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Winner of 5 Native American Journalists Association Awards in 2023



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Aerial view of the Piedra River as it winds its way through the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in 2012. Seven rivers in total cross through the boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation in Southwest Colorado.

WATER RIGHTS

Ute tribes fear Navajo Nation's Colorado River ruling weakens U.S. government treaty obligations

By Elliot Wenzler
 THE COLORADO SUN

Colorado tribes are worried that a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last month against the Navajo Nation in a Colorado River water rights case may narrow the federal government's broad, historic responsibility to provide them with aid.

In *Navajo Nation vs. Arizona Dept. of the Interior*, the tribe was seeking to sue the federal government to require it to assess the tribe's water rights along the Colorado River and help to create a plan to develop them for the 170,000 tribal members who live there.

Instead, in a 5-4 decision released June 22, the court ruled the federal government isn't responsible for such actions, saying the treaties between the U.S. and the tribe didn't explicitly require it.

"The 1868 treaty did impose a number of specific duties on the United States, but the treaty said nothing about any affirmative duty for the United States to secure water," Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote in the majority opinion.

Tribal leaders say the decision is a step toward diminishing the overall responsibilities of the federal government outlined in the treaties. That could impact how much the U.S. gov-

ernment is required to help with tribal projects related to other natural resources and climate resiliency work, said Daniel Cordalis, tribal partnership manager for the Colorado River Sustainability Campaign.

"What a permanent homeland for tribal members means now, it's pretty vague," said Cordalis, who is also a member of Navajo Nation. "Tribes might find it a lot harder to get the United States to help them and work with them on some of these projects, if they don't have to threaten the power of a trust claim behind them."

The Navajo Nation reservation is the largest in the U.S., spanning 16 million acres across parts of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah and bordering southwest Colorado.

A threat to treaties

The decision from the Supreme Court is somewhat in conflict with how the Biden administration has handled other tribal relations, said Peter Ortego, general counsel for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, which is in southwestern Colorado and northern New Mexico and neighbors the Navajo Nation in the Four Corners region.

"It looks like the federal government is respecting that trust responsibility and trying to do something positive,"

he said, "and now the courts have said they don't have that trust responsibility."

The opinion could change the way the federal government sees its responsibility to other tribes, Ortego said. The federal government recognizes 574 American Indian tribes and Alaska Native entities in the U.S.

"We shouldn't be playing games with these things," he said. "This was a permanent situation, the nation was at war and now they're saying the treaties signed to get out of that war are not worth more than the paper and ink they're written on."

Leaders of the Southern Ute Tribe, which has a reservation in southern Colorado, said they would be working to enact legislation to ensure the trust responsibility is upheld.

The opinion "is reflective of this court's continued assault on the trust responsibility that the federal government owes to tribes," the Southern Ute Tribe wrote in a statement.

Tribes already felt their treaties weren't respected and the decision takes that a step further, Ortego said.

"What happens if the treaties go away?" he said. "If (tribes) don't feel they have the protections of those treaties, what options do they feel like they have?"

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FIRE RESTRICTIONS
Southern Ute Indian Tribe, La Plata County enact Stage 1 fire restrictions



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Fire restrictions help agencies and the community reduce fire risk and prevent fires during periods of high or extreme fire danger.

Staff Report
 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

STAGE I
General Public
Prohibited acts:

Due to the current high temperatures, dry fuel conditions and occurrence of recent wildland fires, Stage 1 fire restrictions have been implemented for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Everyone on reservation lands is asked to be very cautious and use common sense with fire this time of year. Stage I Fire Restrictions prohibits acts for the general public, commercial operators and industrial oil and gas operators performing work on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

1. OPEN BURNING. Burning of trash and/or yard waste is prohibited.
2. AGRICULTURAL BURNING. Burning of crop land, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning are prohibited.
3. CAMPFIRES. Building, maintaining, or using a warming fire or campfire outside of officially designated or developed camp sites is prohibited. The

fire restrictions do not include charcoal fires (in suitable containers) for barbecues or fires for sweat ceremonies, however, such fires are not to be left unattended and are to be fully extinguished after use.

4. FIREWORKS. Possession, discharging or use of any type or fireworks is prohibited.

Commercial and Industrial restrictions can be obtained from the BIA Fire Office at 575 County Road 517 or by calling (970) 563-4571.

Anyone violating the pro-

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member and youth employee, Zuriah Baker shares the Ute "Creation Story" with Colorado Senator John Hickenlooper during his visit to Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's language classroom.

STATE OF COLORADO

Colorado Ute tribes meet with Senator Hickenlooper

By Summer Begay
 TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Councils met with U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper (Colo.) at Southern Ute Tribal Headquarters, Thursday, June 29, to discuss the importance of broadband to the Reservation and plans to mitigate the Digital Divide.

"We are deeply appreciative of Senator Hickenlooper's commitment to engaging in open dialogue and frequent visits," said Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Melvin J. Baker. "His support on our reservation is essential to ensuring that our students, businesses, and residents have access to the resources



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Chairman, Manual Hart discusses the need for expanded broadband infrastructure with Senator Hickenlooper during a roundtable hosted by Southern Ute Shared Services.

they need to succeed." This strong relationship stretches back to Senator Hickenlooper's terms as Governor.

and the Tribal Councils discussed a number of funding sources for broadband project-

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U&O hosts 4th of July Powwow



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute veteran Raymond Baker (U.S. Navy retired) shares a laugh with fellow veterans before the Grand Entry during the Saturday afternoon session of the Northern Ute 4th of July Powwow in Ft. Duchesne, Utah. Donning war bonnets, a high honor, these veterans lead all of the dancers participating in this year's powwow. Beginning on Friday, June 30 this celebration continued throughout the weekend with its last day ending on Sunday, July 2.

See more 4th of July Powwow coverage on page 11.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Jeremy Wade Shockley won first place for his image of The Acoma Sky City Dancers and Howeya Family Dance Group performing the Corn Dance and other traditional Pueblo dances at Chimney Rock National Monument in honor of the 10th anniversary of the national monument designation in 2022.

TRIBAL MEDIA

Drum earns top honors at National Native Media Awards

By *Jeremy Wade Shockley*
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) awarded The Southern Ute Drum a total of five media awards in its annual National Native Media Awards competition, including the prestigious honor of winning first-place for General Excellence and first-place for Best Digital Publication. The remaining three awards were won by individual staff members for excellence in photography. Winners were announced in a press release from NAJA on Thursday, July 6.

Newspaper Editor, Jeremy Wade Shockley took home a first -place win in the Best Photo of Native America category for his image of the Acoma Sky City Dancers performing the Corn Dance at Chimney Rock National Monument; competing in the “associate” categories, which are open to non-Native employees of tribal newspapers.

Reporter/Photographer Divine Windy Boy was also recognized for her photography, bringing home a third-place win for her feature “Powwow: Native nations reunite at Tingley” in the Best Feature Photo category during her first year working



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

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on staff as a reporter for the Southern Ute Drum.

