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# Royalty crowned and ready for Tribal Fair



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Contestants for the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant line up for a chance to get group photos from family and friends after the crowning ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. Pictured (left to right) are: Brave, Henry White Skunk; Brave Runner-Up, Osias Goodtracks; Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Shayne White Thunder; Junior Miss Southern Ute Second Alt., Maleina Carel; Little Miss Southern Ute, Cyana Whiteskunk; Junior Miss Alt., Myla Goodtracks; Junior Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz; Miss Southern Ute Alt., Isabella Cloud; Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzales; and Miss Southern Ute Second Alt., Rhianna Carel.

Grace Gonzales (right photo) was crowned Miss Southern Ute and Isabella Cloud was crowned Miss Southern Ute Alt. on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. All contestants showcased their talents such areas like traditional dance and crafts, as well as in Ute language and Ute history.

See more Royalty coverage on page 3.

## SUNUTE FITNESS

# Learning the ropes

By Divine Windy Boy  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member, Jakob Box is the new personal trainer intern at SunUte Community Center. During his internship, Box will fulfill personal training appointments and fitness assessments as well as a number of secondary responsibilities. Box has been training at Sun-Ute since Tuesday, Aug. 23 and will be interning for roughly three months from that date. Box will also be heading the "Lunch Walking Club" program, which is set to begin on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Box will be learning what it is like to work in a dynamic position as well as to work as a member of a highly functioning and productive team. While a trainer's primary responsibility is to complete personal training



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Jakob Box is currently interning at the SunUte Community Center as a personal trainer. During his time at SunUte, Box will learn the primary and secondary responsibilities of being a personal trainer as well as gain knowledge and experience working with a variety of clients that utilize the fitness center.

appointments and fitness assessments, there are a number of other responsibilities that he will take care of such as: cleaning fitness equipment, washing towels used by guests, providing the Front Desk with staff coverage when needed, assist-

ing other programs and divisions, and interacting with the community through various events that are open to the public.

Following a brief interview with SunUte Fitness

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photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

## Veterans welcome visitors



Director of the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs, David Callahan observes the tribal history timeline in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum on Wednesday, August 31, during a tour of Tribal Campus in Ignacio. Callahan visited the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to meet with Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard D. Richards Sr. Callahan is connecting with all regions to meet face to face with veterans' representatives in an effort to establish better communication. His goal is to ensure all veterans are able to access benefits.

Southern Ute Vietnam combat veterans, Ronnie C. Baker and Howard D. Richards, Sr. share a laugh together during a welcome speech for the 10th anniversary Durango Colorado Veterans Poker Run, which graced Ignacio on Friday, Sept. 2. Bikers finished their full day ride at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park that afternoon, where they received welcome remarks from the Tribal Council and Southern Ute Veterans Association — recognizing the sacrifices made by all veterans past and present.



See more Poker Run coverage on page 8.

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

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## McDonald retires from Tribe



Terence Whyte/SU Drum

Director of Planning for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Douglas McDonald retired from Tribal Planning on Friday, Aug. 26. Tribal Planning Project Coordinator, Mary Eagle and Tribal Planning Administrative Assistant, Roman Seibel organized a going away party for McDonald in the Hall of Warriors, recognizing his many years of service to the tribal organization.

## Tribe bids farewell to Tree



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Renee Tree bid farewell to fellow employees on Monday, Aug. 29 during her going away potluck organized by the Internal Audit Department. Tribal employees gathered in the Buckskin Charlie Room to share food and tell stories of their time working alongside Tree.

## LEARNING THE ROPES • FROM PAGE 1

Director Abel Velasquez, he says working alongside Box has been great. “Working with Jakob, so far, has been amazing and it is a joy to have him as part of our team, he is a self-driven, highly motivated person with a very open and friendly personality,” Velasquez said. “With the traits that Jakob possesses I can see him being very successful in his future, regardless of what he decides to do. I am excited to see what Jakob does over the next couple of months with us.”

Having obtained his personal training certification through the National Academy of Sports Medicine, Box has been able to begin personal training with clients at the SunUte Community Center as well as assist with the “Ute Elders and Their Friends” workout classes. Upon absence of another trainer, Box had the opportunity to lead a “Ute Elders and Their Friends” workout class.

“It was in the moment Abel [asked] ‘you’ve sat in on a class, would you

be able to instruct it?’ and I was like yeah, they didn’t leave any plans, so I had to come up with the entire plan,” Box said. “I was really happy with the end of it – that they were all good, still standing and happy.” After the experience, Box shared that the elders enjoyed the challenge that he had provided in teaching them new material.

SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth is happy to have Box working as a new trainer and emphasized that she is excited to see what he accomplishes during his internship. “To have a young tribal member come back and want to be here and learn from someone like Abel, it is fantastic,” Duffy-Wirth said. “I’m hoping for him that he gets people that come and work-out with him – he is a great trainer; he’s had years of working on his own body and he knows what to do and if he gets lost or has a question, he has so many people he can ask.”

Box hopes to delve into injury rehabilitation train-

ing in the future and is eager to learn all he can from his peers at SunUte. By the end of his internship, Box will be able to work with a wide variety of clients and will be able to work with anyone comfortably and successfully, regardless of training age or physical limitations.

“Injury rehabilitation training is where I’m going to have some studying to do and a little bit more training for myself, it’s always just been muscle growth and development,” Box said. “It’s a challenge that I’m ready to accept and learn more on because I know a lot of this community has injuries and they feel that the trainers here can help out a lot, I really want to perform that for them, make sure that they can come here and know that I will do a good job with that.”

For more information regarding personal training at SunUte Community Center or to schedule a personal training appointment, contact a trainer at 970-563-0214.

## Many Moons Ago



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Yellow Jacket provided the drum beat for the Native American dancers in the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot in Ignacio on Sept. 1. Southern Ute cultural dancers performed in various dance styles and encouraged participation from spectators during a round dance.

This photo was first published in the Sept. 7, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

A truck from the Sky Ute Redi-Mix pours another load of concrete that will help form sidewalks and curbs on the streets that surround Veterans Park. The construction has forced closure of portions of Ouray and Mouache Drives to the north and east of the Tribal Annex Building, but drivers can now use Weminuche Drive as it comes off Highway 172 and gain access to the Health Clinic and the Southern Ute Head Start Building.

This photo was published in the Sept. 6, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

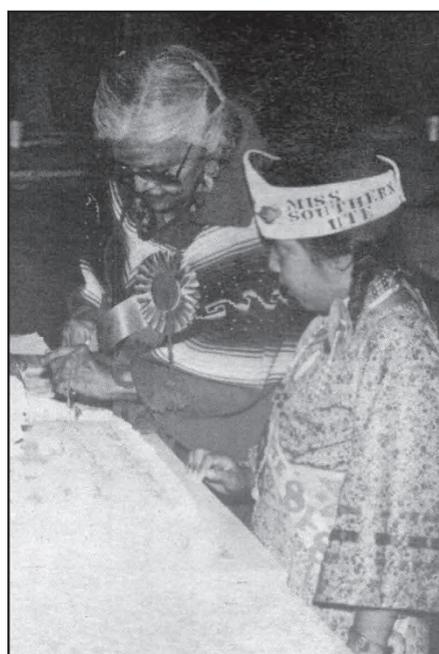


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## 30 years ago

The Headstart Program will be expanding their classroom space with this new trailer.

This photo was published in the Sept. 4, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

Sunshine Smith and Leah Sage cutting the cake in their honor for the present and past queens of the Southern Ute Tribe.

This photo was first published in the September 10, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

**Tribal Broadband Project Road Construction Reminder**

Traffic lanes will be narrowed along US Hwy 172 traveling northwest to the intersection of US Hwy 160. Motorists will be **required to reduce speeds** and travel safely around the construction taking place on the shoulder of the road. Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway.



Henry Whiteskunk was chosen as Southern Ute Brave to represent the Southern Ute Tribe with Osaias Goodtracks chosen as Southern Ute Brave Runner-Up.

# Welcoming Royalty



Southern Ute Council Member Marge Barry shares a moment with her granddaughter Grace Gonzales during the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant. The Pageant allows for royalty contestants to meet with Tribal and community members and for family and community members to showcase their support.



Members of the Southern Ute Royalty Committee crown Myla Goodtracks as Junior Miss Southern Ute Alternate.

Photos by Fabian Martinez  
The Southern Ute Drum

**I**n the tradition of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair, members of the Southern Ute Tribe, Royalty Committee, family, and community welcomed the newest members of the Southern Ute Royalty for the 2022-23 season on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. This is the first royalty pageant and crowning to occur since the 2019-21 season. Ten contestants showcased their knowledge of the Southern Ute Tribe, Ute language, dance, and cultural skills in front of a panel of judges in hopes to be crowned. A formal introduction and talent portion allowed for all contestants to display why they could be the best fit to represent the Southern Ute Tribe with a crowning to follow later in the evening. The pageant included a keynote from former royalty member, Marcy Ekiko who discussed her time as royalty and the impact it has had in her life. A prayer was given by Matthew Box. Royalty from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Jicarilla Apache Nation were present in support of contestants and to welcome the newly crowned Royalty.



Royalty Committee members and tribal elders, Jennifer Goodtracks and Corliss Taylor await the results for the newest members of royalty.

## Native Art Market and Juried Show



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More info at [www.southernutemuseum.org](http://www.southernutemuseum.org)  
970.563.9583

## Golden Wing rendezvous



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Newly crowned Southern Ute Royalty, Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Izabella Cloud greets the bikers during the motorcycle event at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center on Saturday, Aug. 27.



Ute Mountain Ute tribal member, Darion "Shark" Keeswood, shows off his dance style to onlookers and fellow dancers.

The drum group, Catching Eagle from Towaoc, Colo., performed songs during the Golden Wing Motorcycle Event.

## HEALTHY RECIPES

# Impress your family with zucchini shrimp boats

By Lisa Smith, RDN, CLC  
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Want to impress the family and make them feel like they went to a fancy restaurant?

Try this easy, healthy recipe! To keep the cost down, buy what is on sale.

Since the shrimp is cut up, you can use whatever size suits your pocketbook.

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



courtesy All Recipes

### Zucchini Shrimp Boats

- 4 zucchinis, cut in half lengthwise
- 1 tablespoon oil (olive, canola, etc.)
- 2 Tablespoons butter, divided
- 12oz large raw shrimp; peeled, deveined, tails removed (thaw if frozen)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 plum tomatoes, diced
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- Salt and pepper to taste
- ½ cup panko breadcrumbs
- ½ cup grated parmesan
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley

### Directions

#### For the zucchini boats

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Scoop out flesh of the zucchini halves (leave zucchini border about ¼" thick).
3. Chop the scooped-out flesh and place in a bowl, set aside.
4. Place zucchini halves in a baking dish, sprinkle with olive oil, salt and pepper.
5. Bake until tender, about 15-20 minutes, remove from oven and set aside.

#### For the shrimp filling

1. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large skillet over medium heat, add shrimp, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper to taste.
2. Cook until shrimp is pink, about 3-4 minutes, remove from skillet and chop into bite sized pieces, set aside.
3. In same skillet, heat 1 tablespoon butter.
4. Add zucchini flesh, tomatoes, and garlic. Cook for about 2-3 minutes. Turn off heat.
5. Add shrimp to zucchini mixture and stir to combine.
6. Place mixture evenly into baked zucchini boats.
7. In a small bowl, mix panko crumbs and parmesan, sprinkle evenly over zucchini/shrimp boats.
8. Place zucchini/shrimp boats back in oven and heat for an additional 10-15 minutes or until golden and heated through.
9. Garnish with fresh parsley. Serve and enjoy!

Serves 4

Nutrition per serving: Calories 317, Fat 17g, Sat fat 8.5g, Carbohydrates 13.6g, Fiber 3g, Protein 30g, Sodium 525mg, Ca 328mg, Vit D 4mcg, Iron 4mg

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# BEE HEARD: Grief and addiction

By James Hayes, CADC-2, ICADC  
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Death and loss are components of life that every person will deal with at some point in their lives. The term grief is defined as “the response to loss” of “deep sorrow, especially that caused by someone’s death” (Oxford Language, 2022).

