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*Winner of 12 Society of Professionals Journalists Awards in 2023*

# GON celebrates 40th



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Tingley Coliseum is filled with dancers, singers, and spectators on Saturday Night Live of the celebration. Dancers look to the announcers stand as Native comedian and actor Dallas Goldtooth takes the mic to welcome everyone to the 40th Annual Gathering of Nations Powwow.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Traditional Dancer, Jerry Ford Jr. (Spokane Tribe) readies his regalia ahead of Grand Entry on Friday, April 28.

Hailed as North America's largest powwow, the 40th annual Gathering of Nations Powwow returned to EXPO New Mexico in Albuquerque this past weekend, Friday April 28 – Saturday, April 29. The weekend culminates with the crowning of Miss Indian World on Saturday evening – this year's pageant winner is Tori McConnell of the Yurok & Karuk Tribes of Northwestern California.

See additional GON photos on page 13.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Lorelei Cloud, vice chair of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, on the banks of the Los Pinos River, also known as the Pine River on April 17, in the heart of the Southern Ute Reservation where water plays a critical role to the tribe. Strong winter snowpack results in higher-than-average water levels in the Pine River from Vallecito Reservoir to the north.

## NATURAL RESOURCES

### Cloud is the first-ever tribal member on Colorado's top water board

*Cloud breaks down her ideas on water issues*

By Shannon Mullane  
 THE COLORADO SUN

With Western water challenges in mind, Lorelei Cloud has a message for policymakers: There should be room for partnerships – not fear – when Native American tribes join the negotiating table.

In March, Cloud became one of the newest members of the state's top water agency, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, when Gov. Jared Polis appointed her to represent the San Miguel-Dolores-San Juan drainage basin in southwestern Colorado. She's also the first known tribal member to hold a seat on the board since its creation in 1937.

"My role in that position

is to represent everybody in the basin, regardless of how they think about me or feel about me, or think that my views may be different than theirs. I still need to represent them," said Cloud, a Southern Ute tribal member and vice chair of the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

Her appointment comes at a time when tensions over water in the West are high. The Colorado River Basin, which spans seven states in the Southwest and portions of northern Mexico, is two decades into a severe, prolonged drought. That drought plus decades of overuse have depleted the basin's water storage and jeopardized the future water security for millions of people.

As states and the feder-

al government scramble to adapt, 30 tribes within the Colorado River Basin are working to be involved in policymaking after decades of exclusion, particularly as water officials renegotiate a set of interim management guidelines that will expire in 2026. The guidelines regulate the flow of water to users and decide water cutbacks in response to drought conditions. The tribes are also pushing to assert their own water rights – which equal roughly 25% of the water supply and are among the most senior rights in the basin.

Part of the Colorado Water Conservation Board's purpose is to protect the state's apportionment in dealings

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe received notice on Monday, April 3, that the Tribal Health Department had been re-accredited by the AAAHC. Staff from the Southern Ute Health Center came together for a group photo in recognition of the Tribal Health Department achieving this major accomplishment.

## TRIBAL HEALTH

### Tribal Health Department receives AAAHC Accreditation

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Every three years, the Tribal Health Department is surveyed by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, otherwise known as the Triple AHC or simply AAAHC. This was the year for the Tribal Health Department to be surveyed; and from Thursday, March 23 – Friday, March 24, the Tribal Health Department participated in an intense survey conducted by AAAHC.

Over the course of a day and a half the surveyors reviewed the Southern Ute Health Center, the Behavioral Health Department and the Dental Department. The surveyors utilize a peer-based review and evaluation program to match those standards against the Health

Department's policies and procedures to determine whether it is meeting or exceeding those standards.

On Monday, April 3, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe received notice that the Tribal Health Department had been re-accredited.

"We are proud to say the Tribal Health Department was determined to be in substantial compliance with AAAHC Standards and was recommended for accreditation. This is significant for the community as it says that your Health Department is equal to or better than private sector organizations," Tribal Health Department Director, David Tonemah emphasized.

"I am so proud of the Health Department staff, they rallied together and stepped up and got us ready for the survey," Tonemah

said. "This accomplishment speaks volumes about the quality of the staff and the quality of services provided by the Health Department. The Surveyors were extremely complimentary of the Medical Staff, the Dental Department, the Behavioral Health Department and our Privileging and Credentialing process."

"The Health Department will not rest on its laurels, preparation for accreditation is an ongoing practice," Tonemah said. "The staff of the Health Department are committed to providing the highest level of care to the patients we serve. We encourage you to give us a try if you haven't. And for those of you that have, keep coming."

Congratulations to the Southern Ute Health Department on achieving this major accomplishment.

## Color Us With Love



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Connie Baker chats and gets an autograph from "Auntie Beachress." Elders were the first in line to get a quick photo and some laughs with the comedian. The Southern Ute Division of Social Services hosted the 2023 Child Abuse Awareness Color Run on Friday, April 21 at the Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park. The annual event was held to help raise awareness on child abuse and spread the message "Color Us with Love."



Southern Ute tribal member, Oolcu Buckskin and daughter, O'hozhoni Larry walk through color during the Color Run.

See more Color Run photos on page 8.

Krista Richards/SU Drum

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

## Tribal Council Affairs hires new Communication Specialist

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Tribal Council Affairs office has hired Summer R. Begay as the new Communication Specialist. Begay will carry out Tribal Council's goal to proactively manage Tribal Council Communication and Public Relations strategy. As a liaison and spokesperson for the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Tribal Council, all media requests, press releases, and public statements from Tribal Council will be coordinated through Begay's office.

"I am thrilled to be a part of the team and look forward to learning more about the culture, language, and the great people of this



**Summer R. Begay**  
Communication Specialist  
Southern Ute Tribal Council

Tribe," stated Begay.

Begay is a native New Mexican. She is a dedicated and driven professional with a passion for excellence, policy, and communication. She has a diverse set

of skills and expertise that she looks forward to sharing with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. She has a BA in Political Science, BA in International Studies, and an MA in Global Security. Begay has experience working in higher education, global non-profits, and various political campaigns. Learning new languages and exploring different cultures motivates her to be a global citizen. She speaks Spanish, Arabic, and Hebrew.

"Tribal Council and I welcome Ms. Begay to the organization. With her skillset and background, we expect her to get off to a quick start," said Chairman Melvin J. Baker.

Begay can be reached at 970-563-2313 or sbegay@southernute-nsn.gov.

TRIBAL MEDIA

## Drum takes home 12 awards from Top of the Rockies

SPJ recognizes excellence in journalism

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The 2023 Top of the Rockies journalism contest awards were announced at a reception Saturday, April 22 at The Slate Denver, the venue is located in the former Emily Griffith Opportunity School in downtown Denver. The Southern Ute Drum news team earned a total of twelve awards at this year's recognition ceremony.

Graphic Specialist, Robert L. Ortiz took home a total of six awards, including a First, Second and Third-Place sweep in the Single Page Design category. Ortiz also earned Second and Third-Place wins for Feature Page Design. He also earned a Second-Place award in writing for his article titled, "Behavioral Health now has space for growth" in the Mental Health Feature category.

Media Archivist, Fabian Martinez also took home a Second-Place win in Spot News Photography for coverage of this year's royalty pageant titled, "Royalty crowned and ready for Tribal Fair."

Reporter/Photographer, Divine Windy Boy earned her first two journalism



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Drum earned a total of twelve awards at this year's SPJ Top of the Rockies recognition ceremony held Saturday, April 22 at The Slate Denver. Editor/Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley and Reporter/Photographer Divine Windy Boy attended this year's reception on behalf of the newspaper.

awards this year – bringing home a Second-Place win in Sports Photography for her coverage of the Gathering of Nations Powwow and a Third-Place in the Information Graphic category for her "Southern Ute Tipi Camp" poster design.

Editor/Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley took home a total of three awards in photojournalism – including a First-Place win in Spot News photography for his coverage of last year's Bear Dance Fire on the Reservation. Followed by a Second-Place win in News Photography

for his feature titled, "National Native American Veterans Memorial dedication brings tribes together in Washington, D.C." and another Second-Place in Feature Photography for his coverage of the Southern Ute Bear Dance.

In conjunction with the awards reception, SPJ hosted a panel discussion on the topic of diversity in the newsroom titled – Amplify: How local news organizations can work toward making sure the voices of marginalized community members are heard and represented. The panel was also held Saturday, April 22 at the historic Denver Press Club.

Top of the Rockies is a regional, multi-platform contest for reporters and news organizations in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming. The 2023 contest had more than 1,750 entries from more than 100 news media outlets and freelancers, a 12% increase over the number of entries in 2022. The entries were judged by journalists in Illinois and Ohio.

"We are pleased to see so many news media outlets competing in Top of the Rockies," said Deb Hurley Brobst, the contest's coordinator. "We are seeing top-notch journalism from journalists throughout the region, no matter what the staff size."

The Southern Ute Drum has been an active member of the Society of Professional Journalist (SPJ) for over ten years, in addition to long standing affiliations with the Colorado Press Association (CPA) and the Native American Journalist Association (NAJA).



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Editor/Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley and Reporter/Photographer, Divine Windy Boy stand outside the historic Denver Press Club following the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) panel discussion on diversity in the newsroom.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

The Southern Ute Wildlife Resource Management Division installed a fish tank in the Leonard C. Burch Building's Hall of Warriors. The tank features two varieties of endangered fish from the local area. Jon Broholm (background), a wildlife technician, observes the interaction between fish and people after setting up the tank.

This photo was first published in the May 3, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

Southern Ute elder, Russell Box Sr., blesses the Los Pinos Fire District's brand-new ladder truck in front of the Tribal Affairs Building on Thursday, May 1, 2003. The Southern Ute Tribe helped fund a portion of the cost of the truck.

This photo was published in the May 2, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

Ignacio Elementary students dance the Bear Dance with shawls and sashes they had made themselves in their classes. Tribal member Everett Burch explained the meaning of the dance which is a traditional celebration for the Southern Ute Tribe each spring.

This photo was published in the April 30, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 40 years ago

Reginald Spindler, Director of Colorado Health Service Unit, presented Edna Hood, outgoing chairwoman of the SUHB, with a plaque. Also pictured is Stanley Frost, coordinator for Southern Ute Health Service Unit and Ida William, board member.

This photo was published in the May 6, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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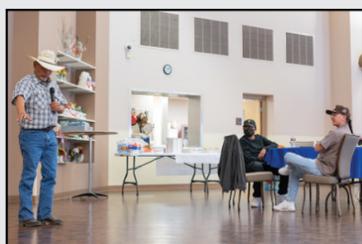


## The ways of the Bear Dance



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Royalty held a Bear Dance Growler Class and a social Bear Dance chit chat class for both girls and boys over the age of 12 on Saturday, April 22 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.



Southern Ute tribal elder, Rudley Weaver was asked to be a guest speaker during the class. Weaver shared his insight and advice on the male perspective for the Bear Dance and told stories of how it was growing up with the traditional ways of Bear Dance in his youth.

Lorenzo Root from the Northern Ute Tribe of Utah gave a blessing to kick off the Bear Dance program.

## CULTURAL PRESERVATION

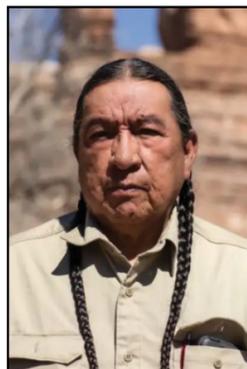
# 33rd Dana Crawford Awards to honor Terry Knight and others

Staff report  
COLORADO PRESERVATION, INC.

Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s 33rd annual Dana Crawford and State Honor Awards Celebration will be held on Monday, May 22, at the Denver Botanical Gardens in the Freyer-Newman Center. Through these awards, Colorado Preservation, Inc. (CPI) recognizes the accomplishments of individuals and projects exhibiting excellence in the areas of preservation, rehabilitation, advocacy, philanthropy and leadership.

"This is Colorado's premier preservation awards event where we honor individuals and organizations that make significant contributions toward preserving Colorado's heritage," Executive Director Jennifer Orrigo Charles said. "The evening's namesake is Dana Crawford, a true preservation pioneer who proved that saving historic buildings makes both cultural and economic sense. Hundreds of preservationists from throughout the state join us at this annual celebration."

The 2023 Dana Crawford Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation will be presented to Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Terry Knight, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Knight has a long and lasting legacy of cultur-



Terry Knight  
Ute Mtn. Ute Indian Tribe

al preservation serving the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe for more than four decades. He is a respected spiritual leader who has held the position of Bear Dance Chief and Sundance Chief and he continues to serve as the Tribe's official cultural preservation representative. His dedication to preserving and protecting Ute heritage throughout Colorado has and will continue to inspire future generations of Ute cultural preservationists.

In addition to recognizing Terry Knight with the Dana Crawford Award, CPI will recognize three projects with Alpine State Bank Honor Awards:

- Yellow School, Gilpin Cnty.
- Mancos Opera House, Montezuma County
- Denver Botanic Gardens and Brian Vogt, Denver County

CPI will also be recognizing the DOLA Main Street Open for Business statewide grant program with a Preservation Edge Award and the World's Wonder View Tower in Lincoln County with the Endangered Places Progress Award as this property has made significant advancements since it first became listed as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Place. New for 2023, CPI will be introducing the Mark Rodman Community Leader Award, an annual award in honor of preservation champion and former Executive Director (2002-2008) Mark Rodman. This inaugural award will honor Abbey Christman.

The Dana Crawford Awards kicks off at 5 p.m. with cocktails and conversation followed by dinner and a presentation of the awards by Ernest House, Jr., member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and former Executive Secretary for the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA). The program will feature engaging and inspirational videos detailing the stories of the projects and honorees celebrated at the event. Following the presentation, guests are invited to visit with the honorees and fellow preservation enthusiasts.

## Culture holds shawl class



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Cultural Preservation Department hosted a shawl making class on Tuesday, April 25 and Wednesday, April 26 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum. This class was held in preparation for the upcoming Bear Dance season, attendees are provided with the materials needed for shawls to be worn during the event. During the class, attendees learned to hem and fringe their shawls.

Southern Ute tribal member Dominika Joy hems each side of her shawl material during the Cultural Preservation Department Shawl Class on Tuesday, April 25.



**Piinunúuchiú**  
Southern Ute  
**Mamakwanhkapta**  
Bear Dance  
**Workshop**  
May 19, 2023  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center  
Open to Tribal Staff & General Public  
For more information, contact Edward Box, III at (970) 563-2988

# Join the Southern Ute Heritage Dance Troop

Photo Credit: McKayla Lee | SU DRUM

Interested in performing as a Heritage Dancer.....

**CULTURAL PRESERVATION IS UPDATING THE DANCE LIST ROSTER**

IF YOU'RE ALREADY ON THE LIST, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IS UPATED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CALL TO BE ADDED TO THE ROSTER.

PLEASE CONTACT EDWARD BOX III  
(970) 563-2988 OR EMAIL  
EBBOX@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV

Spring Blessing Celebration  
Thursday May 25th, 2023  
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Bear Dance Camp Grounds

BREAKFAST FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED

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In honor of our, Chiefs, Singers, and our Nuuchiu!

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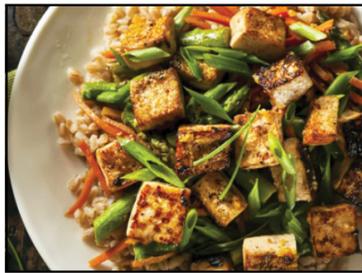
## HEALTHY RECIPES

### Tofu is a high protein vegetarian food

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

Tofu contains numerous vitamins and minerals as well as fiber, fat, minimal carbohydrates, and is low in calories among other health benefits. Tofu, which is made of soy, is safe to eat in a varied diet. If you are concerned with GMOs, you can purchase a non-GMO variety of tofu.

Tofu takes on the flavors of whatever marinade you use; Asian, buffalo style, curries, BBQ, etc. Versatile and easy to use, tofu makes a great addition to your meal rotation. Try it, you'll like it!



courtesy Depositphotos

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

#### Tofu Stir Fry

##### Ingredients:

- 16 oz block firm or extra firm tofu, drained, pressed and cut
- 2 teaspoons oil; olive, peanut, canola oil, etc.
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 4 tablespoons less salt soy sauce, divided
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 small head broccoli, cut into bite sized florets
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 2 medium carrots, sliced in thin diagonal coins
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon chili flakes (optional)
- 2 green onions, chopped

##### Directions:

1. Open tofu container and drain water. Wrap a kitchen towel around the block of tofu and place it on a shallow bowl or plate. Place a heavy object (i.e., heavy pot) on top of towel-wrapped tofu (do not squeeze or crush) to release any remaining liquid, for about 10 minutes. Cut tofu into cubes.
2. Meanwhile, make the marinating sauce by placing 2 tablespoons of sesame oil, half of the soy sauce, 1 teaspoon of ground ginger and garlic in a bowl. Whisk until combined.
3. Add cubed tofu to the sauce and

toast to coat. Let tofu marinate for about 10 minutes.

4. Cut up all veggies as described above.
5. In a large skillet with deep sides, heat 1 teaspoon olive oil to medium-high.
6. Add tofu and sauté until golden brown, about 10 minutes, turn occasionally with a spatula to sear on sides. Remove from skillet and set aside.
7. Adding the remaining teaspoon of olive oil to skillet, add onions and sauté for 2-3 minutes, then add carrots and sauté for an additional 5 minutes.
8. Add peppers, sauté for 3 minutes.
9. Add broccoli and sauté for 5 minutes (if using chili peppers, add during this step).
10. Add tofu and remaining soy sauce, sauté for an additional 5-7 minutes or until peppers and broccoli reach desired tenderness.
11. Serve over rice or rice noodles and garnish with sliced green onion.

\*\*Sauté trick: Begin with the hardest/hardest vegetable, then add the quicker cooking veggies last. So, in this instance: Onion, carrot, pepper, broccoli. Garlic is added later as it can burn easily. Onion is added first as it is hardy and becomes more flavorful as it cooks.

Servings: 4  
Nutrition per serving: 255 Calories, 18.8g Fat, 933mg Sodium, 14g Carbohydrates, 4g Fiber, 13g Protein

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### BEE HEARD: May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Look around, look within

Precious Collins  
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Take a moment to consider your environment. Do you feel safe? Do you have access to health care and grocery stores? Does your home support you, both physically and mentally?

