatment to help you get better. Treatment is for people who currently have mild to moderate symptoms and are not in the hospital for COVID-19. You should get treatment within a few days of when you start to feel symptoms. If you have COVID-19, ask your health care provider about treatment as soon as you can.



Learn more about treatment: [covid19.colorado.gov/getting-covid-19-treatment](https://covid19.colorado.gov/getting-covid-19-treatment)



## Victims Walk — A memorial walk

Missing and Murdered Indigenous People



IN MEMORY

OF  
ODELL VEST - AKA "ODIE"  
Avery Whiteskunk Sr.

Date: **July 22, 2022**

Time: **6 pm**

Place: **In front of Recreation Center**  
(Light dinner provided afterwards)

Contact: willa whiteskunk @ 970-560-4338







CORONAVIRUS

La Plata County in CDC community level high for COVID-19

Archuleta County remains in level medium

Staff report  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Community Levels for COVID-19 rose on Thursday, July 7 in La Plata County. La Plata County is again in Community Level High, with Archuleta County remaining in Level Medium. Based on elevated 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 and health care.

- 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 should stay home when sick – this means following CDC isolation and quarantine guidance if symptomatic, testing positive, or exposed 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

SAN JUAN BASIN  
public health

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

on COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters, and test if experiencing symptoms. CDC COVID-19 Community Levels are based on the burden of severe illness in a community, which includes regional hospitalization data, and the amount of transmission occurring in the area. One quarter of counties in Colorado are currently in Level High, with about half of counties in Level Medium, and the remaining quarter in Level Low. Spread of the virus continues to be elevated across the state and locally. For data collected June 30, the State of Colorado's COVID-19 wastewater monitoring showed the highest level of virus present in the Durango area since data collection began in late January of this year. 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 the community testing site at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, 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. If you test positive or think you might have COVID-19, you may be able to get treatment to help you recover. If you are at high risk for severe illness, 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's website. 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: COUNCIL MEMBER LORELEI CLOUD

SOUTHERN UTE DENTAL AND OPTOMETRY CLINIC

Update

Tribal Health is closely monitoring the high, local COVID cases. *Due to an increase of COVID-19 cases on and around the Reservation, staff will begin testing patients prior to their appointment.* To avoid a scheduling conflict which may occur, please schedule your dental and eye appointments now by calling the front desk at [970] 563.4719.

This process will remain while the COVID Community Levels are listed as "Medium" and "High".

GET VACCINATED

The COVID-19 pandemic is not over, and it may not be over for a while. There are three easy ways to help your community reach immunity.

1. **Get vaccinated.**
  - No matter which vaccine you get, all available COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing serious and potentially deadly effects from COVID-19 while also lowering your chances of infection with the virus.
  - Most clinics are now able to provide vaccines for everyone 12 years of age and older.
2. **Get the second dose.**
  - If you receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, you need to get a second dose a few weeks later. The second shot is especially important, as it provides the full protection you want from a vaccine.
3. **Continue to protect yourself and your loved ones.**

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.

You are not considered fully vaccinated until two weeks after you receive the 2nd dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or 2 weeks after receiving the single dose Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

Until then, there are three easy steps to stay safe:

  - Wear a mask.
  - Wash your hands.
  - Watch your distance (6 feet or more)

Protecting yourself will help to protect those around you who may not be able to get vaccinated.

For more information on vaccine safety, community supports, and continued protection against COVID, visit <https://www.hhs.gov/vaccine>

Together, we can reach community immunity.

SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER COVID TESTING AVAILABLE

Southern Ute tribal members and eligible patients can get tested at the Southern Health Center. Walk-ins and appointments are available.

Monday - Friday  
8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER COVID VACCINE AVAILABLE

Southern Ute tribal members and eligible patients can schedule an appointment for a COVID vaccine today! Adults Clinics take place Monday through Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Pediatric Clinics can be scheduled as a nursing visit.

FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED IN ALL PF TRIBAL BUILDINGS!

Effective July 8, 2022, the Executive Office has required the use of face coverings at all times in all Permanent Fund tribal campus buildings. This will remain in effect until Friday, July 22, 2022.

For questions or concerns, please contact the Executive Office at (970) 563-2301.

WHAT YOU CAN DO IF YOU ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF SEVERE ILLNESS FROM COVID-19

Are you at higher risk for severe illness?

Based on what we know now, people who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 include:

- Older adults

People of any age with the following:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic lung diseases
- Cystic fibrosis
- Dementia or other neurological conditions
- Diabetes (type 1 or type 2)
- Disabilities
- Heart conditions
- HIV infection
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
- Mental health conditions
- Overweight and obesity
- Physical inactivity
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking, current or former
- Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- Stroke or cerebrovascular disease
- Substance use disorders
- Tuberculosis

Here's what you can do to help protect yourself:

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Wear a well-fitting mask when recommended
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces
- If you have symptoms, test soon and treat early
- Wash your hands often
- Monitor your health daily

Call your healthcare professional if you are sick. For more information on steps you can take to protect yourself, see CDC's [How to Protect Yourself](#).

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)





# On the Powwow Trail



Leading the afternoon session of Grand Entry, honorable War Bonnet Society carriers enter the arena during the 4th of July Powwow in Fort Duchesne, Utah.



Veterans from the three Ute sister tribes proudly hold their respective tribal flags while in the Fort Duchesne powwow arena during Grand Entry on Saturday afternoon.



Southern Ute tribal elder Marjorie Borst enters the arena with other senior women traditional dancers on Saturday afternoon.



The senior men showcases their dance moves during Grand Entry including Southern Ute tribal elder Marty Pinnecoose (center).



Avaleena Nanaeto dances in the junior women's cloth traditional contest on Saturday, July 9 at the 57th Annual Sac and Fox Powwow.



Michael Roberts competes in the Walter Nullake Men's Fancy Dance Special.

**Photos by Divine Windy Boy**  
The Southern Ute Drum

**A**cross Indian Country powwows are in full swing in various regions. Most recently the Ute Indian Tribe hosted their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Powwow in Fort Duchesne, Utah. This year's celebration welcomed many dancers and singers to their arena, also hosting a fun run and walk, parade, and numerous specials. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Powwow was held Thursday, June 30 – Sunday, July 3. The Sac and Fox Nation also hosted their 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Sac and Fox Powwow located about five miles south of Stroud, Okla., at the Jim Thorpe Memorial Park. During this event the Tribe showcased their traditional dances as well as contest dancing and singing. The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Sac and Fox Powwow was held Thursday, July 7 – Sunday, July 10.



Shaundai Poncho of the Coughatta Tribe of Louisiana competes in the Walter Nullake Men's Fancy Dance Special on Saturday, July 9.





