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Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Principal, Mari Jo Owens works on a group activity with classmate and tribal elder Willette Whiteskunk, Wednesday, July 13 in the Southern Ute Museum's large classroom. Both Owens and Whiteskunk are participants of the Southwest Indigenous Language Institute (SILDI) class to become certified as a Ute language instructor next spring.

UTE LANGUAGE

Teaching the núu-'apagha-pi

Ute language classes aimed at certifying teachers

By Fabian Martinez
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

If you open a copy of the Ute Reference Grammar book written by Tom Givon, you will come across the “First Word” written by the Ute Language Committee in August of 1979. The final paragraph reads in Ute; “áavh-’ura tævæchi Núu-

waygya-ræ-mæ ka-’ava’na-wa-tæ-mæ miya’ni, náagha-tæ tavay-’ura ká-miya’ni-vaa-’wa-tæ-mæ. ’úru-’ura pæ’ekway-ku-aqh, núu-’apagha-piæ ka-ma’ayh-paa-’wa-tæ. Togho-sapa-’ura númu pæ’eqwa-y-aqh.” This quote translates to: “There are few speakers of our language left now, and some day they will not be walking the earth any-

more. This is why we must write it down, so that our language will not be lost. For this reason, we have written this book.”

In November of 2020 – over 41 years after those words were written – only 32 members of the Southern Ute Tribe were fluent speak-

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Representatives from the Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe gathered together at Lake Capote to celebrate the completion of the US 160 Wildlife Crossing Project with an official ribbon cutting ceremony, Thursday, July 28.

WILDLIFE

CDOT, Tribe cut the ribbon on US 160 wildlife crossing

Collaboration on research and funding key to success

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Colorado’s First Gentleman, Marlon Reis joined tribal dignitaries and key personnel from the Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to celebrate the completion of the US 160 Wildlife Crossing Project, Thursday, July 28. The project includes both an under and overpass for large game, as well as improvements to the intersection of US 160 and CO 151, which include fencing, earthen escape ramps and deer guards. Thursday’s ribbon cutting ceremony took place on the overpass stretching across US 160 to the north, with a view of Lake Capote to the south.

Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin J. Baker gave welcome remarks, following a traditional blessing by Bear Dance Chief, and former Tribal Chairman, Matthew Box. The Southern Ute Singers graced Thursday’s event, with a rendition of the Buffalo Song and an Honor Song. “These are our relatives that will be walking across here,” Box emphasized, referencing the animals, whose migration patterns will bring them over the highway for years to come.

“This project has been a vision for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for many years,” Southern Ute Wildlife Biologist, Aran Johnson said in his remarks. “Nineteen years ago, the Tribe deployed its first set of GPS radio collars on mule deer that

hinted at this location as an important migratory crossing point. Fourteen years ago, we developed our first models that showed population level migratory corridors that aligned precisely with Wildlife Vehicle Collision hotspots on this stretch of Hwy 160. Six years ago, after a huge amount of groundwork and discussions among partner agencies, a plan was developed to design and construct; and here we are today with a finished project.”

The 11-million-dollar project was made possible primarily through CDOT funding with a 1.3-million-dollar contribution by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, using funds available through the Bureau of

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Southern Ute Tribal Council reaffirms significance of tribal sovereignty

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Tribal Council shared their approved Statement on Sovereignty via Resolution No. 2022-126. The Tribal Council’s Statement on Sovereignty arises out of recent events that are an affront to the sovereignty of all tribes in the United States. The Supreme Court ruling on Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta undermines the true definition of sovereignty, and restrains tribes’ ability to govern themselves, and ultimately protect tribal members and resources. This is the most significant threat to tribal sovereignty in many years. Tribal Council believes the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Statement on Sovereignty illustrates

the Tribe’s position on this threat to tribal sovereignty and governance.

“The Statement on Sovereignty reasserts the foundation for which the Tribe operates and governs itself. The Tribe will continue to fight to protect its inherent sovereignty which our past Ute leaders fought to preserve through treaties and declared by federal law in exchange for the land stolen and the attempted eradication of our Ute culture and language,” Chairman Melvin

J. Baker stated.

The Tribal Council’s Statement on Sovereignty begins by emphasizing that the Tribe’s sovereignty is inherent, and it asserts how the Tribe exercises sovereignty now and into the future:

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Statement on Sovereignty

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is a sovereign and will remain a sovereign. The Mouache and Kaputa bands have retained their sovereignty through European settlement, the formation of the United States, the establishment of the Reservation, and the creation of the State of Colorado.

The Tribe’s sovereign au-

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SUNUTE FITNESS

Introducing SunUte’s fitness trainers

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

SunUte Community Center is well known for their superior customer service, friendly staff, excellent facility and high-quality programming within their recreation, aquatics, and fitness departments. With a membership, tribal and community members have access to fitness assessment, incentives, a large selection of modern equipment, and one-on-one personal fitness training with a certified trainer.

The Fitness Department has three trainers available to assist with your personal fitness goals, each trainer is dedicated to helping clients gain confidence,

Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Head Fitness Trainer Eliyah Lucero observes the technique of a client following a brief introductory interview at the SunUte Community Center on Wednesday, July 20. Lucero is available for personal training by appointment and specializes in working with elders.

strength and overall happiness within their individual health and fitness journey. Will Hacker is a trainer originally from Rose-

bud, S.D. and enjoys basketball, video games, and YouTube. Hacker graduated

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Ute Games commence

photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Nate Hendren passes the ball to a nearby teammate during the first round of basketball games at the Ute Mountain Ute Recreation Center on Tuesday, July 26.

Aubree Lucero high fives opponents after a third game win during the first round of volleyball. Teams mixed players from both tribes so that the athletes could become more familiar with each other.

See more Ute Games coverage on pages 8-9.



CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSUEM

First Annual Native Artist Market & Juried Show

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) announces its first annual Native Artist Market & Juried Show; Friday, Sept. 9 — Sunday, Sept. 11. The Native Artist Market & Juried Show will be held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum during this year’s centennial Southern Ute Tribal Fair. A host committee will serve as judges for the juried show. Submission categories are: Best of show; jewelry; beadwork; textiles & basketry, sculpture; painting, drawing, & photography; pottery; and emerging artist. Award winners will share \$4,000 in cash prizes. The members of the host committee are Ute artists Oreland Joe, Jr., Norman Lansing, and Russell Box, Sr.

classical influences he gained while studying in France, Italy, and Japan. Joe works in a variety of media and is world-renowned for his stone and bronze sculpture.

- Norman Lansing, a Ute Mountain Ute, who was born in Towaoc, Colo. Lansing works in all media and is best known for his sgraffito etchings on ceramic vases. He is also known for his acrylic paintings and pen and ink drawings. His art often explores the “relationship between man, animal, earth, and the spirits of all living entities” that are all needed to form a balanced universe.
- Russell Box, Sr., a Southern Ute tribal member and veteran, born and raised on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

art profession.

“The Tribe looks forward to sharing our beautiful reservation and welcoming tribal community with the artists who will be participating in the show. This will provide an excellent opportunity for Native artisans to showcase their talent and skill,” Chairman Melvin J. Baker said.

Artists are encouraged to participate in the early bird registration of \$50 per booth. Early bird registration ends Monday, Aug. 15 at 5 p.m. The final registration deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 5 p.m. Registration information can be found on the SUCCM website at southernutemuseum.org To RSVP, please contact SUCCM employee Waynoka Whiteskunk, at 970-563.2979 or via email at wwhiteskunk@southernute-nsn.gov

The mission of the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum is to foster understanding of and respect for the unique origin, culture, language, history, and way of life of the Níúchíu (Ute People) and to advance people-to-people relations through inclusive and effective programming and services.

- Oreland C. Joe Sr. was born in Shiprock, N.M., where he grew up on both the Navajo and Southern Ute reservations. His art is influenced by his roots in the Four Corners region of the Southwest combined with



SOUTHERN UTE
Cultural Center & Museum

'REZ'ILIENCE 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair

Calling Native Artists!
Artist Market and Juried Show

September 9-11, 2022
Ignacio, Colorado
Registration information at: www.southernutemuseum.org
970.563.9583



Multi-Purpose Facility August Senior Breakfast

Wednesday August 3, 2022
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Open to all Community Senior Citizens
55 years and older

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





Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute representatives, Alden Naranjo, Elise Redd, and Debra Box arranged a special viewing of Ute artifacts at the Smithsonian Institution’s Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, Md., on Thursday, on July 19.

This photo was first published in the July 27, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Oolcu Buckskin/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The Grand Entry of the Southern Ute Heritage Dancers was viewed by spectators on July 22, 2002, at Aztec Rodeo Days. The performance took place in Pioneer Park in Aztec, N.M., and drumming was provided by 12 Gauge Drum Group. Pictured are Zack LeClaire, Keyana Valdez, Akasia Oberly, Namichen Oberly, Kaylyn LeClaire, and Stacey Oberly.

This photo was published in the July 26, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Eddie Box Jr., computer specialist for the Natural Resources Division, practices his gambling luck on an antique slot machine at Gomez’s Store at Pagosa Junction. The Southern Ute and Jicarilla Apache tribes were treated to a rare tour of the store which is filled with interesting artifacts from a time gone by.

This photo was published in the July 24, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Robert Jefferson placed second at the Little Beaver Round-Up in Dulce, N.M. Jefferson is following in the footsteps of his father, Bob, who was one of the top Indian calf ropers in the Southwest.

This photo was published in the July 30, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Royalty Pageant & Crowning



August 27, 2022
At 3:00 pm
Multi-Purpose Facility

Royalty Categories:

- Miss Southern Ute
Ages: 16-25
- Jr. Miss Southern Ute
Ages 10-15
- Little Miss Southern Ute
Ages: 5-9
- Southern Ute Brave
Ages: 5-15

Applications are available at
Cultural Preservation Department.
Monday, August 1, 2022

Deadline to return
Monday, August 22, 2022
COB 5 p.m.



courtesy History Colorado

“The Sand Creek Massacre: The Betrayal that Changed Cheyenne and Arapaho People Forever,” opens at the History Colorado Center in Denver, Saturday, Nov. 19.

HISTORY COLORADO

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
to present their perspectives on
the Sand Creek Massacre

Exhibition opens in Denver this November

Staff report
HISTORY COLORADO

A new exhibition “The Sand Creek Massacre: The Betrayal that Changed Cheyenne and Arapaho People Forever,” opens at the History Colorado Center in Denver, Saturday, Nov. 19. The exhibition will recount the deadliest day in Colorado history – Nov. 29, 1864 – when U.S. troops brutally attacked a peaceful village of Cheyenne and Arapaho who were promised military protection. More than 230 women, children, and elders were killed. The exhibition is being made in deep consultation with representatives from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. For the first time, History Colorado will be telling the full story of the Sand Creek Massacre based on tribal accounts and oral histories of those who survived that terrible event. “This exhibition will include information about the lives of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people before the massacre, life today, and our efforts to remember the massacre,” explains Fred Mosqueda (Southern Arapaho), a tribal historian and Sand Creek descendant.

The exhibition is the result of a ten-year partnership process beginning in 2012 between History Colorado and the three tribal nations. This new project spotlights the living culture of the Cheyenne and Arapaho, two separate tribes with distinct histories that were bound together forever after the tragedy at Sand Creek. After the massacre, the Cheyenne and Arapaho people were forced to leave Colorado. Today they exist as three sovereign tribal nations in Montana, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. The exhibit ends with a look at the three Cheyenne and Arapaho nations today, and represents ongoing efforts to commemorate, educate, and heal from the Massacre. “It was genocide. We need to educate the people and heal our people so that something like this won’t happen again,” said Chester Whiteman (Southern Cheyenne), “I hope this exhibit will get people to understand that we’re all human.” “The Sand Creek Massacre is sacred,” said Gail Ridgely (Northern Arapaho). “Historic remembrance, educational awareness, and spiritual healing are very important for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.”