Administrative Assistant Krista Richards rounded out the photography awards, earning Honorable Mention in the category of Best News Photo for her image of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair grease pole contest. “Receiving recognition from our peers in Indian Country is really special,” Shockley said. “As the editor of this publication I truly believe this reflects on the quality of work we do for the membership, these accolades are not just a win for the newspaper, but for the Tribe as a whole.”

The Southern Ute Drum competes in Professional and Associate Division I for newspapers with a print circulation under 5,000. Digi-

tal excellence is a reflection of our newspaper’s website and social media presence. The Drum’s affiliation with NAJA goes back to the early 1990’s; the association’s mission is stated as – Empowering a unique network of members and journalists covering Indian Country. NAJA serves more than 900 members, including media professionals working in tribal, freelance, independent and mainstream news outlets, as well as academia and students covering Indigenous communities and representing tribal nations from across North America.

NAJA will recognize outstanding Indigenous journalism later this summer during the National Native Media Awards ceremony in Winnipeg, Canada.



Many Moons Ago



courtesy Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Young members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe dance down Bayfield’s Mill Street during the town’s annual Fourth of July Parade. Volunteers from the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and other organizations also pitched in, handing out fans featuring the tribal seal. More than 3,000 people attended the parade.

This photo was first published in the July 12, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

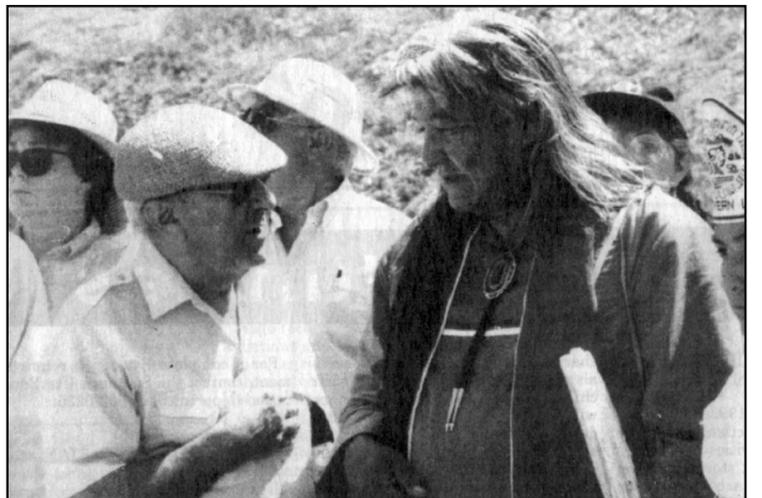


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20 years ago

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Mike Olguin holds an umbrella to shade himself and his Tribal Council colleague Vida Peabody while both officials greet the crowds during the Annual Bayfield Fourth of July Parade. The popular event once again attracted thousands of spectators kicking off the Independence Day weekend.

This photo was published in the July 11, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Southern Ute spiritual man Alden Naranjo explains the blessing ceremony performed at Coors Field in Denver.

This photo was published in the July 9, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Quik and Handi wins championship, L-R Bottom row, Marlene Peabody, Vinnie Valdez, Top Row – Daniella Howe, Kelly Herrera, Estelle Monte, Andrea Frost, Florann Howe, Marlene Velasquez, Hida Burch and Maria Cook.

This photo was published in the July 15, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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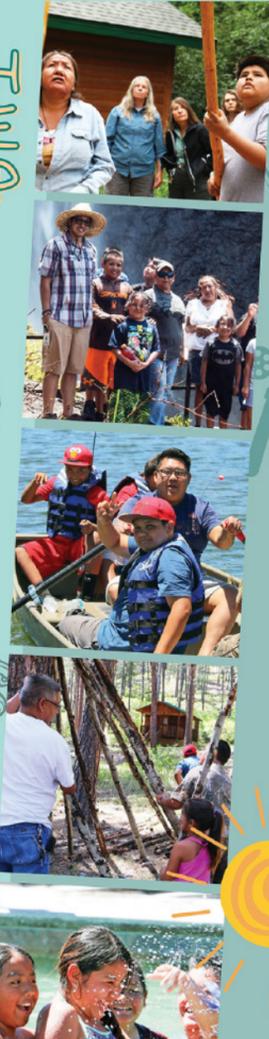
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Royalty at Shoshone Reunion



courtesy Marie Joy

Southern Ute Royalty participate in a Bear Dance presentation at the Shoshone Language Reunion Dinner, on June 28 in Fort Duchesne, Utah.



courtesy Marie Joy

Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Maleina Carel and Miss Southern Ute Alternate Rhianna Carel did an interview with Don Tosee II, Chairman of the Shoshone Reunion Committee from the Comanche Nation.

Northern Ute Sundance



Sundance Chief:
Jerry C. Tapoof
For more information call: 435-724-1918

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For more info call: Jerry Tapoof: 435-724-1918 or 435-353-4989

Sundance committee will not be responsible for any accidents, or loss of property.



Maleina Carel/SU Drum

Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel shaking hands with elders at the Shoshone Language Reunion. The reunion was hosted by the Ute Indian Tribe from June 26-28 in Fort Duchesne, Utah.

Stay up to date on tribal & community events



Check out the Southern Ute Drum's Events Calendar at:



www.sudrum.com/events

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Classes will be held in the **Small Classroom Room** at SUCCM over the lunch hour, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. Refreshments will be provided.

—June 7th, 2023—	—July 12th, 2023—
—June 14th, 2023—	July 19th, 2023
—June 21st, 2023—	July 26th, 2023

For more information:
Izabella Cloud
(970) 563-2984

HEALTHY RECIPES

Fresh, healthy pasta salad

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

Bring a fresh and healthy side dish to your next BBQ!
Serve as a side dish or add some chicken or tuna and enjoy a cup for lunch!

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



courtesy Eat Well 101

Summer Pasta Salad

Ingredients

- 16 oz whole wheat pasta (elbows, penne, rotini, etc.)
- 2 tomatoes (Roma or from your garden!), diced
- 1 medium cucumber, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 yellow or orange bell pepper, cut into bite sized pieces
- 1 cup black olives
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 4 oz Feta cheese crumbles
- Small handful fresh parsley, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

Dressing

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 tablespoon water

Directions

1. Cook pasta according to package directions.
2. Cut all vegetables as directed above.
3. In a large bowl, combine the vegetables (except parsley).
4. When pasta is done, rinse under cold water and place in refrigerator for 10 minutes.
5. Place all dressing ingredients in a bowl and whisk vigorously.
6. Combine cooled pasta with vegetable mixture, add Feta and fresh parsley.
7. Pour dressing over mixture, stir well to coat. Add salt and pepper to taste.
8. Serve or place in refrigerator for up to 5 days.

Some things to note: Whole grains provide fiber, feta provides protein, olives provide healthy fat.

Servings: 10

Nutrition per serving: 261 Calories, 10.8g Fat, 38g Carbohydrates, 5.4g Fiber, 8.3g Protein

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: The 4 Pillars of Health

By William Finn, MD
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Recently a friend asked me what the most important single thing was that she could do for her health. I told her that it would be impossible to choose just one thing! However, there is a model that helps us understand what is good for our health. This model is called "The 4 Pillars of Health".