# Focus on tribal member employment



Vice Chairman Ramona Eagle sits alongside Axel Joseph and DeRoy Watts for the informational breakfast meeting.



Tribal member employees with the Southern Ute Growth Fund and Southern Ute Shared Services attended the TMEAC kick-off breakfast on Wednesday, July 6 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Krista Red with SUSS participated in the breakfast.



Council Member Linda Baker poses for a family photo with her niece, Demi Morishige, and son, Tony Rhode, who were invited to the TMEAC breakfast.

Photos by Lindsay Box  
Southern Ute Council Affairs



## 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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Photo Credit | Jenny Wade Shockey, Southern Ute Drum

## Expressing concerns



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Former Chairman, John Baker, Jr. addressed leadership during the Tribal Council Town Hall held, Thursday, July 7. Tribal elders used the time to share concerns with tribal leadership and ask questions related to the tribal government.

## Mental health and fentanyl



courtesy Lorelei Cloud/SU Tribal Council

Council Members, Lorelei Cloud and Vanessa Torres met with Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, Saturday, July 2, Weiser is running for re-election this November. Council members discussed concerns related to substance abuse, the fentanyl crisis, and mental health with Weiser.



## VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

With Council Member  
+++ Lorelei Cloud +++


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

**NEW TIME!**

**July 27, 2022**  
**4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

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





## THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

The youth council meets twice a month for regular meetings

Contact Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council  
Coordinator | Dustin Weaver 970.563.2786  
[dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov)





# Celebrating 100 years of Tribal Fair



The Ignacio High School Band livens up the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Parade held Saturday, September 16, 1977. The parade was the first public marching band performance of the season.



Tribal elder Sunshine Smith and members of the Elders Committee ride on a float near the Shell Station on Saturday, September 14, 1984.



Members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council ride in a wagon down main street Ignacio during the 69th Annual Tribal Fair Parade held on Saturday, September 16, 1989.



Two young girls line up at the Ignacio High School parking lot to participate in the Southern Ute Tribe's Annual Fair Parade in 1960.

## Southern Ute Tribal Fair Parade

The Southern Ute Tribe shines with pride each year during the second weekend of September during Tribal Fair. Each upcoming issue of the Southern Ute Drum will focus on a major component of things that make our Tribal Fair unique. The earlier and simpler years of our Ute nation always focused on “community,” and few things bring a community together like a parade — the focus of this week’s historical feature.

The Culture Department would like to recognize years of parade marshals, royalty, horsemanship, parade floats, walking entries, thrown candy, sirens, and fire trucks. As we look forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair, we hope that everyone takes time to reflect on the people who came before us and the younger versions of ourselves who are able to look forward to some parade candy tossed out along Goddard Avenue each September.

The Southern Ute Tribe will be celebrating the 100th year of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair this September; to commemorate this milestone, the Southern Ute Culture Department and Southern Ute Drum Archive collaborated to highlight past events through historic photos. In the next four publications, the Southern Ute Drum will feature Tribal Fair themes, highlighting events, and participants throughout the last century — starting first with a look back on our Tribal Fair Parade.

**Photos Courtesy**  
The Southern Ute Drum Archives



Tribal member Franklin “Frankie” Thompson walks down the parade route with his young nephew on Saturday, September 12, 1992.



Bird and Nana Red, a respected senior tribal couple, with daughter Effie Monte, await the beginning of the annual parade on a float that won First Place in the Non-Commercial Category on Saturday, September 13, 1975.





Howard Richards Jr./SU Agency Fire Management

Regional air resources drop fire retardant, or slurry, on the Cox Canyon Fire located on tribal land within the Southern Ute Reservation. The fire broke out Saturday, July 9 and reached 10 acres in size prior to containment.

FIRE MANAGEMENT

# Fire crews held Cox Canyon Fire to ten acres

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Cox Canyon Fire, located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, was mapped at ten acres. A smoke check was called in, Thursday, July 7; the cause of the fire remains under investigation. Fire fuels in the area include sagebrush, juniper, and cedar trees.

Crews from the Southern Ute Agency Fire Management, Los Piños Fire Protection District Brush 88, and Zuni Hot Shots collaborated on fire suppression efforts over the weekend. Air resources were ordered to aid in the initial fire attack allowing ground crews to assess the area and begin spotting to hold the fire in place.

Smoke was visible from the US Hwy 550 corridor. To observe the air quality status, please visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Air Quality Ambient Monitor page at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/).

The Tribe coordinated with local agencies to minimize the impact of the fire. The Tribe worked with oil and gas operators in the area to shut-in facilities in the vicinity of the fire to mitigate any potential impact to energy operations and first responder's ability to contain the fire.

As a reminder, Stage 1 Fire Restrictions were enacted for Southern Ute Indian Reservation on June 21, 2022, and will remain in effect until conditions improve.

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

For more information on the Cox Canyon Fire, please visit the Southern Ute Indi-

an Tribe website, and follow the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on social media.

To report fires contact:

Durango Zone Dispatch:  
970-385-1324

For more info or to report Fire Restriction Violations contact:

- **BIA Fire Management:** 970-563-4571
- **Southern Ute Police Dept.:** 970-563-4401

## STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS General Public


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. The fire restrictions do not include charcoal fires (in suitable containers) for barbecues or fires for sweat ceremonies, however, such fires are not to be left unattended and are to be fully extinguished after use.
4. **FIREWORKS.** Possession, discharging or use of any type of fireworks is prohibited.

Commercial and Industrial restrictions can be obtained from the BIA Fire Office at 575 County Road 517 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.





### Bear Dance Fire Recreational Area Closures

The map shows both open and closed areas. Individuals are restricted to only the area around Scott's Pond for personal safety. In the event of an emergency, please contact SUPD by dialing 911 or the non-emergency line at (970) 563.4401. For more information, please contact BIA Fire Office at (970) 563.4571.

## 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.

## Save the Date!

# 7.28.22

### MARK YOUR CALENDER

DATE: Thursday, July 28  
TIME: 10:00 A.M.  
LOCATION: US 160 & CO 151 Junction

Join the Colorado Department of Transportation and our agency partners to celebrate the completion of the US 160 Wildlife Crossings Project.

*More details to come!*

Contact: Lisa Schwantes  
970-749-2015 or [lisa.schwantes@state.co.us](mailto:lisa.schwantes@state.co.us)

**COLORADO**  
Department of Transportation

### Tribal Broadband Modernization Project Update



**ON JUNE 20TH, FIBER CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON CO HWY 172 INTO IGNACIO**



To learn more about the project visit the project website at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/broadband-modernization-project/>

### Tribal Broadband Modernization Project Update



**IMPACTS TO TRAVEL BETWEEN JUNE 20 - JULY 22, 2022**

Traffic lanes will be narrowed on CR 318 northbound. Motorists will be required to reduce speeds and travel safely around the construction taking place on the shoulder. Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway.