- The exhibition will enable visitors to experience:
- Historic and contemporary objects exploring Cheyenne culture and traditions;
 - Photos and artifacts representing Arapaho people from the nineteenth hundreds to today;
 - Tipis constructed in Cheyenne and Arapaho styles;
 - A listening station for oral histories of Cheyenne and Arapaho descendants of the Massacre;
 - A listening station for letters written by soldiers who heroically refused their orders to attack the peaceful Cheyenne and Arapaho camp;
 - Historical documents from congressional and military investigations that took place following the Massacre;
 - The powerful story of the Sand Creek Massacre Spiritual Healing Run that goes from the massacre site to Denver each year;
 - The location and creation of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service, and;
 - Contemporary sovereignty stories from tribal communities in Montana, Wyoming, and Oklahoma.

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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—970.553.9291
Secretary: Rochelle Aguilar—970.759.1722
Members: Jalisa Paul, Brandi Raines, and Edward Box III, Heather White Thunder

POWWOW & GOURD DANCE TIMES

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| 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 |
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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/Craft: 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:

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

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

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

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

Save the Date
The 100th 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

Chicken tacos, an alternative to the typical taco

By Lisa Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Want something fresh for summer? Try this alternative to the typical taco. Using chicken and fresh ingredients like red onion, avocados, cilantro, and lime help this dish come alive. You can cook the chicken on the stove as directed below or use your instant pot or place on the grille. Any way you do it, the addition of the toppings make this a flavorful and summery dish.



courtesy Creme de le Crumb

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

Chicken Tacos

Ingredients:

For the marinated chicken

- 1.5# boneless chicken breasts and/or thighs
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Juice of 1 lime (2-3 tablespoons)
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper

For the tacos

- 12 “street” tacos (flour or corn) warmed
- Pico de gallo (store or homemade)
- Red onion, diced
- Tomatoes, diced
- Sour cream
- Shredded Monterey Jack
- Cilantro, chopped
- Avocado, diced
- Lime wedge

Directions:

1. Place all ingredients for the marinated chicken into a large baggie and refrigerate for 20-30 minutes (or up to 24 hours).
2. Meanwhile, cut all topping ingredients as directed.
3. In a large skillet on medium-high heat, pour marinated chicken and drippings from baggie.
4. Cook until chicken is done, about 5 minutes each side, turning frequently.
5. Cut marinated chicken into bite-sized pieces or strips.
6. Place chicken into tortilla and top as desired.
7. Garnish with fresh avocado, cilantro and lime!

PUBLIC HEALTH

Prairie dog tests positive for plague in La Plata County

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

A prairie dog in the Hesperus/Breen area tested positive for Yersinia pestis, which is the bacteria that causes plague on Friday, July 15. Fleas from the prairie dog colony have been collected and sent to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for further testing, though results are not yet available. There is no known human exposure to the prairie dog, its colony or any fleas in the area. Signs will be posted in the area where the positive prairie dog was collected.

Plague is caused by bacteria that can be transmitted to humans by the bites of infected fleas or by direct contact with infected animals. Plague is frequently detected in rock squirrels, prairie dogs, wood rats, ground squirrels, chipmunks, mice, voles and rabbits. San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) investigates prairie dog population die-offs for the presence of plague. If an active colony of prairie dogs suddenly disappears, please report this to SJBPH.

SJBPH reminds residents that the risk of contracting certain animal-borne diseases, while present year-round, increases during the summer when humans and animals are frequently in

SAN JUAN BASIN
public health

close contact. It is important to control the presence of wildlife and fleas around homes as well as wear repellent and appropriate clothing when heading outdoors.

Here are some tips for preventing contact with animal-borne illnesses:

- Reduce rodent habitat around your home, workplace, and recreational areas. Remove brush, rock piles, junk, cluttered firewood, and possible rodent food supplies, such as pet and wild animal food.
- Make your home and outbuildings rodent-proof.
- Wear gloves if you are handling or skinning potentially infected animals to prevent contact between your skin and the plague bacteria. Contact your local health department if you have questions about disposal of dead animals.
- Use repellent if you think you could be exposed to rodent fleas during activities such as camping, hiking, or working outdoors. Products containing

DEET can be applied to the skin as well as clothing and products containing permethrin can be applied to clothing.

- Keep fleas off of your pets by applying flea control products. Animals that roam freely are more likely to come in contact with plague-infected animals or fleas and could bring them into homes. If your pet becomes sick, seek care from a veterinarian as soon as possible.
- Do not allow dogs or cats that roam free in endemic areas to sleep on your bed.
- Be sure your children are aware of these precautions and know to tell an adult if they have had contact with a wild animal.

To learn more about the symptoms, treatments, and other information for plague, visit sjbpublichealth.org/communicabledisease/. Information is also available from CDPHE at cdphe.colorado.gov/animal-related-diseases/plague or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at cdc.gov/plague/.

Breastfeeding Awareness Walk & Community Baby Shower

WHERE: SUN UTE COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEN: AUGUST 18TH

WALK TIME: 12PM – 1PM

SHOWER TIME: 12:30 – 2PM

Join us after the 1-mile walk for light Refreshments and goodies at SunUte

The community baby shower is Open to all who want to attend

BF/childhood organizations From the 4-Corners area will be in attendance

First 50 to sign up receives a free umbrella! *sign up starts at 11:45am*

SUNUTE FITNESS TRAINERS • FROM PAGE 1

from Fort Lewis College in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Physiology and has been working for SunUte Community Center since 2019. Hacker is also a NSCA- Certified Personal Trainer and received his Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialism this year. When asked about his favorite part of being a SunUte trainer, he explains how he enjoys helping his clients gain confidence. “Getting people stronger, getting them comfortable in the weight room and teaching them how to use all the equipment,” Hacker said. “[Members] come on in and give it a try, it's here, it's free and you can't get [personal training] anywhere else for free.”

Elijah Lucero is the Head Fitness Trainer at SunUte, she found a passion for fitness growing up as a runner and graduated from Fort Lewis College with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science with the Exercise Specialist option. Lucero began personal training through a senior capstone class which allowed her to become certified at the end of the course, after certification she worked as a caregiver encouraging elders to stay moving. Lucero specializes in working with elders at SunUte, “I have a really big passion for working with elders and I want everyone to be healthy, especially in the native community,” Lucero said. “I take everything they have going on into consideration when making their training programs.”



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Fitness Trainer Will Hacker models his SunUte Fitness shirt, after his interview at the SunUte Community Center on Wednesday, July 20. Hacker hopes to be able to motivate and share the benefits of exercise with others.

Recently, Lucero has started the “Ute Elders and their Friends” workout classes which began on Tuesday, July 19 and will continue Tuesday's and Thursday's from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and is open to all elders.

Kai Roubideaux is a Trainer Intern at SunUte, he is also a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and half Kiowa from the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. Roubideaux is currently a student at Fort Lewis College and will be graduating next spring with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Physiology. Interning at SunUte he has the opportunity to gain hands-on work experience and potential clientele. Roubideaux is local and wanted to extend his passion for fitness to the community, “My road to this is more of a personal experience with being overweight, I wanted to change my ways of living to a much healthier lifestyle, and I found that through exercise,” Roubideaux said. “Being able to see those changes occur for myself, I could

do that for someone else. I could help someone along their way to realize that it's all within themselves.”

Members who obtain a three-month, six-month, or 12-month membership have free access to personal training and can schedule training sessions by appointment with either Will Hacker, Elijah Lucero, or Kai Roubideaux. SunUte Community Center has a very welcoming environment and members are encouraged to take full advantage of their membership benefits. “We are always open, we have an open-door policy, and we are very, very personable,” Roubideaux said. “We want to see more people in here, not just for the numbers, but for themselves to change and build healthier habits – make sustainable changes.”

For more information on personal training and all the Fitness Department has to offer, please contact SunUte Community Center at 970-563-0214.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED



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

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

SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER After Hours Care Line: 970-287-1180

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 an on-call health provider to address your health-related questions.



Dorothy Burch Box Scholarship



photos courtesy Dawn Rock

The Dorothy Burch Box Scholarship award was given to Elisia Cruz (pictured above) for the 2022 school year; the scholarship was given by Eddie and Betty Box Jr. and family. The scholarship is given in honor of Dorothy Burch Box, wife of Edward Bent Box Sr. A deserving student, or students, is selected for the scholarship each spring. This award has been awarded by the Box family for a number of years, to keep the memory of Dorothy Burch Box alive.



The Box family chose two deserving students from the community this year; Gabe Tucson (pictured above) was also awarded the Dorothy Burch Box Scholarship for 2022. In addition to the \$1,000 scholarship to help with education needs, materials, boys will receive a Pendelton blanket, and the girls will receive a shawl. Applicants, who are generally local, young adults, must submit their stories in writing – “these are my grades, these are my goals.”

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Looking back, a year ago

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Montessori Academy is just the place for you and your child.

for an enrollment/registration packet. Returning students must also have updated registration and medical information submitted.

- School supply lists are available on SUIMA’s website.

Choosing a school is an important decision for your entire family. If you’re like most parents, you want your child to be educated in an environment where their abilities and self-esteem grow, where their imagination and curiosity is cultivated, their traditions and language are upheld and respected, and where teachers care deeply for the students.

The Southern Ute Indian

Upcoming SUIMA Events

- SUIMA’s Open House will be on Thursday, Aug. 25.
- The first day back to school for the 2022-2023 school year is Monday, Aug. 29.
- Early release days will be on Fridays.

Camp Sasquatch for kids



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

A young participant of Camp Sasquatch takes his time learning to tie arrowheads to arrow shafts as part of an interactive exhibit at the Southern Ute Museum. The summer youth program was aimed at exploring Southern Ute Culture and Ute Language, as well as outdoor activities, crafts, and workshops. Camp Sasquatch was sponsored by the Ignacio School District and the Southern Ute Education Dept.

Johnson-O’Malley School Supply Distribution
2022 – 2023 School Year

Bayfield School District

- Wednesday, August 10 and Thursday, August 11.
- Both days are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Dept.

Ignacio School District

- Wednesday, August 17 and Thursday, August 18.
- Both days are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Dept.

Please sign up your student(s) ahead of time for school supplies by calling or emailing the following information:

- Bayfield School or Ignacio School
- Grade level for the 2022-2023 school year

To be eligible for school supplies, the student must be enrolled in the Bayfield or Ignacio School District k-12. If the student is not yet enrolled with the JOM program, please submit the following documentation:

- Copy of the student’s Tribal enrollment card or paperwork.

If you have further questions and to sign up, contact Ellen S. Baker by email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov or call 970-563-0235.

Eligibility requirements for JOM Program

The program is open to all Native American students in the Ignacio and Bayfield School Districts K-12. The student must be enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe or first descendant of one parent who is an enrolled member.

- If the student is an enrolled member, they need to provide the following information to the Southern Ute Education JOM Office:
 - Enrollment Tribal ID card with photo and census number
 - If the student does not have an ID, they need to get one from their Vital Statics Office from the Tribe they are enrolled with.
- If the student is first descendant of the Southern Ute Tribe or any other Federally recognized tribe, the following paperwork is needed:
 - A copy of parent Tribal ID or paperwork.
 - A copy of the child(ren)’s Birth Certificate.



Southern Ute tribal elder Lynda D’Wolf gave a lesson in the Museum’s Large Classroom on Ute Language and why it was important to learn and speak Ute. Camp Sasquatch participants attended the presentation after a visit to the Southern Ute Museum, Tuesday, July 19.