What are the four pillars of health?

- Behavioral Health
- Sleep
- Diet
- Exercise

It is impossible to choose just one component because they all affect the others.

Sleep quality, healthy diet, and some regular physical exercise are all fairly self-explanatory. Behavioral Health means mental health and avoiding substance use. Here are some examples of how they can negatively affect each other:

- If you get poor sleep, you may not feel like exercising
- If you are stressed, it may be hard to sleep
- If you drink or use substances, it may affect your mental health

On the other hand, the pillars can also positively affect each other:

- If you exercise, you

may sleep better

- If you sleep better, you may have a better mood
- If you eat a healthier diet, you may be able to exercise better

So, as you can see, the four pillars of health all affect each other. When my friend pushed me to choose, I said I think Behavioral Health is probably the most important, because as the saying goes, "There is no health without mental health."

Here's to your good health!

It's okay not to feel okay

If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you over-

come obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division 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.

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.

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Lisa B. Smith, RDN 970-563-2344

Pickup Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2023

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



Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays in July 2023

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Oral Health Outreach Coordinator
Albuquerque Area Dental

Where: Mouache Capote Building
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We invite anyone to attend. Please feel free to bring your support group and children

When: Thursday July 20th
Time: 12-1 pm

This is monthly event that strives towards building community for women to feel safe and connected. If you are not currently breastfeeding, we encourage you to come and share what you do know, so that we can keep traditions and knowledge alive!!

Contact: Shawmarie (970)-563-2163



**Breastfeeding Awareness
Walk & Community
Baby Shower**

Where: Sun Ute
Community Center
When: Thursday
August 17
*Walk : 12 - 1pm
Shower: 12:30 - 2pm



photo credit: Samantha Maez

Join us after the 1 mile walk for light refreshments and goodies at Sun Ute

Community Baby Shower is open to all who want to attend.

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

*sign up starts @ 11:45



CHILDREN'S HEALTH

**T'ũchũpikivi Sũmũguavi
“Good Brain, Strong Heart”**

Sports physicals: Why are they needed?

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

It is mid-summer and while many kids are deep in forgetting school ever was or ever will be again, the start of fall school sports is only a few weeks away. In order to participate in school sports, all 50 states require a “pre-participation physical exam” – what most of us call a sports physical.

Many states have a specific form that is required and aligns with the national form put out by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American College of Sports Medicine. Colorado has a standard form it recommends and makes available on the Colorado High School Athletics Association website (linked below). It has a page for personal and family medical history, a four-question portion asking about depression symptoms, and a page for providers to complete with vital signs, exam findings, and a final determination about sports clearance.

While sports physicals can be completed in several settings, primary care providers encourage them to be done in their offices. Many young people between 10 and 18 years old only see a provider once a year for their sports physical form to be completed. If they are seen for that



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

outside of their primary provider's office, they may not get screening for anxiety and depression, assessment of any chronic medical needs, prescriptions refilled, or receive needed immunizations. It is an annual opportunity for the provider that knows your child best to check in on all their healthcare needs.

It is interesting to know that while a provider doing a sports physical will ask many health questions and do a head-to-toe physical, the part of the physical that can really impact a young athlete's well-being is the family and personal heart history section. There are 14 parts to cardiac screening in young athletes that are meant to prevent sudden cardiac death. Only four of those are exam elements, the rest are questions about heart health in the athlete's family, their personal cardiac history, as well as any symptoms they are experi-

encing. This is why it is so critical the history form is completed by an adult who knows the family health history as well as with the athlete who can report any symptoms they are having.

So get your kids in soon for a sports physical and they will be ready to go for that first practice!

For more information about sports physicals check out the Healthy Children website page about sports physicals at <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living/sports/Pages/Sports-Physical-PPE.aspx> or the Colorado High School Athletics Association website, which has links to sports physical forms. <https://chsaa.nw.com/sports/2021/7/22/smac.aspx>

You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Clinic for a sports physical or anything else by calling 970-563-4581.

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Audiocare

Beginning in December 2022 the Southern Ute Health Center will begin utilizing a system called Audiocare to call/text patients to remind them of their upcoming appointments.

What to Expect

The call has the same number as the Health Center, (970) 563-4581. Please take the call, it is just us reminding you about your upcoming appointment. There will be prompts for you to confirm, cancel or reschedule your appointment. There are also prompts to sign up for text reminder calls.





IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Finance Director, Lounge to retire

By Lea Leggitt, Communications Specialist
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

After five years at Ignacio School District, Finance Director Lucinda Lounge has retired as of the end of June. Lounge has been a passionate Director and has left her mark here at the Ignacio School District.

Lounge has been at the district five years, in that time she has guided the district through the pandemic specifically with the efficient use of ESSER I, II, III funds from the federal government. She has also successfully supported the refinance of the bonds twice thus saving taxpayers thousands of dollars.

"We are grateful for her service," Ignacio School District Superintendent, Chris deKay said. In the office Lounge has been known for her sense of humor, her passion for theatre and her creativity. "I will miss so much," says Lounge, "The people of course and the work."

Lounge has worked in school finance for almost 24 years in Arizona and eastern Colorado. She shared that she wanted one last adventure when her youngest daughter went off to college.

With family in the area she came to interview and was offered the job months later. She quickly moved down to southwest Colorado living out of her car and a run-down motel the first week on the job.

"When I started work, I could only find one right shoe and one left shoe, not matching," she recounts, "All of my co-workers were too nice to mention it."

She was in charge of the participation games for all parties, new-staff training, and staff meetings. Lounge mentioned it has been a real challenge trying to pick a game that will fit the situation. There have been epic fails like the scavenger hunt modeled after the Amazing Race. Also there were massive successes like "In Other Words" at the Christmas Party three years ago.

"My favorite is the name game that we play every year at New Staff Orientation. Without fail, a few days later I caught the new teachers playing it in the classrooms to help them learn the students' names."

Lounge is leaving behind a very supportive work family.

"I have only had the privilege of working under Lu-

Cinda for a year but it has been such a valuable time of being taught so many things in the finance world," says, ISD Bookkeeper. "Oftentimes, she has had more confidence in my abilities than I did."

After the five short years Lounge has been at ISD she is excited to move back to northeast Colorado where she will go back to her true love of costume design and regional theatre. She will also get to be closer to her family and new grandchild.

Lounge mentions how it can be difficult coming into a small community, where everyone seems to know everyone else. Where people have done things the same way "forever." It is easy to feel isolated and alone.

"In a world that often seems full of divisiveness and anger, Ignacio is a place that can be a haven of acceptance and kindness. Always choose to be a part of that," says Lounge.

The Ignacio School District is sad to see Lounge leave but is excited for her as she embarks on her next chapter of life. On behalf of ISD we thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to the job.