What many don’t realize is that people also grieve when they give up drugs, alcohol, and nicotine. In some ways it is like the end of a relationship or marriage. Symptoms of this grief are like what is called “post-acute withdrawal symptoms,” better known as “PAWS.” PAWS represents the psychological withdrawal that comes on after physical withdrawal ends, such as shaking and vomiting.

Like PAWS, symptoms of grief include depression and anger. The pioneer of the study of grief and loss, Elizabeth Kubler Ross, identified that there are five stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance (Stanaway, 2020). With addiction, denial tends to be a tool most people will use; statements like “I don’t have a problem” or “I will just have one drink.” Grief and denial within addiction can look more like “I only had a problem with meth, I did not have a problem with alcohol.”

Many addicts become angry when faced with sobriety. Getting sober can be scary, and anger is born out of fear. Bargaining can follow, making statements to themselves like “I will stop for two weeks, then I will be ok.” Depression may follow, which is why it is vital in early recovery to find something to fill that void those drugs and alcohol once filled. Twelve Step meetings and individual or group counseling are great ways to start. Spiritual practices and physical exercise are two wonderful ways to get the brain to fire in a natural way instead of using substances.

The final stage is acceptance. In order to move forward, one must accept that this is the way things are now. Grieving is a process, and acceptance does come in time. Another author does state that there is a sixth stage of grief, and that stage is meaning. Understanding the meaning behind life events also comes

in time but cannot come before one has accepted what has happened and where they are at currently.

For anyone who is struggling with substance abuse, grief and loss, or other mental health issues, there is help. Southern Ute Behavioral Health has services that include psychotherapy, trauma therapy, family therapy, group therapy, and substance abuse counseling. We also have Medication Assisted Treatment to help treat opioid use and alcohol use disorders. Please reach out if you or a loved one is struggling by calling 970-563-5700.

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ed States, and suicide rates among American Indian and Alaska Native communities rose by 118% between 1999 and 2017.

Suicide is PREVENTABLE. 988 is one step in the direction of saving lives. This early intervention can reduce the burden on 911 and hospital services. 988 will move mental health and substance use services out of the shadows and into the mainstream; it will send a message that healing and getting help are normal and important parts of life.

### What is 988?

988 is a direct three-digit line to trained National Suicide Prevention Lifeline crisis counselors. With an easy to remember 3-digit number, the Lifeline hopes to reach many more people in emotional and substance use crisis. This service is provide FREE of charge to the caller. Any person of any age can call or text 988; services are available 24/7, year-round. There is a text option, translation services for non-English speakers, accessible options for people who are deaf or heard of hearing, and services for minors.

When you’ve got a police, fire, or rescue emergency, you call 911.

WHEN YOU HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY, YOU CAN CALL/TEXT 988.

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For more information about suicide prevention, warning signs, and how to protect your friends and family, please reach out to the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700.



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## Vertical training



courtesy SunUte

SunUte’s Bird Red, Recreation Coordinator and Kelsey Frost, Facilities Operations Manager get the Ignacio youth ready to climb in the gym, Friday, Sept. 2. This is all a part of the Activity Friday that SunUte offers Ignacio youth during their four-day school week. The kids are from Ignacio Elementary School, and they visit SunUte on Friday mornings, due to the shorter school week, for Activity Friday. Recreation staff work with students in the pool as well as in the gym. “We’re so excited to be a part of this program, we get to build relationships through trust and fun,” SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth said.



Southern Ute Health Center

## After Hours Care Line

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



## Showing appreciation



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Tribal Health Director, David Tonemah introduces Optometry Technician Sheryl McManus and thanks her for her longtime service to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Tribal Health Department. McManus received a Pendleton blanket and thanked attendees for their support as she transitions into retirement.

Chief Nursing Officer Lee Williamson prepares burgers to be served during the Tribal Health luncheon held on Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Southern Ute Health Center. The event celebrated new employees, employee birthdays, as well as to bid farewell to longtime Optometry Technician Sheryl McManus.



Southern Ute Behavioral Health  
970.563.5700  
Mary Trujillo-Young & Jennifer Goodtracks  
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+ introduce +

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Tribal members and Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) patients can utilize the new Patient Advocate Line for issues and concerns regarding the provision of their healthcare. This will help the Tribal Health Department and SUHC ensure that we are providing the highest quality care for tribal members and our patients. The line can also be used to give shout-outs to healthcare staff who are going above and beyond.

Try it out today!

Produced by Lindsay J. Box

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

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**Positive Indian Parenting**  
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## CHILDREN'S HEALTH

# Tàuchupikivi Sùmuguavi “Good Brain, Strong Heart”

### Insect bites and stings

By Sandra Beirne, MD  
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

This time of year always seems particularly full of insects. I imagine the tiny creatures sensing that cooler weather is on the horizon and furiously scrambling to maximize their short lives. As we humans also sense cooler weather coming and seek to maximize our time outside, sometimes we collide and are left with an insect bite. Fortunately, most insect bites or stings in our area are nothing more than an irritation for a few days, but even with mosquito bites there are situations where it can be painful or even dangerous.

Mosquito bites are the most common insect bites and are typically a 2–3-day itchy frustration. In some people, most commonly kids, a larger reaction occurs with impressive swelling, redness and pain around the bite site that can last for days. Known as “skeeter fever” because it can also be accompanied by a low-grade fever. It usually resolves with age and can be treated preventatively with antihistamines like loratadine or cetirizine during the mosquito months, and ibuprofen and ice packs if bites occur. Sometimes it can be difficult to tell if a child has a bacterial skin infection or a skeeter fever reaction, so don't hesitate to bring them in to be seen if you have any question about it.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Rarely, mosquito bites can be dangerous if the mosquito is carrying the West Nile virus and they transmit it to a human in their bite – particularly to an older adult or someone with a chronic illness. In 2022, there have been 39 cases of West Nile virus in Colorado and three deaths. So far this year there have been no human cases or mosquitos that tested positive for the virus in Southwest Colorado, but in the past five years there have been cases in all three nearby Colorado counties: Montezuma, Archuleta, and La Plata. There is no treatment once a person gets the virus, so though it is uncommon and currently not detected in our local region, mosquito bites can be dangerous and preventing bites through clothing and repellent is our only prevention strategy.

Bees, wasps, yellow jackets, and hornets all have the potential to sting humans. For most stings, the stinger will develop a mildly pain-

ful area with redness that gets better after a few hours and can be treated with an ice pack. About 10% of people will get a “large, local reaction”: a much larger, much redder, much more painful area around the sting that gets bigger for a couple of days and takes 5-10 days to completely resolve. This can be treated with prescription medications to ease the intense itch and pain. In a small percentage of people, a sting from one of these insects causes anaphylaxis - a severe allergic reaction that can be fatal. It necessitates rapid treatment with epinephrine into a muscle, usually the outside thigh and a trip to an emergency room.

I hope you and your families enjoy the last weeks of summer bite and sting free!

You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Clinic for insect bite or sting concerns or anything else by calling 970-563-4581.

**MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY**  
**September Sip, Chat & Chew**

**Saturday September 10, 2022**  
**After the Fair Parade**

Mini Craft Fair - open to all 3 Ute Tribes  
Set-up a table, sell your crafts, baked goods  
Call to reserve your space

The Dinner is open to members of the 3 Ute Tribes, and their families, all ages are welcome

MPF will provide food

Door Prize donations and side dishes are welcome

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

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe**

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**WHERE: Online – Virtual sessions –**

**Download the “Microsoft Teams” App for access**

**WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays in September 2022**  
**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**

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

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

**SUIMA**

## Kwanachigani pə'əkwatu Eagle's Nest

*Students are glad to be back*

**By Mari Jo Owens,  
Principal**  
So. UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI  
ACADEMY

The school year has begun and SUIMA students are glad to be back.

We have our outdoor environments set up, the gardens are weeded, and the older students are already settling into their lessons; the meals from the school kitchen have been wonderful.

We have celebrated birthdays, a staff wedding, and are creating projects for the upcoming 100th annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair.

All-in-all, it has been a good first week of school.

### School Board and Parent Advisory Group

Our school board is meeting the first Tuesday of the month. Currently, they are having work sessions only and will be opening meetings

to the public in the future.

Our PAG meetings will be the third Tuesday of the month. More information will be coming out soon. Family Nights have not yet been scheduled.

### Nuu'apaghapi (Ute phrases and sentences)

- 'aghara'aqh təravach? How is the weather?
- Tavinikya'aqh. It is sunny.
- Tari'i'iqh. It is hot.

### Upcoming events

- **Sept. 9** – Fishing Derby: Some classes may attend.
- **Sept. 10** – Fair Parade: Look for the Education Dept .float!
- **Sept. 20** – Parent Advisory Group meeting – 6 p.m.
- **Sept. 23** – No school for students: Professional Development Day for staff

## Back to school



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Board Members from the Kwiyagat Community Academy in Towaoc, Colo. attend the University of Colorado Back to School Barbecue on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. The BBQ was open to the Southern Ute tribal community to introduce President Sailman, his staff and the Board of Regents. Tribal members were able to express interests and share ideas on how the University of Colorado could help them and the community.

Southern Ute tribal member, Malia White Thunder attends the University of Colorado Back to school barbecue on Tuesday, Aug. 23 with her family.



## Specialists at SUIMA



**Jessie Sanchez-Special Education Specialist** - 970-563-2707, [jsanchez@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jsanchez@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Hello all, my name is Jessie and I have been in Education for 16 years. I have a bachelor's degree from Fort Lewis college in Elementary Education and a master's degree from Adams State University in Special Education. I taught 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade in the public school and Special Education k-12. This is my second year at SUIMA. I love to work with students in any area of their education. My role here at SUIMA is the coordination of special education needs for students and families. I have 4 boys who went through SUIMA and love what and how they were taught. My oldest son Rowdy has two girls who attend Bayfield Elementary, Dalton is chasing his dreams and can be seen on the Cowboy channel riding bulls for the PRCA. RJ is a welder who lives where work takes him, currently in Wyoming. Dustin is a senior at Southwest Oklahoma University studying Natural Resources. He can also be seen on the Cowboy channel riding bulls for the PRCA or college rodeo.



**Rachel Akey - Speech-Language Pathologist** - 970-563-2714, [rakey@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:rakey@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Hi everyone! My name is Rachel Akey and I am a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) at SUIMA! I have worked in schools for 5 years and I have worked at SUIMA for the past 2 years as an SLP. SLPs can support the school by offering prevention, assessment, and treatment of communication and swallowing needs. I am originally from Arvada, CO and I currently live in Durango with my husband. In my free time I like to travel, go on walks, spend time with family, and paint.



**Meg Dunn - Counselor** - 970-563-2701, [mdunn@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mdunn@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Maykh! My name is Meg Dunn and I am the Ed. Counselor here at SUIMA. I am very happy to be here and serve the students and families through Social Emotional learning and individual counseling. My given Ute name is Tavapaa Mamachi which means Sun-Water Woman, a name that reflects my love of all things water and enjoying that element especially on sunny days. When I am not working here at school you will find me swimming, kayaking and paddle boarding in lakes, rivers and oceans and in the winter months skating, skiing and snowshoeing with my dog Mocha (always) and often with my husband and two teenage children. I love living in the San Juan mountains and nature is my therapy. I enjoy sharing the support nature offers with the students as well as creating healthy social and emotional awareness and habits.



**Debra Lamoreaux - Reading Specialist** - 970-563-2705, [dlamoreaux@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dlamoreaux@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Hi! My name is Debbie Lamoreaux and I am one of the reading specialists at SUIMA. I have been teaching for 34 years. I taught for a year in Okinawa, Japan and for 11 years in Albuquerque prior to moving to Durango. I have been at SUIMA since the doors opened in 2000. I taught for 18 years in the LE 2 classroom and have been a reading specialist for the last 4 years. I work with K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students and host the Scholastic Book Fair each year. I live in Durango with my husband and Chihuahua named Izzy. I have a daughter and son-in-law who live in Denver and a son who lives in Bozeman, Montana. In my free time I like to read, listen to books while walking and spend time with my family.