**SLOW DOWN****ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS****DRIVE WITH CAUTION**



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## SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

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Commercial and Industrial restrictions can be obtained from the BIA Fire Office at 575 County Road 517 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 will become effective at 06:00 AM, June 21, 2022 and will remain until conditions improve.**

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AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

That Farm Life: Tribal member farm assignment questionnaire

First farm auction, questionnaire follow up

By Marvin Pinnecoose  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

A couple of issues ago, I highlighted some of the many concerns that were brought up from the four-page questionnaire regarding our tribal members meeting, which took place on Wednesday April 12, at the Multi-Purpose Facility. The big issues were agricultural loans, training vs. buying services, access to equipment, and on-site consulting. Within the “access

to equipment” concern, I wanted to talk about something that I have been quite curious about for a long time – auctions. It just so happens that one of my relatives from Dulce, N.M. works with an auction company out of Hesperus, Colo. I shared with him the concern that many of us have about buying hay equipment. If we are lucky, we may be able to make one or two big purchases per year. I’ve been following a couple of farm channels on

YouTube, and it seems like farm auctions are a great way to get used equipment at a great price. He agreed that they do come across some nice finds, and I felt the need to see for myself.

**Overview (How it works)**  
I am not expert in how auctions work but here is my understanding of this one. This auction was the Living Estate sale of Steve and Marge Titus. They live in Durango off Lightner Creek road. In their plans of moving to a new life, they needed to minimize their belongings. They reached out to Treasure Auction Services to conduct an auction of things that they were wanting to sell. The week before the auction, a team of people from the auction service come in and help people sort their belongings into categories such as kitchen, hand tools, power tools, furniture, animal tack, farm machinery, vehicles, clothing, etc. The auction service provides the auctioneer, the men who work the items for sale, call out people bidding, and keep the auction moving fast (called “ring men”), the recorders who keep track of who buys what, the runners who run the tickets to the accounting trailer, and then the bookkeepers who record the transactions, sort the transactions by bidder, and then finish the purchasing process by taking payment. Coming from a retail and corporate environment in my previous careers, I



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Heavy equipment, tractors, farm implements, etc. are available to those with deep pockets. Most of this equipment sells at a fraction of the selling price compared to retail sales, pawn shops, or Craigslist.

can say that their operation execution is very efficient.

**The Goods**  
I think most people are used to driving up to a selling venue in which the products are brought to a store and sold. In the case of this auction, the property of the selling party is the venue, and the auction service company is merely onsite to facilitate the transactions. Again, because this was my first auction; I was thrown back because here were all these cars parked out in someone’s field and people were walking right up onto the property and looking around. The way that things were sorted out, there were flatbed trailers for various categories. There was one 16’ flatbed trailer of



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Band saws, table saws, drill presses, planers, and all kinds of shop equipment was available; we do live in a farming community, after all

hand tools, power tools, and cookware. There was one trailer of just horse tack and saddles. There were probably six flatbed trailers of belongings to auction. Though the items were plenty, the auction goes fast, and you need to be ready to bid on

things as the trailer is emptied. There was also a line of farm implements, a dump truck, three tractors, two ATVs, a skid steer, and even a standing shed available for auction.

Farm Life page 20



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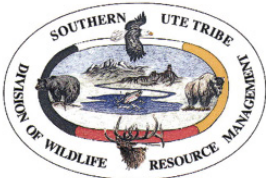
Bid numbers are assigned to people to make the process faster and easier to record.



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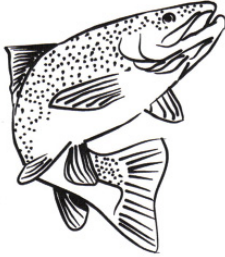
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Fundraising for college



photos Terence Whyte/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin J. Baker writes his contact info on tickets as he tries to win various items from the auction, as part of the college fundraising bake sale, Tuesday, July 12, in the Hall of Warriors. All the money generated will help Elisia Cruz and Gabe Tucson with college costs.

Elisia Cruz and Gabe Tucson hold a bake sale and beadwork sale in the Hall of Warriors, Tuesday, July 12. Cruz and Tuscon will both be attending Bacone College. Bacone College is the nation's oldest American Indian institution of higher learning and the oldest higher education institution in Oklahoma.



2022 TRI-UTE GAMES

Due to low registration numbers and unfeasibility of travel with the Ute Indian Tribe Recreation, the 2022 Tri-Ute Games will be called the "2022 UTE GAMES!"

Ute Mountain Ute will be hosting on July 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Towaoe, CO.  
Games are OPEN to enrolled Tribal Members and 1<sup>st</sup> Descendents of all three Ute Tribes.

- Games offered will be:
- Co-Ed Volleyball
  - Basketball
  - Archery
  - Hand Game
  - Ute Warrior Challenge

Please look out for informational meetings,  
If you turned in a Tri Ute registration form, you do NOT need to sign up again!

CONTACT YOUR TRIBAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION



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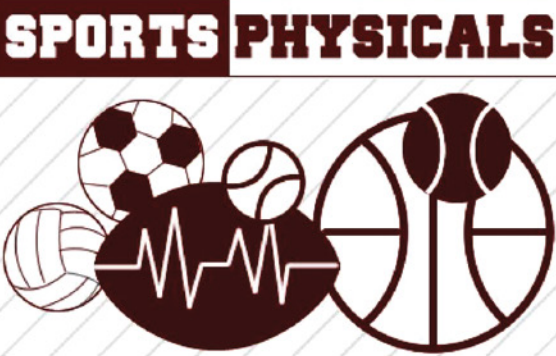
DEADLINE TO REGISTER JULY 27th



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SUNUTE RECREATION @970-563-0214:  
VIRGIL X 2652, TARA X 2667, DAPHNEE X 2655, BIRD X 2664

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COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

CDOT releases 2022 Colorado Driver Behavior Survey

Distracted driving, impairment, and speed still common

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation is releasing results from its 2022 Driver Behavior Survey, which provides a snapshot of how often people speed, drive impaired, buckle up and drive distracted. Motorcycle safety habits were also addressed. While the incidence of some self-reported behaviors decreased, results show that some Coloradans are still making choices that put other drivers, pedestrians and themselves at risk.

The complete 2022 CDOT Driving Behavior Survey results are available at: [www.codot.gov/safety/safetydata/driver-surveys](http://www.codot.gov/safety/safetydata/driver-surveys)

“A number of the behaviors reported by drivers undoubtedly contributed to the rise in traffic fatalities last year. This survey helps CDOT understand what is actually happening on our roads so we can adjust our awareness and outreach efforts accordingly,” said CDOT’s Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. “These are personal choices drivers make, and we’re asking everyone to be accountable and drive like their lives depend on it.”