SunUte now offering scholarships

For the second year in a row SunUte is excited to present scholarships for Ignacio youth from 2nd grade (going into 3rd) through 12th grade grads! Any youth living in Ignacio qualifies for this scholarship along with all Native American youth living in Bayfield. This scholarship is good for a full year and gives the youth access to all of SunUte. Pool, gymnasium, PlayStation/X-Box 1/VR, and fitness floor (ages 13 and up). We have packets at the SunUte front desk. Please come on in and sign up! For more information about the scholarships call SunUte at 970-563-0214.



SUIMA REGISTRATION

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is accepting new and re-enrolling student registration forms for the 2023-2024 school year. SUIMA serves students from 7 months to 12 years old (infants-6th grade).

To qualify, students must be Southern Ute Tribal Members or first generation, direct descendants.

Go to SUIMA's website at: www.suima.org

Click on the "For Parents" Tab

Fill out the registration/enrollment packet and submit! It's that easy!!

Registration ends on August 10, 2023

Questions? Call 970-563-0253

REMINDER

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August 21, 2023



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RETURN THIS COUPON. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT END OF THE SALE.

STORE HOURS:

- M-F: 8 AM – 6 PM
- Sat.: 9 AM – 5 PM
- Sun.: Closed

1100 Goddard Ave., Ignacio, Colo. 81137



E.L.K.S., youth and nature



photos courtesy/SU Wildlife Division

Environmental Leadership & Knowledge Seminar (E.L.K.S.) participants made their own MSI water filters using dirt, grass, and rocks to see who could filter and get the cleanest water, Wednesday, June 28.



Participating youth got their hands wet helping the Southern Ute Wildlife Department by restocking fish at Scott's Pond, Tuesday, June 27.

Environmental Programs Division staff took the kids to the Durango Nature Center, followed by a visit to the Florida River to collect bugs as part of their field study during the E.L.K.S. program, Wednesday, June 28.



Environmental Leadership & Knowledge Seminar (E.L.K.S.) participants got to see the Tribe's bison herd at the bison ranch, Tuesday, June 27.



courtesy BGC

Amaya Toledo, Marcia Monte, Ma'Laya Chavez-Cloud, Layla Smith at ELHI.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Club Connect: Summer classes

LeClaire attends AmeriCorps Tribal Grantee Convening

Staff report

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

What do you like about club?

"What I like about Boys and Girls Club is that they make me feel safe" – Club member

July birthday shout outs

- Kennedy, 12 years old
- Lylianah, 10 years old
- Savannah, 12 years old
- Dean, 7 years old
- A'liviah, 10 years old

BGC highlights:

AmeriCorps Tribal Grantee Convening

CEO, Bruce LeClaire, attended the AmeriCorps Tribal Grantee Convening to learn about AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) and Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) and to share ideas of how AmeriCorps can partner Boys & Girls Clubs in Indian Country.

BGC Board of Director Words

What made you want to be a part of our BGC team?

"I wanted to be a part of a committee for the youth in the surrounding community because I want to show our youth that they have caring adults that want to see them grow." – Board Member



courtesy BGC

Bruce with AmeriCorps CEO Michael D Smith Decolonizing Philanthropy Plenary panel.

Program Highlights

Summer Art Classes: The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe have partnered with Dancing Spirits at ELHI to provide art classes that help teach our club members about different ways of creating art pieces using mixed medias in a safe, welcoming, learning environment.

BGC

Announcements

- Friday, Aug. 11: Last day of Summer Club

If you are interested in becoming a BGC Board Member, please apply at our website: bgcsu.org. We currently have four openings and youth are encouraged to apply!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB of the SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



courtesy BGC

Avanna Cook at ELHI.

SEED SAVING WORKSHOP

LEARN HOW TO

SAVE SEEDS

AND GROW PLANTS THAT WILL THRIVE IN SPECIFIC CLIMATES & SOILS

TO BUILD A RESILIENT COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEM

SATURDAY JULY 22

9am-3pm

@Pine River Shares

DETAILS

Come ready to be outside!

Lunch Provided

RSVP by calling PRS at

970-884-6040

FIELD & FORK



New hours



IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

of operation

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays

SOUTHWEST COLORADO

Public art call for Indigenous artists

Staff report
MANCOS CREATIVE DISTRICT

The Mancos Creative District is seeking proposals for the creation of a mural at a key intersection in Mancos, Colo.

Up to \$15,000 is available to cover the artist's fees, materials, transportation and installation. Multiple artists may be selected and provided with a \$500 stipend to spec work prior to final design selection.

Project Goals/Concept Guidelines: The goal is for this artwork to create a welcoming gateway into the town of Mancos that supports the broadening of the definition of "the West" to be more culturally inclusive and representative of the Indigenous people living in the area historically and currently.

Specifications:

- A single artist or a group of artists working together may apply, as long as there is a single project lead who will take full responsibility for the execution of the project.
- The primarily artist/project lead must be of Indigenous descent with preference given to artists familiar with or living in the American Southwest.
- Artwork must be appropriate for display in public spaces and viewing by a general audience, including families

with young children and diverse backgrounds.

- Mural dimensions: approximately 8 feet tall x 34 feet wide (option for width to be extended to include an additional wall segment 16 feet wide)
- The artist will retain the copyright and other intellectual property rights, in perpetuity, relating to the Artwork and will grant the Mancos Creative District the right to use images of the Artwork in a non-commercial manner to support the goal of the Artwork.

Please Submit interest to: chelsea@mancoscreative-district.com

What to Submit:

- Artist(s) name & contact information.
- Artist bio/resume: Please include information pertaining to cultural and geographic connection to Southwest Colorado, and any experience in mural arts.
- 3-5 samples of Artist's work (may include links to websites, photos, published reviews, and any other relevant references).
- A short description of the content and concept of the proposed work in 300 words or less. Artists may include simple sketches or mock up of design, but this is not

required until selected for further specing.

- Timeline: Please tell us when you would be able to begin the work and how long you estimate needing for completing the mural. The goal is to complete the mural in 2023.

Selection Process/Criteria:

- Of submitted proposals, up to two artists will be selected to create one or more detailed mural specs. Artists will be paid a stipend of \$500 to complete specs and a final work will be selected by the Mancos Creative District Public Art Advisory Committee for installation.
- Proposals will be reviewed based on the following selection criteria: Artistic merit and technical competence of the artwork, including consideration of its artistic, social, geographical, and/or historical significance. Qualifications of the artist, which may include images of past work, resume, references, and published reviews. Experience in public art is preferred but not required. Originality and authenticity of the work of art.

Contact Chelsea Lunders with questions and for more information at 970-769-8429 or chelsea@mancoscreative-district.com

IGNACIO

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center lays foundation

Staff Report

DANCING SPIRIT COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

Enterprise Zone

Have you driven by the new construction site or seen our updates on Facebook? We have footers going in and the foundation is going to be done soon. We are expecting the deck around mid-July!