Phillip Velasquez takes a turn wearing goggles that simulates what it is like to be inebriated on substances such as alcohol. Participants would be asked to walk a small obstacle course and attempt to walk as straight as possible — with impaired vision and motor skills.

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KSUT hosts YEP workers



photos courtesy KSUT Tribal Radio

KSUT Tribal Radio hosts two Youth Employment Program (YEP) interns this summer, Derek Leonard Sage and Ambrose Valdez (wearing a red hat). The programs offers real world work experience to youth each summer through the Southern Ute Education Department.

Casino hosts NAGSA



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Native American Grant School Association (NAGSA) hosted their Summer Conference themed “Year of the Indigenous People” at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Thursday, July 14 – Saturday, July 16. Southern Ute Navy Veteran, Raymond Baker retires the American Flag during the opening ceremonies. Conference attendees were able to hear about Southern Ute culture and history by tribal elder Russell Box Sr. during the first day of the conference as well as keynote address by Chairman, Melvin J. Baker. The full schedule of presentations included Native educators, professionals, Arizona State Representative, Jasmine Backwater-Nygren, and royalty including; Miss Navajo Nation Niagara Rockbridge and former Miss Hopi Aeon Winter Albert.

TEACHING THE NÙU-ʼWAPAGHA-PI • FROM PAGE 1



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Cultural Media Technician Kree Lopez and Tawni Knight reference the Ute Dictionary written by Tom Givon and Southern Ute tribal elders: Pearl Casias, Vida Peabody, and Mary Inez Cloud. The dictionary is one of the primary texts used in the classes.

ers of the Ute language.

Nearly two years later, the progress of language reclamation is alive with the help of the Southern Ute Tribe’s Culture Department, the Southern Ute Education Department, and Fort Lewis College’s School of Education. Both tribal departments along with Fort Lewis College’s Dean of the School of Education, Dr. Jenni Trujillo; and Dr. Stacey Oberly have worked on establishing the Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute (SILDI) in 2021 as part of the Southern Ute Tribe being awarded a language preservation grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA).

The grant is funding a 10-course program which will certify over 30 students – meeting the minimum requirement of 15 students – from across the three Ute tribes to become instructors of the Ute language through in-person and online instruction. The classes are flexible to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines and are offered both in-person and via Zoom for students attending the classes. Seven sessions have been completed since June of 2021, with the most recent semester being Ute language syntax held Monday, July 11 – Saturday, July 16, at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum’s large classroom. This session on syntax was instructed for the first time by Dr. Amy Fountain, a linguist from the University of Arizona.

“Southern Utes are fortunate to have a community with language,” Fountain said. Fountain’s work focuses on helping tribes across the United States reclaim their traditional language by introducing the academic theories and approaches to learning language, while also giving room to traditional forms of learning. “I can give the structure and terminology, so [the class participants and Ute tribes] can do what they need,” Fountain said.

Students of the program can learn the Ute language in a fully immersive and collaborative learning space. The result is a class that features more natural learning approaches through music, traditional songs, cultural objects, creative projects, and group work that adheres to the interests of the students themselves. Elders are also encouraged to visit the classes to see the progress of students and nurture the immersion atmosphere of the program.

“It gives an opportunity for all participants to work with elders to learn and take in as much Ute in as possible,” SILDI student

and Cultural Education Coordinator, Crystal Rizzo explained. Students then have a unique opportunity to ask questions of elders, who are fluent in their dialect, about the Ute language and supplement what they are learning in class. This approach helps students practice some of the more difficult aspects of Ute language, like phonetics and how the language is structured grammatically.

“I feel like our language has a sound-based system,” Tribal member and SILDI class student, Crystal Ivey explained. “It’s essential to have that sound-based system in place to learn it.” Ivey continued to explain that word association is a key foundation for first time learners of the Ute language. Syntax and how you say a sentence is just as important as phonetics and makes the difference between how it can be interpreted in a conversation.

“[Ute] has many examples of how to say things,” SILDI student and Cultural Media Technician Kree Lopez explained. “You can say something, and it has so many different meanings with Ute. There isn’t a basic one word describes everything like how English is. It can mean multiple different things just by a different sound or one word change.”

Lopez explained that Ute sentence structure is often perceived as being “backwards” to those whose first language is English, but to Ute speakers, it explains objects in a more “natural” form that makes sense. “Ute is very straightforward, to the point, and very blunt,” Lopez said. “It’s common sense sometimes.”

While the process of learning the Ute language phonetics and syntax has been a challenge for most students, older students have seen it as an opportunity to begin a healing process through language reclamation. “When speaking Ute, you get a good feeling,” Tribal elder Willette Whiteskunk said while discussing her experience within the course and past trauma from not being able to speak Ute as a child. “I am healing by allowing myself to speak the language.”

The loss of traditional indigenous languages has been a major issue for tribes in the United States as it was forbidden to teach it in residential boarding schools, where Native students were forcibly taught the English language. In many cases speaking one’s own language was even discouraged at home, furthering the effort to assimilate Native peoples to Western culture. As a result, the

number of fluent speakers of Native American languages dwindled to critical levels over time. Today the loss of Indigenous language is perceivable within many tribal communities in North America.

Tribes such as the Navajo Nation have started implementing language revitalization programs for their members; going as far as introducing the Diné language on popular mainstream language apps like Duolingo for free.

The three Ute tribes have begun similar efforts of language revitalization. Ute Mountain Ute now offers a language app that is free to access on mobile app stores for the general public. The Southern Ute Tribe’s Culture Department has Ute language dictionaries and textbooks written by Tom Givon, Pearl Casias, Vida Peabody, and Mary Inez Cloud, which are free to the Southern Ute tribal membership. The largest step to language reclamation for the Southern Ute Tribe was the creation of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and its Ute language curriculum in the early 2000’s.

The SILDI program aims to continue the language preservation efforts by creating more certified teachers for the Ute language to teach the next generation of Ute speakers.

For Crystal Ivey, the SILDI classes offer hope in the language revitalization efforts of the Ute Tribes. Since moving to Hawaii, Ivey works as an elementary school teacher and helps teach the Hawaiian language as part of the state curriculum. The indigenous Hawaiian language was once believed to be extinct until the 1980’s when efforts were made to revitalize it. “It’s made me really excited to see what is possible; knowing it is possible for Ute to be alive and thriving,” Ivey said. “I’m really excited to see a large group of people come together to help revitalize the language.”

After the second summer semester on Ute syntax, the penultimate Ute Immersion II course will be held in the fall; the final Ute Immersion III course will be held in the spring semester of 2023. After completion, students will receive full certification and be able to teach Ute within their communities.

“Language is at the root of who we are. It connects us to our ancestors. Language is what connects you to the Creator,” Crystal Rizzo said. “We have such an important opportunity with future Ute speakers to preserve the language.”

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CORONAVIRUS

La Plata, Archuleta counties in COVID-19 Community Level Medium

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Community Levels for COVID-19 in La Plata County dropped to Medium on Thursday. Archuleta County remained in Level Medium. La Plata County has a case incidence rate of 140.5 per 100,000 and Archuleta County has a case incidence rate of 149.7 per 100,000 residents over the past seven days, according to CDC data.

Approximately 20 percent of Colorado counties are currently in Level High, with 60 percent in Level Medium, and the remaining 20 percent in Level Low. Spread of the virus continues to be elevated across the state and locally. For data collected July 7, the State of Colorado's COVID-19 wastewater monitoring showed broad transmission in Durango and to a lesser extent in Pagosa Springs.

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

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

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

There is free community PCR testing available at the La Plata County Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Visit this link to pre-register. Pre-registration is not required but can speed up the process when checking in at the test site. 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). More information


about testing is available on SJBPH's website.

Vaccines are the safest, most effective way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death caused by COVID-19 and its variants. Find out about local COVID-19 vaccine providers 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.

KN95 masks are also available at SJBPH front desks in Durango and Pagosa Springs.

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

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".



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**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.

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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/brevent-getting-sick/prevention.html).

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

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>

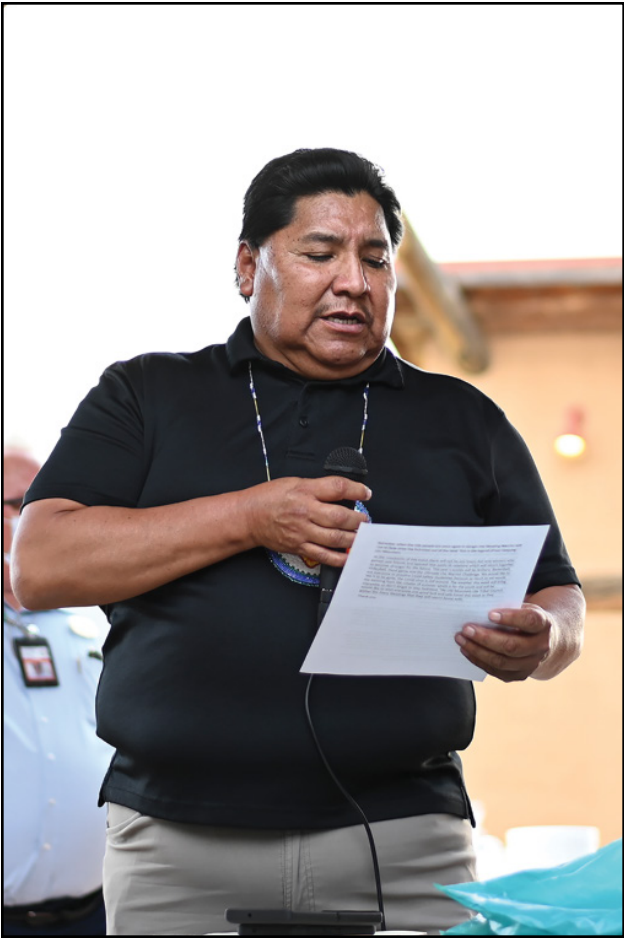
Together, we can reach community immunity.



Ute Mountain Ute hosts



Team Southern Ute entering the Indian Village arena during the Opening Ceremony's Grand Entry on Monday, July 25.



Ute Mountain Ute Vice-Chairman Archie House Jr. welcomes attendees during the Opening Ceremonies.



Southern Ute Veterans Association Vice Commander, Gordon Hammond (USMC), leads the Opening Ceremony's Grand Entry procession while carrying the American flag. Veterans of the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes led the athletes, royalty, and council members into the Indian Village arena at the Ute Mountain Ute Casino.



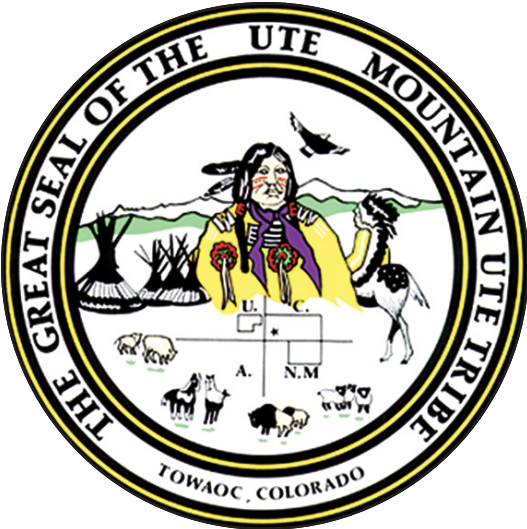
Little Miss Ute Mountain Ute, Jaylyn Begay, introduces herself to all Ute Games attendees.



Team Southern Ute athletes pose alongside members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council before dinner is served at the Opening Ceremonies.



Ute Mountain Ute volunteer staff serve dinner to athletes, coaches, and visitors on Monday, July 25 at the Ute Mountain Ute Casino.