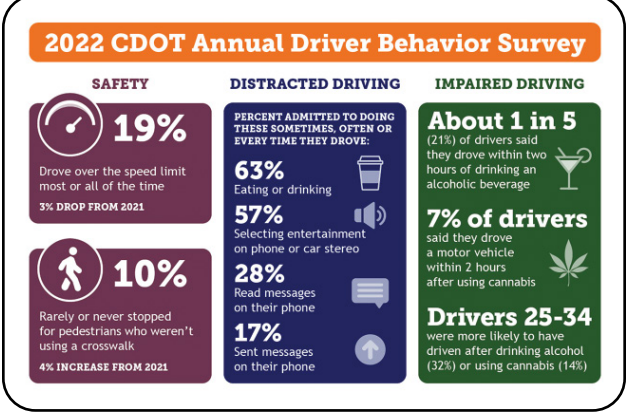
Seat Belt Use

While most respondents (89%) said they wear their seat belt all the time, one out of five Colorado drivers said they buckled up less frequently when driving close to home. Seat belt use dropped to 80% when taking a trip within two miles. Other key findings include:

- Half of Colorado drivers said they would be unlikely to get a ticket if they did not use their seat belt at all while driving.
- Study data shows that seat belt use rates increased an average of 3.5 percentage points when High Visibility Enforcement Periods were active.
- Among those who reported not always wearing a seat belt, having a vehicle seat belt reminder was the most common reason they said would influence them to buckle up.

Speeding

Colorado drivers were less likely to speed on neighborhood roads than



on highways. Most Colorado drivers said they drive over the speed limit on main highways (73%) and local highways (71%) at least some of the time. However, this dropped to half (50%) of drivers when considering main city/town roads and less than a third (28%) when considering neighborhood roads with speed limits of 25-35 MPH. Also:

- Drivers who reported using their cell phone while driving and those who had driven within 2 hours of consuming alcohol said they exceeded the speed limit more frequently than others.
- 59% of drivers said they would be at least somewhat likely to be stopped by police if they consistently drove over the speed limit on a local road where the speed limit is 30 MPH.

Distracted Driving

The most common distractions while driving were eating and drinking, selecting entertainment by hand, and talking on a phone. Respondents reported the following behaviors “at least sometimes in the last seven days of driving.” Also:

- 62% of Colorado drivers said they ate food or drank beverages.
- 57% said they selected entertainment on a cell phone, CD player, radio or other device.
- 28% reported reading messages on their phone.
- 17% reported sending messages on their phone.
- About half of drivers who use their phone while driving said they would stop doing so if their car had a hands-free feature.

Impaired Driving

One of every five respondents reported driving a motor vehicle within two hours of consuming alcohol.

However, fewer Coloradans believe that they would receive a DUI for driving under the influence of cannabis (54%) than alcohol (70%). Also:

- 21% said they drove a motor vehicle within two hours of drinking alcohol in the last 30 days.
- 2% said they did this on six or more of those days
- 7% said they used cannabis and 3% said they used prescription medication that might impair their judgment within two hours of driving.
- 9% said they “somewhat or strongly agreed” that they could drive safely under the influence of alcohol – down slightly from 15% in 2021.
- As in previous years, Colorado drivers thought people would be more likely to get a DUI if they drove under the influence of alcohol (70%) than cannabis (54%).

Motorcycle Safety

Among people who ride motorcycles, three out of four (74%) said they wear a helmet all the time. Also:

About one out of ten (8%) motorcycle riders said they never wear a helmet.

Drivers who said they always wear their seatbelt were also more likely to say they wear a helmet all the time (82%) than those who did not (40%).

Nearly two out of three drivers (65%) said they give motorcycles extra space when following all the time and 92% said they did this at least most of the time.

CDOT conducts the yearly survey of Colorado residents to assess trends in traffic safety and better understand attitudes and behaviors of the state’s drivers. Questions include self-reported driver behaviors on impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding and seat belt use.

TRANSPORTATION

\$3.2 Million in funding headed to Durango-La Plata County Airport

Grant will replace aging infrastructure

Staff report  
FEDERAL AVIATION  
ADMINISTRATION

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will award \$3.2 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding to Durango-La Plata County Airport. The airport will use the money to improve the terminal facility.

“Americans deserve modern airports that meet the needs of their families and growing passenger demand. Funded through President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, today’s grants will improve airport terminals while also creating good jobs in communities across the country,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

The grant funds the first

phase of the terminal rehabilitation program. This includes an additional 3,300 square feet of post-screening area and one new gate for increased passenger capacity. The enhancements also improve energy efficiency and increase accessibility for individuals with access and functional needs.

“The work that goes into building safer, more accessible and sustainable terminals will provide opportunities for people across the nation. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is a critical investment not only in our nation’s infrastructure, but an investment in the future of our country’s workforce,” said FAA Deputy Administrator A. Bradley Mims.

Today’s funding is from the Airport Terminal Program, one of three aviation

programs created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The law provides \$1 billion annually for five years for Airport Terminal grants.

The President’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, makes a historic investment in our nation’s infrastructure and competitiveness. It will rebuild America’s roads, bridges and rails, upgrade and expand public transit, modernize the nation’s ports and airports, improve safety, tackle the climate crisis, advance environmental justice and invest in communities that have too often been left behind. It will drive the creation of good-paying union jobs and grow the economy sustainably and equitably to help everyone get ahead for decades to come.

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NEW EMPLOYEES

Yumi Johnson

Job title: Construction Project Manager

Description of duties: Performs construction and project management duties on behalf of the Tribe for various tribal construction projects and oversees the architectural, engineering and construction management teams to manage successful outcomes. The construction project manager manages project meetings, schedules, project scopes of work, budgets, quality of the process as well as outcomes, expectations, safe building practices, project updates and will prepare presentations and reports as needed.

Hobbies: Golf, kayaking, boating, bike riding, and skiing.

Family: Married

Additional Comments: Yumi Johnson is new to the SUIT but not new to the area. She lived in Durango where she graduated from Fort Lewis College. She’s been a project manager for over 20 years in Architecture and most of her work centered around residential, commercial, and healthcare projects performed in New Mexico where she lived for 20 years. She has returned to the area after living in Houston, Texas for the last four years where she worked for Rice University and specialized as a project manager for laboratory research renovations and other projects. She will be working as a construction project manager for the Tribe.