We are so excited for you all to see the progress. Please click on this link and

fill out our survey to let us know more about what you want in your new Center for the Arts. <https://forms.gle/fGRPQQCo0Vp-DWxN79>

We are actively working on financing possibilities, grants and fundraising to keep this project going. Until we get our new building completed, Dancing Spirit will continue to have office hours and art classes at the ELHI Community Center and will host a temporary co-op art gallery for art sales, shows and per-

formances at 695 Goddard Ave (the blue building).

Blue Gallery

Don't forget to come by the "blue gallery" and support our current artists. We are open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Call for Artists: We still have available spaces in the gallery! If you would like to sell your art and be a part of our co-op, contact Jessica at outreach@dscac.org.

Foundation of art



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

The Dancing Spirit Art Gallery construction site on Goddard Avenue in downtown Ignacio, where concrete was recently poured for the building's foundation, Wednesday, July 12.

Call for Indigenous Mural Artists



The Mancos Creative District is seeking proposals for the creation of a mural in Mancos, Colorado that honors Indigenous people living in our area historically & currently.

Up to \$15,000 is available to cover artists fees, materials, transportation & installation. Multiple artists may be selected and provided with a \$500 stipend to spec work prior to final design selection.

Interested Artists Contact Chelsea:
chelsea@mancoscreativedistrict.com
970-769-8429

DANCING SPIRIT CENTER FOR THE ARTS presents...

AUGUST 5
4pm - 7pm



Get tickets at dscac.org/events-1
\$35-Adults
\$15-Kids



Event Location:
FOXFIRE FARMS
WINERY AND VINEYARD
5513 County Road 321,
Ignacio, CO 81137



(970)563-4600
dancingspiritgallery@gmail.com
www.dscac.org/tickets

JOM SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

DATES: AUGUST 2023 SCHOOL YEAR
AUGUST 7TH & 8TH (BAYFIELD STUDENTS ONLY)
AUGUST 14TH - 16TH (IGNACIO STUDENTS ONLY)
TIME: 10AM-4PM

LOCATION: SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

ELIGIBILITY: Students must be registered with the JOM program. You will need to show proof that you are ¼ Indian blood with either your Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or your birth certificate AND your parent's CIB (to show blood lineage).

Must be attending the Ignacio or Bayfield School District(s)

***PLEASE call ahead with the following information: child(s) name, grade level, and which school your child is attending.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ELLEN S. BAKER AT (970)563-0235

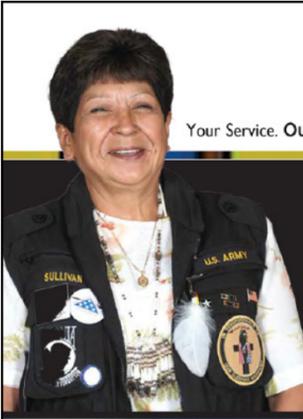
ELDER SERVICES PROGRAM JULY ACTIVITIES

JULY 18TH - PAGOSA HOT SPRINGS
10:00 A.M. DEPARTURE

JULY 25TH - NORTHERN EDGE CASINO
10:00 A.M. DEPARTURE

Call Elder Services @ (970) 563-2309 to have your name added to the activities list or if you have any questions.








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During the event, you can:

- Speak with a VA representative
- Get answers to VA claim and benefits questions
- File your claim

Office of Tribal Government Relations

EVENT DATE & TIME/S:
Wednesday, August 16, 2023
9:00am – 4:00pm

LOCATION:
VFW Post 4031
1550 Main Ave.
Durango, CO 81301

POINT OF CONTACT/S:
WJ "Buck" Richardson
(406) 447-7547 (work) (406) 439-6331 (cell)

Mike Benton
(970) 247-0384 (work) (928) 846-4532 (cell)

Copay Exemption for American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans



Tribal Health
Connecting Health Care & Culture Through Partnership, Respect & Understanding

Copay Exemption for American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans: American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans, who are enrolled in VA and are seeking copayment exemption will need to submit a copy of the following:

3 Easy Steps:

1. Copy one of the following **Official Tribal Documents**, including, but not limited to:
 - Tribal Enrollment or Membership ID Card
 - Tribal Census Documentation
 - Certificate of Indian Blood issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - Documentation issued by a Tribe on official letterhead indicating individual affiliation **AND**
2. Fill out **VA Form 10-334**, Tribal Documentation Form at www.va.gov
3. Mail copies of Veteran's Official Tribal Documentation and VA Form 10-334 to:

VHA Tribal Documentation
PO Box 5100
Janesville, WI 53547-5100

If Veterans need to make copies of their documentation or need a printed copy of VA Form 10-334, they can request copies at their local VA medical center or clinic.



Draft - Pre-Decisional Deliberative Document
Internal VA Use Only



PACT ACT Town Hall Meeting
City of Durango

Presented by:
New Mexico VA Health Care System
Colorado Division of Veteran Affairs
New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services

Sponsored by:
La Plata County Fairgrounds

A presentation about the new PACT Act law that expands VA benefits and health care to Vietnam, Gulf, and Iraq/Afghanistan War veterans suffering from exposure to "Agent Orange," burn pits, and other toxic substances while in service.

20 new "presumptive" conditions have now been added to VA's treatment eligibility list.

When: July 28, 2023
Time: 10am - 2pm
Where: La Plata County Fairgrounds
2500 Main Ave,
Durango, Colorado 81301

Guest speakers will be:
Robert McKenrick, Director, NMVAHCS
Mike Rohrbach, Director of Denver, and Cheyenne VA Regional Offices
Donnie Quintana, Cabinet Secretary, DVS

POC: Kristy Cunningham at 970-462-8450
This event will also be broadcast via Broadnet.



Tribal Health Department & Southern Ute Health Center

+ introduce +

Patient Advocate Line
(970) 563.4757

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

Try it out today!

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
LPEA Round Up Foundation Board awards
\$42,355 in funding to local non-profits in Q2 2023

Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

The LPEA Round Up Foundation Board granted \$42,355 in funding to local non-profit organizations at its April, May, and June 2023 meetings. These grants are part of the board's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in our community.

Since the beginning of 2023, the board has approved 28 grants amounting to \$76,195. The grants aim to advance and support non-profit causes within La Plata and Archuleta counties.

The following non-profit groups received funding as part of these two recent grant cycles:

- Archuleta Seniors, Inc.
- Boy Scout Troop 538
- Boys and Girls Club of La Plata County
- Calvary Presbyterian Church
- Dancing Spirit, Inc.
- Durango 9-R Food and Nutrition
- Durango Arts Center
- Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering
- Durango High School Aerospace Design Team
- Durango High School Parent Teacher Organization
- Durango PlayFest
- Durango Trails
- Durango Wrestling Club
- KUTE, Inc.
- Local First Foundation
- Miller Middle School STEM
- Music in the Mountains
- People Improving Communities and Kids Foundation
- Region 9 Economic Development District of SW CO
- Riverview Christian Fellowship
- San Juan BOCES
- Seed Studio
- Southwest Colorado Humanities Roundtable
- TARA Historical Society
- The Powerhouse
- Upper San Juan Search and Rescue
- Wildfire Adapted Partnership

Round Up Grants are made possible by the generosity of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) members, who choose to round up their electric bill each month to the next highest dollar. So far, approximately 16,986 LPEA members have donated \$59,771 to the Round Up Foundation in 2023. Each month \$5,000 in Unclaimed Capital Credits totaling \$60,000 annually is also allocated by the LPEA Board of Directors to support Educational Grants.