This Mental Health Month, challenge yourself to look at your world and how different factors can affect your mental health. Depending on where a person is born, lives, works, plays, as well as their economic stability and social connections, are part of what is called "social determinants of health." The more these factors work in your favor means you are more likely to have better mental well-being. However, when it seems like the world is against you, your mental health can suffer.

While many parts of your environment can be out of your control, these are steps you can take to change your space and protect your well-being:

- Work toward securing safe and stable housing. This can be challenging due to finances, age, and other reasons, but there are a few things you can try, such as reaching out to a state/local agency to secure housing, removing safety hazards in the home, or finding another space (such as community center or friend's home) where you can get the comfort you are missing at home.

- Focus on your home: Consider keeping your space tidy, sleep-friendly, and well-ventilated. Surround yourself with items that help you feel calm and positive.
- Create bonds with your neighborhood and community: get to know local businesses and the people living around you.
- Connect with nature: Hike on the trails, sit in the park or along the river, bring a plant inside, or keep the shades open to absorb natural light.

If you're taking steps to improve your surroundings but are still struggling with your mental health, you may be experiencing signs of a mental health condition. Take a free, private screening at mhascreening.org to help you figure out what is going on and determine next steps.

The world around us can be both positive and negative, and bring joy, sadness, hope and anxiety. Learn more with Mental Health America's 2023 Mental Health toolkit, which provide free, practical resources, such as how an individual's environment impacts their mental health, suggestions for making changes to improve and maintain mental well-being, and how to seek help for mental challenges. Go to mhanational.org/may to learn more.

#### It's okay not to feel okay.

If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behav-

iors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections Program at 970.563.5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.

Reminder: If you need to talk to someone, please reach out. It's okay not to feel okay. Please contact us if you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Don't hesitate to contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections Program at 970.563.5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist. Or you can call the NEW Nationwide Suicide and Substance Use Crisis line: 9-8-8 #988Lifeline

And for those interested in opioid use education, harm reduction, and support, please contact us for quick Naloxone (Narcan) training and fentanyl test strips. We can schedule individual, family, or friends training times at our Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building, or we can come to you, and the training is around 30 minutes. Please call us at 970-563-5700 to set up a training appointment.

**Resources:**  
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\*If you need to schedule a different pickup time/date, please reach out to Lisa\*

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SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRESENTS

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Recovery-centered day with engaging activities, presentations, and resources for all who are on their recovery journey. Family and friends are welcome as well.

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For more information please contact Precious Collins  
prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov or Marvina Olguin  
marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov or call 970.563.5700

## SUHC: Discontinuation of COVID 19 Testing and Removal of the Modular Building

Effective Friday, April 7, 2023, the Southern Ute Health Center is discontinuing COVID 19 testing operations in the modular building to prepare for the Health Center's lab expansion project. Symptomatic Health Center patients can call to schedule an appointment to be seen by a provider, and the need for testing can be evaluated at the time of their visit. COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics we be continued at the Health Center and appointments can be made by calling 970-563-2357. If you reach the voicemail for that extension, please leave a message with your request to be scheduled for a vaccination and a callback number. Contact the Health Center at 970-563-4581 for information.



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SOCIAL SERVICES

# Recognizing parent dedication in the community

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE SOCIAL SERVICES

In April 2023, the Southern Ute Division of Social Services worked to raise awareness about child abuse and to promote prevention of child abuse in our community.

The Child Abuse Prevention Kick-off took place on Friday, April 7. The Southern Ute Tribal Council, Tribal Chairman, Social Services, the Executive Office and others announced the proclamation that April is Child Abuse Prevention month.

The Color Run on April 21 was a huge success with about 300 people in attendance. An Indigenous celebrity, Auntie Beachress (AKA Tonia Jo Hall), attended the Color Run and spent time visiting with elders and community members for a meet-and-greet after the run.

The Division of Social Services, along with other community entities including The Southern Ute Drum, The Boys and Girls Club, SunUte Community Center, and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy recognized families for our annual Parent Dedication.

The Dedicated Parent Awards were given to families who are exemplary in leading healthy lifestyles, supporting their children in reaching their full potential, and giving back to our com-



Jared and Natelle Ruybal and family.



Mike and Felicia Toledo and family.

community. We want to recognize the following families for being nominated by our community for this award.

- Jared and Natelle Ruybal and family
- Mike and Felicia Toledo and family
- Cody Mills and Jerna Weaver and family
- Misty and Gerald Parker and family
- Sheila and Travis Nanaeto (photo unavailable)

The Division of Social Services and the Color Run Committee would like to extend much appreciation to all that came out to make the event the success that it was. Please continue to take care of one another, especially the children, the vulnerable, and the elderly.

To report child abuse or even suspicions of child abuse, please call 970-563-KIDS (5437)."



Cody Mills and Jerna Weaver and family.



Misty and Gerald Parker.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# Mental Health First Aid training made possible through 988 Lifeline grant

By Divine Windy Boy  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute Behavioral Health now has two trained instructors – Native Connections Program Specialist, Precious Collins and Peer Recovery Coach, Marvina Olguin – to teach Mental Health First Aid courses to the community. Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. This training will give the skills needed to reach out, provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health, substance use problem, or individuals who may be experiencing a crisis.

Throughout the years the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division has been dedicated to identifying the gaps in mental health training and awareness within the community and finding the solutions for that. Collins and Olguin will be providing Mental Health First Aid training throughout the remainder of this year, featuring different courses tailored to multiple subcategories. "Two things that I would really stress is that Mental Health First Aid is an international program," Collins said. "Within Mental Health First Aid, there's some subcategories in there that you can become an instructor—so we have the adults, the youth, and the teens and our Behavioral Health Division as of right now we have all



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Peer Recovery Coach, Marvina Olguin and Native Connections Program Specialist, Precious Collins are now certified to teach Mental Health First Aid courses, they proudly hold Mental Health First Aid Mascot, "Algee" the Koala. Courses will begin Monday, May 22 and are available to a variety of subcategories within the community.

three trainings."

Following the 988 Lifeline Grant awarded to the Albuquerque Indian Health Board, the Southern Ute Behavioral Health being one of eight recipients of a sub-award from the Albuquerque Indian Health Board, funding for more suicide prevention and outreach trainings became available for the Tribe. "That's where we afforded that opportunity, because they [Albuquerque Indian Health Board] set everything up," Collins said. "They brought in two national trainers, to do the instructors training, our connection is because of that sub award grant."

"What I appreciated about the training was that it really hit on person first language and removing stigma," Olguin said. "That could be the difference between somebody asking for help and somebody just saying

no – because it is so stigmatized, especially revolving around substance abuse."

"This is a step that, as staff ... as workers of the Tribe, we're passionate about mental health," Collins said. "Everything we do in life involves our mental health and in taking the step now to get the training – helping the community be proactive."

Anyone who is interested in the Mental Health First Aid trainings can contact either Precious Collins or Marvina Olguin via phone ext. 2487, ext. 2359 or via email precollins@southernute-nsn.gov and marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov. The first eight-hour training offered will be the Adult Mental Health First Aid Training, this training is scheduled for Monday, May 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. located at the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building

TRIBAL HEALTH

# Your Medicare services

By David C. Tonemah, MBA  
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH DIRECTOR

Dear Tribal Member, As you may know, Medicare is a health insurance plan that covers people 65 and older. Medicare also covers some people under the age of 65 who have certain disabilities and people with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).

Medicare continues to expand services by adding different "Parts." Medicare Part A is the hospital part that pays for hospitalizations, home health and hospice care. Medicare Part B is the medical insurance part that covers doctor's visits and durable medical equipment. Medi-

care Part C is the Medicare Advantage Plan Part that allows Medicare approved private health insurance companies to offer a health plan by combining Part A, Part B and sometimes Part D. Medicare Part D is the prescription drug coverage part which helps pay for prescription drugs.

The Tribal Health Department has staff at the health center to assist you in enrolling in the Medicare Program. They are also available to answer any questions you may have related to the Medicare Program or you can call Medicare directly at 1-800-MEDICARE or 1-800-633-4227.

Some parts of Medicare charge a monthly fee which

is called a "premium." The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has set aside funds to cover the cost of your Medicare premiums for eligible enrolled tribal members. These funds are managed by the health department. Medicare or Social Security should have sent all tribal members enrolled in Medicare a "Summary Notice." This notice provides the cost of your monthly premium for the next 12 months.

In order to ensure that the Tribal Health Department pays your monthly premiums in a timely and accurate manner, please submit a copy of your summary notice to our Benefits Coordinators on an annual basis. For more information, please contact Ms. Lori Herrera at 970-563-2371.

Recovery professionals, you are invited to the **RECOVERY PROFESSIONALS DAY** **FRIDAY MAY 19TH** **SKY UTE CASINO EVENT CENTER** 14324 Hwy 172 North, Ignacio, CO 81137

Agenda:  
8:00am Breakfast  
9:00am Southern Ute Bear Dance Demonstration with Cultural Preservation Department  
12:00pm Lunch  
1:00-4:30pm Professional updates and networking

Questions? Contact Precious Collins at pcollins@southernute-nsn.gov 970.563.5700

SEE YOU THERE!

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe**

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In part one of each session we will discuss examples of traditional practices and teachings from several different tribes. Instructors also share teachings from local areas and communities. Part two of each session discusses how to apply those teachings and values today. Complete all 8 sessions to receive a certificate.

WHERE: Online – Virtual sessions –  
Download the "Microsoft Teams" App for access  
WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays in May 2023  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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

**Alternative Horizons Volunteer Opportunity**

Alternative Horizons is in need of 15 or more ongoing volunteers to staff our 24/7/365 hotline, for more information please call the office at 970-247-4374. If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please call our 24-Hour hotline 970-247-9619. All services provided are free, confidential and voluntary.



courtesy SUIMA

Starlitt Greany is using her practical life skills as she prepares her own snack by cutting carrots.

## SUIMA

# Po'ekwatu "Eagle's Nest"

*Bear Dance is fast approaching*

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

As Bear Dance (Píinunúchiu Mamakwanhkapu) is fast approaching, the students will be practicing their dance steps (whkatavi'na'iniaghatu) and a few Bear Dance songs (mamakwanhkw'apu). With all the students and staff creating a new ribbon shirt (taa) or dress (mamapikwa'na), everyone will be ready for opening day. This is the first year we are going to have our end of the year ceremony on the same day as Mamakwanhkapu. Our ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. on the grassy area between the old dining hall and Tribal Council Chambers, with students, staff, and parents walking down to the Mamakwanhkapu grounds together after the ceremony.

As the staff of SUIMA are the role models for the students, they participate in all aspects of this celebration. We have elders who come talk to the staff about protocol, tribal members who share mamakwanhkapu stories, and the Ute Language staff providing fun insights and answering questions for better understanding. As the Ute Language program is the cornerstone of the school, it is important that all staff members show honor and respect for Píinunúchiu Mamakwanhkapu as the students look to them for guidance and support. It is always good to help pass the tradition down to the children – thank you for allowing all the SUIMA staff to be part of this.



courtesy SUIMA

Southern Ute Council Woman Marge Barry took time out of her busy schedule to come read to the students during SUIMA's annual book fair.

### Montessori tidbits

Practical Life – a term used often in the Montessori world that just means the building of skills for daily living. As we all know, young children want to be a part of the activities that the adults around them are doing. They want to mimic or imitate the work their parents/grandparents do. When children enter a Montessori classroom at any age, the practical life area provides the link between pretend and real-life.

In the toddler level, the young children scrape and wash their own dishes, put on a band aid, and get their nap mat ready for nap time in the preschool/kindergarten level, there are tools that have been carefully chosen to fit the hands of this age child so that the children are successful as they do their "work." In this

age classroom, you might see the students scrubbing a table, sweeping the floor, or washing a window. As the students enter a lower elementary classroom, Practical Life begins to include gardening, working with wood, or cooking a simple dish of food.

In the upper elementary classes, the students still enjoy Practical Life, but it looks a bit different. At this age, they learn how to set up a fundraiser, how to plan their own field trip, or fix a bicycle. No matter the age or level, Practical Life helps the student learn organization, concentration, coordination, and independence. And when all these skills combine, it is an amazing thing to see – and makes for some pretty quiet classrooms!

### Board members

SUIMA's school board is seeking new members! If you are interested in helping the school change, grow, and challenge the students, consider this volunteer opportunity. All you have to do is submit a letter of interest to the school principal. The dates for next year's school board meetings have not been set yet and can be planned around your schedule. Come join the school in a way that can help support the students and school.

### Registration packets

Registration packets are now available at [www.suima.org](http://www.suima.org) under the Parents Tab.

## Upcoming events

- Every Friday – Fancy Fridays and Early Release
- May 10 – Primary Parents Tea
- May 10 – Bear Dance workshop for students
- May 10 – Family Night celebration
- May 11 – Elementary Parents Tea
- May 12 – Field Day
- May 15-16 – Elementary Overnight Field Trip
- May 16 – PAG via Zoom
- May 19 – Infant/Toddler Field Trip to Wildlife Park
- May 19 – Community Bear Dance workshop at Sky Ute Casino
- May 23 – Primary Field Trip to Durango Fish Hatchery
- May 25 – Primary Water Fun Day
- May 26 – End of the Year Ceremony on SUIMA school grounds at 9 a.m.
- May 26 – Opening of Bear Dance 10 a.m.

## SUIMA steps into spring



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's primary classroom and their family finish out their fun walk/run on Friday, April 28.

SUIMA's Upper Elementary classroom held their final fundraiser event for their end of the year field trip to Santa Fe, N.M. on Friday, April 28. Mrs. Mae Yazzie-Pino, upper elementary's teacher helps Meskviwv Wesley hand out fresh lemonade to students, teachers and tribal employees who participated in the event.



SUIMA students race against each other during the fun walk/run. Councilman Marvin Pinnecoose and Vice Chairman, Lorelei Cloud also participated.

# MAY FOOD DRIVE

## HEALTHY SNACKS

During the month of May, Pine River Shares will be collecting donations of Healthy Snacks.

Donations may be dropped off in the PRS lobby Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm 658 S East Street in Bayfield or at ELHI Community Center 115 Ute Street in Ignacio

Thank You for helping to feed Pine River Valley Kids & Families!

Some ideas include:

- Granola Bars
- Trail Mix
- Crackers
- Nuts
- Jerky
- Popcorn
- Fruit Leather
- Etc...

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## HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR FREE LAPTOP?

All Southern Ute Tribal Members are eligible to receive a free laptop. If you have questions, please contact us.

To receive a laptop, a questionnaire must be filled out and returned to SUDEP. Laptops and Chromebooks will be available to SUTM's until all have been distributed. Laptops will be distributed in the order we receive the questionnaires. Elders will have priority for distribution. We ship laptops to SUTM's who live out of the local area. Questionnaires are available online at:

[www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP)

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### Need Technical Assistance?

Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)  
Support Team

Phone: 970-563-5555

Email: [sudepservice@southernute.com](mailto:sudepservice@southernute.com)

SUDEP is here to assist Southern Ute Tribal Members with laptop support & troubleshooting, training, education, and technology questions. "We can help you over the phone, remotely, or you may bring your laptop to one of our techs."





## Earth Day celebrations!



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Students of Ignacio High School and Ignacio Middle School take to the Town of Ignacio to help clean the area, then later worked on painting canvases for the Dancing Spirit Art Corner on Thursday, April 20 to celebrate Earth Day. Each student took part in painting the Earth Day themed canvases, which will be put on display at the Art Corner at the intersection of Empire St. and Goddard Ave.

Following their cleanup of Ignacio, students meet outside of the Dancing Spirit Art Gallery to begin working on the canvases. Students gathered around tables to paint, enjoy the nice weather, listen to music and discuss how to practice good habits that will help to protect Earth and its resources.



## Bobcats reach for the stars



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ignacio High School Seniors stand proudly in front of their friends, family, and fellow students as they receive their awards for academic excellence. During the event Ignacio Elementary School second graders sang the National Anthem, National Honor Society welcomed new inductees, and attendees heard closing remarks from the Ignacio School Board members.



Tribal Council Treasurer, Marvin Pinnecoose is the key speaker of the 35th Annual Academic Awards Banquet hosted by the Ignacio School District Accountability Committee on Monday, May 1. Pinnecoose gave a motivational speech to all students and families in attendance, wishing them all good luck in their educational endeavors.



courtesy SUWOSU Athletics

Ignacio High School alumnus, Dustin Sanchez (right) was recently named Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 2022-23 Male Athlete-of-the-Year. Sanchez ended regular-season rodeo action as the NIRA Central Plains Region's No. 2 bull rider, qualifying him for next month's College National Finals Rodeo in Wyoming. At left is Abby Hepper, SWOSU's Female AOY and also a Bulldogs Rodeo team member.

### RODEO

## Ignacio alum earns collegiate honor

*Sanchez makes College National Finals Rodeo*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Celebrating the past year, Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Athletics hosted its 2022-23 All-Sports Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 26, in Weatherford, Okla., with two individuals recognized as the best of the school's best. Both are Bulldogs Rodeo members. One happens to be an Ignacio High School alumnus.

Having transferred to SWOSU this year from Garden City, Kansas Community College, as he continued developing into one of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's top Central Plains Region bull riders, Dustin Sanchez was named Male Athlete-of-the-Year (barrel racer Abby Hepper of Keene, N.D., received Female AOY) in front of all attending to the event held inside Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

Prior to Oklahoma Panhandle State University's season-ending Doc Gardner Memorial Rodeo, April 27-29 at the Henry C. Hitch Pioneer Arena in Guymon,

Sanchez had placed first once and second twice in his specialty, keeping him near the top of the CPR in points. And though he ultimately didn't finish first in that department, Sanchez still became the sixth SWOSU bull rider to qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo under head coach Mike Visnieski, and the first since Nathan Hatchel (a three-time CNFR qualifier and SWOSU's 2018-19 Male AOY) in 2019.

Sanchez's most consistent weekend came back in September at the season-opening Colby (Kan.) CC Rodeo when he rode both bulls he drew, totaling 142 points, to take home the gold buckle – and help the 'Dogs depart with the men's team title.

The senior's best-scoring ride this season (so far) came less than two weeks later when SWOSU traveled to Durant, Okla., for the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Rodeo. Sanchez scored 80 points in the long round and finished second in the average to the hosting Storm's Caden Bunch, whose 83 held up for first after no one made the eight-second

count in the finals. Following the 57th Annual Fort Hays State (Kan.) University Rodeo, April 20-22, Southwestern Oklahoma State's men sat third – behind second place SEO-SU and Fort Scott (Kan.) CC – in the Central Plains standings, with Sanchez second in bull riding, 90 points behind Bunch, who totaled a winning 149 (the only points scored) on two head at FHSU.