Drum Deadline

Next issue

July 29

Deadline

July 25

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: [jshockley@southernmute-nsn.gov](mailto:jshockley@southernmute-nsn.gov)

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## CEDAR POINT HOUSING ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



**TWO-WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**(July 7 – July 22, 2022)**



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

Total project duration – June 2022 through October 31, 2022  
**Standard work days/hours – 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

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

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

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

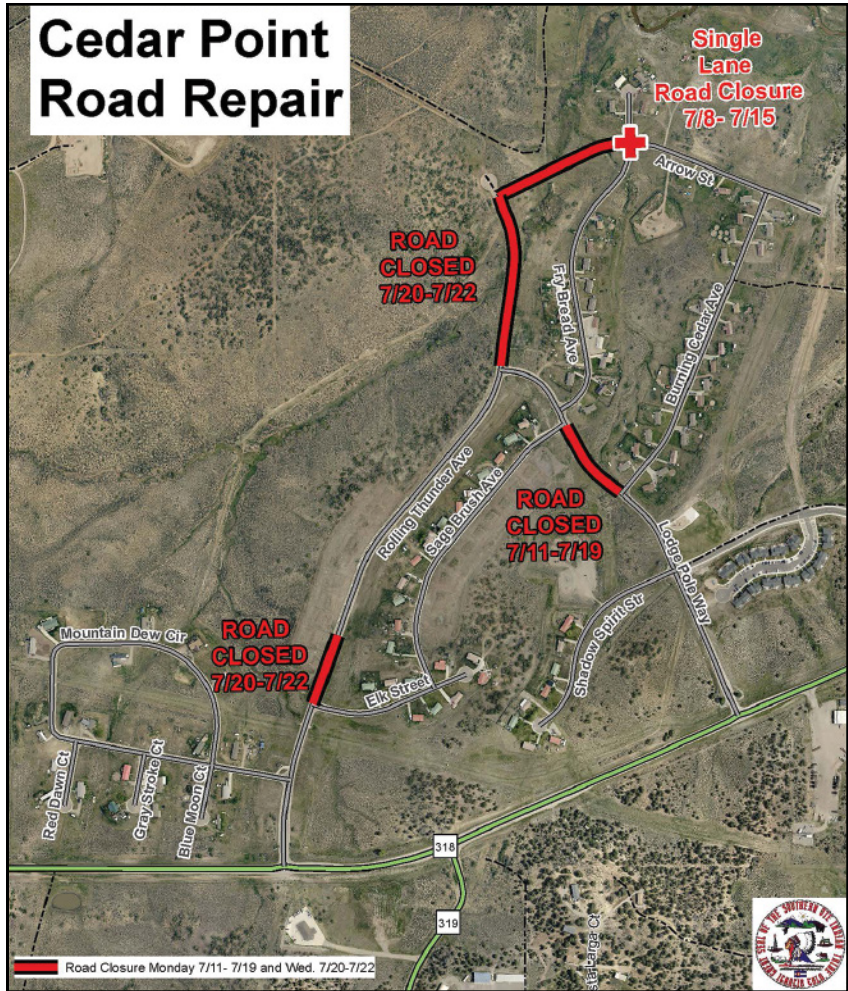
**Dates of Impact: June 27 – July 8, 2022**

**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. This section of roadway will be closed to thru traffic and remained closed throughout the length of the project for stag- ing purposes.

- **Location:** Begin Rolling Thunder Avenue and Elk Street Intersection.

**Dates of Impact: July 20 – July 22, 2022 (Sawcut & Asphalt removal)**

**If you have any questions or concerns please contact**  
**Mary Evening Star Eagle, Project Coordinator**  
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**970-563-2270**



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- (1) Handicap accessible 3-Bedroom unit for \$875/mo. Security Deposit \$875.
  - (1) Single-story 3-Bedroom unit for \$1,000/mo. Security Deposit \$1,000.

For more information and an application, go to [www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/cedar-point-townhomes/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/cedar-point-townhomes/) Or contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710 to make an appointment and pick up an application. Applications can be emailed to: [tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov) or hand-delivered to our drop box located at 285 Lakin St. Ignacio, CO. **PLACEMENT SUBJECT TO BACKGROUND CHECK AND RENTAL HISTORY VERIFICATION.** Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m., July 22, 2022.

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2022-0071-CV-NC**  
**Chispas Root, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Chispas Root filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Xispas Root. As of July 12, 2022 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Chispas Root name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Xispas Root.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2022.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Case No.: 2022-0083-CV-PR**  
**Marie Angela Gunn, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on August 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 28th of June, 2022.  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**SaRya Ruth Marie Coyote, Civil Subject**  
**Case:2022-0078-CV-NC**

Notice is hereby given that SaRya Ruth Marie Coyote has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as SaRya Ruth Marie Yellow Moon Coyote. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than July 25, 2022. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2022.  
BY THE COURT,  
Marlene Price, 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

## YOU ARE INVITED!

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

INDIAN MINERAL OWNER TELEPHONE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Join us by phone from  
the safety and comfort of your home!  
Just call the number on the right  
and follow the prompts. Feel free to  
come and go as you like!



WHEN: July 28, 2022  
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. MT  
PHONE NUMBER: 1-877-918-9236  
PASSCODE: 2593355

ONRR now has short videos available to answer your frequently asked questions!  
Go to: [Youtube.com/user/ONRRChannel](https://www.youtube.com/user/ONRRChannel)

Representatives from various Federal Agencies responsible for managing trust minerals will be available to answer your mineral ownership and/or royalty questions regardless of where your allotment is located.

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**We are still available Monday through Friday to answer any questions about your mineral royalties. Please contact the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) at 1-800-982-3226.**

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**SOUTHERN UTE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

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**CARES ACT FOOD PACKAGE DISTRIBUTION**

**JULY 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**OPEN TO  
THE PUBLIC**

**Time: 1:00PM to 4:00PM**  
740 Goddard Avenue  
Ignacio, CO

**FIRST COME  
FIRST SERVE**

**50 Households will receive Food Packages.**  
**Gates will close once all packages have been given out.**

**\*\*Packages given do not affect participant's monthly Food Distribution and you do not have to be an enrolled participant at the Food Distribution.**

**For More Information Contact: Kela Hernandez at (970) 563-2530**

**TRIBAL & COMMUNITY ELDERS: We will delivery. Please contact Food Distribution and let us know you would like it delivered. If you would like to have someone pick up your package, please call (970) 563-2530 and provide the name of the individual.**

The approval of distribution of the CARES Act Food Package is authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116-136, CARES Act). Food funds provided under the CARES Act shall be used for costs relating to additional food purchases for FIDPR, as authorized by Section 404 of the Food and Nutrition Assistance Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013) AND Section 404 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 1431), to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus.