A percentage of Round Up Foundation funds is also distributed to community assistance programs each year. In 2023, the Round Up Foundation allocated \$12,442 to the Community Emergency Assistance Coalition and \$4,131 to the Pagosa Outreach Connection to provide families and individuals with emergency assistance funds.

Grants are available to registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in La Plata and Archuleta counties and usually range from \$500 to \$5,000. Application forms are available at lpea.coop/grant-programs.

LPEA members wishing to round up their bill can sign up on SmartHub or at lpea.coop/round-up-foundation. The average LPEA member contribution is just \$6.00 annually. Members can also elect to donate more each month if they would like to contribute additional money to local non-profits automatically.

DURANGO VETERANS RUN
Friday, September 1st, 2023

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans
Scenic Ride, Group Photo, High/Low Hand Prizes, Challenge Coins, Patches, Music and Raffle!
REGISTRATION @ LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION 8:30-9:30
KICKSTANDS UP AT 10 AM SHARP!!

includes card hand & bandana

\$20 Single
\$30 Couple



2022 Photo by Southern Ute Drum



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SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS



AutoZone
For more info: Text 970-426-9606

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SOUTHERN UTE DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAM

!!!WARNING!!!

There are "Tech Support Scams" pretending to be Windows 10 Support and Activation Technologies. Please be vigilant. Microsoft never calls or emails users to inform them their license is expiring, accounts will be closed, or they need access to sensitive information such as passwords or banking information.

CONTACT US

FOR QUESTIONS OR LAPTOP TECHNICAL SUPPORT CONTACT US AT:
970-563-5555
OR
SUDEP.SERVICE@SOUTHERNUTE.COM

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR FREE LAPTOP FROM SUDEP?

If you are a Southern Ute Tribal Member and would like to receive a laptop from SUDEP submit a questionnaire at:
WWW.SOUTHERNUTE.NSN.GOV/SUDEP

IF ANYONE ASKS FOR YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION - DO NOT GIVE IT TO THEM.
ALWAYS REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.



COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

CO 172 Ignacio resurfacing

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor Oldcastle SW Group, Inc., will make surface, accessibility, safety and drainage improvements to a 16.7-mile section of CO Highway 172 through the town of Ignacio north to the junction of US 160 (locally known as Elmore's Corner).

The project will include surface treatment of the entire stretch; several culvert upgrades; some new ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramps in downtown Ignacio and other traffic safety upgrades.

PROJECT BENEFITS

The surface treatment project includes the following improvements:

- Culvert replacement in three locations prior to paving, to enhance highway and drainage infrastructure: at MP 11.59 and MP 14.23, both south of the airport (airport turn-off is at MP 18.9); and at MP 20, just north of the airport.
- Florida River bridge resurfacing at MP 19.4 north of the airport, to maintain the bridge deck and driving surface.
- Culvert repairs/upgrades at three additional locations, to enhance highway and drainage infrastructure.
- Deep-patch repairs to the roadway in two locations, one just north of the airport (near MP 19), and one in downtown

Ignacio, to improve the roadway and enhance safety for drivers.

- Asphalt resurfacing of the entire 16.7-mile stretch (two applications), to improve the roadway and enhance safety for drivers.
- ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramps and concrete work in downtown Ignacio will enhance safety for pedestrians. Work will occur at the following intersection locations, in order of progression from south to north (approximately MP 8.5 to 9.3):
 - El Paso Road
 - Pine Street
 - Navajo Street
 - Empire Street
 - Ute Street
 - Pioneer Street
 - Lampert Street
 - Lakin Street
 - Ignacio Street
 - Browning Street

WORK SCHEDULE

Daytime work hours will likely be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and some Saturdays. Hours will vary a bit with available daylight. This spring, April to June, work will be underway on culverts and down-

town Ignacio ADA ramps. Paving operations will likely get underway in June or July, with longer work zones and lengthier delays (see www.cotrip.org for weekly updates to locations and/or request weekly email updates by contacting us at the phone number or email address above, right).

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Phase I Paving - July 24 through approximately late August
- Paving works zone extends from just south of the US 160 junction to just south/east of the airport.
- Single-lane, alternating traffic Monday - Friday; some Saturday work is possible.
- Delays up to 30 minutes can be expected, depending upon traffic volumes.
- The speed limit will be reduced to 40 mph throughout the work zone.
- Commuters driving on CO 172 through the work area of the Durango/La Plata County Airport (DRO) should allow themselves at least 30 minutes of extra travel time.

Project Facts

Cost: \$13.3 Million
 Contractor: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.
 Timeline: March 13 - December 2023
 Location: Through Ignacio north for 16.7 miles to the junction of US 160 (locally known as Elmore's Corner)

Project Hotline: 970-902-3587
 Project Email: co172resurfacing@gmail.com

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

Paving underway on CO Highway 172

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

PHASE I OVERVIEW

The Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor Oldcastle SW Group, Inc., will begin the first phase of paving on CO 172 (an east-west highway) on the segment from just east of the Durango Airport (DRO) turn-off to just east of the US 160 junction at Elmore's Corner (between red arrows on map).

IMPORTANT: once this first phase of bottom-mat paving is complete, the work zone will move to the segment east of the airport and progress east (and south) through Ignacio, likely starting mid/late-August.



PHASE I SCHEDULE

Just East of DRO Airport Turn-Off to US 160 at Elmore's Corner
 Start: July 24
 End (estimate): Aug. 30
 Work Hours: 9 am - 9 pm (workdays will get shorter)

TRAVEL IMPACTS

- There will be single-lane, alternating traffic Monday - Friday; some Saturday

- work is possible.
- Delays up to 30 minutes can be expected, depending upon traffic volumes.
- The speed limit will be reduced to 40 mph throughout the work zone.
- Commuters driving on CO 172 through the work area to DRO should allow themselves at least 30 minutes of extra travel time.

Clearing the streets



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Working alongside the heavy equipment operator - Isaiha Valdez, Maintenance II construction worker with the Town of Ignacio, helps clear asphalt on Goddard Avenue as the CO 172 road construction project continues, Wednesday, July 12.

Sky Ute CASINO RESORT
 Owned and Operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

MULTIPLY YOUR CHANCES TO WIN

MONDAYS 10X TICKETS!

MONDAYS 6/26 - 7/24 9AM - MIDNIGHT

Play the slots on Mondays to receive 10X the entry tickets for the Cash Blast Money Booth Giveaway drawings held every Saturday in July

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Disclaimer: All Ace's Club Members are eligible to receive up to 10x the entry tickets for the promotion. Prizes are non-transferable. Sky Ute Casino Resort reserves the right to modify or cancel promotions at any time without notice. Must be 21 or older to enter casino. Rules apply. See Ace's Club for details.