The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe kindly welcomed the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's athletes at this year's Ute Games held in Towaoc, Colo., Monday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 27. Athletes, coaches, volunteers, and local visitors enjoyed the opening ceremonies on Monday, July 27 which included welcome addresses from both Ute Councils, Ute Mountain Ute Royalty, and SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth followed by dinner. The games began the following day with basketball, volleyball, and handgame competitions. Athletes were mingled together rather than playing for their respective tribal affiliation to get more acquainted with each other. Unfortunately, the Ute Indian Tribe was unable to attend this year; their participants were deeply missed. The sister tribes look forward to reconnecting at the next Ute Games – set to be hosted in Ignacio for 2023.





2022 Ute Games



A Team Ute Mountain Ute athlete shoots a three-pointer during the halftime of the second basketball game held on Tuesday, July 26.



Volleyball Team #3 gets ready for the serve from Team #2 during their first game at the Ute Games.



A Team Southern Ute athlete serves the ball to her opposing team.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Coaches Franklin "Frankie" Thompson and Leora Lucero pose together during the first volleyball game, Thompson and Lucero also referee the volleyball games.



Boy's 9-11 year old Basketball Team #2 vs Team #3 on Tuesday, July 26.



16-18 Girls Basketball teams A and B during their first game.



Ute Games Volunteer Coach Bird Red, fist bumps Southern Ute tribal member and athlete Tamarius Roland after his first basketball game on Tuesday, July 26.



16- 18 Girls Basketball Team A and Team C wait for a three-point shot to fall into the net.

EPA Administrator visits



Sunshine Whyte/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker, Tribal Council and the Environmental Programs Division met with EPA Region 8 Administrator, Kathleen Becker to discuss Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding, EPA grant awards and acknowledgments, and tribal environmental priorities and successes on Friday, July 22. "The Tribe has a history of exercising our tribal sovereignty and self-determination, determining what is best for our people on our reservation," Chairman Baker said, "The Tribe has demonstrated its technical ability to carry out successful environmental programs with EPA and we have identified areas where we both can benefit from improvements, particularly the Minor New Source Review Program."

SIGNIFICANCE OF SOVEREIGNTY • FROM PAGE 1

thority was not conferred on it by the federal government; rather, its authority is inherent, having always existed and having never been extinguished. The Tribe exercises its sovereignty daily by operating the tribal government; exercising jurisdiction within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation; overseeing its current territory; regulating and providing for the tribal membership; and acting on a government-to-government basis with other sovereigns, including the United States, the State of Colorado, and other tribal nations.

The Statement on Sovereignty, which will be incorporated into the Tribe's living governance manual,

goes on to prescribe expectations for protecting tribal sovereignty:

Operating as a government, the Tribe is exercising its sovereignty; the Tribe must also be resolute about protecting its sovereignty from infringement. Protecting sovereignty requires vigilance by Tribal Council members, tribal officials, and tribal employees. To protect against infringement on tribal sovereignty by other governments, the Tribe monitors federal and state legislation; enacts tribal codes, analyzes federal authority before acquiescing to federal regulations, requirements, and inspections; and is strategic in its interactions with other

tribal nations, local and state governments, and the federal government.

"As a sovereign nation, we will continue to enhance the Tribe's economic development and preserve our culture as we have in the past by working with our neighbors, solely on a government-to-government basis, not as a subordinate party."

The Statement on Sovereignty is part of a larger effort by the Tribal Council to establish a living governance document that is designed to define roles and responsibilities, oversight functions, and the decision-making process for the benefit of the Tribe, its tribal members, tribal officials, tribal employees, and delegates.

Raising haunted house funds



photos Terence Whyte/SU Drum

Izabella Cloud gives Southern Ute elder, Pearl Casias a salad she purchased at the Halloween Fundraiser hosted by the Multi-Purpose Facility, Friday, July 22. Fundraising proceeds go to the Multi-Purpose Facility for materials for the annual haunted house and other Halloween activities.



Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility Assistant, Dermarr Harlan gives a thumbs up to the fries he prepared for hungry customers at the Halloween Fundraiser held at the Multi-Purpose Facility, Friday, July 22.

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July 28 - 30, 2022 @ 6:00pm
preached by Very Rev. Fr. Antonio Flores, C.S. Theat.

Patronal Feast Day
Solemn Mass and Blessing with the
relics of Saint Ignatius
Sun. July 31, 2022 @ 11:00am
A Holy Communion will immediately follow the Celebration

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Multi-Purpose Facility Haunted House Fundraiser Lunch

**Tuesday August 9, 2022
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**





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A group of youngsters try to finish their watermelon as fast as possible as part of the Youth Games contests held on Friday, Sept. 11, 1992 at the Sky Ute Downs.



A participant in the Frybread Making Contest checks the temperature on her pan on Sunday, Sept. 18, 1983.

Southern Ute Tribal Fair Events and Contests



A volunteer judges an infant in a traditional cradleboard on Sunday, Sept. 11, 1988.

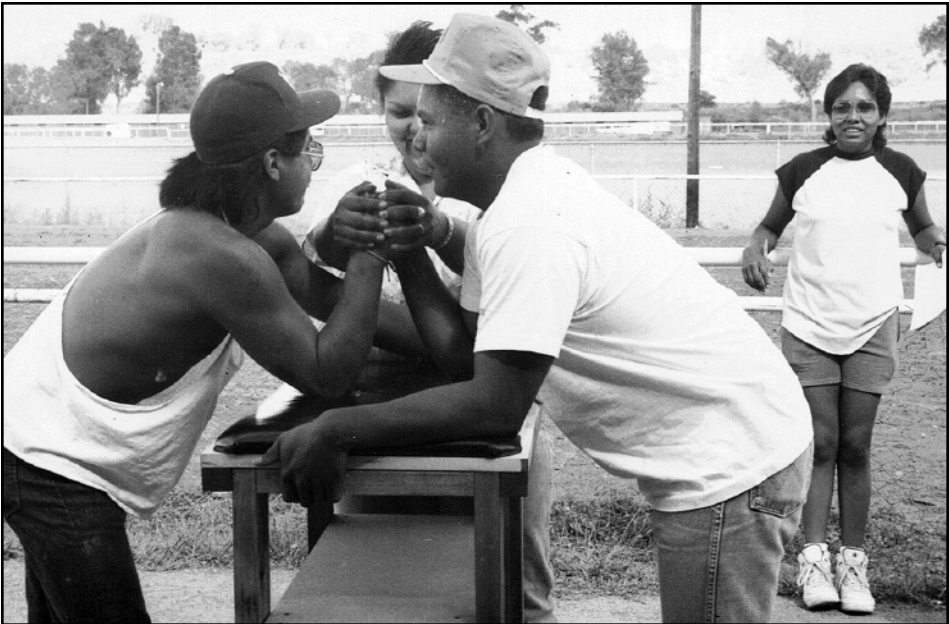
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The Southern Ute Drum Archives



Judges of the 1960 Tribal Fair look at entries of canned goods before being put on exhibit for the community.



Barney Pinnecoose helps perform with the Salvador band at the Horsing Around events on Saturday, Sept. 15, 1984.

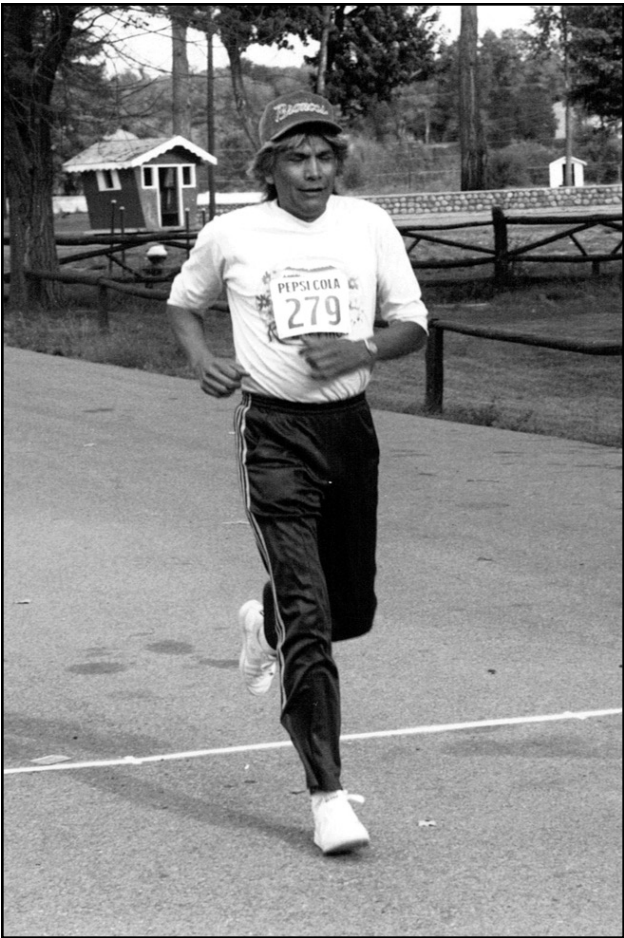


Tensions were high as two participants face off during the Arm-Wrestling Contest held on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 17, 1989.

The Southern Ute Tribal Fair has always been known for its events and exhibits. In this issue of The Southern Ute Drum, we would like to celebrate the decades of memories that have been made over the years through dedicated participation by our community members. Our elders often speak of their involvement in particular events and how they look forward to them every year. Our youth have an opportunity to compete in many of the same events and recently added events created just for them.

Creativity is always shown in the exhibits that are on display for judging during the week of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair; this year is no different. The Culture Department is already seeing interest in September's event and fielding questions regarding the exhibits for this year's fair. The Southern Ute Tribal Fair premium books are being printed as we speak. Be on the lookout for the "schedule of events" for activities and exhibits to be offered in the upcoming 100th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. Good luck to all contestants and event participants!

– Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept.



Howard Richards Sr. jogs across the finish line at the Annual 5K Race held on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 12, 1987.



The Booze Beach Team (left) came in second place to the opposing team, the "I Don't Knows" in the Tug-of-War at the Horsing Around Events held Saturday, Sept. 14, 1985 at the Sky Ute Downs.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Bear Dance Fire burn area closed until further notice

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Tribal Council has permanently closed the Bear Dance Fire Burn Area until further notice. The Bear Dance Fire ignited Friday, June 3, on tribal trust land. The riparian area that burned totaled 89 acres north of the Bear Dance grounds and along the Pine River corridor.

BIA Fire Management welcomed the Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) team to oversee the BAER planning and implementation. The program brought technical experts to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to meet with tribal professionals to address safety hazards and begin restoration. While conducting a walk through with Tribal Council, leadership noticed what was thought to be an area where hazardous materials may have been disposed of in years past.

The area housed historic office buildings for the BIA. Like many older buildings, the materials used at the time of construction often contained haz-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

An abandoned truck, was exposed in the burn scar, along with other debris.

ardous materials. The Bear Dance Fire exposed the site and the hazardous materials which has created a concern for public health. Out of an abundance of caution, Tribal Council has closed the Bear Dance Fire burn area until further notice.

The BAER program will be placed on a temporary hold until the area can be investigated by professionals. At the conclusion of the investigation, alternatives will be evaluated, and a plan will be developed to protect public health and the environment. Additional information will be shared at that time.

"The health and safety of the tribal membership

and our tribal community is one of the highest priorities for Tribal Council," Chairman Melvin J. Baker stated. "We were looking forward to seeing the remediation work by the BAER team and tribal staff, however the safety of all involved takes greater precedence. It is very important that the tribal community take heed to this health advisory and refrain from entering the Bear Dance Fire burn area."