The only entrant covering two (80-84-164) at the 50th Annual SWOSU Rodeo April 13-15, Sanchez teammate Hunter Tate – a CNFR qualifier in '21 and '22 for Coffeyville (Kan.) CC – was third ... and so he remained after the dust settled at OPSU, despite his winning 84-point ride.

Sanchez did not score at Panhandle but, due to his points advantage on Tate going in, secured CPR Reserve Champion status. He, Tate, sophomore Brody McAbee (Champion, saddle bronc) and senior Marley Berger (Reserve Champion, tie-down roping) all qualified for the 2023 CNFR, which runs June 11-17 in Casper, Wyo.

### THRIVE IN PLACE

## Pine River Shares presents a free info-share on aging in Arboles

Staff report  
PINE RIVER SHARES

Discussion to focus on resources and strategies for aging well in the Pine River Valley. Join with others for a free lunch and presentation by Debra Herrera of San Juan Basin Area Agency on aging to be held Tuesday, May 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the TARA Community Center located at 333 Milton Lane in Arboles, Colo. Herrera will share information on resources and fi-

nancial support available for seniors in the Pine River Valley. Lunch will be served.

Included in the discussion topic will be an introduction of the various voucher programs for dental and vision check-ups and support for homemakers, personal care and respite care.

This free info-share is organized by Pine River Shares' Thrive In Place (TIP) project that advocates safe, independent living for seniors and vulnerable adults living in the Pine River Valley. TIP is sup-

ported by a grant from Next 50 Initiative.

TIP holds regular luncheon meetings in the Pine River Valley in Arboles on the second Tuesdays of each month at TARA Community Center and in Bayfield on second and fourth Thursdays at Pine River Shares located at 658 S. East Street. Information and transportation assistance contact Pine River Shares at 970-884-6040. Pine River Shares' programs can be found at <http://www.pinerivershares.org>.

Scholarships are available for the 2023-2024 academic year

## Southern Ute Scholarship Program

Certificate, Associate, Bachelor, Master or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is July 3rd 2023
- Part-time scholarships are also available– applications are due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Certificate Scholarships-applications are due two weeks before classes start
- Scholarship applications are now available on-line or you can pick them up at the Education Center



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## Nominations For Annual Elbert J. Floyd Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are: A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Deserving; A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program; Interested in continuing his or her education; Interested in serving the Tribe and the community; and Approved by the Department of Education. An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and but be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may nominate and submit a letter of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. **\*\*Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at Southern Ute Education Department by \*5 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023, and shall state the basis for the nomination. Or email the letter to [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information call 970-563-0235.** The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute student.



## Raising awareness through color



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Participants simultaneously throw their colored powder in the air at the end of the run – in celebration of the community event. The Southern Ute Division of Social Services hosted the 2023 Child Abuse Awareness Color Run.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Melvin Baker welcomed participants during the Color Run at Sun Ute Park.



Robert L Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Royalty members gather with special guest, Tonia Jo Hall for a quick photo op.



Robert L Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council members catch a photo op with Tonia Jo Hall aka "Auntie Beachress," in front of the backdrop created by SUIMA students prior to the Color Run.

**The Southern Ute Division of Social Services hosted the 2023 Child Abuse Awareness Color Run on Friday, April 21 at the Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park. The annual event was held to help raise awareness on child abuse and spread the message "Color Us with Love." Also dubbed, "Come Run with Auntie," the event featured a special visit from comedian, Tonia Jo Hall aka "Auntie Beachress." Introductions were given by Social Services Division Head, Vera Blackwater; Southern Ute Tribal Council; Members of Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Royalty. A prayer was given by Southern Ute elder, Eddie Box Jr. prior to the run. Tribal families and community members were able to walk or run at their own pace, while being sprayed with color by volunteers from the many tribal departments. After the run, participants could rehydrate or enjoy food provided by SunUte Community Center. Community members were also able visit, get a laugh and an autograph from "Auntie Beachress."**



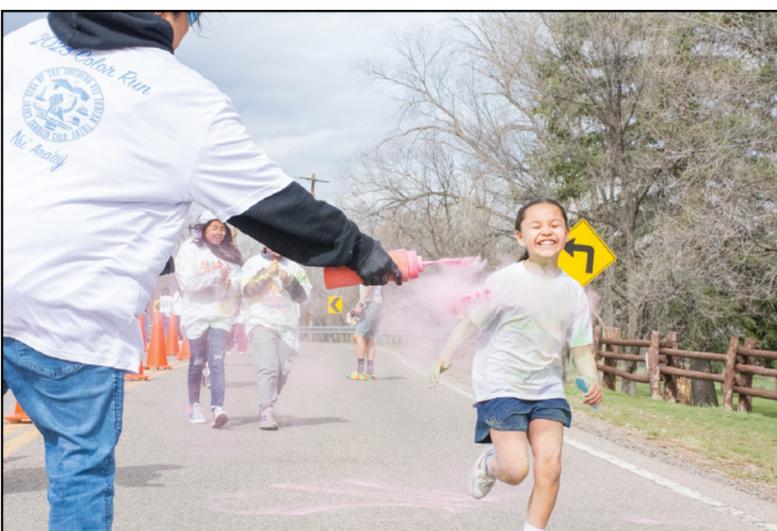
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Staff members of the Southern Ute Culture Department operated one of the many booths throwing color for the event.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Community Resource Officer, Jasper Abeyta manages to throw color on Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Program Manager, Morgann Graham.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Malia White Thunder gets doused with colorful powder during the Color Run.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder, Freda Pinnecoose square-up and gets some laughs with "Auntie Beachress" during the meet and greet.



CLOUD ON COLORADO'S TOP WATER BOARD • FROM PAGE 1

with other Colorado River Basin stakeholders. The 15-member board also sets water policy within the state, funds water projects statewide and works on issues related to watershed protection, stream restoration, flood mitigation and drought planning.

As one of nine basin representatives on the board, Cloud is responsible for elevating the top issues for water users across the San Miguel-Dolores-San Juan drainage basin, which reaches 10 counties and two Native American reservations and includes cities like Cortez, Durango and Telluride. She will hold the unpaid, voluntary position for three years.

Cloud, whose leadership experience also spans the Indigenous Women's Leadership Network, the Water and Tribes Initiative and the Ten Tribes Partnership, recently spoke with The Colorado Sun at her office on the Southern Ute Reservation's tribal campus.

*The following has been edited for clarity and length.*

**The Colorado Sun:** How do you feel knowing that you're the first tribal member to serve on the Colorado Water Conservation Board?

**Lorelei Cloud:** A little taken aback, knowing this little Ute girl's got this position. It's a little overwhelming, but I also have to remember I've done that in several other positions as well and this is just another part of that. At the same time if I don't (do it), I mean, who else is going to have our voice?

Becky Mitchell – she's on the water conservation board and now she's our state commissioner (for the Upper Colorado River

Commission) – she's elevated the tribal voice on a higher level than we could possibly get to. ... Other tribes don't have that type of relationship with their states, and we do. We're very proud that we have that relationship with our state. I think it's made my transition into this role easier.

**Sun:** You've held, and continue to hold, many leadership positions tied to water issues. What makes you feel connected to water and water issues?

**Cloud:** So as a Ute woman and as a Ute member, I feel like I'm very connected to water and to our environment. I grew up in a very traditional Ute home, practicing our Ute ways, and so water was always a part of it – also the other elements and knowing that we were the first caretakers of this land and we need to continue that duty. Taking on this role in water has been just another aspect of that.

**Sun:** Can you give us an overview of some of the top water issues in your basin and for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe?

**Cloud:** I'm still learning in this role and figuring out what has happened before I got onto the board. But in the entire basin, not just in my area or for the tribe, the big issue right now is the interim guidelines for the Colorado River. That's, I think, a main concern for everyone and how that's going to affect us now that the Bureau of Reclamation has released their draft SEIS (supplemental environmental impact statement). ...

Right now, because we had a really good winter, everybody's got water. I think right now some of those

fears are lessened, but we don't know what that next year's going to bring. That's always on everybody's forefront, not just in a tribal perspective or my regional area, but it's everybody.

**Sun:** Do you think the CWCB should have a permanent seat for a tribal representative?

**Cloud:** Yes. For many years, tribes have been asking for a seat at the policy-making table, and this is just a small part of what that could be. If there was a tribal component specifically for Southern Ute and Ute Mountain, I don't think it would impact the whole state, but it gives a different perspective as to how tribes view water and that they do have a voice at that level of making policy within the state. ...

Everybody's really receptive to having a tribal voice, and it's a lot of learning on their side as well. When you add on a tribal appointment specifically, I think that just adds a greater level of understanding that the state wants to hear from everybody. Because ultimately, tribal members are still citizens of the state. And so why not include them?

**Sun:** Part of your role is to represent stakeholders who have conflicting water interests. For example, if tribes fully utilize their senior water rights, it will have a major impact for users with more junior rights, as you have stated in the past. How do you plan to resolve issues when people's needs conflict?

**Cloud:** You have to give everybody the opportunity to be heard – a lot of times, that's all they want is to be heard. Their points could be completely valid, and I don't know that until I listen to



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Snowmelt turns to spring runoff, which in turn flows down the Pine River through Bayfield on April 1, making its way into Southern Ute lands to the south.

them. Just like in my role as a tribal leader, everybody's voice counts. They may be different from mine, but I still need to listen to them. ... When you're in these types of leadership roles, you learn that sometimes those that come at you the hardest – those are lessons that you need to learn from, and sometimes those are your opportunities to grow.

**Sun:** So if Southern Ute water interests conflict with other stakeholder groups in the basin, how will you balance your CWCB responsibilities with your role on tribal council?

**Cloud:** If there's a situation where all of those meet or they intersect, I would take on my appointment from the state just because I know that there's other tribal council members that ... can speak on the tribe's behalf. But I would definitely remove myself from the tribal component because I did take the challenge and the opportunity to be on the Colorado Water Conservation Board. ... I don't think that that's going to happen very often or at all, but that's my game plan, just to remove myself.

**Sun:** In a 2022 opinion piece in The Colorado Sun, you emphasized collaboration and said that starts with recognizing the role of tribal nations in shaping the future of the Colorado River Basin. What are some of the past challenges in recognizing that role? What do you believe the next steps should be?

**Cloud:** It goes back all the way back to the 1922 (Colorado River) Compact. Tribes were left out of that compact; we weren't even considered citizens at that point. Knowing that next year is going to be 100 years since Native people have become citizens in the United States – that you're 100 years behind policymaking – that's a challenge that everybody has to overcome. ... The Gila River communi-

ty, they've shown that there's true collaboration, also with the Colorado River Indian Tribe. We should do that in the Upper Basin. There's opportunities for us to be partners. Fear should be out of the picture. We're all in this together, regardless. If we all run out of water, it's gonna affect every single one of us, not just a certain group. Climate change doesn't look at race, doesn't look at state lines, tribal reservations. It's going to affect everybody, so why can't we all work together? There's challenges in just working together that have to be overcome.

**Sun:** And for specific next steps?

**Cloud:** This is part of it – tribal members taking on these leadership roles in these different committees. Again, I'm thankful that the state of Colorado was open enough to have a tribal member be put in that type of role. Other states aren't willing to do that. Colorado has always been a trailblazer in pushing boundaries, and so that's just part of it. If all the tribes had those opportunities within the other basin states, I think you would have better collaboration.

**Sun:** Anything I haven't asked about that you'd like to highlight?

**Cloud:** I just think that it's important for people not to be fearful of Native people taking on these roles. Again, we're the original caretakers of this land, so why wouldn't we take on a management role like this? No one should fear me. I'm their voice, and we all need to figure out how we can work together. It's not 'Draw the line in the sand, and this is the way it is.' We can't do that. We're way beyond that right now. We need to just work together and figure out how we're going to save our river, save our water. Because ultimately, we can have all the water rights in the world, but that's not going to do us any good unless we develop them and

we can get the water up to where it really needs to be.

**Sun:** Is that where the fear comes up, the water rights discussion?

**Cloud:** Both tribes have senior, federal water rights, which means we can't lose them. And so when the river has been over-allocated, everybody's using that tribal water for free. Their fear is that once we put our water to use, they're not going to have anything. Well, you can't take away the tribe's rights to develop their water and do what they need to for their people. How are you going to figure that out downstream? It's not their fault, either, but we're gonna have to figure it out. That's why the management decisions in these interim guidelines are so important.

**Sun:** How do you keep the momentum going, for yourself and those you represent, to continue to work on these issues that have been going on for so long?

**Cloud:** For me, honestly, you should never give up regardless of the situation. Having water, being in drought, having a good snow season – you always have to fight because so many people are counting on us, any leader in the basin, to make the best decisions for everybody. It's not just the people now, it's our future generations. They're counting on us to make those decisions for them right now. ...

My dream is that we fix this, so that we never have to come back and have the types of negotiations that we've had now, where some are holding out or some don't want to collaborate. I hope that everybody can come together, (that) we can find a solution that's going to impact everybody in the positive. Everybody's a winner, no one's a loser. Our future descendants, they're gonna look back at us, and I hope that we've done them justice in creating something that they can be proud of.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Arial view of the San Juan River flowing into the Navajo Lake, March 12, 2022 during a flight for the Colorado River Overflight Project.

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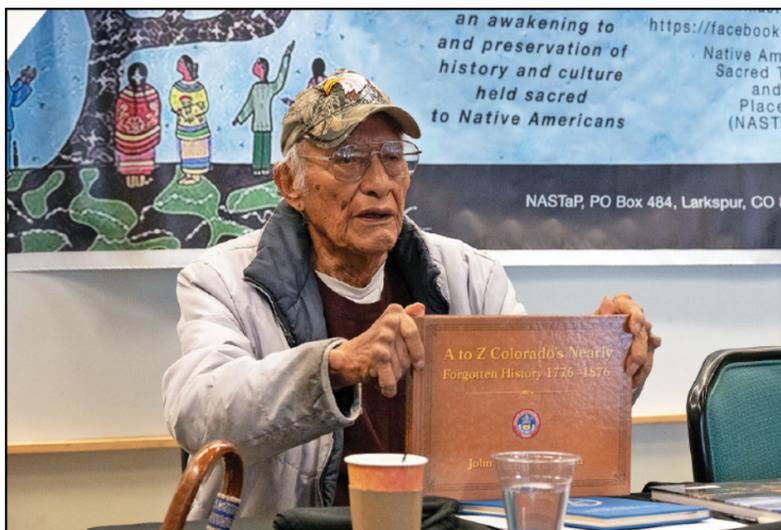
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## Environmental Commission



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

EPD Air Enforcement Specialist, Crystal Kelly gives an update on the Title V to the Commissioners on Wednesday, April 26 during the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and State of Colorado Environmental Commission Meeting. This meeting serves to provide updates on current environmental projects, address new business, and provide open discussion for any questions that may be asked by the public. Updates were also given on the Ambient Monitoring Program, Minor Source Program, Reservation Air Code Revisions, and updates from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

During the NASTaP Board Retreat at the Southern Ute Museum, Saturday, April 29, Southern Ute elder, Dr. James Jefferson holds a book by John Wesley Anderson, which he assisted with gathering information for.

## NON-PROFIT GROUP

# NASTaP members meet in Ignacio for annual retreat

Discussion of sacred trees and places

By Robert L. Ortiz  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Members of the Native American Sacred Trees and Places (NASTaP) held their annual board retreat in Ignacio, Colo., April 28 – 30. The non-profit group met to discuss board functions, review bylaws, strategic goals and share with those present about their mission and share their own experiences. According to their Strategic Plan, their mission is “To inspire discovery, acknowledgment, and conservation of Native American sacred places and culturally modified trees.”

The group believes that trees were “Culturally Modified Trees” or CMT’s, by Native Americans to use as land markers, and for purposes of prayer and ceremonies, whose purpose embraces; Cultural appreciation; Experiential learning; Multidisciplinary research; Inclusivity; Mentorship; and Stewardship.

NASTaP was founded in 2017 by Southern Ute elder, Dr. James Jefferson, John Anderson and Janet Shown, and the non-profit is headquartered in Larkspur, Colo.

“Dr. Jefferson and John Anderson, have been educating and trying to raise awareness about CMT’s and sacred places, throughout the U.S. Canada and other place where these sites have been found,” said Shown.

There are opponents of NASTaP.

“Archeologists said this is not true. CMT’s was done by nature – but if it’s done all over the United States, Canada, South America and people identify that this is true. That’s what we are trying to find,” Dr. Jefferson said.

As stated by Dr. Jefferson, there are 573 registered tribes in the United States, every one of them has a culture. “I thought all medicine men, spiritual leaders knew about all of these things, but I guess I was wrong. Because they told me, ‘It is not in their culture.’”

The Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribes jointly submitted a letter denouncing the practice of Prayer trees, Sacred trees, Marker trees, Vortex trees, etc., submitted at the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs quarterly meeting in 2019.

View the full letter online at [www.sudrum.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Official-SU-UMU-Statement-False-Cultural-Connection-June20ww2019.pdf](http://www.sudrum.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Official-SU-UMU-Statement-False-Cultural-Connection-June20ww2019.pdf)

Dr. Jefferson has taught the group throughout the years, about his memories of the elder’s teachings to Jefferson.

“Through the show-and-



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Board members of NASTaP gather for a photo with co-founder, Southern Ute elder, Dr. James Jefferson during their annual board retreat, Saturday, April 29 at the Southern Ute Museum.

tell method, about these Native American culturally modified trees. Some had bark peels (where the bark had been removed), or cut to gather pitch, and others have been bent or shaped over generations,” said Shown.

The groups says they feel fortunate to have learned about the trees from Dr. Jefferson, through his ancestral lineage, and hopes to engage more tribal members in telling of their memories of the CMT’s and to help spread awareness in the area.

In 2011, Nathan Winder (Strong Elk) then director of the Southern Ute Museum and Dr. Jefferson who was on the Museum board were first approached about the trees and asked for information about the [bent] trees.

“I have seen them in the forest, and when I talked to the old people about the trees. My first affiliation that I can remember with the trees was back in 1938-39,” said Jefferson.

Dr. Jefferson has met with elders of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and shared information about what NASTaP is doing.

Through stories told to him and through his own research and study, Dr. Jefferson has visited various sites and has identified trees, as CMT’s.