**Lori Smith - Reading Specialist** - 970-563-0253 Ext. 2715, [losmith@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:losmith@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Hi, My name is Lori Smith and I am a Reading Specialist here at SUIMA. I work with students who need support with their reading skills. I love to read, hike, travel and spend time with my family. This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at the school, and I am so happy to be a part of this amazing community of learners! I can support all families with any reading questions or resources you may need, don't hesitate to reach out to me at 970-563-0253 Ext. 2715 or [losmith@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:losmith@southernute-nsn.gov)



**Andrea Hudspeth - Special Needs Aide** - 970-563-2700, [ahudspeth@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:ahudspeth@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Hello everyone, I am super excited to start the new year at the beginning and I want to tell you a little about myself. I am a mother of three boys that go to the Bayfield school district. I enjoy gardening, all outdoor activities as well as sports. I may not be as fast and quick, but I believe it always is a great mental break for myself. If you see me around just know I will always say hello and help if I can.

## Families attend open house



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Lawrence Santisteven and family attend the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's open house, Thursday, Aug. 25, held in the school playground area. Southern Ute tribal departments, including the Health Clinic had tents up to provide helpful information and goodies for families.

Parents met one-on-one to fill out paperwork and get information about their student's classes during the open house in the primary level classrooms.



## TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED

Southern Ute Tribal Administrative Offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 10, 2022 in observance of Indigenous People's Day. Tribal offices return to normal business hours on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

## Máykh pítan,

We invite you to volunteer with SUIMA's Ute Language Department for

### Sewing - beading - crafts

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Volunteer time will go towards your Parent Commitment Contract

|              |             |          |
|--------------|-------------|----------|
| September 7  | December 7  | March 29 |
| September 21 | December 21 | April 5  |
| October 5    | January 18  | April 19 |
| October 19   | February 1  | May 10   |
| November 2   | February 15 |          |
| November 16  | March 1     |          |

In the Ute Language Classroom

(970) 563-2749

**VOLUNTEER!**

Daisy Bluestar/Ute Language Specialist  
Tuusaghwapuuchipa'awamamachi  
[dbluestar@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dbluestar@southernute-nsn.gov)

Shawna Steffler/Ute Language Guide  
Tavamawisiuwatiget  
[ssteffler@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:ssteffler@southernute-nsn.gov)

Maria Rivera/Ute Language Guide  
náana'asimamachi  
[mrivera@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mrivera@southernute-nsn.gov)

Schedule may be subject to change

# SUIMA

Parent Advisory Group  
(PAG) Meeting

## TUES. SEPT. 20

6:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

A virtual meeting link will be sent via remind text messaging to SUIMA families.  
Attendance will be counted towards Parent Commitment Contract.





## Bringing home the gold



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Drum staff traveled to Phoenix, Ariz. for the 2022 National Native Media Conference hosted by the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) Thursday, Aug. 25 to Sunday, Aug. 28. Collectively the team won nine NAJA awards for their exemplary work in print media and photography – including awards recognizing the newspaper for General Excellence and Best Print/Digital Publication.



KSUT Tribal Radio and Southern Ute Drum staff enjoyed their time at the 2022 National Native Media Conference hosted by NAJA, during the trip staff engaged in workshops to improve journalism skills and photography skills, practiced networking, and received recognition for their journalistic accomplishments in 2021.

Southern Ute Drum Graphic Specialist, Robert Ortiz proudly shows off his well-earned awards for his design layout as well as his photography, following the awards banquet on Saturday, Aug. 27.

## 6th annual Green Chili Fest



photos Terence Whyte/SU Drum

Farmers Fresh employee Analise Mahnken gives a hungry customer a freshly made elote during the Green Chili Fest which was held on Saturday, Sept. 3 in Ignacio.

Street performers, along with belly dancers and other performers closed out the Green Chili Fest. Farmers Fresh will continue to grow the Green Chili Fest as the town saw its biggest turnout to date with this year's event in downtown Ignacio.



Isiah Valdez prepares to throw a cornhole bag against his opponent at the 6th Annual Green Chili Fest. The Fest included a cornhole tournament, green chili and salsa contest, along with other activities on Saturday, Sept. 3.

### ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBER HUNTERS

Laguna Pueblo Hunt Opportunities Available

Please contact the Wildlife Division for more information

(970) 563-0130



Barbary Sheep



Pronghorn



Tahr



## Hunter Education Course

INTERNET-BASED



**Date:** October 1, 2022 (Saturday)

**Time:** 8am-3pm

**Location:** Ignacio, Colorado (Sun Ute Community Center)

This One Day INTERNET-BASED Hunter Education Course, needed to qualify for a Colorado Hunter Education Certificate, will be offered October 1, 2022 (8am-3pm) at the Sun Ute Community Center, 390 Mouache Drive, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.

**Course fee:** Total \$34.50. \$24.50 for the online course and \$10 for the conclusion class.

Class size is limited to 25 students.

Minimum age requirement is 12 or older. Parents of younger students are encouraged to attend with their child.

**Pre-registration is required.**

Register online at <https://register-ed.com/events/view/186756>

The major portion of this course uses the Internet to complete the mandatory homework. The online portion of the class must be completed before attending class on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Class time on Saturday is 8am-3pm with a one-hour lunch break. Students must complete the online course, attend the class, and pass a written and live fire test. **Do not bring** any firearms or ammunition to class, all supplies will be provided.

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

#### Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

- Distribution Fri., Sept. 30 NOON, Fri. Sept. 23, 2022
- Distribution, Fri., Oct. 28 NOON, Tue. Oct. 25, 2022
- Distribution, Thur., Nov. 10 NOON, Mon., Nov. 7, 2022 (Changed Date)
- Distribution, Wed., Nov. 23 NOON, Fri., Nov. 18, 2022
- Distribution, Thur., Dec. 8 NOON, Mon., Dec. 5, 2022

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



### The 2022 First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt

The First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt is a limited-draw hunt held from December 1st – December 31st, 2022, on the Southern Ute Reservation. There will be only ten permits allotted for this hunt.

#### Important Information

- All hunters must comply with all rules set forth in the Southern Ute Reservation Hunting Proclamation.
- Permitted 1st Descendants are only allowed to hunt on tribal trust lands within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Access permission must be obtained to hunt on tribal land assignments. Private property (including allotted parcels) and San Juan National Forest lands are not available for 1st Descendant hunting.
- All applicants must submit a Descendancy Letter to the Wildlife Division. These can be obtained from Tribal Information Services (TIS).

#### Hunt Information

- The hunt is open only to Southern Ute First Descendants.
- Season Dates: December 1 – 31, 2022.
- Weapon Type: Any Legal Weapon.
- Application Period: September 1 – October 28th, 2022 (Applications must be submitted by October 28th, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.).
- Application fee is non-refundable.
- Applicants must submit a descendency letter from Tribal Information Services.
- Ten permits will be available by limited draw only.
- The drawing will be in early November.
- Permits will be issued beginning November 14th, 2022.
- Successful hunters must have their elk validated.

- Bag Limits: 1 Antlerless Elk.

For More information and to find a link to the SUIT Store please visit the Website at: [First Descendant Antlerless Elk – Southern Ute Indian Tribe \(southernute-nsn.gov\)](https://www.southernute-nsn.gov)

Please call the Wildlife Division (970) 563-0130 for more information

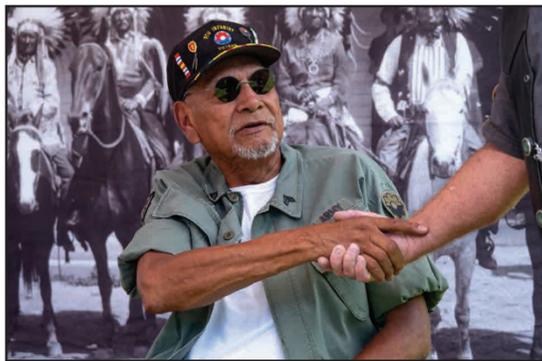
## Veterans roll into Ignacio



Per tradition — members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association, Tribal Council and riders from the Durango Colorado Veterans Poker Run gather for a formal photograph in Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park to commemorate the annual ride across Southwest Colorado.



Longtime friends, Shannon Brown and Linda Baker share a laugh together at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.



Southern Ute Vietnam combat veteran Howard D. Richards, Sr. emceed the annual Durango Colorado Veterans Poker Run event in Ignacio, welcoming riders to the Southern Ute Reservation.



David and Josie Latham, take part in the Durango Colorado Veterans Poker Run each year.



Southern Ute Vietnam combat veteran, Rod Grove, shares his experiences as a veteran and association member with attendees during the annual poker run.

**The 10th anniversary Durango Colorado Veterans Poker Run returned to the Southern Ute Reservation Friday, Sept. 2, where they were welcomed by the Southern Ute Veterans Association and tribal dignitaries for the second year in a row. The reception took place in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park and featured live music, guest speakers, and plenty of giveaways. This year's poker run event had over 120 registered riders and raised close to \$6K in funding; the majority goes to funding the Veterans Relief Committee.**

**Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
The Southern Ute Drum

### Tribe hosts Veterans Affairs



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard D. Richards Sr., showed the Director of the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs, David Callahan and Area Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Christy Cunningham the back portion of the Vietnam Service memorial monument.

Southern Ute Museum Collections Manager, Tallias Cantsee, gave a tour to the Director of the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs, David Callahan and Area Veterans Service Officer, Christy Cunningham which he told them a little bit of history about each exhibit in the museum and the background history of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



Southern Ute singers perform an Honor Song ahead of the Southern Ute Veterans welcome address — left to right, Jake Ryder, Sam Burch, John Chavarillo, Tyson Thompson, and Tim Ryder.



Motorcycle riders from across the region, and beyond, gather at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park for the 10th anniversary Durango Colorado Veterans Poker Run.



## Welcome back students!



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute council member Vanessa Torres chats with Easton Velasquez while students play with stuffed animals during the first day of school, Thursday, Aug. 29.



Jaceon Richards and Lawrence Santistevan II get ready to pass and receive the beanbag, a classroom activity to learn the names of new students and visiting Tribal Council Member.

Southern Ute council member Dr. Stacey Oberly catches a bean bag used in a game of introductions for Southern Ute Indian Montessori Students on the first day of school, Thursday, Aug. 29.

## CU President visits Tribe



Southern Ute Education Director and tribal member, LaTitia Taylor, introduces the visitors from the University of Colorado during a work session held on August 22. Efforts include building a career pathway program to entice Southern Ute tribal members to pursue higher education at the University of Colorado.



Southern Ute council member Vanessa Torres takes a moment to speak with Education Distance Learning Specialist Trainee and newly crowned Miss Southern Ute First Alternate, Izabella Cloud on her own career path.

## Walk for winning hand



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Vice Chairman Ramona Eagle hands out cards to tribal employees at the second stop of the Tribal Council Poker Run/Walk event held on Tuesday, Aug. 30. During the 1.8-mile course tribal employees visited six stopping points to collect a card from a Tribal Council member, the winning hand was determined by standard poker hand rankings, four winners with the best five card poker hand won prizes such as gift cards, admin leave, and gift certificates to local restaurant Seven Rivers at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Tribal Council member Marjorie Barry gives directions to employees as they pass the final stopping point of the Tribal Council Poker Run/Walk event. The event sponsored by Tribal Council saw a total of 76 participants, the event was held to show appreciation to all staff.



The President and Board of Regents visited with Tribal Council to discuss ways to strengthen the relationship between the Tribe and the University of Colorado. This is the second time in two years the President Todd Salomon and the Board have visited the reservation.