If you have any questions, please contact Southern Ute Tribal Council at 970-563-0199 or the Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division at 970-563-2206.

WILDFIRE

BIA Fire Management response to East Round Top Fire

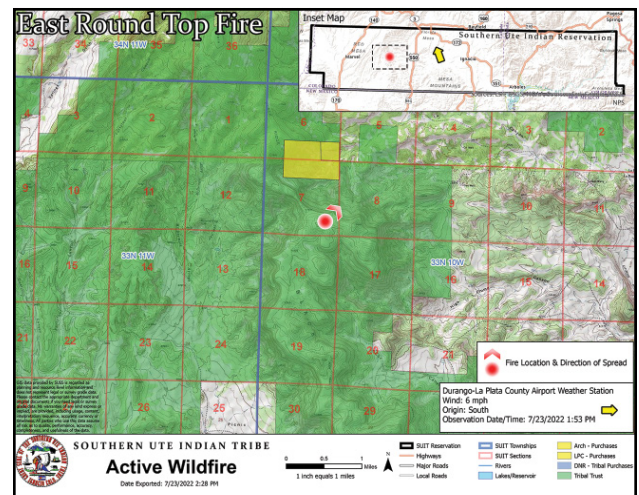
Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Southern Ute Agency Fire Management Office responded to the East Round Top Fire located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Saturday, July 23. The fire grew to approximately 10.5 acres as of Saturday night, burning on tribal land in a remote area roughly six miles west of Sunnyside Elementary School. The fire is now 100% contained.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Agency Fire Management, Los Piños Fire Protection District, and Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Durango Fire crews responded. The air attack included a Type 2 helicopter, a 2-seater, and a large tanker.

The fire's cause is under investigation. The Tribe coordinated with local agencies to ensure safety of the public and to minimize the impact of the fire. The Tribe also worked with oil and gas operators in the area to shut-in facilities in the vicinity of



the fire in an effort to mitigate any potential impact from those operators to first responder's ability to contain the fire.

Smoke was visible from the Colorado Hwy 550 corridor; and to surrounding communities. To observe the air quality status at any time, please visit the Southern Ute Tribe's Air Quality Ambient Monitor page at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/>. For information re-

lated to air quality, please go to: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>

As a reminder, Stage 1 fire restrictions were enacted for Southern Ute Indian Reservation on June 22, 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.

CDOT, TRIBE CUT RIBBON • FROM PAGE 1

Indian Affairs. Additionally, Colorado Parks and Wildlife helped fund this multi-year project along with NGOs such as: the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Mule Deer Foundation and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

"Positive partnerships among government agencies, public organizations, nonprofit groups, and private individuals can greatly leverage wildlife mitigation projects, making the construction of these highway features more feasible," according to a press release provided by the Colorado Department of Transportation.

The San Juan Basin is important for big game. Deer and elk spend warm summer months in the high country to the north. During cold winter months, big game move to critical range areas south of the highway. That means large numbers of deer and elk cross the highway at this location throughout the year.

An extraordinary amount of research and planning helps refine the most optimal location for wildlife mitigation structures. This project on U.S. Hwy 160 was identified because of large game collar data collected by Southern Ute Indian Tribe wildlife biologists, wildlife-vehicle collisions reported by highway maintenance crews and law enforcement, and a wildlife prioritization study performed by the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Colorado Parks and Wildlife agencies.

"This is an ideal situation, tribal land on each side of the highway, plus



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Director of Planning for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Douglas McDonald (far right) and Tribal Planning Project Coordinator, Mary Eagle (center) welcome the successful dedication of the US 160 Wildlife Crossing, following the multi-year collaborative effort between state and Tribe.

Forest Service to the north," Johnson explained. "Private land can make these projects more difficult, or impossible, depending on the landowner. This location was chosen based on years of tribal migration data, obtained by way of radio collars on mule deer and elk. US 160 crash data coincides with the radio collar data, migration data. [We're] hoping to reduce wildlife-vehicle crashes by an estimated 85%, we're never able to fully prevent wildlife access to roadways."

The Tribe's Wildlife Division seeks to secure future grant funding and a similar state and federal partnership that would continue with fencing and crossing structures to the west, as far as the Piedra River.

"It will take probably three years to see true numbers on how many animals are using the crossing structures and how much the wildlife vehicle collision rate is reduced, as wildlife need time to adjust and incorporate crossings,"

Johnson said. "Both mule deer and elk are highly motivated to get across Hwy 160 to access their seasonal ranges, so they should take to using the crossing structures — hoping to see 500 plus mule deer and elk pass through each season, but time will tell."

The US 160 underpass (west of junction CO 151) was in place in October of last year, and trail cameras have already confirmed its popularity as a big game thoroughfare; the Tribe has monitored hundreds of deer, and dozens of elk, using the underpass since its completion last fall. The overpass crossing is now completed and will also be monitored by cameras for wildlife activity in order to gain a better understanding of seasonal use, while also gathering data for future projects and potential improvements.

"This project is a shining example of the tools available to transportation and wildlife professionals to protect both motorists and migratory animals," Johnson emphasized. "These crossings are a physical representation of keeping a migratory corridor effective and keeping this landscape connected. This bridge that we are standing on ... this is not only a bridge between seasonal ranges for our wildlife, but as Chairman Baker alluded to, this is a bridge maintaining cultural connections between the Southern Ute people and the important wildlife species that will be crossing it."

ELKS program is back



Students perform a quick simulation on how waste management is important and how it can affect pollution.



Air Enforcement Specialist Crystal Kelly helps two students make their own water filter system to see which group could have the cleaner water at the end.

Photos by Krista Richards
The Southern Ute Drum

Community youth participated in the annual Environmental Leadership and Knowledge Seminar (ELKS) program held from July 13-14 at Justice and Regulatory building. Students were able to learn about environmental issues and awareness through experiments and hands on activities as well as the STEM field. The program is free for all local Native youth interested in environmental studies.



Sibrya Larry and Christian Cosio put their hands into a mixture during the STEM activities.



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The Southern Ute Singers perform an Honor Song at the US 160 Wildlife Crossing dedication ceremony.

AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

Water Part II: Balance

By Marvin Pinnecoose
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Cool Weather Grass

In part I of talking about water, we talked about hoping for rain. As a safety net, we also covered irrigation and how we purchase water for the year. The hope is to get water turned on as quickly as possible. All farmers hope that water will be avail-

able for irrigation as soon as April (pending weather that is favorable through the winter). Optimistic talk also hopes that the water will remain available into October. Both options will extend the grow season but not in ways that you might think. You see, most hay that is raised in this area is considered “cool season grass”. Growing up, I always thought that grass

started growing when you start watering it and ends with the last cutting somewhere around August. I am only now starting to understand the seasons of warm weather and cool weather grass. Brome, Timothy, and Orchard grass are cool weather grasses. These are also the primary content of hay bales in the area. Cool weather grass tends to flourish during the spring. Ideally, the grass is in its peak between temperatures of 60 – 80 degrees. As temperatures rise in the summer, the grass stunts its growth. Farmers talk about getting two or three cuts per yield off their field, but the distribution of growth is very lopsided toward the months of May and September. Many fall to the assumption that hot weather helps grass grow. This is true, but just not as true for cool weather grass. First cut seems to come at the end of June or the first week of July. First cut also brings in the bulk of yield for the year at 60% or more of the year total. In the hot summer months, we are merely keeping the fields hydrated and waiting for the lower temperatures of late August and early September. July and August see very little growth from the field. One could even say that these are frustrating months because we are feeding our sleeping fields. Let’s just focus on the idea that May and September are peak seasons for hay growth.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Always take time to admire the view. Most people are cooped up in an office hating the job they do to make a dollar. Farming is a connection to the land and the animals (or humans) that depend on it. Don’t forget to look up to see the beautiful backdrop of the landscape; admire an office view unlike any other.

Inflation

Wise hay customers keep track of pricing from multiple outlets in search of the best price. Price is determined by the cost of the inputs, labor, fuel, processing, tractor, maintenance, and logistics. The factors are quite lengthy, but for the purposes of this article, we’ll simplify it to these major costs. This year, we have seen a drastic increase in all these areas. Current prices of grass hay have risen to the range of \$14-\$17 per bale based on the increase of costs. Demand has surpassed supply and prices also rise when available units are so scarce. This puts a burden on the customer and the farmer. Communi-

cation on the specific reasons behind pricing help to keep tempers and anxiety down. The other factor to consider is water.

Water

In a previous article, I mentioned that April and May were extremely dry this year. I can only recall one small rainstorm that left less than 1/10th of an inch of rain. Every day was windy. I recall that it was windy for five weeks straight. This means that we had a very hard spring. Drought was the buzzword left from last year and it continued straight into 2022. I’m big on getting advice and doing comparisons of YouTube farm channels.

This year, most of these channels replicate the same message: Drought. We are seeing ranchers thinning out their herd due to heat exhaustion and health issues. Forage is scarce. Grazing pasture is dried up with no sight of rain on the horizon. Baled hay is in high demand and supplies are meek. I watched on one YouTube channel, an auction company had over a mile of livestock trailers waiting to be unloaded in Texas. Ranchers don’t have the resources to feed their herds and hard decisions are being made. This might lower the price of beef in the short run, but the demand for calves and

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BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

New XC coach plans to push Ignacio's pace

McCarter to build upon Holley-laid foundation

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Whether it was analysis of a high jumper's run-up to the bar, or a hurdler's stride length, or even a javelin thrower's hip turn and launch angle, the quartet listening to Karri McCarter's comments Friday, July 8, at Ignacio High School may have been small, but was most definitely talented.

Former Bayfield standout Jordan Lanning, now competing for Colorado State University and on the mend from injury, was present at the informal, off-season track-and-field instruction session, as was BHS product Amber Johnson (Fort Lewis College/University of Northern Colorado), 2022 Montezuma-Cortez graduate Avery Wright (a Colorado School of Mines commit), and even one Audrey Toppin, an eighth-grader this fall at Durango's Escalante Middle School.

"If it's not technically perfect – from form to splits – then you're not going to be the best you can be," McCarter said, while observing Johnson, her stepdaughter, end the morning running three 200-meter sprints and eventually cutting four total seconds off her initial time. "That also keeps us healthy ... very little injuries, and that's a good thing."

Certain to aid IHS in track next spring, McCarter's expertise, combined with knowledge of the area and its athletes, made her the leading – and since-secured – candidate to replace a relocating Daniel Holley as Bobcat Cross-Country's newest head coach.

"I've been looking into doing something where I can run my own program, so I applied for the position and got it!" said McCarter. "And it's exciting; when Amber ran cross-country, (Ignacio) kids had to run for Bayfield, so it's really nice that they have their own program now."

"But I don't think that I really knew that I did like coaching, until Amber," she continued with a grin. "I've been a competitive athlete my whole life, and this gives me the opportunity to still be involved with that."

"I know how good cross-country could be for me, in my personal life and things like that," said Hol-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen at the Ignacio High School track earlier this month, Karri McCarter is set to direct IHS Cross-Country this fall season.

ley, now residing in Birmingham, Ala., and set to teach fifth grade not ten miles south at Vestavia Hills Elementary-Liberty Park, "and I feel I was able to take cross-country from an unheard-of sport among the student body to 'Hey, we know what cross-country is!'"

"Ultimately, I had a different course in life come my way as far as growing up and starting a family, getting married And I feel like when you're raising a family you need a good support system around you, and distance doesn't help when it comes to that," he continued. "So I made a life change to be closer to family, to the gal I was dating – we're engaged now; I (recently) proposed in Aruba – and I just felt like now's the best time to make that move."

Now the program's third skipper since its 2018 girls-only rebirth, and with plenty of co-ed talent potentially returning, McCarter conceded that her new role this fall may require some on-the-job training. But she indicated she won't shy from it, either.