Patti Brady, volunteer for the National Forest Service (Durango/Pagosa Springs District) has worked with Dr. Jefferson for many years in the “Trailing the Trees of the Ancients,” as termed by NASTaP, has identified a tree in Turkey Creek, where Brady patrols as a “birthing tree”.

A birthing tree is believed by the NASTaP group to have been used during childbirth by Native Americans.

“The trees have been tied as a young seedling, with horse tail, [yucca braids] then causing the tree to shoot upwards,” said Brady.

“Mark Roper, GIS Officer has actually recorded several “ancient trees,” and has also recorded trees in the Upper Piedra,” said Brady.

Dr. Jefferson stated he has been gathering information to “pinpoint” dates, and what tribes inhabit-

ed the various areas where the CMT’s and sacred sites have been found.

“Through records I have gone through and what [information] we are getting, we can identify the tribe in the area. I am also working with the ‘Old Spanish Trail’ and getting help from them,” said Dr. Jefferson.

“The people out there have the stories, they’ve heard the stories, we have photos – as we come up with the stories, that are quite unique we will share with the articles we write,” said Jefferson.

NASTaP’s guiding principles state that: “No one person, tribe, or group has all the answers or is the single authority on Native American sacred trees and places. Together, we can conduct better research, identification, interpretation, documentation, education, and conservation. We strive for cultural appreciation, not appropriation. Our activities are inclusive of all tribes and non-native people who wish to research, discover, understand, share, appreciate, and conserve Native American sacred trees and places.”

“History is so broad and so wide, that no one person can study it,” said Dr. Jefferson.

In a book written by John Wesley Anderson, “A to Z Colorado’s Nearly Forgotten History 1776 – 1876” (Rhyolite Press LLC, 2021), Dr. Jefferson assisted Anderson with information for the book.

“Indians have a history, it is written history, but it is in the trees, in the rocks – the petroglyphs. The work I’m doing now, I named it ‘Indian Science and Western Science, because I am working with both of these,” said Dr. Jefferson.

The current project the group is asking for help with photos of CMT’s, “... although we already have a lot – if we can get the whole country to do the same thing, then we’ve accomplished a lot of things.”

The group has upcoming field trips planned to visit various sites in Colorado and New Mexico.

Visit [www.nastap.org](http://www.nastap.org) for more information.

## FOOD SECURITY

# USDA funding to expand meat and poultry processing options for tribal communities

Staff report  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the availability of up to \$125 million through two new grant programs that will create more options for meat and poultry farmers by investing in independent, local meat and poultry processing projects that increase competition and enhance the resiliency of the food supply chain.

These new grant programs, the Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing Grant Program and the Local Meat Capacity Grant Program, are part of the broader \$1 billion American Rescue Plan investment by the Biden-Harris Administration to expand processing capacity for small and midsized meat and poultry processors.

“This is the latest step in USDA’s transformational work to fill gaps and help small and underserved producers market their products, support thriving local and regional food systems by investing in processing capacity that’s closer to farms and alleviate major bottlenecks in food and agricultural supply chains,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “Importantly, we’re also taking steps to increase the overall availability of protein from indigenous animals like bison, reindeer and salmon, which have been the backbone of tribal food systems for generations.”

Since July 2021, for example, USDA has worked with 30 businesses to expand their operations through Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Project grants and has helped many more work towards a federal grant of inspection through Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grants. More information on USDA’s work to fulfill this commitment can be found at [usda.gov/meat](https://usda.gov/meat).

## Indigenous animals harvesting and meat processing grant program

This new grant program will provide up to \$50 million to improve tribal nations’ food and agricultural supply chain resiliency by developing and expanding value-added infrastructure related to meat from indigenous animals like bison, reindeer or salmon. The program will fund projects that focus on expanding local capacity for the harvesting, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling or distributing of indigenous meats.

“This is a historic investment to support indigenous food supply chains by enhancing community food sovereignty and traditional harvesting methods,” said USDA Office of Tribal Relations Director Heather Dawn Thompson. “Tribal nations have clearly articulated their priorities to USDA over the last two years, and this program directly responds by focusing on species and

activities which have historically not had significant access to funding in federal programs.”

“For too long, Native American farmers and ranchers have been asked to produce more to meet increasing demand across the country and around the world, while they and the tribal communities they come from have struggled to see their fair share of the benefits,” said USDA Under Secretary for Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small. “Under the leadership of the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is proud to offer this investment in tribal nations’ food chain resiliency as a part of USDA’s broader efforts to restore indigenous food ways. By expanding and enhancing local processing capacity, these projects will provide culturally appropriate food and community food security to tribal communities.”

Eligible applicants are Indian tribes, as defined by the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994, as well as wholly owned arms and instrumentalities, and joint or multi-tribal government entities. USDA partners with tribal-serving organizations on projects to reimagine federal food and agriculture programs from an indigenous perspective and inform future USDA programs and policies.

More information is available on USDA’s Indigenous Animals Grants webpage. Applications will be accepted through July 19, 2023.

## Multi-Purpose Facility May Open Sewing

**May Open Bear Dance Sewing**  
**Monday—Thursday May 15-18, 2023**  
**9:00 AM—7:00 PM**

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QUARTERLY REPORT

Miss Southern Ute

Grace Gonzales

Maiku, Nunai Niaa, (my name) is Grace Gonzales. I am the 2022-2023 Miss Southern Ute, my parents are Amy Barry and Mario Gonzales, my maternal grandparents are Marge and Ben Barry (egap), and my paternal grandparents are Joe and Debbie Gonzales.



Grace Gonzales  
Miss Southern Ute  
2022 - 2023

Following the holiday season and New Year, I participated in the following events: Southern Ute MPF's Valentine Powwow was attended by many in the community. I served as Head Lady Dancer throughout the event. I was humbled by the amount of our tribal community and visiting sister tribes who were in attendance. I was honored by Dr. Blackbird and my Aunt Twyla Blackbird during the gourd dancing session and received my first gourd dancing shawl with instruction on care and proper use. Such an honorable experience for me as a young Southern Ute woman.

Leandra Litz, who was our Head Lady Dancer for the powwow. A wonderful meal was provided, and we assisted with serving the elders. It was another fun event attended by so many.

The Southern Ute Royalty attended the Monthly Sip, Chat and Chew to honor our eldest Southern Ute tribal member, Ms. Vida B. Peabody, it was such an amazing event attended by many of her past colleagues, family members and community who had so much admiration for her work she contributed to the Southern Ute people. We handed out Valentine's Day Cards to all of the visiting elders and also shared our Ute Storytelling event that was to follow later in the month.

Denver March Powwow was a first-time experience for me, and I had a wonderful time meeting over 40+ Indigenous ambassadors that surrounded the powwow arena for a special acknowledgment during a session. I met so many wonderful people, ran into so many family members who were also participating throughout the weekend. I was able to visit the vendors and meet some of the youthful public who were in attendance for their first time and were in awe to see a real "princess". It was a great weekend with my mom and grandmother.

The Southern Ute Royalty also hosted a Ute Storytelling event with special guests, Ute Tribe's Larry Cesspooch, and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's Colleen Cuthair Root. Both elders shared Ute stories, Mr. Cesspooch even had puppets to assist through his storytelling. Ms. Root shared some of her personal Ute stories shared by her elders and family members. We had community members attend, but the best part of the day for me was seeing our Southern Ute Royalty ambassadors share their Ute stories from their own perspective. All of us have improved in our ability to speak amongst a crowd with confidence. I am so proud of us all.

I also attended the Hozhoni Days Powwow for a short period of time due to academic deadlines I had to meet for my collegiate courses. The experience was still wonderful, and I was able to dance amongst our newest Southern Ute Royalty ambassadors, Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Maileina Carel, and Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel for our first time at the FLC powwow. The Southern Ute Royalty are so honored to have them join our ambassador team and would like to thank Tribal Council for honoring our request to include them for the remainder of our reign as your Southern Ute ambassadors.

The Southern Ute Royalty also sponsored a Bear Dance Growler workshop and talking circle at the Multi-Purpose Facility. Although I was unable to attend, it was a very successful event attended by our Southern Ute elders and tribal community. Thank you so much to our elders who provided their wisdom

to those in attendance and for those who contributed to the talking circle. We also attended this year's Color Run sponsored by the Southern Ute Division of Social Services. The royalty served as the host for the Tribe's live Facebook feed throughout the event and provided an introduction during the event. We were all able to meet Auntie Beachress (AKA Tonia Jo Hall) and run with our community members in honor of the Child Abuse Prevention Month. Hats off to all of the wonderful staff who planned the event and made sure it was safe for all of those who attended. Thank you to law enforcement for the traffic safety and your willingness to get your uniforms dirty for a worthwhile event. Southern Ute Royalty also prepared thank you gift bags for the tribal government staff workers who spent countless hours plowing snow during the inclement weather we received during the winter months. 49 staff members worked during the declared "snow days" to ensure our driveways on campus and throughout the reservation were safe to traverse on, countless hours on dangerous roads. We appreciate you all! April is here and some of us traveled to the Gathering of Nations Powwow for representation at the yearly event and some of us are excited to attend the first Bear Dance this weekend in Utah! I am currently in Anchorage, Alaska attending the National Indian Health Board Conference with our tribal health department staff and tribal leadership. I am excited to report back upon my return. Congratulations to all of the elementary, middle school, high school, and college graduates this year along with our SILDI graduates who have completed such a huge accomplishment and are a direct example of our Ute language preservation. I look forward to sharing my next quarterly report with our Southern Ute tribal people to share Bear Dance experiences, Royalty etiquette workshops, and all of our upcoming collaborative events with our tribal leadership and government.

Tavuci Togoial!  
Grace Gonzales  
Miss Southern Ute  
2022-2023

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**Monday May 29, 2023**

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# IHS Native Studies program hosts singers



Pictured, left to right, Stoney White Thunder, Angelo Frost, Vincent Naranjo, and Maynard Taylor all sit in on the drum with the Yellow Jacket Singers for a couple of songs.



Yellow Jacket Singers — Tim Ryder, Jake Ryder, and R.C. Lucero stand for a portrait outside of the Ignacio High School following their presentation.

**The Ignacio High School Native Studies program – under the direction of Cloe Siebel – invited the Yellow Jacket Singers to sing songs and share some of their own wisdom and experiences as a Native drum group, Thursday, April 27. Students were encouraged to join in and sing. Between songs, the singers answered questions and talked about some of the etiquette surrounding the drum.**



Native Studies program instructor, Cloe Siebel helps to facilitate a cultural drum presentation for students and faculty at the Ignacio High School.



R.C. Lucero helps in sharing his knowledge with students who sat in on the group's drum for a couple of songs during their Native Studies class at IHS.

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

Karla Perez as

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# Gathering of Nations packs EXPO NM



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Shayne White Thunder competes in the Junior Girls Traditional category on Saturday, April 29 during the 40th Annual Gathering of Nations Powwow. White Thunder went on to accumulate enough points to place fourth in her category, White Thunder also represented her title as Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate during the celebration.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Saturday evening, April 29, before a sold-out crowd of 4,000 plus attendees, Tori McConnell of the Yurok & Karuk Tribes of Northwestern California, was crowned Miss Indian World 2023 at the Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, N.M.

**P**ageantry and tradition came together in Albuquerque, N.M. for the 40th annual Gathering of Nations Powwow at EXPO New Mexico this past weekend, Friday April 28 – Saturday, April 29. Dancers, singers, and tribal royalty mingle in Tingley Coliseum for another weekend packed with powwow contests and cultural performances. Stage 49 hosted musical acts and guest appearances, while Indigenous horseback riders lined the avenue each afternoon for the annual Horse Parade.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Women's smoke dancer, Logan Booth showcases her champion style during the "Seneka Locklear Smoke Dance Showcase" competition. This contest was held in memory of the late Seneka Locklear.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Hailing from the Ute Indian Tribe of northern Utah, Bart Pauwakee served as an MC for both days of the Horse Parade, one of the annual highlights at EXPO NM during the Gathering of Nations.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Jr. Men's Grass Dancer, Siksika Scabbyrobe dances during a Men's Grass Special on Saturday, April 29 in Tingley Coliseum, Albuquerque, N.M. to a packed house of spectators, dancers and drum groups.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Shane Redhawk (Sicangu Lakota) served as the Grand Marshall for the annual Horse Parade on Saturday, April 29, during the 40th annual of the Gathering of Nations at EXPO New Mexico.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Jr. Men's Southern fancy dancers eagerly pace back and forth awaiting their second contest song.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Championship grass dancer and Southern Ute elder, Marty Pinnecoose makes his way into the Grand Entry on Friday night in Tingley Coliseum.

## Reservation Dogs!



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Cast members from the television series Reservation Dogs — currently filming the third season of the hit Hulu series — take a photo together with Southern Ute Tribal member Allsianna Baker, a.k.a. Ali B at Stage 49 during the Gathering of Nations powwow. Pictured, left to right, Xavier Bigpond as Weeze, D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai as Bear Smallhill, Paulina Alexis as Willie Jack, and Jude Barnett as Bone Thug Dog.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

In a splash of color and motion — fancy dancers make their way into the arena in Tingley Coliseum during the 40th annual Gathering of Nations Powwow.

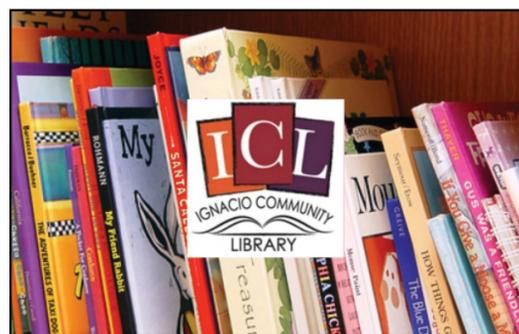
## IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### The IDEA LAB continues to evolve to meet the needs of the community

By Ron Schermacher  
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

There is so much happening every month that no one can take it all in. Savory food choices, art collectives and activities, sports games and music events are among the many offerings. One of the hidden gems of Ignacio resides in a small space on the second floor of the library. The IDEA LAB is your makerspace, where digital media and activities continue to advance both in offerings and complexity. Many folks believe that the makerspace is only available to youth, but I assure you that all programs and activities are appropriate for all ages. In fact, for a few months this year we had more adult visitors than from those under 18.

The sewing group has been very popular. Susan Couch and Alethia Ward assist new and intermediate sewing enthusiasts in learning and improving their sewing skills. Most participants are bringing in their own sewing machines, but there are a couple of machines available for folks who do not have access to one. Electronics hour has individuals who are learning the basics and then putting that knowledge to use repairing equipment and working on illuminated jewelry. Several pieces of equipment that were headed to the trash or would have been prohibitively expensive to repair by professionals have been brought back to productive use. We are currently considering adding a "repair cafe" to our slate of regular events.



courtesy Ignacio Community Library

Occasionally true experts in the electronics field drop in to share their diverse experience and expertise.

Many folks are still learning and practicing with the 3D printer while also learning design. A few more staff members have learned how to use and share their knowledge with patrons wishing to explore this still new and ever advancing technology. 3D printing basics are easy to grasp and can be learned in a few hours, but a lifetime would not be enough to learn all there is concerning these machines. Recently we have been working on a project to create a clay stamp for the Dancing Spirit Gallery. Original designs can be set up to print on one of the 3D printers and then tested and adjusted as needed. Many design projects can use the free programs available in the IDEA LAB. Another recent successful project included creating a stunning business card for a local resident.

The IDEA LAB also occasionally goes on the road and shares knowledge with local schools. Earlier in the year we collaborated with the IHS wood shop by loaning one of our 3D printers

for use in their shop and assisted sophomores in water science data collection. Then we visited the Hope Christian Academy during Mad Scientists' Day and wowed the students with electronic demonstrations. Still another day found us at Silver Spruce Academy assisting the staff with their 3D printer. The exciting news that ICL will soon be on the road with a mobile library will have us taking maker programming to all corners of our community.

As the IDEA LAB becomes more established, we are constantly on the lookout for community talent and resources to help us in our mission of bringing people and ideas together. A successful makerspace involves a group of people sharing talents, experiences, equipment and resources in a free and open source community. If you have something you think you could contribute to the IDEA LAB please drop in. Open makerspace hours are Friday and Saturday from 2 to 4 pm, electronics hour is Wednesdays and sewing hour is Fridays; both are at noon, other times are available with a reservation.



courtesy KSUT

Pictured left to right: Ken Brott, Lorena Richards, Crystal Ashike, Sheila Nanaeto, and Mark Duggan at the Colorado Broadcaster Association Awards of Excellence Gala in downtown Denver on Saturday, April 22.

## COLORADO BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

### Win-win for KSUT Tribal Radio and Four Corners Public Radio

Staff report  
TRIBAL RADIO

KSUT Four Corners Public Radio and KSUT Tribal Radio celebrated with wins at the Colorado Broadcasters Association (CBA) annual Awards of Excellence Gala this past Saturday.

The celebration occurred in downtown Denver at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel's Ballroom meeting room. Chandeliers hanging from the ceiling glistened on over 400 people – the annual awards honors radio and television throughout Colorado for 2022.

This year, the CBA received 894 entries (511 from radio, 383 from television), and 168 volunteer broad-

casters nationwide were assembled into panels to judge all 894 entries, according to the Colorado Broadcasters Association website.

KSUT Four Corners Public Radio and Tribal Radio celebrated with three awards.

- **Lorena Richards**, content director (Tribal Radio), was awarded a Certificate of Merit for the Best Morning Show for the Native Morning Show Friday Edition (91.3 FM, 100.9 FM, 89.7 FM).
- **Crystal Ashike**, digital content editor (Tribal Radio), received a Certificate of Merit for Best Station Website for

Tribal Radio's website. • **Mark Duggan**, digital content manager and website administrator (Four Corners Public Radio), won Best Station Website for KSUT's website for the second year.

The CBA uses an awards point system that determines the winners based on the number of Awards (first place) and Certificates (second place) won stated on their website.

The organization was founded in 1949 to represent broadcasters with a mission to "build a stronger broadcast industry," and KSUT is proud to be part of it.

### Multi-Purpose Facility May Events

**May**

Shawls & Vests—Tuesday—Thursday May 9-11, 2023  
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**Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe**

## 2023 SUMMER CLUB

June 12-August 11

No Club the week of July 3-7th

**Summer Fees**

\$30/week for 1st child  
\$20/week for 2nd child  
\$10/week each additional child

\$10/week for Southern Ute Tribal Member or First Descendant Child

\* For scholarship information, call (970) 563-2666

**Ages 6-18**

**Limited Space Available**

Attendance to ONE meeting is mandatory. All meetings will be held at SunUte Community Center. Be prepared to pay when you attend for a guaranteed spot. We can accept cash or check payments.