Photos by Lindsay Box  
Southern Ute Council Affairs



## Growth Fund General Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Sky Ute Casino Resort, Event Center

### Agenda

|            |                               |                                     |
|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 9:05 a.m.  | Invocation                    | Tribal Elder                        |
| 9:10 a.m.  | Opening Remarks               | Tribal Council                      |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Growth Fund Overview          | Growth Fund Directors               |
| 10:45 a.m. | GF Private Equity             | Mr. Jonathan Abshagen               |
| 11:15 p.m. | GF Properties                 | Mr. Pat Morrissey                   |
| 11:45 a.m. | Luncheon                      |                                     |
| 12:45 p.m. | Aka Energy                    | Mr. Coy Bryant                      |
| 1:05 p.m.  | Red Cedar Gathering Company   | Mr. Coy Bryant                      |
| 1:35 p.m.  | Red Willow Production Company | Mr. Jason Hooten                    |
| 2:20 p.m.  | Elder CPI-U / Dividend        | Mr. Darrell Owen & Mr. Shane Seibel |
| 2:45 p.m.  | Questions & Answers           | Growth Fund Directors & Staff       |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Closing Prayer                | Tribal Elder                        |

**Only written questions will be allowed.**

Submit your question on paper to GF Administration Staff. Tribal Members may submit questions prior to the meeting to [GenMtgQA@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:GenMtgQA@southernute-nsn.gov)

For more information, please contact Ms. Debbie Garner at (970) 563.5007 or via email at [dgarner@sugf.com](mailto:dgarner@sugf.com)

*This is a closed informational meeting for membership ONLY, all visitors will be asked to leave immediately.*

**Web-Ex Event Registration**  
<https://bit.ly/3pcjx24>



### Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2022 General Election

#### Two (2) Tribal Council Seats

The Election Board has determined these dates for the upcoming General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code

**General Election**— Friday, November 04, 2022 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. held at 285 Lakin Street in Ignacio

**Notice of Election**— Wednesday, October 05, 2022

**Voter Registration Deadline**— Wednesday, October 26, 2022 by 5 P.M.

**Absentee Ballot Request Deadline**— Wednesday, October 26, 2022 by 5 P.M.

**Emergency Absentee Ballot Request Deadline**— Thursday, November 03, 2022 by 5 P.M.

#### Tribal Council Candidates

Marvin J. Pinnecoose

Edward Burch Box III

Matthew J. Box

Marjorie D. Barry

Conrad Thompson



**Contact the Election Board at** (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2729

**Off Reservation Tribal Members:**

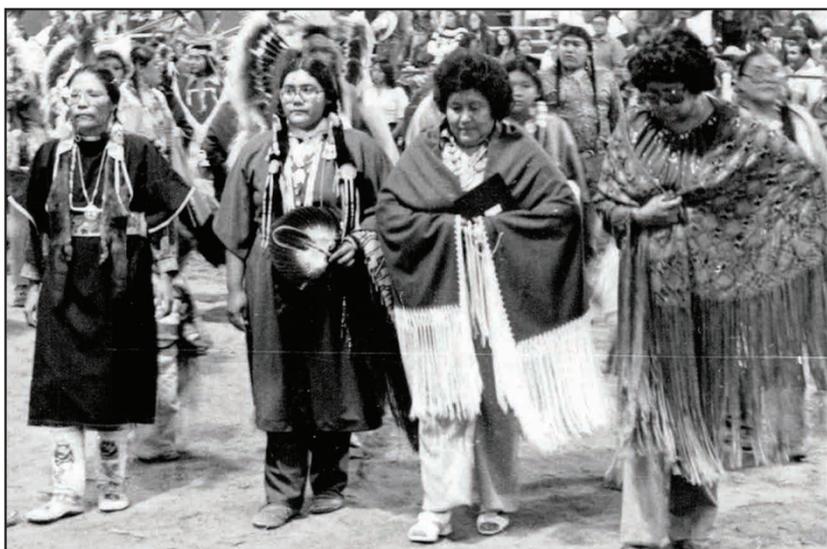
Telephone: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303

**Email:** [election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)

# Southern Ute Tribal Fair POWWOW



**1985 Tiny Tots/Youth dancers line up:** Youth dancers line up for a song at the 1985 Tribal Fair Powwow.



**1980 Intertribal:** Southern Ute elder Shirley Frost participates in the Grand Entry along with Williamette Thompson and Elise Redd during the Tribal Fair Powwow in 1980.



**1984 Drummers:** A drum group performs a song at the 1985 Tribal Fair Powwow on Friday September 21, 1984.



**1986 Intertribal:** On Sunday afternoon, Tribal Fair Powwow in the Sky Ute Downs indoor arena with over 125 dancers in Grand Entry.



**1988 Special:** Raymond and Edna Frost participates in a special with their children Heather and Jeanette Frost at the 1988 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow.



**1988 Dancer:** Men's Northern Ute dancer competes at the 1988 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow.

Being a participant in powwow isn't an inconvenience to our daily routine, it is an upgrade to our Native lifestyle. Being a dancer or singer means that on any given weekend, a person can meet up with people who identify with their passion, discipline, and culture. Powwow is like rodeo in that there are structured divisions that a person chooses. Someone could decide to be a grass dancer, a jingle dress dancer, a fancy dancer, etc. Each of these styles requires practice, repetition, and determination in order to excel. Dancing is physical and some may even compare it to sports. The beauty of dancing is that you can participate for as many years as you wish. No coach can cut you from the team and there is always a powwow happening on any given weekend.

Dancing and singing are ways to express yourself and to inspire others. It is also a long road of learning. Learning to maintain and build an outfit or drum requires care and compassion. Traveling to far off places and representing your tribe becomes an honor that we dancers and singers do not take lightly. This issue of the Southern Ute Drum illustrates a small portion of the pride and privilege of being a part of the powwow circle. Please join us at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow. See the beauty and feel the pride. There's something about it.

— Marvin Pinnecoose, Events Coordinator  
Cultural Preservation Department



**Grand Entry:** Councilman Eddie Box Sr., George Tahooahnitpah, Head Man Dancer, and Michelle Cloud, Headwoman dancer led the Grand Entry.



## 3D Archery Shoot Out Archery Tournament

Youth Open: 6-17 Years Old

Youth Traditional: 6-17 Years Old

Hunter Class: 18 Years and Up

Senior Hunter Class: 50 Years and Up

Saturday September 10th

Starting Time 7:30 AM

Meet up at the **NEW Archery Range** (north of softball field by MPF)

For more information call 563-0214 (ask for Rec)



**FREE!**

**OUTDOOR CO-ED**

**3 VS 3**

**VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

(4 MAN ROSTER, 1 FEMALE ON COURT AT ALL TIMES)

**SATURDAY, SEPT 10TH**

**@ SUNUTE PARK, STARTS AT 12PM**

**1ST PLACE WINS A FABULOUS PRIZE!**

ALL TEAMS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 11:AM ON SATURDAY, SEPT 10TH



CONTACT SAGE @ 563-2656 FOR MORE INFO



THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Invites You

## 100th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Parade

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

Theme: "REZ'ILIENCE"

Parade lineup and registration will begin at Ignacio High School at 7:30 a.m.

For more information, contact:  
Sapphire Ortiz at 970-563-2985 or sortiz@southernute-nsn.gov

## SAM BURCH MEMORIAL HORSEMANSHIP

*Sponsored by the family of the late Sam Burch*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

1:00PM

SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS, INFIELD

CATEGORIES

CLASS I-ADULT (18 YEARS AND OLDER)  
CLASS II-YOUTH (17 YEARS AND YOUNGER)

OPEN TO ALL NATIVE AMERICANS ENROLLED IN A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

JUDY LANSING  
970-749-7116

NICOLE LANSING  
505-934-1903

## 100TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR



## ARM WRESTLING CONTEST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

2 PM

SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS (INFIELD)

CATEGORY: ALL AGES

MUST SIGN A WAIVER

RULES WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE EVENT



For more information, contact:  
Charles Hamby at (970) 563.2861



## 20TH ANNUAL JALAPENO EATING CONTEST



CASH PRIZES!  
\$300 GRAND PRIZE

SAT., SEPT. 10, '22  
SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS  
SIGN UP AFTER PARADE - CONTEST 2 PM

MEN & WOMEN DIVISIONS

FIRST TO EAT 5 JALAPENOS WINS! - INFO: ROBERT ORTIZ - 970-903-0346

NATIVE REZ-OLUTION CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

## BACK FOR THE ATTACK!



100th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair 2022

## NATIVE REZ-OLUTION YOUTH CONCERT

FREE ADMISSION! • EVERYONE WELCOME!



SAT. SEPT. 10, 2022 • 4 PM

Sky Ute Fairgrounds • Ignacio, CO

NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED!

Created by Robert Ortiz

## 100th annual Southern Ute Fair Skate Park Competition

Saturday, September 10, 2022

5:30pm @ Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park

### Age groups:

\*13 and under

\*14 and up

\*35+ and up (skateboard only)

### Events:

\*BMX Bikes

\*Skateboards

\*Scooters

Open to everyone

FREE EVENT

Prizes for top 3 per age group per event.

If you have any questions contact SunUte Community Center at (970)563-0214





## \$5 PANCAKE Breakfast



### MENU

- Pancakes
- Eggs
- Sausage
- Coffee
- Orange Juice

8 AM - 11 AM

Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall  
Benefiting the Ignacio Varsity Girls Basketball Team



For more information, contact:  
Trae Seibel at (970) 764-8098

## Sunday, Sept. 11

Prizes  
1st - 3rd



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, September 11, 2022

This competition is open to all ages

ENTRY FEE: \$300 PER TEAM OF 4 (\$75/PLAYER)

Includes 18 holes, golf cart, custom golf tees, & water bottle

Hillcrest Golf Club

2300 Rim Drive, Durango, CO 81301

SHOTGUN START 8:30AM

Registration Contact

Kim Morris at (970) 759.0048



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

9 AM

SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS (INFIELD)  
NO ENTRY FEE  
3-MAN TEAM  
PRIZES: 1ST - 3RD PLACES



### TIPI-RAISING JUDGING RULES

- CONTESTANTS WILL USE TRIBAL TIPI PROVIDED
- FASTEST TIME TO ERECT THE TIPI
- EACH TEAM WILL BE GIVEN 45 MIN. TO ERECT THE TIPI
- TECHNIQUE OF ERECTING THE TIPI
- EACH TEAM WILL HAVE ONE CHANCE TO ERECT THE TIPI

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
BYRON & ETTA FROST AT (970) 946.4061



# TIPI-RAISING

## CONTEST

## 100th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Grease Pole Climb

Sunday, September 11, 2022

11:00 AM

Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Infield)

## CASH PRIZES



All participants  
must sign a waiver

Individual adult category: 13 years & older  
Team adult category: 13 years & older  
Kids category: 4 - 12 years



For more information, contact:  
Southern Ute Growth Fund/ TMEAC  
Nathan Strong Elk at (970) 563.0623

## 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 & GOURD DANCE TIMES

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

### CONTEST CATEGORIES

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

### VENDOR INFORMATION

Arts/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 Pinnecoose (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.

# Frybread Contest

Sunday, September 11, 2022

11 AM

Sky Ute Fairgrounds, North Parking Lot



### CATEGORIES

- Single Category:
  - 15-17 years
  - 18 & Older
- 2-Team Category:
  - 14 years & younger

### Contest Rules

- Flour, salt, baking powder, shortening, and water will be provided
- Must bring your own utensils, bowls, potholders, etc.
- NO PRE-MADE DOUGH WILL BE ALLOWED!
- Each contestant will be provided with (3) matches to start a fire.
- No paper to be used to start the fire, no outside help.
- Frybread will be judged on color, texture & taste.
- NO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES!
- JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL!
- 20-minute time limit
  - build a fire
  - prepare dough
  - fry two frybreads to be judged, (swap two of your best within 20 minutes if needed.)