"Everybody knows me through track, not necessarily cross-country," she admitted. "But a kid who moved here this past year – a freshman at Durango who came from Atlanta – and contacted me through USA Track & Field. His name is Luke Swenk, and ... I realized 'I have a really talented young man here.' I needed to up my greatness as a distance coach to meet his."

"So I ... got my specialist training in cross-country through USA Track & Field, and that worked out well for here," McCarter continued. "I think (Ignacio's) built a really nice footing for our program, and now it's just baby-sitting what they've started and growing it."

"You know, I really hope so," Holley stated. "I feel like whenever you take on a responsibility like that you hope that you can leave something behind, that somebody else can inherit and improve upon."

"So, I think if they'll put their trust in her," he added, "and what she has to offer – it'll be totally different from me, just because no two people are the same – and embrace that change, I think they really could have some spectacular years."

"The 'macro' plan is set up for the entire season already, and we've started using it for the kids who are out here," said McCarter, saluting her harriers willing to start getting in shape for the 2022 grind. "I have all kinds of things lined up ... one-mile, two-mile, long runs, and they'll all be done and ran differently. There'll be acceleration runs, there'll be tempo runs, intervals ... and we'll do a lot of track work because this is where we're going to learn our pace."

"Also, the Casino's agreed to let us run on their grass, all around the Casino, and set up a course there once a week to train," she continued. "Cross-country's about all kinds of different surfaces and if you don't train to run on those surfaces, if you don't train to run uphill or downhill, then they won't know how. So we have all those kinds of runs set up."

"We're ready to roll," she emphasized. "We have all kinds of different workouts set up; we're excited to get started!"

"She's been doing this for a lot longer than I have, and knows how to do it," declared Holley, who guided IHS Cross-Country the past three seasons after replacing Marissa Duffey. "I feel like Ignacio made a great hire with Coach McCarter."



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen coaching distance runners during Ignacio's Spring 2022 track-and-field season, veteran cross-country skipper Daniel Holley has stepped aside after three seasons leading and developing IHS' harriers.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Still bearded as the Fall 2021 season came to a close, head coach Daniel Holley has stepped aside after three seasons leading IHS Cross-Country.

NATIVE BASKETBALL

New program gives Native American basketball players exposure to coaches and colleges

Staff report
NATIVE ORGANIZERS ALLIANCE

Native Organizers Alliance launched the First Light Scholar-Athlete pilot program to create exposure, access, opportunities, and preparedness for Native American students who are interested in establishing and widening their path into college athletics.

Starting on July 17, the program sent 14 Native student-athletes for a week of training hosted by the University of Massachusetts/Boston Institute for New England Native American Studies and to compete in a basketball tournament. Participants for this pilot program came from tribal communities in Utah, Montana, Wisconsin, New York, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Connecticut, and North Carolina.

There are more than 100 colleges and universities in New England offering basketball at the NCAA Division 1, 2 and 3 levels. Participants will have a chance to visit other area college campuses and connect with coaches and university staff to get an insight into what coaches look for when recruiting student-athletes to their programs and how to best prepare for the college admissions process.

"We are excited to provide this opportunity for Native student-athletes who are often overlooked by colleges due to underfunding and lack of scouting in rural communities," said TeAta DeCorah (Oneida Nation, Ho-Chunk Nation, Nakoda Nation), special projects manager for NOA. "We need to see more funding for programs like this so our youth can not only show their basketball talent

but explore educational opportunities as well."

DeCorah is a member of the pilot program's "advisory circle" alongside educational advisors and Native basketball coaches with high school and college experience.

Upon the pilot's success, Native Organizers Alliance plans to expand the reach of the program by opening up applications nationwide to all of Indian Country.

Basketball has been a widely popular sport on reservations and within rural Native villages across the country for decades, generating community pride and a fanbase that expands all age groups.

"Basketball is a pastime in many Native communities," said DeCorah. "Many see basketball as a modern expression of Indigenous identity, and a way to bring community together."

Shooting for the stars



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Elisia Cruz creates a gameplan alongside her chosen teammates on Saturday, July 23 during the Benefit Basketball Camp hosted by Elisia Cruz and Gabe Tucson at SunUte Community Center. The pair will be attending Bacone College in the fall and have been fundraising monies to assist in their higher education fees. During the basketball camp fundraising event, children learned various basketball skills and competed in a friendly scrimmage with their peers to complete the community event.

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THAT FARM LIFE • FROM PAGE 13



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Gated pipe is a better way to control water flow in a field. Couple this with strategically placed corrugation to maximize coverage and ease the process.

cow/calf pairs will drastically increase whenever this drought lifts. Water is the deciding factor in all of this. Excess heat with no hydration for either animals or plants has made for an unforgiving livestock year.

Minimize investments & infrastructure: High prices are affecting everything. Be mindful of whether now is a good time to start an expensive expansion or venture. There are no guarantees that prices will come down any time soon, so you may have to bite the bullet if time is a crucial factor. You will have to come to peace with the decisions you make but try to buckle up for the long run and keep unnecessary projects to a minimum.

Stay optimistic and stay the course: It is easy to let the negative take over on any given day. Think of all the positive changes that have occurred since last year. We cannot control the weather but the experiences we gain from going through



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Controlling water flow takes patience. Corrugating your field helps if you are flood irrigating. Over time, you will know the water flow of each setting. The second cutting is trickier because you will have higher grasses and weeds blocking your view. Learn the lay of your land early in the year.

tough times will only make us more resilient. Networking is key. Find people who you can partner with. Money isn't the only thing that can be traded.

Know your product, know your customer: Now that I know I have cool season grass and when it grows, I can leverage my harvest. I now know when to cut hay and how much to expect based on weather and wa-

tering. Just like the customer, we will have to tighten our belts when budgeting for supplies. Get to know what type of customers are looking for your specific offerings. It also doesn't hurt to ask them what they would like to see come from your farm or ranch. Be invested in their success and they will likely want to stay the course with you, even through tough times.

PERSPECTIVES ON SAND CREEK • FROM PAGE 3

Each exhibition element is being vetted and approved by tribal representatives. Following proper protocol, this consultation with the three sovereign tribal governments ensures the display respects the memories of the victims. In fact, at the request of the tribes, no artifacts from the day or site of the Massacre will be in the exhibition.

History Colorado's co-creators and designated tribal representatives include: Otto Braided Hair, Jr. of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, Montana; Ben Ridgley, Gail Ridgely, and Ryan Ortiz of the Northern Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming; and Fred Mosqueda, Chester Whiteman and Eugene Blackbear of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma.

The exhibit team is also consulting with other scholars on the Massacre's national significance, including Dr. Ari Kelman, author of *A Misplaced Massacre: Struggling Over the Memory of Sand Creek* (Harvard, 2015); Dr. Alexa Roberts, the first Superintendent of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site; and Dr. Laurie Arnold (Sinixt Band of the Colville Confederated Tribes), director of Native American Studies at Gonzaga University. "It's been great to work with Dr. Kelman and Dr. Roberts, who are walking textbooks on the Sand Creek Massacre, to strengthen this exhibition," said Ridgely. "We've had difficult times in the past with His-

tory Colorado. This exhibition shows commitment and dedication," stated Otto Braided Hair, Jr. (Northern Cheyenne). In 2012, History Colorado opened a previous exhibit to chronicle the Sand Creek Massacre. Due to inadequate tribal consultation, the exhibit closed.

Since then, History Colorado staff have worked closely with the descendants of the Massacre's victims to repair and re-establish relationships. Exhibition research and consultation is ongoing and includes dozens of phone and in-person meetings as well as trips to each of the three tribal communities. This collaboration has been highly productive and ensures the exhibition will properly honor tribal perspectives and represent the Cheyenne and Arapaho's distinct cultures, traditions, and history.

"The Sand Creek Massacre is a Colorado tragedy with national importance," said Sam Bock, historian and lead exhibit developer for this exhibition. "The soldiers who attacked the peaceful camp were U.S. troops, raised under the Union banner during the Civil War. Their goal was to exterminate the original people of this land."

"We have to acknowledge our history – including the darkest chapters – in order to heal and move forward," said U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper, who as Governor formally apologized for the Sand Creek Massacre on behalf of the State of Colorado. "This exhibit will ensure we never forget the horrific atroc-

ity at Sand Creek, and by doing so help prevent us from repeating it."

Commemorative efforts are ongoing in Colorado, and since 1999 have included the Sand Creek Massacre Spiritual Healing Run from the massacre site to Denver each fall. In 1909, a now-removed statue at Colorado's state capitol incorrectly referred to the massacre as a battle. In 2002, the state installed a second plaque explaining that the atrocity was a massacre and not a battle. Members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes are currently working with the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs on a memorial at the Colorado State Capitol that will signify the resilience of tribal people in the face of the losses they endured.

"The Sand Creek Massacre exhibition will demonstrate that people can work humbly together to remember and begin to heal from atrocities and betrayals such as this," said Shannon Voirol, Sand Creek Massacre project director at History Colorado. "It will also offer universal, timely lessons that fear, racism, and stereotyping can, and do, lead to catastrophic consequences."

"The Sand Creek Massacre: The Betrayal that Changed Cheyenne and Arapaho People Forever" was made possible by substantial grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The exhibition will open to the public, Saturday, Nov. 19.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

STRONG ELK PARENTS FINALISTS

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Strong Elk; I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected as one of 13 finalist couples for the honor of 2022 National Parents of the Year. Even as this letter is being written, our Selection Committee is deciding the Parents of the Year as well as the winners in four additional categories honoring outstanding parenting by civic leaders, by faith leaders, as parents embodying extraordinary sacrifice and as an outstanding single parent. Special recognition and finalist awards will be given to the remaining eight couples.

You have already come a long way in order to be a finalist. There were more than 50 very impressive nominee parents this year

from all over the U.S. That's more than any other preceding year. Our Selection Committee members, through prayerful consideration, have been working hard to choose the final winners from among the finalists.

The honorees in all the categories will be made known to the world at the 2022 National Parents of the Year Awards Ceremony to be held virtually this Sunday, July 24. We cordially request the honor of your presence at the awards ceremony.

Once again, congratulations on behalf of all the organizers of 2022 National Parents of the Year.

Sincerely,
Wendy Stovall – National Advisor,
National Parents' Day

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Southern Ute Fair Powwow
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Thank you,
Rochelle Aguilar,
Powwow Committee, Secretary

Food, gifts and more at SCC



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Southern Ute Tribal Council Vice Chairman, Ramona Eagle and her grandkids donate raffle gifts during the monthly Sip, Chat, and Chew (SCC) luncheon hosted by the Multi-Purpose Facility on Friday, July 15.

Tribal elder Luana Herrera is served by Stephanie Fasano during the Sip, Chat, and Chew luncheon. Ute elders gather each month to socialize and share a potluck style meal together at the Multi-Purpose Facility.



Correction

In a photo published in the July 15 issue of the Drum, The classes are in the 2nd summer semester of SILDI course offered via Cultural Preservation Dept. with Fort Lewis College – not a workshop. Classes will resume for Fall/Winter semester in September.

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Work Scope: Full Depth Removal and Replacement of select problem areas within the roadway. Also, install flow fill protective cap over top gas lines within FDR areas.

- **Location:** North end of Rolling Thunder Ave. over to Intersection of Arrow St. with Fry Bread Ave.

Traffic Control Impacts: (see 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 will remained closed throughout the length of the project for staging purposes.**

Dates of Impact: July 27 – November 16, 2022

- **Location:** Work at the intersection of Arrow St. and Fry Bread Ave. will be performed in half the intersection at a time.