A waitlist will be created once our summer weeks become full.

**Meeting Dates**

Southern Ute Tribal Member Only

5/9/2023 @ 5:30PM

Open to Everyone

5/15/2023 @ 5:30PM

5/23/2023 @ 12:00PM

For any questions, contact us at (970) 563-4753 or bgcstaff@southernute-nsn.gov

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**WHO:** Native students ages 9-18  
**WHAT:** Art classes in drawing and painting including weekly studio time.  
**WHERE:** Museum Large Classroom  
**WHEN:** Fridays and Saturdays, June 3-August 11  
**WHY:** Because Art Rocks!  
**HOW:** Come to the Info Session! Get you questions answered and sign up!

**INFORMATION SESSION**  
Friday, May 19, 5:30-6:30 pm  
Museum Large Classroom  
Refreshments will be Served!

For more information:  
Waynoka Whiteskunk | 970.563.2979 | wwiteskunk@southernute-nsn.gov

## Elder Services Program

### May Activities

## Nánap̄ch̄iu Káni

- \* May 5, 2023 - Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute Graduation @ Fort Lewis Collage.  
Van will depart Elder Services at 4:00 p.m.
- \* May 9, 2023 - Movie Day (Durango)  
Van will depart Elder Services at 1:00 p.m.
- \* May 16, 2023 - Shopping Trip (Farmington)  
Van will depart Elder Services at 10:00 a.m.
- \* May 23, 2023 - Shopping Trip (Durango)  
Van will depart Elder Services at 10:00 a.m.
- \* May 26 - 29, 2023 - Southern Ute Bear Dance
- \* May 30, 2023 - Casino Trip (Towaoc)  
Van will depart Elder Services at 10:00 a.m.

Call Elder Services at (970) 563-2309 to have your name added to the activities list or if you have any questions. Elder Services will also be offering rides to and from the Bear Dance to SU Tribal Elders.



**FORT DUCHESNE  
NORTHERN UTE BEARDANCE**  
MAY 12 -15, 2023  
*Mother's Day Weekend*  
For more information contact  
Reffel Kanip 435-401-3125

**Randlett Ute Beardance**  
"Pee-chueh Kwey-ahgut"  
May 4,5,6,7,2023

**WHITEROCKS  
UTE BEARDANCE**  
MAY 19-21, 2023  
WHITEROCKS, UT  
PAUL MANNING LAROSE:  
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CHARLES DENNY: CAT MAN

**Memorial Day 2023  
Day of Remembrance**

Photo by Jeremy Wade Shockley | The Southern Ute Drum

*Presented by*  
**The Southern Ute Veterans Association  
in cooperation with  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe**

**Memorial Day: Monday May 29, 2023  
Southern Ute Veterans Park - 10:00 AM**

**134<sup>th</sup> YUGGA Mountain Ute Beardance**  
*Wiisigarürü Nuuchiu  
Makwa Nühkway*  
Towaoc, Colorado  
**June 2-5, 2023**  
Celebration Begins at 10:00 am June 2, 2023  
**Open to the public**  
Powwow, Beardance Run, Softball Tournament,  
Parade, Handgames, Diabetes Walk and Feast Day

UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR: ACCIDENTS, THEFT, INJURIES OR DIVORCES, NO SOLICITORS,  
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Basic Covid Guidelines are still in effect

**2023 SOUTHERN UTE  
BEAR DANCE POWWOW**  
MAY 26TH & 27TH  
IGNACIO, CO

**HEADSTAFF**  
Head Lady: So Ute Royalty  
Head Man: Picked daily  
MC: Bart Powaukce  
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Catching Eagle

Drum Contest up to 5th Place

**DANCE CATEGORIES**  
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Traditional, Grass, Fancy  
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Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle  
Teen Boys (13-17) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Grass, Fancy  
Teen Girls (13-17) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle  
Jr. Boys (6-12) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Grass, Fancy  
Jr. Girls (6-12) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle  
Tiny Tots 5 & under

*Bear design by Kree Lopez*

**SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
Grand Entry: Friday: 7pm  
Saturday: 1pm & 7pm  
Registration:  
Friday: 5pm-7pm  
Saturday: 12pm-1pm

**SOUTHERN UTE  
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Chairman: Edward Box III 702-305-0790  
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Vendor Information: First come first serve  
Contact: Dona Frost 970-553-9291  
Fees: \$100 Food, \$75 Arts & Crafts, \$35 Walk Around  
CASH ONLY!

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
will not be responsible for accidents, thefts, injuries or food borne illness.

**40th Annual Louise Hammond  
Memorial Beardance Run**

Saturday, June 3- 7am  
5k, 10k - \$20  
Half Marathon- \$40

Sunday, June 4 - 8am  
Fee: TBA  
Women's Walk, Youth Run  
Fastest "Ute" Dash (Male Elders)

In 1981, Louise Hammond began the Ute Mountain Bear Dance Run as the tribe's Substance Abuse Prevention Program Director. Louise wanted to provide as many activities as possible for her people to keep them busy and to guide them away from drugs and alcohol. Wellness beyond abstinence was her creed and she spent 20 plus years working to help her people achieve a healthy lifestyle. Today her children and grandchildren along with many relatives continue to hold this run. It has become a memorial to Louise and a long-standing commitment to promote healthy events in the community. Over the years, there have been many world-class Native American runners from all over the southwest that have participated and continue to participate.

For more info. email:  
lhmbeardancerun@gmail.com

Towaoc, Colorado

**SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE**  
May 26 - 29, 2023 • Ignacio, CO  
Bear Dance Grounds Blessing: May 26, 10 a.m. • Bear Dance Feast: May 29  
Bear Dance Chief: Matthew J. Box

2972A. END OF THE UTE BEAR DANCE.  
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Bear Dance Rules: No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing.  
Photography, Video & Audio Recording is prohibited; except by members of the Ute Tribes.  
The Southern Ute Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft.  
The Pine River is RESTRICTED.  
"Be aware. Be good to each other, and do not bring any anger, hate, or jealousy to the sacred grounds."

Bear Dance info contact: Bear Dance Chief, Matthew J. Box, 970-759-7038. Vending information contact: 970-563-2983.

134<sup>th</sup> Annual Ute Mtn. Ute  
Beardance Celebration 2023  
Saturday June 03, 2023 Towaoc Colo.  
*Wiisigarürü Nuuchiu  
Makwa Nühkway*

**\$10,000.00 dollar Handgame Tournament**  
Guaranteed pay out  
Beardance Ground @ Handgame Tent

1:00 - 2:30 pm registration  
True Double Elimination  
\$150.00 entry Fee

Registration will close at 2:30pm  
2-5 members to a team  
1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> places will be paid

Tournament will start at 2:30 pm  
No Indian time

A complete set of Handgame Rules and Covid information will be Available at the registration table  
For more information contact [Hammond@utemountaintribe.org](mailto:Hammond@utemountaintribe.org) Or 970-560-4203

## BOBCATS SOCCER

### Girls' soccer entering final stretch

*IHS drops two to Telluride in Cortez*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Playing Saturday, April 29, at neutral Montezuma-Cortez High School, with the Lady Panthers playing a 3A Southwestern League match at Pagosa Springs, Ignacio faced Telluride not once, but twice. Coming off an 8-2 loss to PSHS the previous afternoon – thanks to the Lady Pirates scoring five unanswered goals after halftime – the Lady Bobcats unfortunately fell well short in each 2A Intermountain-South contest.

Getting four goals from senior Summer Johnson, three from junior Brooke Duncan and two from sophomore Lexton Gregory, the Lady Miners – still energized by their crucial 2-0 win on the 26th at Crested Butte Community School, giving THS a 2-1 lead on their nemesis in head-to-head goal differential – grabbed the opening match by an 11-1 margin.

“They’re our rivals, and we really needed to beat them this time. Last time we played them, the whole team was sick, I was injured, and it was conditions ... like a blizzard – it was really bad,” Gregory said, discussing the motivating impact of defeating CBCS, at the time ranked No. 8 in the CHSAA Now.com Class 2A poll.

“Our team is really working hard to communicate more and work on our skills as a team. Before (Spring)



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Alexis Ortiz (7) steps in to battle for possession during non-league action Tuesday, April 25, against Alamosa. The first of four matches facing the Lady Bobcats during the week, IHS fell 6-1 to the Mean Moose.

Break we weren’t really connected, but we’ve been working on that in practice. I think our passes could get better, but they were looking pretty good today.”

Assisted by sophomore Ollyvia Howe, senior Harmony Reynolds denied Telluride a shutout with Ignacio’s lone goal.

Johnson then scored three times to lead THS (6-6 overall, 3-2 league) to a 10-0 win

over IHS (0-13, 0-5) in the second match, with Gregory and fellow sophs Emma Reggiannini and Mae Scarborough each registering two goals and Duncan one.

Looking ahead at the schedule, Ignacio will end the 2023 season hosting Crested Butte at noon Saturday, May 6. Results from IHS’ evening battle on the 4th versus 3A SWLers Bayfield were unavailable at press time.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Ambrose Valdez (12) dives past Sargent catcher Wyatt Cross to score a run during Game 1 of the Bobcats’ home doubleheader Saturday, April 29. IHS swept SHS 10-0, 10-0 on Senior/Parent Appreciation Day.

## BOBCATS BASEBALL

### PULLING RANK: 'Cats crush Sargent

*IHS wins 10-0, 10-0 on Senior Day*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Breaking out to leads of 5-0 through one inning of the first game Saturday, April 29, and 2-0 in the second, and never really relenting the rest of the way in each, there weren’t many situations facing Ignacio which could have been called ‘clutch.’

In fact, on Senior/Parent Appreciation Day at IHS Field, the Bobcats more or less had to create their own as visiting Sargent hardly posed a threat, totaling just five hits and zero runs in the non-league doubleheader.

But when an opportunity arose, Duke Baker’s bunch capitalized. Especially in the bottom of the third inning in Game 2.

After Rylan Maez and Stoney White Thunder drew walks against SHS starter Kade Temple, Elliott Hendren cracked an RBI-single to left plating Maez, increasing IHS’ lead at the time to 5-0. Marcus Maez then drew a walk to load the bases, but Dylan McCaw lined up the middle and into an unassisted double play catching Hendren off second base.

Suddenly with two outs, Zane Olguin stepped next into the right-handed batter’s box. Impressing his second-year skipper with

a pressure-packed and yet quite relaxed plate appearance, Olguin – Baker’s No. 9 hitter – slashed an opposite-field single into right-center, scoring White Thunder and Marcus Maez, and alertly advanced to second via the Farmers’ relay throw home.

“I was on him there for a second, and he proved me wrong! Zane got a great two-out hit,” said a grinning Baker. “He did his job and I’m proud of him. The bottom half, six through nine, did amazing ... rolled the lineup over like I expect.”

“It was just something different; a little slower than normal,” Olguin said, recalling Temple’s delivery. “We’re not used to seeing slower stuff so at this point; we’re just throwing our hands at it. And I just kept running!”

Said running soon became the Bobcats’ eighth run. After gaining third base via a botched Temple pick-off, Olguin calmly trotted across the plate when Temple (L; 4 IP, 8 H, 9 R, 7 ER, 7 BB, 6 K) balked to IHS leadoff hitter Devante Montoya – who’d earn a base-on-balls, but then be picked off 1-3-6 to unexpectedly end the inning.

The damage was done, however; after SHS catcher Wyatt Cross (1-1, HBP)

single off junior Phillip Quintana (W, CG; 5 IP, H, BB, HB, 8 K) beginning the top of the fourth, then took second via a throwing error with one out, the visitors’ last five hitters were retired consecutively. Bobcat Eppie Quintana, meanwhile, led off the home half of the fourth tripling to right, and scored on Phillip Quintana’s subsequent groundout to Sargent third baseman Liam Ellithorpe.

And in the bottom of the fifth, Ignacio polished off a 10-0, 10-0 sweep. Marcus Maez walked leading off against SHS reliever Trenton Lovelace (0+ IP, R, BB, HB), and took second when pinch-hitter Lane Johnson – saluted prior to Game 1 along with fellow seniors Eppie Quintana, Olguin and McCaw (for whom he was batting) – was hit by a pitch while looking to bunt.

Which in turn brought up, as fortune would have it, Olguin.

And given the chance to end the game via the 10-run mercy rule, Olguin did not fail. With Maez now leading off the hot corner, Olguin hit a sharp ground-er down the third-base line which should have trapped Maez in a rundown. Ellithorpe, however, forgot the game situation and rushed a wild throw across

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## BOBCATS TRACK

### IHS Track pressured at Panther Invite

*'Cats collect nine top-tens in Cortez*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Junior Kyle Rima’s third-place 110-foot, 11-inch throw of the discus and junior Maci Barnes’ fourth-place 5:53.82 in the 1,600-meter run ended up being Ignacio Track & Field’s top results Friday, April 28, at Montezuma-Cortez High School’s 2023 Panther Invitational.

Just one inch short of Alamosa junior Jace Montoya’s runner-up 112’0” best, Rima scored six of the Bobcat boys’ eventual 12 team points – equaling the total of fellow San Juan Basin Leaguers Mancos, and earning each a share of tenth place overall. At the top of the standings was M-CHS, who piled up 135.5 points – barely enough to edge AHS (132.5), but adequate to outdo third-place Bayfield (100) as all three sought superlative status in the 3A Intermountain.

Rima would score three more points in the shot put with a sixth-place, 38’9.5” maximum, and freshman

James Martin swiped one by taking eighth in the boys’ 1,600 with a time of 5:39.74. IHS’ 800m relay clocked 1:49.30 and placed seventh, earning the remaining two team points.

Freshman Lincoln deKay was a top-ten near-miss in the 110m hurdles; he finished 11th in 19.68 seconds. Junior Corey Gomez took 12th in the 1,600 (5:43.89) and 14th in the 800 (2:29.60), freshman Dillon Brann placed 16th in the 110 hurdles (20.87), and freshman Evan Perkins ended up 20th in the discus (55’8”).

On the girls’ side, Ignacio managed to tally 15.5 points but finished 13th. AHS bettered IML contender Pagosa Springs 166-155 to claim first place, with SJBLers Nucla (60) rising to third over both league rival Dove Creek (56) and BHS (54).

Barnes also placed fifth in the 200m dash with a time of 28.68 seconds, and junior Lauren deKay finished fifth in the pole vault by clearing the bar set an even seven feet

high. Freshman Juliann Avila snatched seventh place in the triple jump (26’10”) and also earned eighth in the high jump (4’4”). Freshman Samantha Riddell also cleared the height, but required more attempts, and ended up in 11th place.

Avila finished 11th in the 100m hurdles (19.80), Barnes missed a top-ten in the long jump by half an inch and ended up 12th (13’5.2”), and junior Kacey Brown placed 13th in the 800 (2:59.13). Other top-20 results included Brown’s 63’1” in the discus (16th), deKay’s 1:18.81 in the 400 (17th), Riddell’s 14.54 in the 100 (18th) and junior Moriah Ashley’s 3:33.80 in the 800 (20th).

Looking ahead at the schedule, IHS was to next compete at the Mancos-hosted SJBL Championships Tuesday, May 2, but results were unavailable at press time. Ignacio will then take some time off from competition before traveling to Grand Junction, May 12-13, for GJHS’ Tiger Invitational.

## Parent recognition



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Baseball’s seniors stand with family prior to doubleheader action Saturday, April 29, versus Sargent at IHS Field. Players from left are Eppie Quintana, Zane Olguin, Dylan McCaw and Lane Johnson. All would contribute offensively and/or defensively to the Bobcats’ 10-0, 10-0 sweep of the Farmers.

Ignacio’s Zane Olguin receives extra Senior Day attire from his mother, Lisa as father, Jerone, observes during pre-game festivities Saturday, April 29, at IHS Field. Olguin was one of four Bobcat seniors – along with Eppie Quintana, Dylan McCaw and Lane Johnson – prior to a 10-0, 10-0 sweep of Sargent.



### UMPIRE TRAINING CLINIC

**DATE CHANGE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 13TH, 2023 9AM - 2PM**

**SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**\$25.00 Registration Fee**

Training Clinic will consist of:

1-2 hours classroom time:

- ⇒ Rules
- ⇒ Plays
- ⇒ How to deal with conventional situations
- ⇒ How to read an issue before its an issue
- ⇒ How to communicate with coaches and their official partner

1-2 hours field time:

- ⇒ Positions on field
- ⇒ Mechanics
- ⇒ How the rules apply on the field

**Open to everybody!**

Please call SunUte Recreation Department to add your name to the list!

**PAY THE DAY OF REGISTRATION**

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For more information please contact: (970)563-0214  
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## Youth baseball season debuts



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ivan Watts of the Ignacio Piranhas delivers a pitch during 10U play in their first game of the 2023 Ignacio youth baseball season, Saturday, April 22. The Piranhas defeated the Lions 4-1 in their season opener.

Maylana GoodTracks, of the Ignacio Lions fields a grounder during the 2023 season's opener at the Lawrence Bartley Baseball Fields in Ignacio, Saturday, April 22.



## Mid schoolers race to finish



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Keevin Reynolds from Escalante Middle School gets off the blocks quickly as he strides to catch Juda Ashley of Ignacio Middle School in the 200-yard dash at the Bayfield Middle School track meet on Saturday, April 22 in Bayfield, Colo.



Thunder Windy Boy tries to make up ground with the Pagosa Springs runner in the 100-yard dash, during the Ignacio Middle School Sprint Meet in Ignacio on Friday, April 28.

Keyon Alston heads to the finish line in the 50-yard dash during the Ignacio Middle School Sprint Meet in Ignacio on Friday, April 28 at the Ignacio High School.

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the diamond which not only allowed Olguin (1-3, R, 2 RBI) to reach via error, but Maez (0-0, 3 BB, 3 R) to score easily.

"We didn't want to go in with balloon heads ... then come out flat and not do anything," said Eppie Quintana (3-3, 2B, 3B, 2 R, RBI). "We wanted to come in humble, thinking these guys could beat us ... and then we put up ten, got to go home early."