For information, contact: Lisa Burch at (970) 799-2056

## FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT DUSK

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, 2022  
SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS • IGNACIO, CO



## ALL NATIVE AMERICAN CHICKEN PULL

Sunday, September 11, 2022  
1:00 PM  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds Horse Track  
18 & over  
**ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK**

MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
MARVIN PINNECOOSE AT (970) 563.2988

### Baby Contest

12 PM  
Sunday, September 11, 2022  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn

Open to all Native Americans  
Contestants can only enter one category

**Age Groups**  
Infants: 0 to 6 months  
Crawlers: 7 months to 1 year  
Toddlers: 2-3 years

**Judging**  
Best Native Regalia  
Best Western Wear  
Best Formal Wear

For more information, contact:  
Crystal Rizzo at  
(970) 563.2306

### All Native American Best Hand Painted Horse

**Prizes 1st -3rd**

Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022  
3:00 PM  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds Horse Track  
All Decisions Are Final!

**Categories**  
Adult: 18 & older  
Teen: 13-17  
Junior: 12 & under

**Must provide your own paint**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
LYNSEY HANNA AT (970) 764.6990

### YOUTH STICK HORSE RACE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 | 3:30 PM  
SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS HORSE TRACK  
IGNACIO, CO 81137

**must provide own stick horse  
10 & under**

For more information, contact:  
Marvin Pinnecoose at (970) 563.2988

### 100th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair

- Stickgame Tourney: Sept. 16-18, 2022 at Sky Ute Casino Events Center
- Rodeo: Sept. 16-17, 2022 at Sky Ute Fairgrounds

Both events are in Ignacio, Colorado

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR RODEO

SU DRUMJ McKayla Lee

Sky Ute Fairground, Ignacio, CO 81137  
September 16 - 17, 2022-7 PM Each Night  
SLACK September 17- 9 am

**\$11,000 Added Purse**

**NO stock fees for contestants 100% payback**

**Added Attraction Mutton Busting**  
Open to first 12 individuals who sign up 1 hour before each perf

**OPEN RODEO**  
Not a sanctioned event

| Event            | Entry Fee | Added    |
|------------------|-----------|----------|
| Bareback         | \$100.00  | -\$1,000 |
| Saddle Bronc     | \$100.00  | -\$1,000 |
| Ranch Bronc      | \$100.00  | -\$1,000 |
| Bull Riding      | \$100.00  | \$2,000  |
| Tie Down Roping  | \$100.00  | \$1,000  |
| Steer Wrestling  | \$100.00  | \$1,000  |
| Team Roping (x2) | \$100.00  | \$1,250  |
| Ladies Breakaway | \$100.00  | \$1,000  |
| Barrels          | \$100.00  | \$1,000  |
| Jr. Bull Riding  | \$60.00   | \$250    |
| Jr. Barrels      | \$60.00   | \$250    |
| Steer Riding     | \$40.00   | \$250    |

For more information contact:  
Buckingham  
(505) 330-4612  
buckinghamrodeo@yahoo.com

### Southern Ute Tribal Fair STICKGAME TOURNAMENT

September 16-18, 2022  
Sky Ute Casino Events Center

| 2-Man Stickgame Tournament   | Main Stickgame Tournament        | 3-Man Stickgame Tournament       |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Entry Fee: \$50              | Entry Fee: \$150                 | Entry Fee: \$100                 |
| Registration: 4 p.m. -6 p.m. | Registration: 11:30 a.m. -2 p.m. | Registration: 12:00 p.m. -2 p.m. |
| Not Indian Time              | Not Indian Time                  | Not Indian Time                  |
| Single Elimination           | Double Elimination               | Double Elimination               |
| <b>Prizes</b>                | <b>Prizes</b>                    | <b>Prizes</b>                    |
| 1st: \$1000                  | 1st: \$5000                      | 1st: \$1500                      |
| 2nd: \$700                   | 2nd: \$4000                      | 2nd: \$900                       |
| 3rd: \$300                   | 3rd: \$3000                      | 3rd: \$600                       |
|                              | 4th: \$2000                      |                                  |
|                              | Consolation Bracket \$1000.00    |                                  |

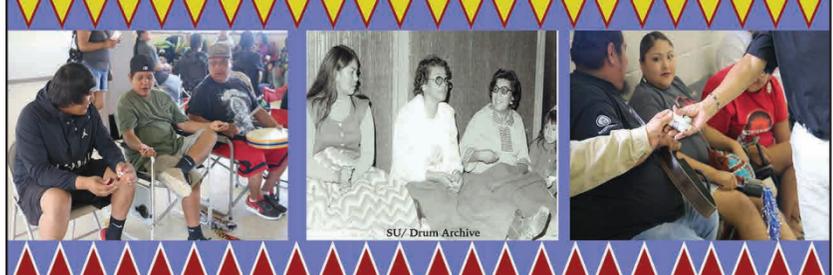
Teams that loses their first two games automatically enter the consolation bracket

**BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will not be held responsible for injuries, accidents, theft, or underfunded travel during this community event.

Hotel Information:  
Sky Ute Casino Resort  
14324 Hwy 172 North  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
(970)563.7777

For information contact:  
Handgame Superintendent,  
Mike Santistevan at  
(970)422.1625



## BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

# Service runs help IHS save home opener

'Cats stop improved Norwood in three

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

If anything could make a 5:30 a.m. bus-ride roll call bearable for a high-school volleyball player, it would have to be a victory – even of the predominantly nerve-wracking, rally-driven sort – secured at roughly 8 p.m. the previous night.

Making their IHS Gymnasium debut Thursday, September 1, that's exactly what Ignacio's Volleycats earned, with an early Friday departure for Kremmling and the two-day West Grand Invitational but a short night's snooze away.

Facing a much-improved Norwood squad, having recently notched their first win in 2022 after four previous tries, IHS needed to dig deep to avoid disaster. But behind clutch serving, particularly from junior Kacey Brown early and sophomore Ollyvia Howe late, the home side swiped the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League match 26-24, 25-13, 25-22.

"I think what was most important," said head coach Shasta Pontine, "was that they learned how to play from behind."

"We started off slow," senior setter Laci Brunson said. "I mean, when you're in a slow game it's hard to step up and play at your full potential, but I think we all stepped up to finish the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ollyvia Howe (8) smashes down a Del Norte overpass as Lady Tiger Abigail Rivera (10) watches helplessly during non-league action Thursday, Aug. 25, at DNHS.

game in three – which was really important."

Not 48 hours removed from a five-game league loss at 2A-level rival Mancos, Ignacio (1-3, 1-1 2A/1A SJBL) traded relatively evenly early on with new-this-year-but-been-there-before NHS skipper Ramona Rummel's Lady Mavericks, who sudden-

ly took command in Game 1 with a six-point run giving them a 14-10 lead.

Things only got better for the guests, who inexplicably found themselves sitting on game point, 24-17 when IHS senior Trinity Strohl served long. NHS sophomore Grace Harris then net-

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## BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

# SJBL harriers have hard go at Stampede

IHS boys 18th in 2A-only, 19th in 2A/3A

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Competing within a field numbering almost as many entrants as Ignacio High School has students, senior Eppie Quintana was far and away the Bobcats' top runner Friday afternoon, September 2, at the 12th Annual Cheyenne Mountain Stampede.

Clocking 20 minutes, 14.8 seconds on the newly-altered Norris-Penrose Event Center course in Colorado Springs, Quintana placed a respectable 45th out of 222 finishers – entries were unlimited – and helped IHS place 19th out of 22 crews in the Class 2A/3A Boys' race. Under score-5 methodology, Ignacio posted an adjusted total of 520 points, bettering 2A Byers (549), 3A Elizabeth (557) and 3A Colorado Springs James Irwin Charter (581).

"We faced some of the state's best high-school cross-country runners," head coach Karri McCarter said via text message, "in heat that ranged from 96 to 98 degrees depending on where you stood on the course!"

2A Golden View Classical Academy grabbed the team title via a winning-low 118 points. 2A Colorado Springs Christian was right behind with 129 and 2A Rocky Ford was a tight third with 131. But with

2A-level schools reportedly filtered into their own score-4 subcategory the results were much different, starting at the top.

Sixth place in the combined 2A/3A table due to a low-placing No. 5, Colorado Springs St. Mary's (which had amassed 157 points) suddenly shot up to No. 1 amongst 2A squads once said individual's points were subtracted – giving the Pirates a revised score of just 39.

CSCS – which had a No. 5 lagging far behind GVCA's fifth, hurting them in a score-5 scenario – remained in second place with a revised score-4 tally of 48 points, but Golden View Classical slipped to fourth with 75, bypassed by Wiggins (71; fifth-place 174 in score-5) while bumping RFHS (80) down to fifth. Out of 18 2A teams entered, IHS ended up an unlucky 18th in the revised score-4 system – their adjusted 232 points barely bettered by Byers' 231.

Ignacio's No. 2 finisher was freshman Dillon Brann, 138th overall in 23:22.4, or exactly one second faster than fellow San Juan Basin Leaguer Braxton Dennison of Mancos. IHS junior Corey Gomez crossed the finish line 159th in 24:31.1, freshman Trace Crane ended up 164th in 24:56.4, and senior Aven Bourriague placed 171st in

an even 25:35.

"Eppie ... and Corey ... ran ... to faster paces than they ran last year at the same race," noted McCarter. "We'll take that!"

"I'm hugely proud of the hard work and dedication from these young student-athletes," she declared. "It just gets better from here. This team and their entire pit crew of parents, boosters and administrators have rallied, and this season is sure to be one of our best."

The only fellow breaking 17 minutes, 2A Colorado Springs Thomas MacLaren Charter senior Jay Wood won in 16:53.8.

In the 2A/3A girls' race, first place went to 3A Woodland Park senior Emma Graber, who clocked 21:58.70. The only Lady 'Cat competing, Ignacio junior Lauren deKay placed 78th (out of 131) in 29:53.8.

"Can't seem to escape the injury plague," McCarter said. "Zoey Ashley opened the season as a team of one – this young lady has been shedding minutes off her practice runs! We've been super excited to see her run this year! But in the Cleveland opener (the August 27th V. Sue Cleveland Storm Invitational in Rio Rancho, N.M.) she suffered a significant injury that may keep her out the whole season. Her

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# BRONCOS VS SEAHAWKS

## WATCH PARTY

## ROOT FOR YOUR TEAM, WIN PRIZES!

Kick off the pro football season and watch the first Monday Night Football game at the 49 Lounge when the Broncos take on the Seahawks! Kick-off is Monday, September 12 at 6:15PM. Beer and drink specials will be available throughout the game. Place your bets at the Sky Ute SportsBook located just outside the 49 Lounge and take advantage of the best odds in Colorado. Show your bet ticket at the 49 Lounge to receive an entry into football themed door prizes and Sky Ute Loot prizes!

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 6:15PM**

14324 HWY 172 NORTH, IGNACIO, CO 81137  
SKYUTECASINO.COM

**DISCLAIMER:** Must be at least 21 years of age with valid identification to be in the 49 Lounge, bet at the SportsBook or play on the Casino floor. One door prize per person. Sky Ute Casino Resort reserves the right to cancel promotions at any time without notice. Additional rules may apply. See Ace's Club for details.

**Ancient Life Ways  
Technology Workshop:**  
September 17, 2022  
10:00 am — 12:00 pm  
FREE ADMISSION



**Yucca Cordage Manufacturing**  
with Mary Weahkee, Assistant Archaeologist at the  
New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies

Presented by the  
**Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum**  
Contact Raelynn Torres, ratorres@southernute-nsn.gov,  
970.563.2998



**Attention**

Due to the number of children and spectators, **pets are no longer allowed at softball games.**

If you have any questions contact SunUte Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth at (970)749-7998  
Thank you for your cooperation,  
SunUte Staff



# TRIBAL OBITUARIES



school in Ignacio. He then enlisted in the US Army as a medic and was stationed in France. Donald worked for the Southern Ute Tribal Maintenance for 30 years. He also worked part time as a firefighter. He enjoyed working on the family ranch.