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**Ta'waqaruru Wáygya**  
**"Southern Ute Talk"**

Find the newest edition on the  
Tribal Member Experience

## Sign-Up for the new Tribal Member Experience

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

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

**Step 2** Complete form and click  
"Submit"

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

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

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





## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS Town of Ignacio Municipal Court Judge – July 2022

**General Information:** The Town of Ignacio (Town) is seeking a Municipal Court Judge to preside over Municipal Court proceedings, and to work with Town staff to ensure efficient and effective operation of all court functions. The Town Municipal Court is a Qualified Municipal Court Of Record (QMCOR) in accordance with Title 13, Article 10 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, and adheres to all statutory provisions.

**Proposal Requirements:** Interested applicants shall submit a cover letter and resume which illustrates relevant judgeship experience and qualifications. Applicants shall provide four (4) references that include current contact information. Applicants shall specify desired compensation. Colorado State Statutes (CRS 13-10-102(3)) require QMCOR Judges to be licensed to practice law in the State of Colorado.

**Court Activities and Functions:** Below is a list of associated Municipal Court activities and responsibilities: The Town Board will approve a contract and swear in the Municipal Court Judge (Judge) for up to a two (2) year term (terms coincide with elections on the first Tuesday in April of even-numbered years). The Judge shall review all Town Codes, Policies and Procedures to ensure that they meet required practices and standards, including current fine and fee schedules. The Judge will meet with Town staff (Sargent, Town Clerk who serves as Court Clerk, and Town Manager) to ensure the court and all associated practices and standards are in accordance with all applicable laws. The Town will provide a Court Clerk (Town Clerk) to assist with court proceedings, and will work with the Judge to ensure efficient operations of the court. The Judge will schedule, coordinate and attend court as necessary. Currently, court is scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM, unless there are no cases to be heard. Court dockets and schedules are coordinated with the Court Clerk.

**Selection Process and Criteria:** The Town will review all applications and interview desired candidates. Prior judge experience is preferred and preference may be given to applicants living within Town boundaries. The Town would like to fill this vacancy by August 8, 2022, but the position will remain open until filled. References will be checked and the Town may require the completion of pre-employment screening on the final candidate.

**Submittal:** Interested applicants shall submit all necessary information via email to [tdunton@townofignacio.com](mailto:tdunton@townofignacio.com). Letters and resumes must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 29, 2022.

**For Questions or More Information:** Questions regarding this Request for Qualifications should be directed to Mark Garcia, Interim Town Manager at 970-563-9494, ext 1005 or [mgarcia@townofignacio.com](mailto:mgarcia@townofignacio.com).

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SUIT-Sky Ute Fairgrounds

### Site Improvements and Boat Storage Building Construction project

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds division of the SUIT is accepting proposals from qualified contractors for construction services of the following project: Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Site Improvements and Boat Storage Building Construction project. Bids will be received by Goff Engineering & Surveying until 3:00 PM (local time) on July 21, 2022. The Project requires site grading, utility installations, and construction of buildings. Site work will include gravel paving, asphalt patching, fencing, and installation of water, sewer, and electrical services. Work includes construction of concrete building foundations and erection of Owner furnished metal storage buildings and modular ice house. Owner will procure and deliver metal buildings on-site to be erected by contractor in accordance with the construction documents. Owner will furnish and install modular ice house on contractor constructed foundation as detailed in construction plans. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American-owned company. Please go to <https://www.goffengineering.com/project-bidding/> to view the project and obtain Bidding Documents. For questions, please email Tory Autry at [tautry@goffengineering.com](mailto:tautry@goffengineering.com).

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

### SO. UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Closing 9/2/22 – The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill TWO seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, Sept. 2, 2022.

### ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill ONE vacancy for "Member-At-Large" and One vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" positions on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

### GAMING COMMISSION

The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions for specified terms, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age. Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation. Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures. Applicants must

have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality. Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. Positions are open until filled. If you think you might be interested, please contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

### JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

Open until filled – JOM has TWO (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](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).



## Multi-Purpose Facility July Events

July Quilt Class—Tuesday & Wednesday July 19 & 20, 2022

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

*Must know how to use a sewing machine*

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July Loom Beading Class—Tuesday & Thursday

July 26 & 28— 2022 Day Session 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Evening Session 5:30PM—7:30 PM

Specify which when signing up

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For more information or to sign –up call 970-563-2640

[multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)



## 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)

## Multi-Purpose Facility July Elder Craft Day



**Important Date Change**  
**Monday July 18, 2022**

**Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun**

**Monday July 18, 2022**

**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

*Elders Only Please*

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or  
e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)



**KSUT**  
public radio  
Serve Your Community

## Board Member Wanted

KSUT seeks an individual to fill the open  
**Southern Ute Tribal Member seat**  
on the Board of Directors.

### Did you know...

The Southern Ute Tribe was one of the earliest pioneers of Native American radio? When KSUT signed on for the first time on June 14, 1976, it was one of only eight tribal stations in the country.

### Interested?

Please submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham at [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org) or mail to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. This seat will be open until filled.





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

**Admin. Assistant II – Behavioral Health**  
Closes 7/15/22 – First line of communication for substance abuse treatment program. Interface with patients, other service centers, departments, outside agencies, hospitals, clinics, etc. Provide clerical/administrative support. Greet patients, answers telephones, data entry, and performs a variety of complex scheduling activities. Grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade N9; Starts at \$16.88/hour.

**Adult Education Program Specialist**  
Closes 7/15/22 – Administers the Adult Education Program and provides assistance to Tribal adults and other eligible Native Americans to improve educational levels. Pay grade E11; Starts at \$41,456.65/year.

**Clinical Pharmacist**  
Closes 7/19/22 – A professional health care position responsible for providing direct pharmaceutical care for patients at the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade X19; Starts at \$95,745.85/year. Full vaccination (per CDC guidelines) is required based on the duties of this position. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered.

**Patient Care Coordinator**  
Closes 7/21/22 – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, is responsible for facilitating the fulfillment of patients' overall healthcare needs. With other Behavioral Health providers, other area resources, medical staff and residential facilities to expedite appropriate and timely care for patients. Grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade N10; Starts at \$18.32/hour.

**Social Worker**  
Closes 7/15/22 – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade E14; Starts at \$54,517.63/year.

**Ute Language Teacher (PT w/benefits) (So. Ute Members Only)**  
Closes 7/15/22 – Assisting the Curriculum Specialist in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff, and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Employees will be trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system by the Curriculum Specialist. Pay grade E12; Starts at \$27,141.75/year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)**  
Open Until Filled – 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. Length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10; Subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

**Early Childhood 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. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Starts at \$16.88/hour.

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

**Elementary Teacher Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)**  
Open Until Filled – A trainee position developed for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in teaching with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. 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. The length of this program is designed to last three (3) years but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N11 and be subject to annual evaluations and pay increases. Upon successful completion of the training requirements, incumbent will assume the Elementary Teacher position.