Traffic Control Impacts: (see map) – Close half of the intersection at a time.

Dates of Impact: July 27 – August 5, 2022

- **Location:** Work on Lodge Pole Way between Burning Cedar Ave. and Sagebrush Ave.

Traffic Control Impacts: (see map) – Road Closure on Lodge Pole Way between Burning Cedar Ave. and Sagebrush Ave.

Dates of Impact: July 27 – August 5, 2022

SIDEWALK REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT

Work Scope: Select Removal and replacement of sidewalk/curb & gutter section with small crew.

- **Location:** Shadow Spirit, Elk Street, Frybread/Lodge Pole Way.

Traffic Control Impacts: Shoulder Closure only.

Dates of impact: July 27 – August 5, 2022

ASPHALT MILLING OF ROADWAYS

Work Scope: Mill 2-inches of asphalt from surface of select roadways.

- **Location:** Rolling Thunder from property line at CR110/318 up to Rolling Thunder/Elk Street intersection.
- **Location:** Elk Street from Rolling Thunder/Elk Street intersection up to Sage Brush/Elk Street intersection.
- **Location:** Lodge Pole Way from property line at CR110/318 up to Burning Cedar Ave.

Traffic Control Impacts: Single Lane Closure with alternating lanes of traffic as needed.

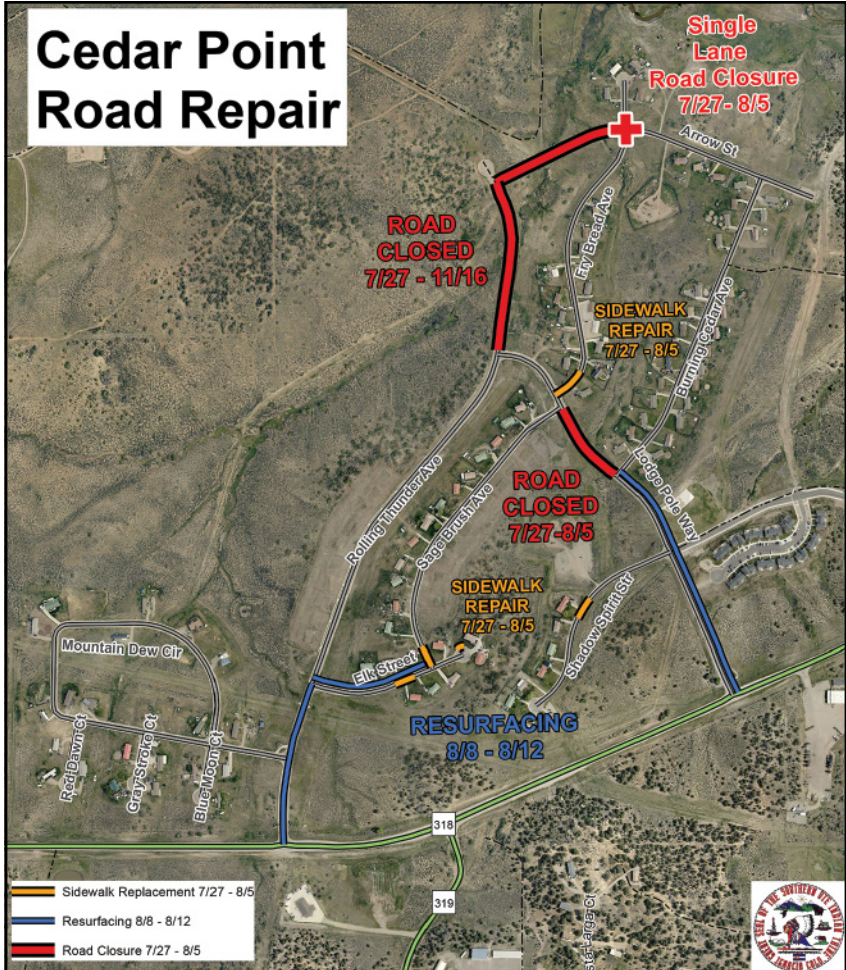
Dates of Impact: August 8 – August 12, 2022.

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is needed of Residents: Please be sure to keep vehicles, trash cans, toys, pets, and any other objects off of the roadways within the areas mentioned above throughout the dates of impact. Also, please keep sprinklers and other water from draining onto the specified street/sidewalk areas. Please note that schedules can, and do change depending upon actual field conditions, unforeseen conditions, weather, etc. **Recent, severe thunderstorms have setback the schedule on the project.**

Thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout the road repair work.

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



SOUTHERN UTE WILDLIFE

Avoiding black bear encounters

Staff report
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Over the past two weeks the Wildlife Division has been receiving an increasing number of calls about bears accessing trash cans in local neighborhoods. The Ignacio Peak and Cedar Point neighborhoods have been particularly hard hit. The Wildlife Division urges people to be aware of the potential for bears to be attracted to their properties if food attractants are available to them. Unsecured trash is the number one reason we are receiving calls at this time. Black bears actively forage from spring through summer and especially in the fall, and they will take advantage of easy food wherever and whenever it is available.

Black bears that habitually receive food from human sources often become used to close contact with people and begin to lose their natural fear of people. These bears will return to areas where they have found food in the past, so it is important to keep all food sources out of reach.

Only put trash carts out the morning of scheduled pick-up. If you need to store trash, please store it securely out of reach of bears and other wildlife. Tribal members may contact the Southern Ute Utilities Division to upgrade their trash carts to bear-proof models for



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

a small additional monthly expense. If used properly, these upgraded carts are nearly 100% effective at keeping all wildlife out of your trash. Additionally, we ask people to store pet food indoors and pick up any uneaten food remaining in pet dishes in the evening. Remove bird feeders each evening. Also, store barbecue grills indoors and avoid keeping full freezers outside your home.

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management believes in removing food attractants prior to taking steps to remove a bear. If attractants aren't removed, then another bear or other wildlife will likely continue to take advantage of the source. We consider relocating bears a last resort, however sometimes it is necessary, and we will work with homeowners in these instances.

If people see a black bear from a distance, it is important that they do not ap-

proach it. If a close encounter occurs, some general guidelines to follow are:

1. Stay Calm.
2. Stop and back away slowly while facing the bear.
3. Avoid direct eye contact. Direct eye contact may be perceived as threatening by a black bear.
4. Speak softly to identify yourself as a human and to show that you are not a threat to the bear.
5. Fight back if the bear attacks.

If you have questions or for more information, please contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management at 970-563-0130.

To report black bear encounters, contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management at 970-563-0130; the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers at 970-563-0133; or Southern Ute Dispatch at 970-563-4401.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribal Broadband Modernization Project to impact Bayfield Parkway

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Bonfire Engineering will begin construction on Bayfield Parkway entering the Town of Bayfield as outlined in Phase I of the tribal broadband project. Construction will take place along Bayfield Parkway beginning at the intersection of CR 516 traveling northeast along Bayfield Parkway into the Town of Bayfield, taking a left on CR 501 ending at the intersection of CR 501 and US Highway 160.

Crews will start at the intersection of CR 516 and Bayfield Parkway working northeast on Bayfield Parkway towards the intersection of CR 501 and US Highway 160. Construction will take place along the shoulder of the roadway. The broadband project will include trenching, boring, and plowing to lay fiber, as well as reclamation and seeding. Construction vehicles and fiber spools will be



visible on the shoulder.

Construction on both sections began on Tuesday, July 19, and conclude on Tuesday, Aug. 2. Hours of operation will be from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Traffic lanes will be narrowed on Bayfield Parkway. Motorists will be required to reduce speeds and travel safely around the construction taking place on the side of the road. Please remember to slow down in construction zones, eliminate distractions, and drive with extra caution.

Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway.

In the event of an emergency or to report a reckless driver, please contact Southern Ute Police Department by dialing 970-563-4401 or the Bayfield Marshall's Office at 970-884-9636.

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

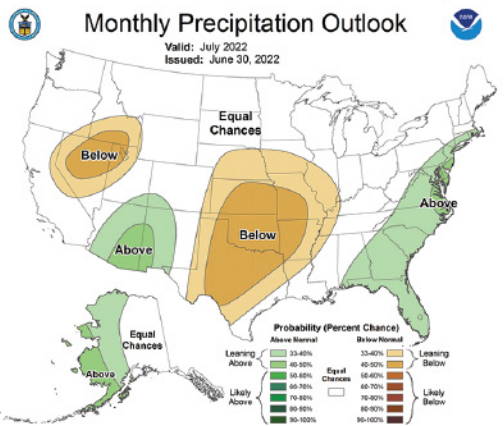


did you know?

The word "monsoon" is believed to come from the Arabic word "mausim" meaning "season" or "season of winds". The Southwest U.S. monsoon (sometimes called the North American Monsoon) is the seasonal increase in summer precipitation and typically occurs between June 15 to September 30 each year.

The Southwest Monsoon has started off strong, and forecasters are predicting the potential for a wet monsoon season this summer, particularly in Arizona and New Mexico.

Sources: <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/north-american-monsoon-and-drought-relief> & <https://www.colorado.edu/resources/intermountain-west-climate-dashboards/latest-briefing>
Please contact the Environmental Programs Division Environmental Program Manager, Mandy Eskelson at 970-563-2256 or meskelson@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions, comments or concerns.





Southern Ute Election Board
Office Hours

The Election Board will resume normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. starting in August.

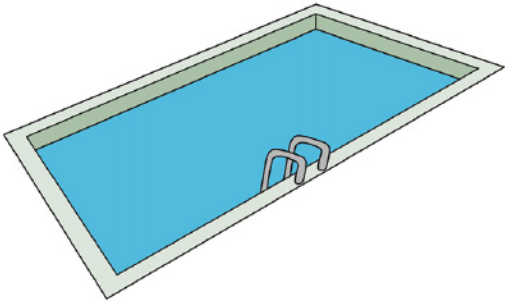
Thank you and please remain safe.



285 Lakin Street, P.O. Box 737 MS#32, Ignacio, CO 81137, (970) 563-2303 or 2305, election@southernute-nsn.gov



Pool Closure Notice



Saturday, August 6th the pool will be closed from 10am to 1pm for a lifeguard in-service.

The pool will be open from 1pm to 4:30pm following the in-service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Aquatics Manager-Roman Vasquez @ (970)563-2653.

Southern Ute Public Opinion Survey

Here is your opportunity to have a say in substance use services and facilities for your community. All participants will have the opportunity to win one of eight \$20 gift cards!

We are currently searching for participants to complete a survey. All responses will be kept confidential. Southern Ute Tribe has teamed up with Kauffman & Associates, Inc. for the survey and to provide recommendations on next steps for substance use services and facilities within the Southern Ute Tribal community. Participants must identify as Native American; be adults (18 years +); live on the reservation or receive services from the tribe.

The survey is available through the QR codes on posters displayed at the casino and clinic, electronically through a link, and also by hard copy at the Southern Ute Health Center.

The results of the survey will be shared with the Southern Ute tribal community at the upcoming community meetings KAI will be facilitating in mid-August. We look forward to hearing from you!



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Fixed Route Service to Durango Monday through Friday.

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. 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).



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



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 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 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

Benefits Coordinator (Part-time w/Benefits)

Closes 8/4/22 – Under the general supervision of the Benefits Manager, performs billing, data entry, customer service, and administrative duties associated with employee benefits administration. Incumbent performs benefit administration duties for the employee benefit plan which includes medical, dental, vision, life, long term disability, flexible spending account, supplemental benefits, leave plans, and the retirement plan. Pay grade N10; Starts at \$18.32/hour.

Cashier

Closes 8/8/22 – Provides general clerical support to the Accounts Payable/Receivable and Payroll offices and serves as cashier. Pay grade N6; Starts at \$13.47/hour.