Phillip Quintana went 2-3 with a double, run and RBI in his own support, and White Thunder ended up 1-2 with a walk, run and two RBI – via a first-inning and single into right. Montoya and Rylan Maez each went 0-1 with two walks and a run as Ignacio, remaining 3-1 in 2A/1A San Juan Basin League play, improved to 9-6 overall.

Cross and Trenton Paskett (0-1, BB) were the only players reaching base for SHS (5-7, 4-4 2A Southern Peaks).

In Game 1, Ellithorpe led off against Eppie Quintana doubling into left, but would be stranded at third when Quintana (W, CG; 5 IP, 4 H, 0 BB, 0 HB, 10 K) got counterpart Burke Temple to ground out to short-stop Montoya.

The 'Cats then took full advantage in the bottom half of the inning. Temple promptly plunked both Montoya and Eppie Quintana, walked Phillip Quintana, and tagged Rylan Maez – all in succession, with Montoya scoring via a passed ball during the younger Quintana's at-bat.

Sargent head coach Terry

Van Bibber had seen enough and called third baseman Fernando Venzor to the mound, but White Thunder greeted him with a sacrifice fly to center scoring the Quintanas. Ambrose Valdez then singled home Maez, closing the book on Temple (L; 0+ IP, 0 H, 4 R, 3 ER, BB, 3 HB), and would score two 'Cats later via a McCaw single to center.

Highlighted by a Phillip Quintana ground-rule double to center, Ignacio then scored four runs in the bottom of the second and added another in the third (Eppie Quintana, via a Rylan Maez sacrifice fly). And though Venzor (4 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 2 ER, BB, 2 HB, K) actually retired the last six 'Cats he'd face, the outcome was never in doubt.

Driving home that point, Eppie Quintana then struck out pinch-hitters Kaleb Watson and Kayden Wright leading off the Farmers' fifth, then ended the game fanning Ellithorpe with an unnerving knuckleball. He finished 1-for-3 in defeat, while Cross, Burke Temple and Lovelace each went 1-2.

"I just wanted to go up there and not let any of the nerves, emotions get to me. Just throw my heart out and do the best I can for everybody," Quintana said, regarding his starting assignment on the special day. "Thank goodness for Phillip working his ass off for me back there, my defense doing their job, and Coach calling pitches when it's time to call them."

"And it hit home really

close – like, 'Here it is, my last home game,'" he added. "I just wanted to leave it all out there."

Hit twice by pitch and also able to reach via error, he finished 0-1 offensively but scored three runs. Phillip Quintana ended up 2-2 with a walk, two runs and one batted in, and Rylan Maez 1-1 with two runs and a ribbie.

McCaw went 1-2 and was hit by a pitch, Olguin went 0-2 but drew an RBI-walk, and Valdez finished 1-2 with a run and two batted in. White Thunder ended up 0-2, but reached via error and scored via Olguin's walk.

"We're playing more like a family and less like a team," declared Olguin.

"Phillip pitched great, Eppie pitched great, and our batting was there again," Baker said. "Defense was – when (Sargent) put the ball in play – on point; the boys came out and had fun, played great all the way around."

Looking ahead at the schedule, Ignacio will see action Saturday, May 6, on the road at SPL member Center. First pitch of the doubleheader is set for 11 a.m. Results from IHS' 5/2 two-fer at Nucla (7-8, 0-4 SJBL) were unavailable at press time.

"Coach Randy (Gabriel) up there's going to have his boys ready to play, for sure. And that's for the league championship so we've got to get it," said Baker. "We're going to go up, play Ignacio Bobcat ball ... and have fun doing it."

## Youth kickers underway



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Zayla Herrera of team "Gators" maneuvers between Henly Beck and Aiden LeClaire-White Thunder of team "Red Pandas" in Pre-K and Kindergarten soccer action, Saturday, April 29. The Bayfield Youth Soccer season is underway, with action being played on Saturdays on the Eagle Park Fields in Bayfield, Colo.

Remi Lundberg, Allyianah Tahlo and Selah Bagdol of team "Goldfish," hustle to block an opponent moving in for the score in Pre-K/Kindergarten soccer play, Saturday, April 29.



## Books & bull ridin'



courtesy Jessie Olguin-Sanchez

Dustin Sanchez from Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) on Saturday, May 6. Sanchez is an Ignacio High School graduate who went on to Garden City Community College where he graduated in 2021. He went to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori School in Ignacio from infant until he graduated into public school in the 7th grade. He is going to Collage National Finals in Bull Riding where he placed 2nd in the plain's region. Finals will be held in Casper, Wyo. in June. Dustin Sanchez will return to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in the fall to ride for them for another year and work on his master's degree.

# 53rd Annual Los Piños Spring Classic

## May 20th & 21st

**OPEN MEN'S, WOMEN'S, & COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Teams will hit their own softballs— *Classic M & Classic W*

Only USSSA Thumbprint Bats allowed

**HOME RUN DERBY:**

M/W Divisions

Saturday, May 20th High Noon!

**\$30 Cash Entry Fee**

**WINNER TAKE ALL!**

Bat will be provided

Rules will apply!

Register @ Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field

Entry Fee: **M/W \$250, COED \$300**

Registration Deadline: **May 12th, NO LATE ENTRIES**

**DOUBLE ELIMINATION**

Awards: **1st-3rd Place**

*(CHAMPIONS WILL ALSO RECEIVE MVP & ALL TOURNEY)*

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## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



courtesy SU Royalty

Southern Ute Royalty, Rhianna Carel – Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Maleina Carel – Jr. Miss Alternate and Leandra Litz – Jr. Miss Southern Ute, with Southern Ute Construction Services.

### Snow removal appreciation!

The Southern Ute Royalty prepared thank you gift bags for the Southern Ute tribal government staff who have the thankless job of snow removal from the tribal campus and snow removal from tribal reservation residential roads/driveways. A few of the royalty were able to personally deliver the thank you bags in person to staff who were able to accept their appreciative gifts in person. There were a few departments who were in the field during the time of delivery, but we want to acknowledge them all as follows:

- Tribal Housing Department
- Construction Services Division

- Grounds Maintenance
- Southern Ute MotorPool
- BIA Roads

Tavuci Togoak for all you do for our tribal membership and community during the inclement weather.

*Miss Southern Ute Grace Gonzales, Miss Southern Ute Alternate Rhianna Carel, Junior Miss Southern Ute Leandra Litz, Junior Miss Southern Ute Alternate Maleina Carel, Little Miss Southern Ute Cyanna Whiteskunk, and Southern Ute Brave Henry Whiteskunk II*



courtesy SU Royalty

Shayne White Thunder – Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate, with Gavin Martinez – Tribal Housing Director.



courtesy SU Royalty

Shayne White Thunder – Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate, with Mandy Brown – Tribal Housing Project Administrator.



courtesy SU Royalty

Grace Gonzales – Miss Southern Ute, with Southern Ute Grounds Maintenance.

### Chipeta, Ouray's wife

When Chipeta was an older girl, she learned how to butcher and dress the game that her father gave her like deer, elk, and buffalo. All the while preserving the hides, kneeling on the ground to scrape fur and flesh from the hide made her back ache and her fingers grew stiff from clutching the sharp bone used as a scraper. The heavy work followed after the deer hide was soaked in a pit of water. The hide of the deer weighed thirty to forty pounds even before it was soaked. A wet buffalo hide weighed more than a hundred pounds and it was a struggle to drag the buffalo hide while wet and spread it flat to dry.

Joseph Rael Jr.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Quinn Begay

**Job title:** Economic Development Project Coordinator  
**Description of duties:** The coordinator's main objective is to boost the Southern Ute economy by supporting flourishing businesses and encouraging tribal entrepreneurs. Many business owners require assistance with the development of business plans, marketing plans, financial resources, business registration, and the collection of demographic information. We are here to support business owners because we are what keeps them going.

**Hobbies:** Car restoration, hiking, motorcyclist, fishing.

**Tribe:** Navajo Nation

**Comment:** FLC Graduate 2016. Professional experience includes: Navajo Agricultural Product Industry and Navajo Area-Indian Health Service. For information regarding Economic Development please contact me via email [qbegay@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:qbegay@southernute-nsn.gov) or phone at 970-563-0100 ext. 2281.

## Royalty visit Duke City



photos courtesy Alyssa Litz

Members of the Southern Ute Royalty, Miss Southern Ute Alt., Rhianna Carel; Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alt., Maleina Carel; Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder; Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz, waiting for Gathering of Nations Grand Entry inside Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque, N.M.



Southern Ute Royalty – Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz; Miss Southern Ute Alt., Rhianna Carel; Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alt., Maleina Carel; Southern Ute Brave, Henry Whiteskunk and Little Miss Southern Ute, Cyanna Whiteskunk at the Nizhoni Days Powwow at the University of New Mexico's Johnson Center, Sunday, April 30.

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz stands with Horse Dancers outside of Tingley Coliseum at Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, N.M.

## OBITUARY



Fred and Loretta Campuzano his second parents, as they considered him their son.

It was apparent to all who knew Bernie that he had a deep passion for the outdoors and took great delight in hunting, golfing, and farming. He loved spending time on the farm with his dogs, cows and could irrigate his fields all day long. He was also a frequent participant in car and motorcycle shows, often winning top prizes. He loved playing softball and also coached his daughter's softball teams for many years.

His careers included being a Southern Ute tribal wildlife officer, hunting guide, and a coal miner. He was well respected in his roles and made a positive impact on those around him. He loved music and listened to a wide variety of music genres, particularly country and rock. He started Full Throttle Promotions and spent many years organizing concerts in Farmington, N.M.

**CUTHAIR** – Bernard Cuthair, 54, passed peacefully on April 22, 2023 in Durango, Colo., surrounded by his family. He was born on August 15, 1968 in Durango, Colo. to Darlene Cuthair and McGarrey Gallegos. He was raised by his grandmother, Belle Cuthair, in Ignacio, Colo. He loved and cherished his grandmother, sharing beautiful memories of her often. As a Southern Ute tribal member, he took immense pride in his heritage and community.

Bernie was a devoted father to his three daughters, Noel, Rebekah, and Tori. He valued spending time with them and was proud of their achievements. While Bernie did not have siblings, he had a community of brothers and sisters whom he loved and respected. Bernie considered

As a recipient of a heart and kidney transplant, Bernie rocked life every day!! He had a strong faith and found his strength in Christ, especially in trying times. He would have celebrated his 11th year anniversary of his heart and kidney on May 25th, 2023.

His never-ending smile, positive attitude, and willingness to help others will be deeply missed by everyone. He never met a stranger. He will be remembered for his heart of gold, sense of humor, and warrior bear spirit.

A memorial service will be held on May 6, 2023 at 3 p.m. at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Center in Ignacio, Colo. All are welcome.

## Drum Deadline

Next issue:  
**May 19**  
Deadline:  
**May 15**

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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**Announcements**

**St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church in Arboles**

**Rosa Cemetery Spring Cleanup**

The Carmelitas of St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church will hold a community spring cleanup of the historic Rosa Cemetery from 9 a.m. to noon on May 20 in Arboles. This cemetery was created when Navajo Lake Reservoir flooded Rosa and caused its graves to be moved to this new site. The cemetery is located at the south end of County Road 975, immediately to the left after the state border cattle guard. Attendees are asked to wear gloves and hats, and bring what they can, including rakes, shovels, weed-whackers and rider mowers. Morning coffee, water, and lunch will be provided by the Arboles Carmelitas. The event is open to all. For more information, please call 883-2556.

**Crowning of Mary and Pancake Breakfast**

There will be a Crowning of Mary at the May 21, 2023 Sunday mass at St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church in Arboles, followed by a pancake breakfast in the church hall. Mass time is 8:30 a.m. The church is located at 18851 Highway 151 in Arboles, Colorado. The event is open to all. For more information, please call 883-2556.

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CenturyLink also participates in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which provides eligible households with a discount on broadband service. The ACP provides up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-201-4099 or visit [centurylink.com/lifeline](http://centurylink.com/lifeline) with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



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

**ELECTION BOARD**

Closes 5/26/23 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. The closing date is Friday, May 26, 2023 at 5 p.m. Qualifications; 11-2-102, (1) & (3); Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Election Board, P. O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: [electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov)

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD**

Open Until Filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one Priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the [www.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

**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 Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for 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?

**KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**TERO COMMISSION**

Open Until Filled – 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 Admin. Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE  
Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions**

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week – please contact Anne Flanigan, 970-563-2454, [aflanigan@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:aflanigan@southernute-nsn.gov) if you have questions or want to make a withdrawal.

- Distribution Friday, July 7 NOON, Friday, June 30
- Distribution Friday, Sept. 29 NOON, Friday Sept. 22
- Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 22 NOON, Friday, Nov. 17
- Distribution, Friday, Dec. 29 NOON, Friday, Dec. 22

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

**The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for the Southern Ute Beardance Powwow on May 26, and May 27, 2023.**

**CATERING**  
The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for Catering for the Bear Dance Powwow on May 26th and 27th, 2023.

- Catering for 60 people.
- FRIDAY, MAY 26 - EVENING: Dinner Beginning at 3:00PM – 5:00PM
- SATURDAY, MAY 27 - AFTERNOON: Lunch Beginning at 11:00AM – 12:00PM
- SATURDAY, MAY 27 - EVENING: Dinner Beginning 5:00PM – 7:00PM

The Catering Bid will include usage of a full kitchen, but you will need to bring your own cooking items to use. Powwow Committee will provide drinks, plates, bowls, utensils, napkins, etc.

**CLEANING CREW**  
The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for Cleaning Crew for the Bear Dance Powwow on May 26th and 27th, 2023.

- Cleaning Crew should consist of three (3) cleaning staff.
- FRIDAY EVENING: Check-in time: 4:00PM – till 1-hour after closing of Powwow.
- SATURDAY Check-in time: 10:00AM – till 1-hour after closing of Powwow.

The Powwow Committee will provide trash bags.

**SECURITY**  
The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for Security for the Bear Dance Powwow on May 26th and 27th, 2023.

- FRIDAY EVENING: 9:00AM – till 1-hour after closing of Powwow.
- SATURDAY 10:00AM – till 1-hour after closing of Powwow.

**SOUND SYSTEM**  
The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for Soundsystem for the Bear Dance Powwow on May 26th and 27th, 2023.

- FRIDAY EVENING: Set-up before 5:00PM.
- SATURDAY EVENING: Take down after Powwow.

**DEADLINE FOR BIDS is May 12, 2023 AT 5:00PM**  
Please submit bids to Rochelle Aguilar, Secretary  
Southern Ute Powwow Committee, P.O. Box 737 #16, Ignacio, CO 81137 or [soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Should you have any questions, contact Rochelle Aguilar at (970) 563-2990



## Notice Of Proposed Revisions To The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State Of Colorado Environmental Commission's Reservation Air Code And Request For Comments

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission is seeking comments from interested persons on certain proposed changes to the Commission's Reservation Air Code (RAC).

**Statement of time, place and nature of rulemaking proceeding.** In addition to receiving written comments, the Environmental Commission will hold a public hearing at Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Justice & Regulatory building-Large Conference Room at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 on Wednesday, May 24th, 2023 beginning at 1:00 p.m. to receive public comment on the proposed changes to the RAC. The meeting will also be hosted virtually. For more information about attending the meeting virtually, please visit: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/>.

**Authority under which the changes are proposed.** Authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission by the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation dated December 13, 1999 ("IGA"), tribal law (Resolution of the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe # 00-09), State law (C.R.S. § 24-62-101), and federal law (Act of October 18, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-336, 118 Stat.1354) to adopt rules and regulations for air quality programs applicable to all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Commission's rulemaking procedures can be found in section IV of the Commission's Procedural Rules.

**Submission of comments.** Please provide any comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2023. Please submit your comments to Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, by one of the following methods: E-mail: [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov); Mail: Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission, c/o Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division, P.O. Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137

**Supplementary information and summary description of RAC changes.** The Commission previously proposed these revisions as a direct final rule making and posted public notice of the proposed revisions. The Commission has further revised the RAC, taking into consideration of the comments received. A summary of both the original proposed revisions and the comments received at listed below. The Commission is proposing to revise RAC Article I and Article II Part 1, as described below.

First, the Commission is updating the "major source" definition in RAC § 1-103 (38) to align the definition with EPA's updated "major source" definition in 40 CFR 70.2 of the federal Part 70 operating permit program. The updated definition at 40 CFR 70.2 better aligns the definition with the June 3, 2016, oil and gas source aggregation rule published at 81 Fed. Reg. 35622.

Second, the Commission is removing language relating to the three-year permit transition plan for the transition of federally issued Part 71 permits to tribally issued Part 70 permits. These revisions remove obsolete RAC provisions. All EPA-issued Part 71 permits were transitioned to Tribe-issued Part 70 permits pursuant to a three-year permit transition plan approved concurrently by EPA at the time of EPA's approval of the Tribe's Part 70 operating permit program on March 2, 2012. Since that time, all initial Part 70 operating permits have undergone five-year permit renewal issuances. Therefore, the transition plan-related permit provisions are no longer needed in the RAC.

Third, the Commission is revising language in RAC §§ 2-106 and 2-110 to require permittees submitting forms to the Tribe for permitting or compliance purposes to use the most current forms provided by the Tribe. The Tribe's permitting and compliance forms have been developed to encompass the requirements of the RAC and applicable regulations, and to be compatible with the Tribe's compliance database.

Fourth, the Commission is updating the permit application completeness determination and permit issuance timeline language in RAC § 2-107. These revisions have been made to clarify the Tribe's permit application completeness deadline of 60 days for initial applications, renewal applications, and significant permit revisions. The revisions also clarify the 30-day completeness deadline for minor permit revisions.

Fifth, the Commission is revising the timelines for the Tribe to take final action on complete permit applications for clarity and consistency with the analogous language in 40 CFR Part 70. The Commission is making no changes to the timelines for the Tribe to take action on final permit issuances. Sixth, the Commission is adding a requirement to RAC § 2-106(d) for Part 70 sources operators to submit a notice of a new or revised New Source Review (NSR) permit to the Tribe within 30 calendar days of the NSR permit becoming effective. The Commission also included additional language to this provision to provide clarification that permit revision applications for the incorporation of an initial or revised NSR permit and any associated permit revisions necessary as a result of operations authorized by the NSR permit, are to be submitted according to the timelines established in RAC § 2-106(2). The Commission received a comment on its previous proposed revisions to this RAC section. The revisions were included in the Commission's direct final rulemaking that was approved at the Commission's meeting on November 9, 2022. To address the comment received, the Commission has further revised this RAC section and is proposing the new revised language. Seventh, the Commission is clarifying in RAC § 2-111 that a permittee's filing of a minor permit revision application is not authorization to construct or modify a source. The permittee is responsible for determining and receiving the appropriate New Source Review preconstruction permitting authorizations for construction or modification of a source. In response to the direct final rulemaking that was approved at the Commission's November 9, 2022, meeting, the Commission received comment of this proposed revision. In response to the comment, the Commission has added additional clarification. The proposed revision above takes into account the comment received. Finally, the Commission is correcting numerous typos and making certain revisions to promote administrative clarity. Additionally, the Commission is correcting several incorrect incorporations by reference citations to correctly align the RAC with the federal standards at 40 CFR Part 70 or to correctly cross reference other RAC citations. The Commission considers these revisions to be administrative in nature.