**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; Starts at \$16.88/hour.

**General Assistance Program Manager**  
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; Starts at \$54,517.63/year.

**Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)**  
Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N8; Starts at \$15.61/hour.

**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; Starts at \$26.21/hour.

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

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

**Patrol Officer I**  
Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N12; Starts at \$21.75/hour.

**Public Education Elementary Teacher**  
Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Public Education Dept. 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. Intent of this teaching position is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. Position is based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations available during periods of the year that do not require student contact. Pay grade E11; Starts at \$41,456.65/year.

**Social Services Division Head**  
Open Until Filled – The day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the

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 – Growth Fund (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 7/15/22 – 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). Supports the planning and reporting processes related to the monthly management reporting, and the annual external audit.

**Financial Reporting Manager – Growth Fund (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 7/15/22 – 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.

**Maintenance Technician – Red Cedar Gathering (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 7/21/22 – Operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Plant and Field Compression facilities, including amine plant equipment, engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration. Performs work related to the repair and ongoing maintenance of equipment

**Maintenance Technician Trainee – Red Cedar Gathering (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 7/21/22 – Trainee program is designed to provide training and experience for up to three years in order to learn and assume responsibility operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Plant and Field Compression facilities, including amine plant equipment, engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration.

**Gas Measurement Technician Trainee – Red Cedar Gathering – Durango, CO**  
Closing 7/22/22 – This four-year trainee program is designed to provide training, mentoring and on the job experience in order to learn and be responsible for the completion of daily operational and technical assessment of all gas measurement related activities and work tasks.

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)**  
Closing 7/22/22 – 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)**  
Closing 7/22/22 – 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.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

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; 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. Responsible for preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/hour.

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

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

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

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

**Umpire/Referee (Part-time)**  
Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during Sun-Ute Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/hour and includes a \$200 sign-on bonus.

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Thursday, July 28, 4-6 p.m.  
Drop-ins Welcome

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- The Dream Warriors (Indigenous Collective of performers)
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## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221  
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)

### OPENINGS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Positions are open until filled unless otherwise noted

- Bus Driver
- Elementary Teacher
- High School Cross Country Assistant Coach
- High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- High School Gifted and Talented Teacher
- Middle School Head Football Coach
- Middle School Science Teacher
- Native American Studies Teacher
- Permanent Substitutes
- Substitute Bus Drivers
- Substitute Cooks
- Substitute Custodian
- Substitute Teachers

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ignacio School District is looking for passionate teachers and staff who are interested in working in a multi-cultural community to ensure that all students reach their potential for college and career. Become a part of this wonderful Bobcat Family who cares about education in this close-knit rural community. Ignacio is within 55 miles of Durango Mountain Ski Resort (Purgatory) and Wolf Creek Ski Area and 15 miles from the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. If you love water sports, fishing, hunting and hiking, there is plenty to take in around our area.

## Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

### Audio Video Technician (Full-time)

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

### \*Bingo Staff (Part-time)

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

### Bowling and Rec. Counter Clerk (Full-time)

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

### Cafe Cashier (Full-time)

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

### \*Cage Staff (Full-time)

Providing fast, accurate, and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls. Exchanges cash, coins, checks, and Tito tickets for all gaming customers, performs functions for Slot and Pit areas as required, reconciles impress back at the end of shift.

### \*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

### \*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

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

### Event Staff (Full-time and On-call)

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

### Facilities Staff (Full-time)

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

### \*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

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

### \*Facilities Tech (Full-time)

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

### \*Fine Dining Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under the direct supervision of the Chef De Cuisine. Preparation of the A la Carte menu and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness.

### Front Desk Staff

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests include but is not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

### Kitchen Utility Steward

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

### Line Cook (Full-time)

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

### \*Multi Games Pit Boss

Supervision of all multi-games tables and staff as directed by the Table Games Manager. Ensures that guests are provided with a professional, friendly and courteous gaming experience while adhering to all appropriate gaming regulations.

### \*Night Auditor (Full-time)

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

### \*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

### \*Security Supervisor

Ensures the safety and welfare of the guests and employees at all times. Supervision of Security Officers for day to day operations on the Casino Floor and surrounding property. Must carry out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with Gaming Code, Internal Controls, and Casino policies and procedures.

### \*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities.

### \*Surveillance Agent II (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment. Maintains video/audio surveillance of Table Games, Cashier's Cage, Slot Machines, Count, sort and money rooms, vault, entrances, outdoor grounds, parking lots, stairs, and more.

### \*Table Games Dealer (Full-time and On-call)

Providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated. Greets and interacts with guests in a friendly, professional and welcoming manner. Efficiently and accurately deals blackjack, three card poker, roulette and other Class 3 specialty games according to Casino policies and procedures and Southern Ute Division of Gaming ICMP's (Internal Control Minimum Procedures). Monitors guests' play and table action to ensure security of game and Casino assets and notifies supervisor of any irregularities. Educates players on the proper rules and procedures of the games. Handles guest transactions including buy-ins, pay-offs and bets using money and/or chips; makes exchanges as per policies.

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For questions regarding lodging scholarships, please contact Gwen Adakai at 602-514-7593  
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THAT FARM LIFE • FROM PAGE 13

Start Bidding

After walking around the property to look at the trailers and all the items on the ground that were to be auctioned, I saw people leaving from a small RV set up to the side of the trailers. I assumed that this would be a good place to ask what I needed to do. The kind people inside let me know that if I wanted to participate in the bidding, I would need to present my driver's license and they would assign me a bid number. I could then use this number to bid for items. If I was the winner of any given bid, the recorder would write down my bid number and send it (via runner) to the accounting trailer after collecting a certain number of bid result tickets. This means that immediately after winning a bid, you are free to take the items to your car. Your bid tickets will accumulate throughout the auction, and you can pay at any point. You do not need to wait until the end of the auction.

Lasting Impression

I understand the allure of an auction. Many staples of the household, workshop, farm, and fleet can be bought at an auction at a low price (with the right timing). "Buyer beware" is always a risk when buying someone else's old stuff, but there were many deals to be had. I believe that items that one might shop for at auctions specifically to save money with minimal risk are: hand tools, power tools, chains, boomers, extension cords, saws, compressors, jacks, chainsaws, tables, chairs,



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

For my shopping experience, I walked away with a huge crescent wrench (for my tractor) and a bolt cutter for livestock panels. I also walked away with a belly full of hot dogs and tater tots from a food truck that was onsite – all of this for less than \$40!

workbenches, tool chests, nuts, bolts, fasteners, ratchet straps, truck hitches, pots, and pans.

Tips If You Are Going

An auction can last all day. Though the items are separated into selling areas (such as the 16' trailers), it does take time to get through all the categories. I began to immediately take mental notes on things to bring for the next auction.