Donald is preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Priscilla Flores Rock, mother and father Alice Poor Washington Rock and Bryan Rock Sr. Sisters Mercedes Baker, Grace Rock, Annette Sage, Rose Rock and brother Bryan Rock Jr. His grandchildren Iris Rock, Darwin Rock, Dionna Rock and Samantha Rock.

Donald is survived by his children, Tina (Roland) Norris, Zachary (Debra) Rock, Carol Rock, Ronald Rock, Irma Rock, Elmer (Dawn) Rock and his niece Marge Barry. His eight grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Special thank you to his special angels, Manygoats, Papitas, Felicia and Charlie Brown.

Services were held at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel in Ignacio, Colo. on Sept. 1, 2022.

**ROCK** – Donald William “Billy” Rock was born on March 27, 1933 at Taylor Hospital in Ignacio Colorado. Donald passed away on Aug. 27, 2022 surrounded by family. He attended the Ute Vocational



member of the Four Corners Volleyball Club.

Some of the things Christina enjoyed the most was pampering her sidekicks, Toby and Draco, which other people would say are just dogs. She also loved going for rides in her black Subaru with the big pink wolf sticker on the back window surrounded by swords that was hard to miss. Let’s not forget how much Christina loved baking, her absolute favorite thing to bake was cupcakes.

She listened to a variety of music from the King of Rock’s sweet voice to “For Whom the Bell Tolls” by Metallica, and the list goes on and on.

Forget Christmas, Christina’s favorite time of the year was Bear Dance. You could catch her most of the time decked out in her Bear Dance attire with a big lemonade in one hand and a fry bread burger in the other.

A lot of us remember those big dimples and that beautiful smile. We also remember she was big hearted and sensitive to other people’s feelings. And let’s not forget Christina’s jokes that would have you gasping for air and the pranks that family members and friends had to endure in her presence. I’m sure we all remember that unique, infectious laugh that started from a subtle giggle and quickly turned into a high pitch scream and ended in silent shaking.

Christina is survived by her mother, Daphnee Washington; sister, Angela Herrera; brother, Carlos Herrera, Jr.; sister, Kaye Washington; grandparents, John and Daleen Washington; countless aunts, uncles, and cousins; and of course, her sidekicks, Toby and Draco.

Christina Jean Herrera was born on June 13, 2002. She was born in Durango, Colorado to Daphnee Washington and the late Carlos Chanio Herrera, Sr. On September 2, 2022, she made her journey to the Creator.

Christina was an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Tribe. She participated in cultural activities such as Bear Dance, Southern Ute Royalty, bead working, sewing both Ribbon Skirts and Dresses, even making her own moccasins. She was in the process of learning her Ute language.

Before graduating from Ignacio High School in 2020, Christina was a representative of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council. Christina also played high school volleyball and was a mem-

# EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



## GOOD SAMARITAN

I would like to commend Tony Rohde on his quick response to a recent office incident. During office hours, Tony heard coughing sounds outside his office and upon investigating saw a SECMG employee choking. Tony asked if he could assist and then performed abdominal thrusts, helping to dislodge the blockage and allowing the employee to breath normally.

Thank you, Tony, for recognizing this serious health situation and taking immediate action. The incident highlights the importance of CPR/First Aid training in which relatively simple actions can prevent a more serious outcome. It also highlights that a serious situation can occur at any time or place, and if properly trained in CPR/First Aid, we can provide critical assistance.

Shane Seibel  
Growth Fund Executive Director



## THANK YOU FROM MISS SOUTHERN UTE!

Maykh puan!  
Nunay niya Grace Lydia Gonzales, I am the 2022-2023, Miss Southern Ute. My parents are Amy Barry and Mario Gonzales. My maternal grandparents are Marjorie and the late Ben Barry. My paternal grandparents are Joe and Debbie Gonzales. I have three brothers, Tyler, Andrew, and Cristovan.

I would like to take the time to thank the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant participants,

judges and Committee for a wonderful cultural event. It was an honor to share talent, dance, and a meal with tribal leadership and membership on such a special day.

Thank you to Elise Redd and her team for a wonderful meal. I would also like to thank the Blackbird family for always encouraging me to stay involved in our culture, school, and tribal community with positive thoughts and actions.

Thank you to our Great Grandmother Tami Weage, for always having the willingness and countless hours to create such beautiful sewing creations for our families. To my Grandma Marge, thank you for always taking me to powwows, Bear Dance, and our cultural events to participate, I have learned so much and want to learn more. Gracias to my Gonzales family for always showing up to support me in school, sporting, and cultural events, for all of the wonderful cooking you do for our tribal community.

Thank you to the tribal membership, for without all of us, we would not have opportunities to serve as ambassadors of our Tribe.

I look forward to seeing you all during my 2022-2023 reign as Miss Southern Ute. I hope you all enjoy our 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair and Powwow and have safe travels home. I look forward to seeing you all during the fair weekend!

Toghoyagh,  
Grace Lydia Gonzales  
Miss Southern Ute 2022-2023

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# COMMUNITY GREETINGS

## Happy 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on Sept. 7 to our nephew Cadel

Hope your birthday is filled with happiness and blessings surrounded by family and friends.

Love you lot's, Aunt Geneva and Uncle Ken

## Happy Birthday Cousin Cadel

Thank you for always being older than me!

Your cuz, Avi

## Happy 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on Sept. 12 for Avionne

Hope today is just the beginning of a beautiful year for you.

We love you! Mom & Dad

# Correction

In a photo for the Breastfeeding Awareness Walk published in the Aug. 24 issue of the Drum, Yvette Cuthair was misidentified as a tribal elder.

## St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

+ St. Bartholomew Church & St. Peter St. Rosa Church +

### Hunter's Mass



St. Hubert's Blessing Upon Hunters and Wildlife Officers  
Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 6:00pm – Ignacio, CO  
–Fraternal meal following the Celebration–

## SOUTHERN UTE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



LAST MONTH of

CARES ACT FOOD PACKAGE DISTRIBUTION



September 29, 2022

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

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

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

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

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

The approval of distribution of the CARES Act Food Package is authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. (P.L. 116-136, CARES Act). Food funds provided under the CARES Act shall be used for costs relating to additional food purchases for FDIPIR, as authorized by Section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013) AND Section 4(c) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 3431), to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus.

# Drum Deadline

Next issue  
Sept. 23

Deadline  
Sept. 19

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

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## CEDAR POINT HOUSING ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



### TWO-WEEK SCHEDULE (Sept. 6 – Sept. 23, 2022)



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

Total project duration – June 2022 through November 16, 2022  
**Standard work days/hours – 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

### ROAD CLOSURE FOR STAGING AREA

**A.) Location:** North end of Rolling Thunder Avenue over to Intersection of Arrow Street with Fry Bread Ave.

**Traffic Control Impacts:** 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 remain closed throughout the length of the project for staging purposes.

**Dates of Impact: August 23, 2022 – November 16, 2022.**

### FDR (FULL DEPTH REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT)

**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.

**A.) Location:** Rolling Thunder/Elk Street Intersection

**Traffic Control Impacts:** Single Lane Closure with alternating lanes on Rolling Thunder. Elk Street will be closed to thru-traffic.

**Dates of Impact: Sept. 6, 2022 – Sept. 16, 2022 (paving dates below).**

### PREP FOR PAVING; HOT ASPHALT PAVING:

**Work Scope:** Prepare the road base (fine grade and compact) section followed by placement/compaction of hot asphalt pavement.

**A.) Location:** FDR –Rolling Thunder/Elk Street Intersection

**Traffic Control Impacts:** Single Lane Closure (1/2 roadway at a time) with alternating lanes of traffic as needed. **ELK STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO THRU-TRAFFIC 9/12-9/23.**

**Dates of Impact: Paving Expected Sept. 19 – Sept. 23, 2022.**

### UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS

**Work Scope:** Removal and replacement of select concrete collars around existing Manholes, Water Valves, and Gas valves. Rim elevations will be adjusted to better fit the new and/or existing asphalt surface.

**A.) Locations:** Rolling Thunder, Elk Street, Lodge Pole Way, Arrow Street, Shadow Spirit Street, Frybread Avenue, and Mountain Dew Circle.

**Traffic Control Impacts:** Selective placement of cones around utility adjustment area to minimize impacts to traffic.

**Dates of Impact: Sept. 6, 2022 – Sept. 16, 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.

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 at 970-563-2270



## 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.: 2022-0078-CV-NC  
**SaRya Ruth Marie Coyote, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that SaRya Ruth Marie Coyote filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as SaRya Ruth Marie Yellow Moon Coyote. As of August 29, 2022, no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that SaRya Ruth Marie Coyote name shall be and is hereby legally changed to SaRya Ruth Marie Yellow Moon Coyote.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2022.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

before the Tribal Court at the above address on **SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 at 11:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 12th of August, 2022.  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2022-0026-CV-PR  
**Samantha A Rock, 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

### 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 filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Shivon Tia Young. As of August 16, 2022 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Shivon Tia Herrera name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Shivon Tia Young.

Dated this 16th day of August, 2022.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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## PINE RIVER INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT

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## 2021 Annual Report

THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



### 2021 Southern Ute Annual Report is now available

The 2021 Annual Report of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is available to Southern Ute tribal members and Southern Ute Tribal Departments.

The tribal membership can request to have a physical copy mailed to them through Tribal Information Services (TIS), 970-563-2208 or pick up a copy in person at the TIS office during regular business hours.

Tribal members can be view and download the Annual Report online via Tribal Member Experience portal <https://bit.ly/Sutmex>



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

### CREDIT COMMITTEE

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for up to three (3) years. This is a compensated Committee, and, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. The Credit Committee submits approved applicant recommendation to the Tribal Council for final appointment. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass criminal background and reference checks, per the Credit Committee By-laws. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Division Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to the Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity, and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by email at [zvogenthaler@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:zvogenthaler@southernute-nsn.gov). If you have any questions, please speak with Zeb Vogenthaler, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

### POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Màykh! The Powwow Committee is currently accepting letters from community members to serve as volunteer member for the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. This committee is open to all Southern Ute Tribal members and direct descendants as well as any Indigenous community member who would like to be actively involved with planning, promoting and executing Southern Ute Powwows. This will also require said member to represent the Southern Ute Tribe and promote traditions and culture through the Powwow circle and throughout Indian Country. Meetings are conducted bi-monthly, or when needed, it will also require working with multiple tribal departments throughout the Southern Ute, Northern Ute, and Ute Mountain Tribes. This committee is responsible for maintaining services needed for Powwows and will require hands-on work, as well as critical and traditional thinking. We would like to promote any active Powwow dancers, drummers, singers, or elders who would like to engage with the Powwow Community to apply. So please bring your good medicine and come help us plan a good year of powwows. Accepting letters of intent to: Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137, and at [soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov).

### KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open until filled – KSUT now has two openings on our board of directors – one for a Southern Ute Tribal Member and one for a member of a federally recognized Native American tribe. KSUT board meetings are the second Wednesday of every month, at 5:30 pm. For more information or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director, at [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org), 970-563-5780. Open until filled.

### 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. 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

Open Until Filled – 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. If you are interested, contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

### JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

Open until filled – JOM has TWO (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov). Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

### TERO COMMISSION

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

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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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| Board of Adjustment  | Living w/ Wildlife Advisory Board                   |
| Board of Review  | Lodging Tax Panel                                   |
| Citizens Review Panel for Child Welfare Grievances         | Long-Term Finance Committee                         |
| Community Corrections Board                                | Pine River Public Library District Board            |
| Durango Hills Road Improvement District Advisory Committee | Planning Commission                                 |
| Extension Advisory Committee                               | San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging Board           |
| Fire Code Board of Appeals                                 | Southwest La Plata Library District Board           |
| Historic Preservation Review Commission                    | Wildfire & Watershed Protection Fund Advisory Board |
| Ignacio Community Library District Board                   | Wildfire Advisory Board                             |
| Ignacio, Allison, Oxford Cemetery District Committee       | Undesirable Plant and Rodent Advisory Commission    |

Deadline to apply is October 16. Visit [www.co.laplata.co.us/apply](http://www.co.laplata.co.us/apply) for position description and application or call 970-382-6219



### 5-Years Grazing Permits Available

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting Southern Ute Tribal Member applications for 5-year grazing permits for 2023-2027 on the following range units: Coyote Gulch, Soda Springs, Picnic Flats, Pump Canyon, Archuleta Creek, Vega, Cat Creek, Trail Canyon, Beef Canyon, Kearns and Archuleta Mesa. Those applicants who currently possess a valid grazing permit shall be given preference for renewal. All requirements to obtain a grazing permit must be met, including possession of base property. If you would like to apply, please contact the Range Division at 563-4780 to obtain an application. Applications will be accepted until 5 pm on Sept. 12, 2022.