**Response to Comments on Previous Direct Final Rulemaking.** Previously, the Commission published a notice of direct final rulemaking on the same substantive RAC provisions as this rulemaking. The Commission received two adverse comments. A copy of the Commission's responses to comments document can be found at the following website: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/>

**Where a complete copy of the RAC and RAC changes can be obtained.** A copy of the RAC and a redlined version showing the changes is available upon request from the Tribe's Air Quality Program Manager who can be contacted by e-mail, mail, or in person at the addresses noted above. The RAC and the exhibit showing the changes also is available at the following website: [www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/)

For further information contact: Danny Powers, Program Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone number 970-563-2265; e-mail [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov)



## Southern Ute Utilities Division

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### UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRANSFER STATION 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



- MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL DAY — CLOSED
- JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNETEENTH — CLOSED
- JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED
- SEPT. 4<sup>TH</sup> LABOR DAY — CLOSED
- OCT. 9<sup>TH</sup> INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 10<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
- DEC. 11<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

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Tribal Members: Pick up new 2023 Trash Permits—call office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Show Tribal ID.

#### APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tribal Member Customers: April 2023 variable Natural Gas rate is \$4.11 per MCF (Thousand Cubic Feet).
- Contact the Utilities Division to discuss your monthly billing arrears — pay to keep your balance current.
- Upcoming Shut-Off Day is May 3rd AVOID Shut-off Fees (\$29 per utility). Pay your bill before 5/3.
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July 5th
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## Tribal Wills Clinic

May 22-26, 2023

Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Complex Bldg., 125 Mike Walsh Road, Towaoc, CO  
For an appointment call 505-716-6788 before May 20, 2023

The Tribal Wills Clinic is a group of volunteers including law students and licensed attorneys, who donate their time to help Tribal Members write wills. Celebrate a well-lived life by making sure that your wishes are carried out by the next generation. To make sure that your wishes are respected after you pass, please consider drafting a will, either through our program or with a local attorney.

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Owner: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT), Utilities Division  
16360 Hwy 172, P.O. Box 1137, Ignacio, CO 81137 970-563-5500

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the SUIT UTILITIES DIVISION South Tank Level Control Valve Station Project will be received by the Owner at the offices of the SUIT Utilities Division, until 3:00 p.m. (M.D.S.T.), Thursday, June 1 2023. The bids shall be reviewed privately by the Utilities Division and all Contractors shall be notified of the qualified low bidder. **Bid security:** A Bid security, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashiers Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance and Payment Bonds as security for the faithful performance of the Contract. **Description of Work:** Project requires installation of an Owner furnished vault enclosure that will enclose a new automatic control valve, flow meter. Contractor will be responsible for placing the vault and making all plumbed connections for its integration into the existing water distribution system as detailed in the construction plans. Project will require installation of conduit for equipment power service. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any formality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prospective BIDDERS are ENCOURAGED to attend the NON-MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Tuesday May 23 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Project Site located at 50 County Road 517, Ignacio, CO 81137. The Contract Documents may be examined at the following location:

- Goff Engineering & Surveying, Inc., 126 Rock Point Dr., Suite A, Durango, CO 81301, 970-247-1705
  - Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Utilities Division, 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-5500
- A \$50 (fifty dollars), non-refundable deposit will be required for each printed set. Digital (PDF) plans are available by sending an email request to [lblaney@goffengineering.com](mailto:lblaney@goffengineering.com) or written request to the above address.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Concrete Maintenance Service

Local Concrete Contractors are hereby notified and invited to submit proposals for this service located within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Scope of Work requires a local service provider that can perform concrete maintenance service (minimum of 10 years of experience is preferred). Desired services include joint sealing of concrete sidewalk and stem wall surfaces, sealing concrete, and repair and replacement of concrete sidewalks. Reliable scheduling, guaranteed availability, adherence to applicable safety and health guidelines, and insurance coverage are required. Contracting Preference for Indian Owned Businesses and Indian preference in hiring for all companies, in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code will apply. Crossing Permit is required. Inquiries to Stacy Toppin, Southern Ute Growth Fund-Facilities Department; by phone: 970-749-1798, or e-mail: [stoppin@sugf.com](mailto:stoppin@sugf.com). Bid Proposal Response due no later than 10:00 AM on May 12, 2023.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Paint Maintenance Service

Local Painting Contractors are hereby notified and invited to submit proposals for this service located within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Scope of Work requires a local service provider that can perform residential and commercial paint maintenance service (minimum of 10 years of experience is preferred). Desired services include painting maintenance to metal, wood, stucco, and wood surfaces. Reliable scheduling, guaranteed availability, adherence to applicable safety and health guidelines, and insurance coverage are required. Contracting Preference for Indian Owned Businesses and Indian preference in hiring for all companies, in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code will apply. Crossing Permit is required. Inquiries to Stacy Toppin, Southern Ute Growth Fund-Facilities Department; by phone: 970-749-1798, or e-mail: [stoppin@sugf.com](mailto:stoppin@sugf.com). Bid Proposal Response due no later than 10:00 AM on May 12, 2023.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Security Alarm Equipment Maintenance

Local Security Contractors are hereby notified and invited to submit proposals for this service located within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Scope of Work requires a local service provider that can perform security alarm equipment maintenance service (minimum of 10 years of experience is preferred). Desired services include inspecting and testing of alarms, repair and replacement of equipment as needed. Reliable scheduling, guaranteed availability, adherence to applicable safety and health guidelines, and insurance coverage are required. Contracting Preference for Indian Owned Businesses and Indian preference in hiring for all companies, in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code will apply. Crossing Permit is required. Inquiries to Stacy Toppin, Southern Ute Growth Fund-Facilities Department; by phone: 970-749-1798, or e-mail: [stoppin@sugf.com](mailto:stoppin@sugf.com). Bid Proposal Response due no later than 10:00 AM on May 12, 2023.

### Notice of Proposed Amendments to Title 5 Criminal Code & Request for Comments

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking comments on proposed amendments to the Criminal Code. A copy of the amended Criminal Code can be found at this link: . Please use the contact numbers at the end of this notice to obtain a hard copy of the proposed Criminal Code amendments or to submit comments. The Criminal Code amendments were developed by a committee including the Justice & Regulatory and Legal Departments and the Tribal Court. The Criminal Code is Title 5 in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Law and Order Code.2140

#### Summary of the proposed amendments:

- 1. History of Amendments** - In 1980, Tribal Council codified the current Criminal Code. Since then, various amendments have been adopted to particular sections, but Council identified this Code as needing complete revision. In 2018, a complete revised Criminal Code was provided for public comments. In 2019, the BIA recommended disapproval of the marijuana provisions. Following BIA's comments, the revision process was delayed due to the COVID pandemic and resumed in 2021. Because this version incorporates additional substantive revisions, the fully revised Code is now being re-issued for additional public comment.
- 2. Criminal Penalty Schedule** - Offenses have been classified 1 through 6, with 1 being the most serious, and respective fine and jail penalties assigned to those classes. The Criminal Penalty Schedule is a separate document that will be published online with the Criminal Code.
- 3. New Provisions** - New provisions to address marijuana possession amounts consistent with Colorado amounts, shoplifting, retaliation against witness or victim, unlawful sexual contact, trespass, among others have been added.

**Public Comments:** The Tribal Council requests that all Tribal Members review the entire code and provide comments no later than June 5, 2023 to the Legal Department at: Email: [lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov) or [jwash@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jwash@southernute-nsn.gov). Mail: Leslie Barnhart, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Hand delivery: Legal Department, Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Phone: 970-563-2144. Website: For further information please contact: Leslie Barnhart, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone (970) 563-2144; email: [lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov)

### 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

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
Case No.: 2023-0021-CV-NC  
**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
Betsy Leah Marshall, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Betsy Leah Marshall filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Betsy Lea Kent. As of 5/1/2023 @ 10:00 AM no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Betsy Leah Marshall name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Betsy Lea Kent.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2023.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
Case No.: 2023-0022-CV-NC  
**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
Mara Jade Nimat Marshall, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Mara Jade Nimat Marshall filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Mara-Jade Nimat Kent. As of 5/1/2023 @ 10:00 AM no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Mara Jade Nimat Marshall name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Mara-Jade Nimat Kent .

Dated this 1st day of May, 2023.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

### LEGAL NOTICE

**IF YOU, A CHILD IN YOUR CARE, OR ANOTHER LOVED ONE WERE HARMED BY ENDO OR A RELATED COMPANY, INCLUDING PAR OR AMS, OR THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING OPIOIDS, RANITIDINE, OR TRANSVAGINAL MESH, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY DEADLINES IN THE ENDO BANKRUPTCY.**

**The deadline to file a claim in the bankruptcy is July 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).**

**The deadline to object to Endo's sale is July 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).**

#### WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On August 16, 2022, Endo International plc and certain of its affiliates filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Certain Endo affiliates manufactured and/or sold, among other things, branded opioid medications (including but not limited to OPANA® (oxymorphone hydrochloride), OPANA® ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride extended release), and PERCOCET® (oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets)), generic opioid medications, generic ranitidine medications, and transvaginal mesh. **This notice is intended to inform you of your rights in this bankruptcy regarding the bar date and proof of claim process and Endo's proposed sale of substantially all of its assets.**

#### WHAT IS A CLAIM?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. If you, a child in your care, or another loved one were harmed by Endo or a related company, including Par or American Medical Systems (AMS), or their products, including opioids, ranitidine, or transvaginal mesh, you may have a claim against one or more of these entities. To make a claim, you will need to submit a proof of claim in the bankruptcy case. You may file a claim on behalf of yourself, a child in your care (including a child exposed to opioids in the womb), or a deceased or disabled relative. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Endo bankruptcy include but are not limited to:

- > **Opioid Claims:** Claims for death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of consortium, or neonatal abstinence syndrome (sometimes referred to as "NAS"), among others.
- > **Ranitidine claims:** Claims for cancer, including bladder, esophageal, pancreatic, stomach, and liver cancer, among others.
- > **Transvaginal mesh claims:** Claims for pelvic pain, infection, bleeding, among others.

#### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BAR DATE AND PROOF OF CLAIM PROCESS?

**The deadline to submit your proof of claim is called a bar date. The bar date, or the deadline to submit your proof of claim, is July 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).** If you do not submit a proof of claim by the deadline, you will lose any rights you may have had to seek payment or compensation. You must file a proof of claim form so that it is **actually received** by the bar date. A proof of claim form can be filed by you, a legal guardian, survivors, or relatives of people who have died or are disabled. You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

For a more complete list of relevant companies and products manufactured and/or sold by Endo and its related companies, including full prescribing information and BOXED WARNINGS for OPANA® (oxymorphone hydrochloride), OPANA® ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride extended release), and PERCOCET® (oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets), and for more complete details about the bar date and instructions on how to file a confidential personal injury claim, visit [EndoClaims.com](http://EndoClaims.com) or call **877.542.1878 (Toll-Free)** or **929.284.1688 (International)**.

#### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SALE?

Endo intends to sell substantially all of its assets in an auction and sale process in the bankruptcy case and subject to approval by the bankruptcy court. **Endo is seeking relief that the sale will be free and clear of all claims, liens, and encumbrances.**

If you disagree with the proposed sale, you must object to the sale in writing, so that your objection is received on or before **July 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)**. **Any party in interest who fails to properly file and serve its objection by the objection deadline may lose its claim against Endo's assets if the sale is approved.** Objections not filed and served properly may not be considered by the bankruptcy court.

Complete details about the proposed sale, including any auction for Endo's assets, the date of the hearing to consider the sale, and instructions on how to file an objection, are available at [EndoClaims.com](http://EndoClaims.com) or by calling **877.542.1878 (Toll-Free)** or **929.284.1688 (International)**.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**CALL:** 877.542.1878 (Toll-Free)  
929.284.1688 (International)

**VISIT:** [EndoClaims.com](http://EndoClaims.com)

**EMAIL:** [EndoInquiries@ra.kroll.com](mailto:EndoInquiries@ra.kroll.com)

**WRITE:** Endo International plc Claims Processing Center  
c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC  
Grand Central Station, PO Box 4850  
New York, NY 10163-4850



## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit 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

#### Detective

Closes 5/5/23 – Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Assist department patrol officers with all misdemeanor crime investigations. Compiles reports, collects evidence and witness statements, and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal Court. Pay grade N13; Pay starts to \$23.81/hour.

#### Patient Registration Clerk

Closes 5/5/23 – Greeting patients, recording accurate and complete information for all patients on the RPMS database, including demographics, insurance information, verifying insurance, and completing forms required for patient visit. Works with other departments, clinics, outside agencies and hospitals. Provides clerical support, answers telephone, data entry, and provides great customer service. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### Native Connections Program Specialist

Closes 5/9/23 – Coordination of the Native Connections grant program. Will work in close coordination with the Native Connections Advisory Committee to complete community needs assessment and administer the program in accordance with Grant requirements. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/year. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### Deputy Court Clerk – Part-time w/Benefits

Closes 5/9/23 – Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

#### Tribal Attorney I

Closes 5/16/23 – Under the supervision of the Legal Department Director and Deputy Director, and with the assistance of Senior Attorneys, this position works with other attorneys in the Tribe's in-house Legal Department to provide legal representation, advice, and support to Tribal Council, Tribal officials, and Tribal Departments on a broad range of subjects. A strong foundation in Federal Indian law and understanding of tribal sovereignty in this position is essential, as is a strong work ethic and willingness to learn. Pay grade X18; Pay starts at \$81,196.21/year.

#### After School Program Attendant – Part-time

Open Until Filled – Regular part-time position that provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after-school program. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

#### Agriculture Field Technician

Open Until Filled – Performs work to assess, coordinate, and facilitate agricultural crop production for Tribal lands currently served by Custom Farm. Evaluates agricultural noxious weed management needs; completes weed management plans. Conducts cropland evaluation and develops farm plans. Provides technical assistance and irrigation water delivery information to Tribal agriculture producers. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

#### Air Quality Planner

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in coordinating and conducting technical, regulatory, and air quality improvement planning tasks for the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/year.

#### Assistant Environmental Program Manager

Open Until Filled – Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

#### Behavioral Health Therapist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides behavioral health treatment, including mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis in accordance with all applicable code, laws, policies, guidelines, and any grant requirements. This position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/year. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### Boys & Girls Club Aide (Summer Program)

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. The summer program runs from May 30 – August 11, 2023. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$12.32/hour.

#### Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

#### Chief of Police

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of Justice and Regulatory Director, provides consistent and fair law enforcement and public safety services for persons living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Pay grade E18; Pay starts at \$86,609.29/year.

#### Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect

cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

#### Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. House cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### Controller

Open Until Filled – Integrity and timeliness of the financial information of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prepares financial statements for distribution for internal and external reporting, including consolidated statements. Supervision and oversight of the accounting staff in the preparation of financial information. Responsible for the offices of General Ledger/Fixed Assets, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Contracts and Grants. Pay grade X19; Pay starts at \$95,745.85/year.

#### Custodian

Open Until Filled – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N5; pay range starts at \$12.54/hour depending on experience and includes a \$2,000 sign-on bonus.

#### Detention Cook

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

#### Detention Officer

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

#### Dispatcher

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

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

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

#### Early Childhood Teacher

Open Until Filled – Professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

#### Elementary Teacher

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

#### Forestry Fuels Crew Member

The incumbent is under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Department of Natural Resources in a professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects in order to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

#### Grants Financial Analyst

Open Until Filled – Working closely with Tribal staff members on all financial grant and related Tribal budget and spending matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade E11; Pay starts at \$41,456.65/annually.

#### Grants Program Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Works in cooperation with Tribal Court administrators to strategically plan the development of the Court's programs, by statistically measuring their effectiveness, administering and reporting for existing grants as they are required, handling budget modifications, participating with Tribal Court in the administration of its budget, researching methods

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221  
Information, job descriptions and applications: [www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310](http://www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310)

#### Priority Hire:

- Bus Driver
- District Communications Specialist (Social Media, District Communications)
- Elementary Teacher
- High School PE Teacher
- Middle School/High School Music Teacher
- Middle School Language Arts (English) Teacher

#### 2023-24 School Year:

- High School Assistant Cross Country Coach
- Middle School Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Middle School Assistant Cross Country Coach
- Middle School Girls Head Basketball Coach

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

to improve effectiveness of Tribal Court programs, and writing grant proposals to support improvement and funding. Pay grade E13; Pay begins at \$49,517.56/year.

#### Legal Assistant – Public Defender's Office

Under general supervision of the Southern Ute Public Defender, is responsible for routine office duties which also include the preparation of criminal, traffic, juvenile delinquency, and involuntary commitment cases for hearings, trials, and appeals. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/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; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

#### Patrol Officer I

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

#### Patrol Officer Trainee

Open Until Filled – Trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon completion of the required trainings and certifications, will assume the position of Patrol Officer. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

#### Public Education Tutor (Temp/Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Guiding students to improve their academic performance through extended lessons, creative teaching, and interactive materials. Will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Temporary/part-time at a pay rate of \$30/hour.

#### Receptionist – Tribal Information Services

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; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

#### Senior Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates and conducts complex technical and regulatory tasks within the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

#### Social Worker

Open Until Filled – Advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

#### Sun Ute Receptionist – Full-time

Open Until Filled – Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the pub-

lic by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/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. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

#### TERO Compliance Officer (Temp/Part-time) – Native Americans Only

Open Until Filled – General authority to enforce compliance with the TERO Ordinance of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. A point of contact for all development activities occurring on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and surrounding service areas. Works closely with contractor(s), other tribal departments, and non-tribal organizations to meet the mandates of TERO. Maintains a database of potential Indian Owned Businesses and Contractors. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

#### TERO Worker

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

#### Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal member only)

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

#### Tribal Attorney II

Open Until Filled – Works with other attorneys in the Tribe's in-house Legal Department to provide legal representation, advice, and support to Tribal Council, Tribal officials, and Tribal Departments on a broad range of subjects. A strong command of Federal Indian law and understanding of tribal sovereignty in this position is essential, as is an ability to provide legal advice on a variety of topics in a fast-paced environment.