A pen or pencil is a must. As you win bids, the accounting team is aware of how much you owe. You should be aware of your running total as well. The bid number that you are assigned has spaces on the back to write down your wins and keep up with how much you have spent. Without having a pen or pencil, you will find yourself going back and forth to the accounting trailer to pay for winning bids often.

A water bottle and snacks are a good idea. At this auction there was a vending truck there with quite an impressive menu. Still, I would

suggest being prepared for the long haul and stay hydrated. People with experience bring lawn chairs. I understand this now and will have one or two in the truck from now on.

Have a collapsible wagon or space to keep your wins beside you. Bring another person if possible. As soon as a bid is won, the table space is cleaned off for the next item or bundle of items and so you will need to be prepared to take an arm load of items either back to your standing spot or to your vehicle. Multiple trips to the car to put away things gets old very fast. Some people come with hand trucks, trailers, and chains just in case.

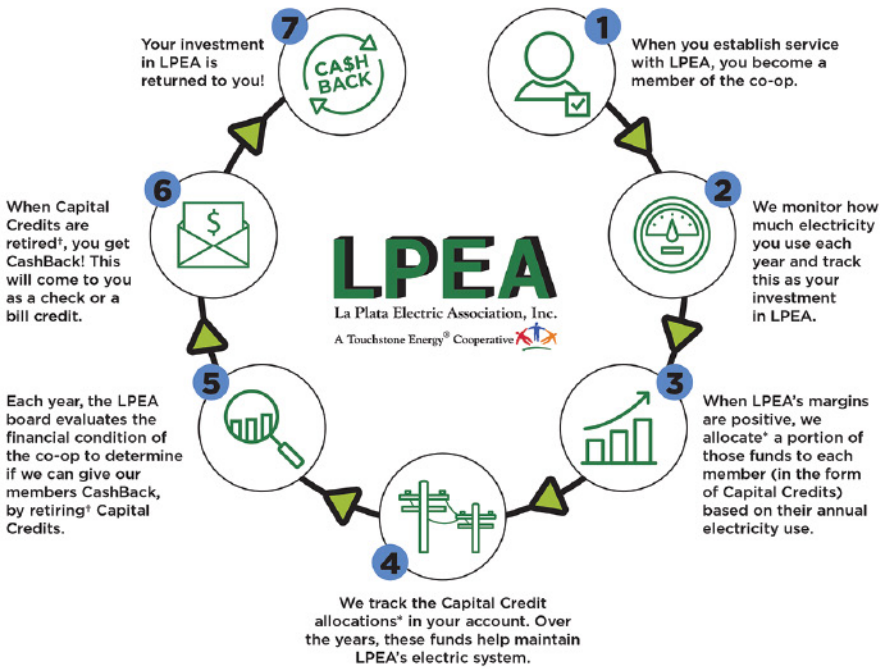
Stay level-headed. These auctions are high energy, and it can be easy to get into a bidding war. I can imagine that in some instances, a person may just be trying to run the price up. With each item that you want to bid on, know what the maximum price you are willing to spend before the bidding begins. Happy Hunting.



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The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Ankara cash
- 5 "The --- Cat" (Edgar Allan Poe)
- 10 Burden of proof
- 11 Gents' partners
- 13 Raw minerals
- 14 Snow mover
- 15 Medium of exchange South of the border
- 17 Houston university
- 18 Their annual Homecoming Dance takes place in Walters OK
- 21 "--- Latest Flame" (Presley hit)
- 24 Uneven?
- 25 Order to Spot
- 26 Eastern
- 29 Unchangeable computer storage
- 30 Forbidden to Catholics on Fridays
- 34 As one
- 37 "--- dead people" (Movie: "The Sixth Sense")
- 38 Murdered singer played by Jennifer Lopez
- 39 "Ally McBeal" lawyer
- 40 Like an oboe's sound
- 41 The "A" in A.D.

Down

- 1 Arkansas ---, a Red Cedar Gathering Company plant
- 2 Concerning, in legalese
- 3 Regrets deeply
- 4 Society, briefly
- 5 Labor market fact-finding agency
- 6 "Well --- di-dah"
- 7 Decorate
- 8 Study of government
- 9 Former Southern Plains tribe, now part of the Wichita people
- 12 Driving hazard, in winter
- 16 Any minute now
- 19 Summer time in Ignacio
- 20 "--- 'ad 'em" (classic two-line poem about fleas)
- 21 Egyptian sky god
- 22 Clothing smoother
- 23 As fit as a fiddle or sick as a dog
- 27 Cosmetic-counter name
- 28 --- Khaled, first woman aircraft hijacker
- 31 "B --- boy"
- 32 Dolly's home state
- 33 Sacred lily
- 35 Division of a bowls game
- 36 "Midnight Lace" actress of 1960

Answers for this crossword will appear in July 29 issue of the Drum.

Answers for July 1, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

**Across:** 1 Frame, 6 DFCs, 10 Devil, 11 Aloo, 12 Ideal, 13 Go on, 14 Cosmit, 16 GSOH, 18 I presume, 20 Gum, 23 Sib, 24 Kaw, 25 In one ear, 28 Get a, 29 Dye pot, 33 Sins, 35 Elora, 36 Coco, 37 Rigel, 38 Onyx, 39 Stool.  
**Down:** 1 FDIC, 2 Redo, 3 Aves, 4 Miami, 5 Ellipse, 6 Dag, 7 Flogs, 8 Coosuk, 9 Sonoma, 15 Tried, 17 Hew, 19 Ebayers, 20 Gig, 21 UNESCO, 22 Motion, 26 Nancy, 27 Relit, 30 Pogo, 31 Oreo, 32 Tall, 34 Sox.



did you know?

Some benthic macroinvertebrates, insects that live on the bottom of rivers, can spend their entire lives in the water and others emerge as adults. Learn more about these important animals that fish feed on at the website below.



Image: Mayflies, a type of benthic macroinvertebrate, live in the water when young (right) and emerge from the river when they become adults (left). See if you can find mayflies next time you visit a river.

Source: <https://extension.usu.edu/waterquality/educator-resources/lessons/macro>

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division Environmental Program Manager, Mandy Eskelson at 970-563-2256 or [meskelson@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:meskelson@southernute-nsn.gov) with any questions, comments or concerns.

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://www.airnow.gov/.../how-smoke-from-fires-can.../)



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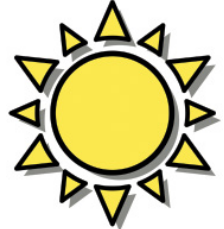
Partly cloudy 87°F  
Showers & thunderstorms 60%

Saturday, July 16



Mostly sunny 88°F  
Showers & thunderstorms 40%

Sunday, July 17



Mostly sunny 89°F  
Showers & thunderstorms 40%

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