Community Resource Officer

Closes 7/30/22 – Under the general supervision of the Senior Community Resource Officer, provides prevention awareness activities to the community and serves as a liaison between the Southern Ute Police Dept. and the community. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/hour.

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator

Closes 8/3/22 – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. May require an employee to be placed on a winter furlough period of at least two months per year, but not more than four months. Pay grade N9; Starts at \$16.88/hour.

Receptionist

Closes 7/29/22 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade N5; Starts at \$12.54/hour.

Records Clerk

Closes 8/8/22 – Provides professional, technical, clerical and program support to the Records Division and the Department of Tribal Information Services as directed. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/hour.

Social Worker

Closes 8/3/22 – 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.

Soil & Water Conservationist

Closes 8/10/22 – Assists in activities related to the conservation of Tribal soil and water resources and manages the noxious weed control program. Activities are conducted in a manner that promotes the wise use, development, and conservation of resources while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable Federal or statutory regulations. Pay grade E15; Starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Teacher Aide

Closes 8/4/22 – Supporting the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After-School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade N4; Starts at \$12.32/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers 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.

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. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. This position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Elementary Teacher

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

Elementary Teacher Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – 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

Open Until Filled – 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.

Lake Capote Recreation Assistant

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

Lifeguards (Full-time and 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.

Patrol Officer II

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; Starts at \$23.81/hour.

Public Education Elementary Teacher

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

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Accounting Assistant II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 8/15/22 – Under the direction of the Accounts Payable Supervisor, provides accounts payable and accounting support to the Red Willow Production Accounting Department.

Gas Measurement Technician Trainee – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing 8/19/22 – This four-year trainee program is designed to provide training, mentoring and on the job experience in order to learn and

completion of daily operational and technical assessment of all gas measurement related activities and work tasks.

Receptionist/Office Assistant Trainee – S.U. Growth Fund (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 8/12/22 – Trainee program is designed to provide training and experience for up to 18 months to learn and coordination of office duties and job functions including maintaining positive and effective working relationships with coworkers, supervisors and the public.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Systems Engineer – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 8/5/22 – Server/data center maintenance, troubleshooting, and issue resolution for all Tribal entities. Add/move/changes in server/data center systems. Assists Network and Security teams and Senior Administrators with managing information systems, servers, routers, and other data center infrastructure appliances as well as provide support and direction for Desktop and Help Desk support of all Tribal entities.

Senior Systems Engineer – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 8/5/22 – Server/data center design, maintenance, troubleshooting, and issue resolution for all Tribal entities. Add/move/changes in server/data center systems. Assists Network and Security teams and Senior Administrators with managing information systems, servers, routers, and other data center infrastructure appliances as well as provide support and direction for Desktop and Help Desk support of all Tribal entities.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

Social Services Division Head

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

Swimming Instructor (Part-time)

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

TEAM Worker (So. Ute Members Only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. 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.

Ute Language Teacher (Part-time w/benefits) (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Curriculum Specialist in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff, and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). 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.



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	Ute Language 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.

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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

OPENINGS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR
Positions are open until filled unless otherwise noted

- Bus Driver
- Elementary Teacher
- Reading/Language Arts Interventionist
- High School Gifted and Talented Teacher
- Middle School Science Teacher
- Permanent Substitutes
- Secondary Math Teacher
- Secondary Asst. Principal/Athletic Director
- HS Cross Country Assistant Coach
- HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- MS Head Football Coach
- 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.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

Apply on-line at www.sococaa.org or call 970-563-4517 for more information.

- Inter City Bus Operator \$20.50/hr. – Full-time
- Substitute Teacher \$13/hr. – Part-time
- Program Coordinator \$15/hr. – Full-time
- Monitoring Technician \$12.56/hr. – Part-time
- Dial-a-Ride Driver \$18.25/hr. – Part-time
- Transit Drivers \$18.25/hr. – Part-time
- Addiction Specialist \$25/hr. – Full-time

Multi-Purpose Facility
August Indoor Yard Sale



Saturday August 13, 2022
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

No Admission Fee - No Set-up Fee
(Doors open at 8:00 AM)

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
Call the MPF to reserve your table 563-2640 or
e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



Multi-Purpose Facility
August Elder Craft Day

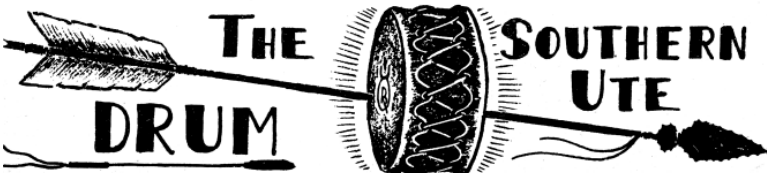


Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun

Monday Monday August 8, 2022
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Adults Only Please

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



Advertise in The Drum, call 970-563-0118!

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

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

*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

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

Event Staff (Full-time and On Call)

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

Audio Video Technician (Full-time)

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

Line Cook (Full-time)

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

*Bingo Staff (Part Time)

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

Cafe Cashier (Full-time)

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

*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.

*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.

*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.

*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

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

*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.

*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.

*Multi Games Pit Boss (On Call)

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.

Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

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

Bowling and Rec. Counter Clerk (Full-time)

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

Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

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

*Surveillance Video Technician (Full-time)

Installing, repairing, and performing preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV cameras, recording devices, upgraded equipment, and related wiring on property. Technical troubleshooting using basin electronic testing equipment.

*Sports Book Ticket Writer (Full-time)

Providing outstanding guest service while writing and paying Sportsbook tickets and providing information to guests. Collecting bets, cards, or tickets from players and ensuring that all bets are placed before the game begins. Verifying tickets and paying out winning tickets.

**Must be 21 years of age to apply.*

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.: 2022-0084-CV-NC
Shivon Tia Herrera, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Shivon Tia Herrera has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Shivon Tia Young. 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 AUGUST 15, 2022. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 14th day of July, 2022.
BY THE COURT,
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2022-0085-CV-PR
Jordan Joshua Rivas, 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 16, 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 14th of July, 2022.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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



NATIVE MEDIA

Drum wins 9 National Native Media Awards in 2022

NAJA recognizes outstanding journalism in Indian Country



First Place: Best Feature Photo
"Apache Crown Dancers visit Ignacio"
Robert L. Ortiz – The Southern Ute Drum: November 19, 2021.



Second Place – Best Photo of Native America
"Horse Empower brings families closer, fosters communication"
Jeremy Wade Shockley – The Southern Ute Drum: October 8, 2021.

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Native American Journalist Association (NAJA) announced the winners for the 2022 National Native Media Awards, Tuesday, July 19. The Southern Ute Drum took home a total of nine awards including a second place win for Best Digital Publication and third place win for General Excellence in Professional Division I – Print / Online categories.

Southern Ute Drum Graphic Specialist, Robert L. Ortiz brought home a total of three awards – including a first place win for Best Layout under the design category. Ortiz also earned a first place win in the category of Best Feature Photo for his photo coverage titled, "Apache Crown Dancers visit Ignacio" and a second place award for his coverage of the Behavioral Health initiative titled, "Celebrating

youth resilience in Southwest Colorado." Former Drum Reporter/Photographer, McKayla Lee brought home awards in writing and photography. She earned a first place award for her news feature titled, "Fort Lewis takes further steps towards reconciliation" in the Best News Story category. Lee also took home a third place award in the Best News Photo category for a feature titled, "Kindergarteners advance to first grade!"

In the Associate Divisions I & II Combined Categories, Southern Ute Drum Editor, Jeremy Wade Shockley earned two awards for photography. Shockley snagged a second place win in Best Photo of Native America for his photo coverage titled, "Horse Empower brings families closer, fosters communication." Plus, an honorable mention for his images of the Southern Ute Bear Dance, in the feature, "Sister tribes gather for Bear Dance."

The Southern Ute Drum competes in Professional and Associate Division I for newspapers with a print circulation under 5,000. Digital excellence reflects our newspaper website and social media presence. The Drum's affiliation with NAJA goes back to the early 1990's; the association's mission is stated as – Empowering a unique network of members and journalists covering Indian Country. NAJA serves more than 900

members, including media professionals working in tribal, freelance, independent, and mainstream news outlets, as well as academia and students covering Indigenous communities and representing tribal nations from across North America. NAJA will recognize outstanding Indigenous journalism in 2022 with an in-person ceremony during the National Native Media Awards to be held Saturday, Aug. 27 in Phoenix, Ariz.



Third Place: Best News Photo
"Kindergarteners advance to first grade!"
McKayla Lee – The Southern Ute Drum: June 4, 2021.

Multi-Purpose Facility August Events

Senior Breakfast - Wednesday August 3, 2022—10:00 AM—11:30 PM
----- Open to all Seniors 55 + years

Elder Craft Day—Monday August 8, 2022—10:00 AM—3:00 PM—Adults Only Please

Yard Sale—Saturday August 13, 2022—9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Sip Chat & Chew—Friday August 19, 2022—11:30 AM—1:30 PM—
-----All Three Ute Tribes & families

UFO's UnFinished Objects—Tuesday & Thursday August 23 & 25, 2022—Sewing & Beading Projects

Quilt Class—August 30 & September 1, 2022

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, July 29

Partly cloudy 74°F
Showers & thunderstorms 90%

Saturday, July 30

Partly cloudy 80°F
Showers & thunderstorms 80%

Sunday, July 31

Partly sunny 83°F
Showers & thunderstorms 60%

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

July 28

August 5

August 11

August 19

August 27

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1 Name meaning "fire around"

5 Cot site

9 Mil. plane for short runways

10 Districts

12 Indigenous Northern California people

13 Hinge bolt

15 "--- but not heard"

16 Fishing city and island in the Aleutians

17 The Legend of --- Hollow, South Dakota

19 Approved

20 Animal trail

23 Ancient lettering

25 Gear tooth

26 Eastern state in Oklahoma? It's really a Washington lumber town

28 On the right part of a highway

30 "Four Seasons" writer and actor

34 Spotted cat

35 Grumpy

36 Bicker

37 Tournament rnd.

38 Admission considerations, briefly

39 Impertinence

Down

1 WWW connectors

2 Chiwere

3 "... just a little southeast of --- ..." ("North to Alaska", Johnny Horton hit)

4 --- Álvarez de Piñeda, who mapped parts of Central America and the Gulf Coast

5 Manco ---, Inca Emperor

6 The North Dakota Hundi

7 Bill of fare

8 Old Blood and Guts

11 Hydrate

14 A loop doesn't have any

18 Settle

20 How Cicero would have said "I know"

21 Tribe of Nebraska and, separately, of Oklahoma

22 Girl watchers

24 Official decrees

27 Doles out

29 Primitive aquatic organism

31 Barry Manilow's Copacabana bar girl

32 Serious traffic arrests

33 Borne by soldiers

Answers for this crossword will appear in August 12 issue of the Drum.

Answers for July 15, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Lira, 5 Black, 10 Onus, 11 Ladies, 13 Ores, 14 Shovel, 15 Pesos, 17 Rice, 18 Comanche, 21 His, 24 Odd, 25 Sit, 26 Oriental, 29 ROMs, 30 Meats, 34 United, 37 I see, 38 Selena, 39 Ling, 40 Reedy, 41 Anno.

Down: 1 Loop, 2 In re, 3 Rues, 4 Assoc, 5 BLS, 6 Lah, 7 Adorn, 8 Civics, 9 Keechi, 12 Sleet, 16 Soon, 19 MDT, 20 Adam, 21 Horus, 22 Ironer, 23 Simile, 27 Estee, 28 Leila, 31 As in, 32 Tenn, 33 Sego, 35 End, 36 Day.