#### Tribal Ranger Captain

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Director of Justice & Regulatory, performs a variety of administrative and field supervisory functions over the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers and Animal Control Programs in accordance with all applicable Tribal, State, and Federal laws, rules, and regulations. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

#### Water Quality Specialist: Animas River Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Develops and administers the San Juan Watershed water quality program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.63/year.



# Southern Ute Tribal Member Career Fair

The Permanent Fund Human Resources Department will be hosting a Southern Ute Tribal Member Only Career Fair. The Growth Fund and Sky Ute Casino are also invited.

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Sky Ute Casino Event Center

8:00AM to 3:00PM

Contact: Rochelle Aguilar – HR Career Coordinator

970-563-2990

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



## 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.

### Environmental Compliance Specialist – SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closes 5/19/23 – Working independently or with limited supervision to perform broad environmental tasks of complex scope within one or more disciplines: Clean Water Act (CWA); reclamation/remediation activities; National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and/or Endangered Species Act (ESA). Permit-required submittals and modifications, writing environmental specifications and plans, auditing, and field work.

### Environmental Health and Safety Specialist II – SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closes 5/19/23 – Promoting EHS awareness and compliance throughout the organization to all employees. Will assist multiple programs which help ensure worker safety, and environmental, and regulatory compliance for the Growth Fund and its business enterprises. Will provide support for the development, execution, and training of EHS programs and initiatives; assist with environmental compliance, within one or more disciplines: Clean Water Act (CWA); National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

### Executive Assistant – SUGF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/12/23 – Working directly with the Executive Director to provide administrative support including, scheduling, correspondence, data management, report generation, organizing calendars and coordinating travel. Act as a liaison in a professional and courteous manner and manage the information flow for the Executive Director.

### Facilities Assistant Manager – SUGF Facilities (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/5/23 – Maintenance management services and assistance to the Facilities Manager and the Property Maintenance Manager to include monitoring and maintaining Growth Fund- properties, Quichas Apartment Complex, and developed and vacant land at Three Springs. Will assist with addressing tenant requests; processing work-orders; coordinating contracted and maintenance work; coordination and supervision of capital improvement projects.

### Fund Accountant – GF Private Equity, LLC (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/13/23 – Finance and accounting support of the Company's investment program with primary responsibility for processing capital calls, distributions and financial reports related to a large and growing portfolio of private equity fund investments, recording complex investment transactions and relevant data into the deal management system of PeopleSoft for accurate reporting, coordinating fund wire activity, and preparing appropriate reports and analysis to support the company's objectives.

### Gas Chromatograph Technician – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 5/12/23 – Maintaining and calibrating all Red Cedar natural gas chromatographs; obtains required well analysis samples as required by producer contracts.

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

Closes 5/12/23 – Completing all gas measurement related activities and work tasks.

### Landman I – SUGF Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/5/23 – Developing, obtaining, and

maintaining orderly and accurate land records, including tribal surface leases and rights-of-way, and coordinates energy projects within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Works with operators on tribal lands to coordinate and participate in on-sites for oil and gas projects.

### Managing Director – SUGF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/5/23 – All aspects of direct private equity investments in middle market operating companies. Will oversee sourcing, underwriting, structuring, and closing private equity investments. Will participate in investment strategy development, portfolio management, and exit planning.

### Portfolio Manager - Investments – GF Private Equity, LLC (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/12/23 – Providing support in analyzing, selecting, closing, and managing Private Equity investments.

### Real Estate Investment Analyst – GF Properties Group, LLC – Denver, CO

Closes 5/15/23 – Provides assistance for general management on all assets managed by GF Properties Group (GFP). Will work closely with the Vice President (VP) and will assist in general oversight of the properties, leasing, contract administration, placement and monitoring of loans, routine site and property inspections, site analysis and due diligence, construction management, budgeting, financial analysis, acquisition and disposition support, market and industry research, and reporting functions.

### Receptionist Office Assistant – SUGF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/19/23 – Coordinating office duties and job functions associated with the Growth Fund Receptionist function maintaining positive and effective working relationships with Growth Fund Directors, Growth Fund employees, Southern Ute Indian Tribal employees, tribal members, and the public.

### Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist – SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closes 5/19/23 – Ensuring the Southern Ute Growth Fund and its business enterprises are in compliance with the regulations applicable to doing business on and off the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, including the Clean Water Act (CWA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Endangered Species Act (ESA). Position is an environmental leadership position responsible for the development, execution, and training of environmental programs and initiatives that communicate environmental awareness and compliance for the Growth Fund. Working independently or with limited supervision to perform broad environmental tasks of complex scope within one or more disciplines.

### Treasury Analyst – SUGF Accounting and Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/12/23 – Will support the Growth Fund Treasury Manager with day-to-day treasury functions, financial reporting, and analysis. Regularly communicates with external partners to procure and maintain contracts, bank documents, and other agreements. Supports internal departments with banking and investment procedures per policy. Performs banking, financing, and investment data analysis to support daily decision-making processes for effective cash and asset management. Assists with regular forecasting and budgeting processes.

## 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.

### 7 Rivers Line Cook

Works under direct supervision of the Executive Chef, Executive Sous Chef, and/or Kitchen Manager. Preparation of the A la Carte menu in Seven Rivers and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness.

### \*AV Tech Assistant (Full-time)

Engaging in the set-up, breakdown, support, and repairs of all AV equipment within hotel rooms, equipment rooms, conference rooms and special events by the direction of the Audio and Video Technician. Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, on a daily basis.

### Bingo Coordinator

Directs and oversees the day-to-day activities of the Bingo Department. Oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, reward and disciplining employees, addressing complaints and resolving problems/concerns; and to ensure high quality customer service. Ensure compliance with the Casino's policies & procedures and applicable Gaming regulations. Maintain a high standard of guest service within the Bingo Department and actively promotes positive customer and employee relations by ensuring that excellent customer service is continually provided. Reports to the Casino General Manager.

### \*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.

### \*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.

### \*Career Development Coordinator (Full-time)

Will provide career and educational guidance to the Casino Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) employees through career skills training, mentorship and to promote management opportunities. Career development, coordination and presentation of training and development programs for all SUIT employees. Will manage and actively recruit new candidates for the CDP program. Works in conjunction with the Department Director/Managers to promote career advancement.

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

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

### \*Count Team Staff

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.

### Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

### Facilities Staff (Full-time)

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

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

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

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

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

### \*Fine Dining Server

Provide an exceptional fine dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely, and professional manner, resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction.

### \*Fine Dining Bartender

Provide an exceptional fine dining/lounge experience by delivering first class guest service of beverages and cocktails. Possess an extensive knowledge of mixed drinks and wine. Mix and serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and

interact with guests. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely, and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Provide beverage and cocktail service to bar patrons and restaurant guests. Must have a High School diploma or equivalency.

### Front Desk Staff

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests' luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

### \*Lead Facilities Technician HVAC (Full-time)

Electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as the lead of a team to insure 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 including; boilers, AHU's, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers. Reports to the Director of Facilities while sharing the responsibility to train and lead activities of departmental employees; technicians, shift supervisors, and facilities staff in appropriate Service Standards and Facility operations/maintenance.

### Line Cook (Full-time)

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

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

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

### \*Promotions Coordinator (Full-time)

Leading special events and promotions from conception to post event follow up. Working closely with the Marketing team on design work and copywriting, as well as implementing the marketing strategy while maintaining the highest level of customer service and guest interaction. Communicating with advertising agencies to coordinate all Marketing assets for events and promotions.

### Rolling Thunder Grill Server

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Shift Covers Breakfast and Lunch only.

### Room Attendant (Full-time)

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

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

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

### 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.

### \*Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time)

Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee. Assists guests with slot machine usage; educates them regarding play, wagers, pay tables, etc. Generates jackpot slips at jackpot workstations using the on-line Automated Slot System (Oasis), the New Wave Manual System or the Locked Dispensing Machine as appropriate. Notifies slot staff or other Casino personnel of guest needs and requests; follows up to ensure a positive guest experience. Verifies and/or signs for slot payouts and delivers winnings to guests.

### \*Slot Technician II (Full-time)

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation, and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal gaming device performance. Reports to the Slot Technician Supervisor.

### \*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 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.

## Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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

### Business Applications Analyst II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/19/23 – Assisting with business applications analysis, support, and use of the Tribe's integrated oil and gas business software. Interface with users of software to evaluate needs and develop business solutions utilizing IT technology.

### Business Applications Analyst III – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/19/23 – Leading business applications analysis, support, and use of the Tribe's integrated oil and gas business software. Interface with

users of software to evaluate needs and develop business solutions utilizing IT technology.

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

Closes 5/5/23 – Technical support of end-user hardware and software in the Shared Services Network including escalation support for Help Desk personnel. Provides desktop and mobile operating system and software installation, configuration and repair, and on-site customer visits. Provides end user computing equipment installation and relocation and network connectivity in a LAN/WAN environment.

## SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For job opportunities apply on-line at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org) or call 970-563-4517.

- Teacher Assistant
- Substitute Teacher
- Finance Administrator
- Bus Drivers
- Assistant Transit Division Director
- Addiction Counselor

## Bureau of Indian Affairs Southwest Region, Southern Ute Agency Branch of Fire Management in Ignacio, Colo.

Two Southern Ute Agency Fire positions are now re-advertised through May 9, in USAJobs.

- **GS-8/9 Fuels Specialist:** <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/721341000>
- **GS-5 Forestry (Fire) Technician:** <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/721664900>

## San Juan Basin Public Health

SJBPH is seeking a qualified individual to serve on its Board of Health through Dec. 31, 2023. Board membership is a voluntary position. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume no later than May 17, 2023.

Learn more about SJBPH Board of Health responsibilities, time commitment, selection criteria, and other information at <https://sjbpublichealth.org/boardofhealth>.

**Advertise in The Southern Ute Drum**  
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe announces historic settlement to protect air quality on Reservation

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe recently announced its settlement with Williams Companies, Inc. (Williams Companies) and Harvest Four Corners, LLC (Harvest) pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA) in connection with unlawful air emissions from the Ignacio natural gas processing plant (Ignacio Facility) on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation within the exterior boundaries of La Plata County, Colo. This settlement is in conjunction with three separate settlements with natural gas processors pursued by the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that will require the companies to pay a combined \$9.25 million in civil penalties and make improvements at 25 gas processing plants and 91 compressor stations, reducing harmful air pollution and improving air quality in 12 states and Indian Country.

The EPA has delegated to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe authority under the CAA to regulate air quality on all lands within the Reservation boundaries, including to administer and enforce a Title V operating permit program at 40 C.F.R. Part 70 and certain New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants under CAA sections 111 and 112. It is the only federally recognized Tribe with full delegation of the Title V operating permit program.

Since 2019, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been a co-plaintiff, along

with the United States of America and the states of Alabama, Colorado, Louisiana, West Virginia, and Wyoming, in global settlement discussions with the Williams Companies and Harvest regarding alleged violations of the CAA at certain facilities across the United States. One of the fifteen facilities involved in the discussions is Harvest's Ignacio Gas Plant, located on County Road 307 in La Plata County, within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation. The Ignacio Gas Plant was formerly operated by the Williams Companies and is currently operated by Harvest. If operated incorrectly, the facility's process flare has the potential to be the largest single source of air pollutant emissions on the Reservation. Additionally, potential emissions at the facility from leaking valves, pipes, compressors and other process equipment can contribute significant volatile organic compounds to the atmosphere when not properly monitored and maintained. The Tribe's Air Quality Program and U.S. EPA Region 8 representatives had concerns about the performance of the process flare and the applicability of and compliance with certain CAA Leak Detection and Repair ("LDAR") requirements for onshore natural gas processing facilities.

The Williams companies agreed, in a federal consent decree filed in the United States District Court for Colorado, on certain mitigation projects, compliance requirements, and payment of a civil penalty to resolve the alleged CAA violations at the fifteen facilities. Im-

portantly, Harvest agreed to the requirements of a mitigation project, known as the Ignacio Flare Monitoring Project, set forth in an appendix to the consent decree for the flare at Harvest's Ignacio Gas Plant.

Under the terms of the Ignacio Flare Monitoring Project, to verify the process flare at the Ignacio Gas Plant is working properly, Harvest must install and use a calorimeter to monitor the combustion of the gas at the flare tip for a one-year test period. During the test period, Harvest must compare the calorimeter monitoring results with the facility's current ultrasonic flow meter monitoring and operating system. If the calorimeter monitoring does not validate that Harvest's flare is operating within required standards, Harvest must use the calorimeter not only to monitor the flare but to control operation of the flare in perpetuity and to memorialize that requirement in a federal CAA permit.

Southern Ute Tribal Council Chairman Melvin J. Baker hailed the consent decree, "The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been diligently working to resolve performance concerns about the flare at the Ignacio Gas Plant. Harvest is now taking steps to address the Tribe's concerns and these steps will help maintain good air quality on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and in Southwest Colorado."

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe continues to be a leader in protecting environmental quality in Indian Country and in the Southwest.

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FLY FISHING

## Sometimes ya just gotta laugh

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Terri and I, along with our friends John and Kim, wanted to trade cold white snow for warm white sand. We did, with a fly fishing trip to Belize. Our trip was arranged by our friends at Yellow Dog Travel, and they did their usual stellar job. We stayed at Thatch Caye Resort. The accommodations were great, the food five-star, the staff second-to-none, and there was plenty to do for those not fly fishing. While John and I did partake in some of the non-fishing activities, our mission was to fly fish – and we did.

For the six days of fly fishing our guide, Marton, who was a really good guide, put us on lots of fish. He guided us to, and helped us land, bonefish, snapper, jacks, triggerfish, permit, tarpon, and a really large barracuda. The barracuda was caught on a spinning rod, but still counts. If I stopped here, you'd have a thumbnail overview of a successful trip. However, there is more to the story, the laughing part.

On the second day of fishing, Marton took us to the dock area of another lodge. As we pulled into the dock area we saw a huge school of bonefish swimming around and under the dock. John and I thought our arms were going to get tired from reeling in large numbers of bones. It didn't happen.

John was first on the cast-



got on the dock to cast at them while Marton poled me around to the other side of the dock to cast at bonefish. Just as I got on the platform, Marton quickly handed me another rod, and pointed at the dozen or so tarpon moving in. I wish I could say John caught one of the permit and I caught one of the tarpon, but truthfully, I can't.

The two permit John was casting at seemed to be in a conversation with each other. I think they were saying, "See that guy up there, let's move out a little farther and see how far he can cast." After several good casts they say, "Now let's swim in close, real fast, and see how much line he steps on and gets tangled around his feet. Now, when he casts, let's move over towards his fly, get real close to it, then slowly back off and swim under the dock."

My tarpon experience was similar. Only, instead of talking amongst themselves, they just enjoyed the day. The swam deep and shallow with me casting several different flies at them. They would jump and roll right in front of the boat as if to say, "We see you." Marton looked at me, shrugged his shoulders, and headed to the dock to retrieve John.

It's here I started laughing, quietly at first, then a little louder, then a deep belly laugh. A good guide, two good fly fishermen, lots of equipment, and the fish won hands down. I love fly fishing.

### The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 People found in Canada or Montana
- 5 Mornings, for short
- 8 "Gladiator" composer --- Zimmer
- 9 NC tribe
- 13 "West Wing" extra
- 14 Fasten with a click
- 15 Slick 50 rival
- 16 Champions
- 17 Tlingit/Koyukon-Athabaskan actor --- Navsmeier
- 19 Naval speed unit
- 20 Cries of surprise
- 21 "Runaway" rocker --- Shannon
- 22 Give over
- 24 Beat hard
- 27 As of
- 29 Chinese ultimate principle
- 30 Free
- 31 Island site of only WW2 land battle on US soil
- 32 Star-related
- 33 Rain hard
- 34 Soldier's fare, briefly
- 35 Treatment-resistant bug

Down

- 1 Gaping fissure
- 2 Indian yogurt dip
- 3 Final result
- 4 112.5 degrees
- 5 As guilty ---
- 6 "Death in Venice" author Thomas ---
- 7 Fore-and-aft sail
- 10 Public communication to an individual
- 11 "Cape Fear" actor De ---
- 12 "Meet Me --- Louis"
- 16 State with a "dreary clime", according to Joan Baez
- 18 How things usually are
- 21 Once-prominent UPS competitor
- 22 Panamanian native people
- 23 Long narrative poem
- 24 Right of possession
- 25 Fills to the gills
- 26 Louisiana nation
- 28 Ruler in "War and Peace"
- 31 Kale dispenser

Answers for this crossword will appear in May 19 issue of the Drum.

Answers for April 21, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Mace, 5 Liens, 10 O'Day, 11 On top, 12 Whee, 13 Chetro, 15 Ads, 16 Hue, 17 Pop, 18 Anomalous, 21 Drat, 22 Vast, 23 Testiness, 25 Eva, 26 Sen, 27 Inn, 30 Colusa, 32 Obie, 33 Tag up, 34 Elmo, 35 Edges, 36 Mein.  
Down: 1 Mowa, 2 ADHD, 3 Caesar salad, 4 Eye, 5 Locum, 6 In heaven, 7 Ete, 8 Not possible, 9 Sprout, 14 Ops, 16 Hot issue, 19 Nat, 20 Las, 21 Devote, 23 Tec, 24 Neaps, 28 Nimi, 29 Neon, 31 Ugg, 32 OEM.



### BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS



**3 Big Horn Sheep**  
**2 Mountain Goat**  
**2 Moose**

The Wildlife Division will be accepting Brunot Rare Game Applications the month of MAY. The drawing will be held in June.

All applications will be submitted online:

<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/rare-game-app/>

Members can also visit the Brunot Hunting website to find the link <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/natural-resources/wildlife-resource-management/hunting/brunot-area-hunting-and-fishing/>

If you have any questions, please call the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, May 5



Sunny 65°F  
Breezy

Saturday, May 6



Mostly sunny 64°F  
Breezy

Sunday, May 7



Mostly sunny 66°F

Weather forecasts collected from [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