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission Vacancy

Tribal-Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission

Closing Date: 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on Sept. 12, 2022

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

**Commission Purpose:** Determining and prescribing air quality rules and regulations that should apply on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation; and Reviewing appealable administrative actions; Any other duties necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

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

**Preferred Commission Member Qualifications:** Knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order; Knowledge of Federal, State and Tribal air quality regulations; Strong ethics and integrity; Ability to identify conflicts of interest; Knowledge of environmental issues affecting the Reservation; Able to attend regular Commission and stakeholder meetings; and Cooperative and able to work as a team player.

**Commission Member Appointment Terms and Conditions:** Commission members are appointed by the Tribal Council. Commission members serve for three-year appointment terms and are not subject to term limits. Commission meetings are generally held twice per year, but more frequent meetings are possible. Stakeholder meetings occur on an as-needed basis and may require Commission participation. Meetings are to be held in person or on virtual meeting platforms. Failure to attend two consecutive Commission or Stakeholder meetings or demonstrated unethical conduct may result in appointment removal by Tribal Council. Compensation is \$100.00 per half-day meeting for Commission members who are not employees of the Tribe. If employed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, a short letter or email from the employee's supervisor approving of appointment to the Commission is required.

**Meeting Location:** Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, EPD Large Conference Room, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 or Virtual Meeting Platform.

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

**For Questions about the Commission Vacancy or Environmental Commission:** Contact Air Quality Program Manager, Danny Powers at [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov) or 970-563-2265 or Visit the Environmental Commission Website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/>



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### Board Member Wanted

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

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

#### Interested?

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



## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

### ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

### Farm Heavy Equipment Operator

Closes 9/9/22 – 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.

### Loan Coordinator

Closes 9/9/22 – Provides clerical, secretarial, and client support to the Tribal Credit Division as needed. Presents positive and professional image to Tribal employees and the public. Pay grade N8; Starts at \$15.61/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.

### Custodian

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

### Dispatcher Trainee – (So. Ute tribal member 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). 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 tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – A Trainee position developed for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in teaching with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. The length of this program is designed to last three (3) years but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N11 and be subject to annual evaluations and pay increases. Upon successful completion of the training requirements, incumbent will assume the Elementary Teacher position.

### Farm Heavy Equipment Operator (Temp.)

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.

### Grounds Maintenance Worker

Open Until Filled – Performs daily grounds maintenance and repair of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade N6; Starts at \$13.47/hour.

### 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.

### Internal Auditor

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision, performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of moderate difficulty involving a variety of auditing tasks that include, but are not limited to, assessing risk, and identifying control deficiencies, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. In order to gain experience in the practical application of program auditing and government accounting, duties assigned are to familiarize employee with the more complex auditing work found at the

next higher level; performs related work as assigned. Reports to the Director of Internal Audit and other internal audit personnel as assigned. Pay grade E16; Starts at \$67,244.15/year.

### Lands Technician

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

### Lifeguard (Part-time)

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

### Lifeguard (Full-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.

### Optometric Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under dentist supervision, providing chair side optometry assistance, administrative and records duties, Optos, Lensometry, FDT, Tonometry, OCT, and Dilation of patients. Pay grade N11; Starts at \$19.93/hour.

### Patient Care Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Under General supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, is responsible for facilitating the fulfillment of patients' overall healthcare needs. Works with other Behavioral Health providers, other area resources, medical staff and residential facilities to expedite appropriate and timely care for patients. Position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade N10; Starts at \$18.32/hour.

### Patrol Officer I

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

### 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.

### Receptionist (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – 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.

### Small Business Specialist Trainee – (So. Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal Member. Under general direction of the Economic Development Manager, will learn how to develop, plan, organize and implement economic development functions from conception to completion, involving incentive programs related to Tribal Member small business development. Will learn how to promote the small business and economic development interests of the Tribe. The length of this program is designed to last (2) years but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below the entry level for a grade N12 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases. Upon successful completion of the training curriculum, the incumbent will assume the Small Business Specialist position.

### 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,

## Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

### Compression Operations Specialist – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 9/16/22 – Operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Field Compression facilities, including engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration. Performs work related to the repair and ongoing maintenance of equipment.

### Plant Mechanic – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 9/16/22 – Performing work related to maintenance and repair of plant compression facilities, including amine processing plant equipment, pumps, plant compression facilities, dehydration units, and electric power generators.

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221  
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)  
Positions are open until filled unless otherwise noted

### OPENINGS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

- Bus Driver
- Elementary Teacher
- Opportunity Room Supervisor - Elementary
- Paraprofessionals (SpEd)
- Reading/Language Arts Interventionist
- Secondary Social Studies Teacher
- Middle School Head Wrestling Coach
- High School Cross Country Assistant Coach
- High School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
- High School Head Girls Track & Field 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 School District has the following benefits: Free health, hearing, vision and dental for the employee including a Non-Stop Wellness card preloaded with \$5,000; Employee paid insurance for spouse or family; PERA Retirement; American Fidelity insurance for additional coverage; School housing depending on availability; and 4-day school week - Monday through Thursday.

## SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

Apply on-line at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org) or call Nita Emerson, HR Admin. Mngr. 970-563-4517.

- Addiction Specialist Teacher Assistant
- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance Tech.
- Career Counselor
- Dial-A-Ride Driver
- Icb Operator
- Janitor
- Monitoring Technician

- Sub Teacher

SoCoCAA is recruiting Board members. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact Nita Emerson at 970-563-4517 or visit our website at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org).

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

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, breakdown of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/hour.

### Teacher Aide

Open Until Filled – 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.

### TEAM Worker (So. Ute Tribal Member only)

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

### TERO Worker

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

### Tribal Apprenticeship Program – (So. Ute tribal member 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. 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.

### Water Quality Technician

Open Until Filled – Under direct supervision of the Environmental Programs Manager and general supervision from the Senior Water Quality Specialist- 106, the Water Quality Technician position is responsible for performing field data collection, computer data input, and other duties associated with water quality management under the §106, §319, and wetlands water quality programs. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade N11; Starts at \$19.93/hour.

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**TERO – Job announcements**

Application/Information • 970-563-0117

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

- **School Tutors (2)** – One to work in Bayfield and one to work in Ignacio
- **Construction Laborers** – Continuous opening to work in Durango, Co.
- **Heavy Equipment Operators** – Continuous opening to work in Durango, Co.
- **CDL Truck Drivers** – Continuous opening to work in Durango, Co.

**TEAM Temporary Workers**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Permanent Fund is looking for TEAM Temporary Workers. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member. The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions. Please Contact Rochelle Aguilar, Southern Ute Human Resources Assistant 970-563-2990 or stop by at Leonard C. Burch Bldg., 356 Ouray Drive Ignacio, CO 81137 to complete the employment application.

**Professional Highway Maintainer Apprenticeship Available in Durango area**

The Colorado Department of Transportation is encouraging people who are interested in a public safety career to apply for a position through a new maintenance apprenticeship program. Position is a two-year paid mentorship in Bayfield and includes both hands-on and classroom training. An apprentice will earn their Commercial Driver's License and qualify as a Highway Maintenance Specialist. Starting pay is \$16 per hour and includes full benefits worth nearly \$16,700 per year, 11 paid holidays, paid leave, and a retirement package. Candidate must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license. Apprentice will train and specialize in either maintenance, tunnel operations or traffic and safety. Position is based at 650 U.S.160B, Bayfield, CO 81121. To view the full announcement and submit an application, go to: <http://careers.codot.gov> and type "apprentice" in the search bar. "We've designed this program so that it not only provides the necessary hands-on training and experience for those who would like to pursue a long-term career in public service, but also build up their qualifications for professional advancement," said CDOT's Director of Maintenance and Operations John Lorme. "And along with earning while you're learning, an apprentice eventually will provide CDOT with a highly skilled employee who's serving the traveling public." Once an apprentice successfully completes one year of the program and receives a CDL license, they will be eligible for a pay increase. At the end of two years, a successful apprentice may qualify for a permanent, fully operational Highway Maintenance Specialist position, which provides another pay increase upon promotion. Additional opportunities for career advancement in both leadership and technical tracks throughout the state should be anticipated. Information on benefits is available: <https://dhr.colorado.gov/state-employees/state-of-colorado-employee-benefits>. In June, Gov. Polis signed an Executive Order to increase the number of apprentices in state agencies and departments, allowing individuals to obtain paid work experience, classroom instruction, and a nationally recognized, portable credential.

**SASO: Sexual Assault Services Organization Cultural Outreach Coordinator II**

Starting wage: \$25/hour, dependent upon experience; 40 hours a week, Full time; Reports to Assistant Director, Advocacy Services. This position is funded by Rural, VOCA, and Unrestricted funds, as outlined in timesheet. Essential Duties & Responsibilities: Provide ongoing advocacy services to individuals and groups, both in person and over the phone, to include crisis calls from victims/survivors, inquiries from professionals, referrals to community resources and ongoing case management, attendance at law enforcement report and court proceedings, medical accompaniment, and documentation of these activities as needed. Provide on-call back up service to hotline calls in a rotating staff schedule to respond to volunteer staff with questions from the 24 hour crisis hotline and provide coverage for the hotline when volunteer staff are not available. Mandatory response to pages in 15 minutes via phone and 1 hour for on-site locations. Coordinate SASO community outreach efforts to engage with marginalized communities, with focus on Native American/Indigenous population. Build community awareness about sexual assault, SASO resources, programs and effects upon marginalized and underserved communities through outreach event planning, trainings, public awareness. Build and maintain relationships throughout SASO's service area, particularly in underserved communities selected in consultation with SASO staff, board, and volunteers. Coordinate annual programming around Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, Violence Against Native Relatives Symposium, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month Programming. Recruit, train, and develop leadership among volunteers (particularly in underserved communities) to assist in community organizing efforts. Participation and facilitation of direct service staff training and culturally responsive 1st responder training. Use planning & evaluation approaches to guide ongoing community outreach process. Ongoing reporting of activity statistics with detailed documentation of activities for monthly, quarterly, and yearly grant reporting requirements. Assist in providing outreach and education to increase knowledge of SASO services. Provide team support in processing deposits and tracking donations in agency database. Coordinate volunteer recognition efforts, including bi-annual celebration. Weekly on-site community advocacy at local programs with SASO memorandum of understanding, to include correctional and residential programs. Maintain complete confidentiality concerning survivors and ensure all staff and volunteer advocates adhere to these guidelines. Provide team support in managing Ignacio office. Ensure sanitation protocols are followed in accordance with public health guidelines. Minimum Qualifications of Position: Bachelor's Degree in related area or 2 years' experience in cultural outreach, community collaboration, human services or related field. Preferred Qualifications of Position: Bilingual/bicultural preferred. SASO provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation gender identity or expression or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.

**Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements**

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online. Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

**AV Lead System Engineer (Full-time)**

Maintains, support and repairs of all AV equipment within fully integrated conference rooms, boardrooms, hotel rooms, public areas, Casino floor and other similar rooms containing AV equipment throughout the property. Interface directly with customers on a daily basis and setting up and the functionality of all AV components.

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

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

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

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

**Cafe Cashier (Full-time)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the Gaming Revenue 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.

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

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

**Facilities Staff (Full-time)**

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

**\*Facilities 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.

**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.

**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.

**Line Cook (Full-time)**

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

**\*Multi Games Pit Boss (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.

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

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

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

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

**\*Senior Facilities Staff Member (Full-time)**

Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building.

**\*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.

**\*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.

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



**did you know?!**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Environmental Programs Division is now accepting applications for the **2023 Agricultural Cost-Share Program (CSP)**.

The purpose of the CSP is to work cooperatively with landowners to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on lands within the Reservation. BMPs help reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients being added to our waterways and improve water quality and wildlife habitat. BMPs may include:

- Replacing flood irrigation with gated pipe or sprinklers
- Off-source watering developments
- Conservation plowing
- Riparian fencing
- Re-vegetation

The program pays 95% of the cost of BMPs utilized with the participant providing the remaining 5%. Due to limited funding not all applicants will be chosen. Projects are judged based upon the potential to reduce agriculture related pollution and to improve water quality.



Applications are due **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE: [HTTPS://WWW.SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/SITES/15/2022/09/COST-SHARE-AGRICULTURAL-PROJECT-2023.PDF](https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2022/09/COST-SHARE-AGRICULTURAL-PROJECT-2023.PDF)  
OR CONTACT STEVE KEM AT (970) 563-2295 OR [SKEM@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV](mailto:SKEM@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV).



**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Ignacio Area Housing Needs Study**



In collaboration with  
**GF Properties Group and SEH, Inc.**

**Survey Information**

**Who Should Participate?**  
Tribal Members, Staff, and Community Members

**How to Participate?**  
Visit <https://bit.ly/3RAC6XR> or scan QR Code

**Deadline**  
October 7, 2022 by 5 p.m.



Tribal Council has identified the need for affordable housing located in the Ignacio area which would provide new, modern housing options for the membership and tribal workforce. Adequate housing has been a longstanding and ongoing project for Tribal Council.

Tribal Council requested GF Properties Group, in collaboration with the Executive Office, to oversee the new Ignacio Area Housing Study. The feedback collected will serve as the future tribal housing developments for generations to come. Leadership encourages participation in this study.

**Questions?**

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## FLY FISHING

### There's more to fly fishing than catching

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



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"Hello."  
"What do you think?"  
"It's pouring rain at my house."  
"Should we still go?"  
"I've looked at the radar map and the rain stops when we turn south at Chimney Rock. It will be cloudy, and the water will be way-off color, but I don't think it will rain on us. Let's give it a shot. Don't forget your waders and rain jacket."  
"I'm already on the way over and forgot my waders."  
"Don't worry, I know it's hard to believe, but I have extra waders."

Such was the conversation my Friday fishing partner, Kim, and I had last Friday. It was raining for the drive to the Piedra River on the Southern Ute Reservation. But my interpretation of the radar was correct, and my thoughts on muddy water were also correct. I was feeling pretty smug and believed I was on a roll and could figure out how to catch trout in these conditions. I guess two out of three isn't too bad.

We booted and suited at Fossett Gulch #4, waded downstream, positioned ourselves at the bottom of a great looking riffle, and started to cast. I tied on my usual dry fly, while Kim went straight to a nymph setup. Neither worked. Kim changed flies, I added a dropper to my dry; nada. I

moved further into the riffle, tied on the gaudiest Woolly Bugger I had, then let it drift downstream. Even though it was straight below me, given the water conditions, I would not call it "fishing the shuffle." I did get a strike and missed it. Kim was now on her third change of flies. With this rate of success, we decided to drive to another location. We went north up the road to Fossett Gulch #3. The reason we chose this location is that there are multiple deep pools created by the Southern Ute Tribe placing large boulders in the bends of the river. Our theory was that fish would be holding in these deep pools

since there was not any bug activity going on. It was a good theory.

I know many fly fishers, mostly new to the sport and maybe a few old curmudgeons, that would have looked at this day as a bust. In mine and Kim's opinion, it was a great day on the water. I loved the day because I was forced to get out of my comfort zone and actually cast flies that sank. Kim remarked that her skill level at tying flies to her leader improved because she did it so often, looking for the just the right fly. As I was mumbling to myself about nothing biting, I found I was slowing down and working on better drifts. As I practiced mending, Kim practiced getting flies out of bushes and trees. This was a day of learning. It was also a great day to joke with my fishing partner, and her with me, about nothing in particular. Just being out was great. I think days similar to last Friday are a necessary part of fly fishing. Laughing at your casts, moving very slowly because you can't see the bottom of the river, just sitting on a log and pretending you know which fly to pluck from your box when in reality you have no clue, adds to the great experience of fly fishing.

It is a skill that comes from spending many, many days fly fishing. If you haven't yet developed the pure enjoyment skill, there is a way to get it. Go fly fishing more. It will work, I promise. It worked for me.

## USSSA All-American Games



courtesy Lindsay Box

Tavian Box, 14, was invited to play at the USSSA All American Games in Melbourne, Florida at the USSSA Space Coast Complex. He played with youth from across the United States for the six-day baseball tournament. Box, a Southern Ute tribal member, has played baseball since he was five-years old and is now a freshman in high school.

## SJBL HARRIERS HARD GO • FROM PAGE 14

sister, Moriah, is also sidelined with a foot injury."

"Lauren ... rolled her ankle in preseason and is still getting back into race shape on a sore ankle," she continued. "However, she braved the heat ... and ran as a team of one to represent the Lady Bobcats."

In the overall score-5 team standings, CSCS captured first with 57 points and 2A Fort Collins Heritage Christian Academy placed second with 75. Third went to 2A

Colorado Springs Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy, 111-114 over 3A Greeley University. In the revised score-4 format, Colorado Springs Christian's 26 points still paced all 2A girls' teams, with nearest contenders BLPA and HCA each scoring 38 and La Jara-based Centauri following with 75.

Mancos sophomore Teagan Archer finished 11th, clocking 23:19.9 and helping MHS place ninth overall in the score-5 standings with 212 points. In 2A-only, the Lady Jays were seventh-best with a revised score of 109.

Senior Madilynn Ritter took 51st in 27:26.1, sophomore Sarah Knezek was 75th in 29:45.1 and junior Mandi Peacock took 77th in 29:47.6. Freshman Tatum Endres (31:22.1) finished 88th, freshman Maddie Swortwood-Green (32:15.0) was 93rd, and freshman Hope Manning (36:39.6) took 120th.

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## SERVICE RUNS HELP IHS • FROM PAGE 14

ted a serve herself, putting Brown at the service line. Sending over accurate delivery after accurate delivery, limiting Norwood's offensive options, Brown's work ultimately yielded two Howe put-aways and one from junior Solymar Cosio, and goaded NHS senior Grace Fournery into two unforced errors.

Rummel called a timeout with the Lady Mavs still up 24-23, but Brown responded by acing sophomore Kendra McCluer to complete the comeback. Cosio then smacked a shot through the visitors' middle, and sophomore Amber Bockrath was unable to push a free ball back over the strings, giving Ignacio a 25-24 lead. Brown then polished off an eight-point stay on serve with a harsh ace of McCluer.

"Feels really good," Brown said of the Volleys' first win this fall. "I was just trying to do my job, get my serves in!"

Able to gain a 2-1 lead early in Game 2, IHS confidently gained a 2-0 lead in the match by never looking back. Consecutive Brunson aces of Bockrath helped Ignacio in-

flated the advantage to 14-9, and when Rummel used her second timeout of the game, she did so with NHS trailing 22-12 and Brown about to toe the service line.

Brown nevertheless fired an ace, Cosio followed with a kill off Harris, and IHS claimed the game when Norwood's Dilyn Alexander spiked a shot long.

But 1A Norwood (1-5, 0-1 SJBL) wasn't finished in the least. Racing out to a 5-2 lead after Alexander regrouped to immediately knock Brunson off serve with a scoring tip, the Lady Mavericks kept up their nothing-to-lose pressure and somehow widened the gap to 17-6. Back-to-back Marissa Olguin kills brought Ignacio back to 17-10, and Howe would step back to serve at 19-13. Recreating Brown's stretch, Howe held serve for nine straight points as the 'Cats clawed ahead to 22-19.

"We'd been struggling with our serving," Brunson said, "so everybody stepping up tonight and getting good service runs will help them individually, but it'll really help our team."

Rummel took a timeout, and despite IHS subsequently surrendering two points via errors, NHS more or less ran out of time as Ignacio senior Harmony Reynolds wrote the match into history with a solid cross-court kill.

"The team's been coming together," said Brown, "and even with our first three losses ... each game we're getting better."

"It's an awesome boost of confidence for us to have our first win," Brunson stated. "Mancos was a big loss - that we could have won, but if we all come together and do what we need to do, we could maybe win one at West Grand."

### SEASON-TO-DATE

IHS' win came after three outings' worth of trying, starting with a season-opening 22-25, 12-25, 26-24, 15-25 loss Tuesday, August 23, at 3A Montezuma-Cortez. The 'Cats then fell 25-17, 22-25, 20-25, 24-26 at non-league 2A Del Norte two nights later, before losing 15-25, 25-22, 25-20, 24-26, 10-15 on the 30th at MHS.

## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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### Across

- 1 Wintertime bug
- 4 Angel dust
- 7 Not set yet
- 10 "Before Abraham was, ---"
- 11 Assenting vote
- 12 Letters for royalty
- 13 Container for margarine
- 14 Canadian home to the Mohawk and Cree
- 16 --- Nos Pos Navajo rugs
- 18 Sorry --- you waiting
- 19 Air France airport
- 20 Kitchen extruders
- 21 Grind the teeth
- 23 Fragrant Coco
- 26 Chaps rival
- 30 Say again
- 31 Northern Paiutes
- 32 Vacationing, perhaps
- 34 Enclosure
- 35 Old apothecary's weight of 20 grains, briefly
- 36 Cyclists' sport
- 37 Australian boot brand
- 38 "Game, ---, and match"
- 39 "---! We Have No Bananas"

40 Foot the bill

### Down

- 1 --- be tied (furious)
- 2 "The Today Show" co-anchor, once
- 3 Flower cluster
- 4 Laborious way to get some fruit
- 5 Missouri setting
- 6 Provincial dialect
- 7 Babe Ruth wore it as a Yankee
- 8 Prickly plant
- 9 Karate blows
- 15 Community of the Maricopa Reservation
- 17 The Ugly Duckling was one
- 22 Close
- 23 Get to the other side
- 24 Consequently
- 25 Isolated
- 27 Prepare for wintry weather
- 28 Last letter of the Greek alphabet
- 29 Drab
- 33 Service stores

Answers for this crossword will appear in September 23 issue of the Drum.

### Answers for Aug. 12, 2021 Crossword Puzzle (there was not a puzzle for Aug. 24)

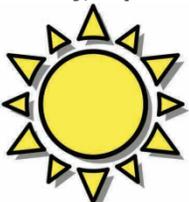
Across: 1 Bomb, 5 BPOE, 9 A riot, 11 Hoopa, 12 Rango, 13 Maker, 14 BLT, 15 Western, 17 Sofia, 19 Mya, 20 Attle, 22 Mid, 24 Oinks, 27 Sanding, 29 Nit, 31 Train, 32 Evade, 34 Ogled, 35 Roves, 36 Pelt, 37 Weds.

Down: 1 Barb, 2 Orals, 3 Minto, 4 Bog, 5 Boatmen, 6 Pokey, 7 Opera, 8 Earn, 10 To wit, 11 HMS, 16 Eaton, 18 Fad diet, 21 Liger, 22 Marge, 23 In all, 25 Knave, 26 Sided, 27 Stop, 28 Ind, 30 Tess, 33 Vow.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Sept. 9



Mostly sunny 90°F  
Showers & thunderstorms 10%

Saturday, Sept. 10



Mostly cloudy 78°F  
Showers & thunderstorms 50%

Sunday, Sept. 11



Mostly cloudy 79°F  
Showers & thunderstorms 50%

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