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Prestige Quality Cleaning LLC

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 Please Call 720-891-7774

For Sale

A 2016 dark gray handicap Dodge van with low mileage approximately 30,000 odometer miles. The handicap van is equipped with a wheelchair ramp and accessories. It is in good condition and has been owned by two individuals. There have been no pets in the vehicle and the interior is in new condition.

The asking price is \$16,000.
If interested, contact 505-592-9690.
Please leave a message and phone number.

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 Email: krrichards@southernute-nsn.gov

Southern Ute tribal members are eligible for a free subscription upon request.



Celebrating Powwow on the U&O Reservation



Jr. Men's Traditional Dancer looks into the arena before the competition dancing Saturday night live of the Northern Ute 4th of July Powwow. Dancers showcase their best regalia and dance moves during each competition session.



Veterans of the Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe bring in the colors and their respective tribal flags. These veterans march side by side during the Saturday afternoon session of this year's Northern Ute 4th of July Powwow in Fort Duchesne, Utah.



Northern Host Drum for this year's celebration Wooden Face, hailing from Saskatchewan, Canada, sing a Grand Entry song, helping to keep the dancers moving as they filter into the dance floor. Southern Host Drum for this year was Blazing Bear, champion singers from Okmulgee, Okla.



Rows and rows of competing hand game teams fill the hand game section of the Northern Ute 4th of July Powwow. Nena Lopez and family sing their best songs and showcase their skills during the Hamilton Bush Memorial Hand-game Tournament and open games.

Resurrecting Resilience

Indigenous Fashion Show

Saturday August 12th 3-6pm

Sky Ute Casino Resort

14324 Hwy 172 North Ignacio, CO 81137 United States

- > Silent Auction
- > Awards
- > Designer Debuts
- > Fashion Vendors

Funds raised go towards Native Love programs and services. All interested Participants, Volunteers, and Vendors can email: NativeLoveFashion@gmail.com

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum

Throughout Indian Country, powwow season is making a full return this summer – dancers, singers, and powwow spectators make their way to this year's Northern Ute 4th of July Powwow Celebration held annually in Fort Duchesne, Utah. The celebration featured a variety of events for all attendees including; competition dancing and singing, hand games, parade, fun run and walk. Beginning on Friday, June 30 this celebration continued throughout the weekend with its last day ending on Sunday, July 2.

2023 WHITE MESA BEAR DANCE POWWOW CELEBRATION

LABOR DAY WEEKEND – Willow Street, White Mesa, UT

Bear Dance Sep.1-4 | Contest Powwow Sep.2-3
Worship Dance Aug.31-Sep.1 7pm start

CONTEST POWWOW

Host Drum: Red Spirit (N. Ute) Fort Duchesne, UT
MC: Ruffel Kanip (N. Ute) Ft. Duchesne, UT
AD: Ambrose Redhouse (Dine) Kayenta, AZ
Head Man: Angel Whitebull (Hunkpapa Sioux) Cortez, CO
Head Lady: Ute Pageantry

GRAND ENTRIES
SATURDAY 1 PM & 7 PM
SUNDAY 1 PM

Drum Contest
\$1500 / \$600 / \$400

Golden Age (55+)
Men Combined / Women Combined
\$300 / \$200 / \$100

Adult Men & Women (18-54)
Traditional - Grass/Jingle - Fancy
\$300 / \$200 / \$100

Teen Boys & Girls (13-17)
Traditional - Grass/Jingle - Fancy
\$125 / \$100 / \$75

Junior Boys & Girls (7-12)
Traditional - Grass/Jingle - Fancy
\$60 / \$40 / \$30 sponsored by the Snyder family

Tiny Tots (1mo.-6yrs.)
sponsored by Jack Cantsee Jr. & family

SUNDAY SPECIALS

Mary Jane Cantsee Memorial
1st place \$1,000 + 2 consolations sponsored by family
Woman's traditional 50+
\$300 (WTA) sponsored by Jolee Cantsee
Woman's Jingle 18+
\$300 / \$200 / \$100 sponsored by Mametta & Chuck Banarles
Men's Grass 18+
\$300 (WTA) sponsored by Angel Whitebull
Switch Dance (Men WTA / Woman WTA)
\$500 EACH sponsored by Javis Cantsee
L Wall Men's Traditional \$500 (WTA)
Woman's Old-Style Fancy 18+
\$300 (WTA) sponsored by Jacqueline Cantsee & Don Rodriguez
Tiny Tots
\$100 / \$40 / \$20 sponsored by Deandra Eagleleather

MORE SPECIALS WELCOME!!!
** poster update in July**
FUNDRAISING ONGOING - contact to sponsor

HANDGAME TOURNAMENT
24 HR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Powwow Coordinator – J. Cantsee 970.676.1442 Bear Dance Info – 435.678.3397

Multi-Purpose Facility July Events

July

Cooking Class—Wednesday July 18, 2023—10:30 AM—1:30 PM

Yard Sale—Saturday July 22, 2023—9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Beading / Traditional Sewing July 25 & 27, 2023 10:00 AM-3:30 PM

Evening Session 5:30 —7:30 PM

Special Events

Haunted House Food Sale—Friday July 28, 2023 –11:30 AM—2:00 PM

Cooking with Chef Bill Barbone—Date & Time to be determined

Need more information? Call the Multi-Purpose Facility 970-563-2660 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO



NATURAL RESOURCES

Hickenlooper, Romney introduce seven-year extension of fish recovery programs

Staff Report
OFFICE OF SENATOR
HICKENLOOPER

U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper and Mitt Romney recently introduced the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act. The bill extends federal support for the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program and San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program for seven years, which, combined, protect four threatened and endangered native fish species in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. Senators Bennet, Lujan, and Heinrich joined as original cosponsors.

“Collaboration between Tribes, local communities, and state and federal leaders delivers results—reauthorizing these recovery programs is a no-brainer,” said Hickenlooper. “Our bill will bring certainty for water users, local stakeholders, program partners — and fish!”

“This legislation, which gives Utah the tools it needs to comply with complicated federal mandates, is a good model for successfully recovering endangered species,” said Senator Romney. “I’m proud to join my colleague from Colorado in reintroducing this bill, which will support Utah’s efforts to recover threatened and endangered fish species in the Upper Colorado and San Juan Rivers.”

The legislation builds on the success of Hickenlooper and Romney’s Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act in the 117th Congress, which provided a one-year extension for the programs and was

passed into law with the annual budget last December.

“The Recovery Implementation Program is a model for how states, tribes, water users, and Congress can work together to protect our environment,” according to a statement from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Council Affairs Office. “The fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins have proven to be successful and reauthorizing the program would help the fish species and their habitats continue to prosper. The programs provide compliance with the Endangered Species Act for approximately 2,500 federal, state, local and tribal water projects, including every Reclamation project upstream of Lake Powell. This is a critical investment in our environment and our future.”

The Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act will:

- Extend the Bureau of Reclamation’s participation in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Recovery Programs for seven years, providing certainty for Upper Basin water use and fulfilling the federal government’s trust responsibility to Tribes. Ensure continued Endangered Species Act compliance for 2,500 water projects spanning federal, Tribal, and non-federal jurisdiction, including every Bureau of Reclamation project upstream of Lake Powell. Authorize up to \$92 million for the Bureau of Reclamation to contrib-

ute annual cost shared funding for program implementation, continuing work to stock the threatened and endangered fish species, conduct research, manage habitat and river flows, combat nonnative species, and operate fish passages and hatcheries through fiscal year 2031.

- Add up \$50 million to the authorization ceiling for capital projects, which will fund infrastructure improvements essential to recovery of the endangered and threatened fish. Enable program partners to deploy their own commitments, enlisting the Upper Basin states, Tribes, and non-federal partners to provide their own contributions to meet shared species recovery goals.

The fish recovery programs are widely celebrated success stories in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. In November 2021, the Fish and Wildlife Service downlisted the humpback chub from “endangered” to “threatened” thanks to the recovery programs.

“The ESA can have a chilling effect on resource development, but the collaborative San Juan Recovery Implementation Program has allowed for both responsible water resource development and species protection since its creation in the 1990’s,” said Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Chairman Manuel Heart. “This long-term reauthorization bill is critical to keeping that dual benefit working effectively, and we strongly support Senator Hickenlooper introducing this bill, and we support its prompt enactment.”

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visions of this fire ban may be subject to prosecution outlined in the Southern Ute Indian Criminal Code.

The Restrictions will become effective at 6 a.m., July 10, 2023 and will remain in effect until conditions improve. To report fires contact: Durango Zone Dispatch 970-385-1324. For more info or to report Fire Restriction Violations contact: BIA Fire Management 970-563-4571 or Southern Ute Police Department 970-563-4401

La Plata County enacts Stage 1 fire restrictions

La Plata County Sheriff Sean Smith, who is also authorized by state statute as the fire warden of La Plata County, is acting on the recommendation of area fire chiefs and in accord with the Southern Ute Agency,

by enacting Stage 1 Fire Restrictions effective 6 a.m. Monday, July 10.

Fire restrictions help agencies and the community reduce fire risk and prevent fires during periods of high or extreme fire danger. Stage 1 fire restrictions prohibit the following acts in the unincorporated areas of La Plata County and upon all lands owned by La Plata County, excluding private lands in the Towns of Bayfield and Ignacio, the City of Durango or any Federal or Tribal lands:

Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, coal or wood burning stove; any type of charcoal fueled broiler; open fire of any type in undeveloped areas EXCEPT THAT as long as not left unattended and fully extinguished after use, the use of charcoal or gas barbe-

cue grills at private residences or fires in a designated campground or inside established metal fire rings with a grate cover on private property are not prohibited.

Open burning, burn barrels and agricultural burning except by agricultural producers as provided for in C.R.S. §30-15-401(n.5) (III) and defined in C.R.S. §35-28-104(11); provided however, that such agricultural burning is permitted only with 24 hours prior notification to the appropriate fire chief or the Sheriff of La Plata County; and The use of floating sky lanterns, fire balloons or acetylene balloons are always prohibited in La Plata County.

The La Plata County website has the most current information on fire restrictions. Visit co.laplata.co.us.

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A “simple ask”

The case began in 2003 when the Navajo Nation sued the federal government, saying it had violated its trust agreement from an 1869 treaty to establish a “permanent home” by not protecting their nation’s water rights.

That case bounced around lower courts for years until it ended up in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. The case was argued in March.

Colorado joined Arizona, Nevada and parts of California in asking the court to rule against the Navajo Nation, arguing agreement with the tribe would under-

mine existing agreements for the Colorado River.

If the Navajo Nation wants access to water from the lower Colorado River now, Congress must act or the tribe needs to ask the Supreme Court to reopen a prior case that allocated water between states, said attorney Rita McGuire, who represented southwestern states that opposed the tribe, according to The Associated Press.

Justices John Roberts, Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Amy Barrett joined the majority opinion and Thomas also wrote a concurring opinion. Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote the dissenting opinion, which

was signed by Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Ketanji Jackson.

Gorsuch argued that the court was rejecting a request the Navajo Nation never made.

“The Navajo have a simple ask: They want the United States to identify the water rights it holds for them. And if the United States has misappropriated the Navajo’s water rights, the Tribe asks it to formulate a plan to stop doing so prospectively,” he wrote.

The Navajo Nation can still conduct their own assessments of their water rights, but without the resources and help from the federal government.



Southern Ute Fishing Permits Are Now Available Online

For Both Non-Members and Tribal Members. Please Scan the QR Codes for Permits and the Fishing Proclamation. For more information, please call the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130



Southern Ute Fishing Permits



Southern Ute Fishing Proclamation

Lawn Maintenance Program moves to Elder Services Office in October 2023

After 8 years of assisting the Southern Ute tribal elders and handicap with lawn maintenance services, the TERO Dept is handing the program over to the Elder Services office. On Oct. 1, 2023, the new home for the Lawn Maintenance Program will be under the Elder Services Office, with Supervisor, Hanley Frost, and staff. The Lawn Services program started with the Tribal Housing Dept then went to TERO dept. and for eight years assisted the tribal elders and handicap with cutting grass, weeds, and assisting with heavy moving of furniture, etc. The TERO Lawn Maintenance staff would like to thank the Tribal elders and Handicap for their time and generosity. It was a pleasure to assist our Tribal Elders and Handicap in maintaining their lawns. For more information, or to set up an appointment beginning Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, please contact the Tribal Elders Office at 970-563-2309, or 970-563-2323.

AGRICULTURE DIVISION HAY FOR SALE!



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Southern Ute Agency Irrigation Bureau of Indian Affairs For more information call (970) 563- 9484



INDIGENOUS SOVERIGNTY

Inherent Relationships and the Rights of Nature

Staff report
INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

Introduction

This brief paper examines some of the core issues and frameworks that shape the concept of Inherent Relationships with the Rights of Nature. The purpose is to provide some thinking on how these two distinct ideas are indeed distinct, coming from Indigenous and non-Indigenous frameworks, and how being conscious of this can help in advancing both in a way that works in tandem with one another. It is by no means exhaustive, but only seeks to raise some questions and thoughts that might be useful for further discussion amongst those engaged in work in these areas.

Inherent Relationships

Indigenous peoples have existed since time immemorial and have traditional Indigenous knowledge that informs Indigenous spiritual, social, and political frameworks that are intrinsically tied to lands, sky and waters and all upon and within them. This complex set of inter-relationships places Indigenous peoples in the midst of inherent relationships that give rise to Indigenous sovereignty. The very existence and identity of Indigenous entities have an inseparable connection with these inherent relationships. They continue to exist even when many of those in the specific Indigenous entity are not aware of them. Placing Indigenous peoples and entities in a context separate from these inherent relationships is a form of genocide, as it severs these inherent relationships from the people.

When treaties are closely examined, the Indigenous voice is for the most part lost in the non-Indigenous legalistic language. Yet there is overwhelming evidence in the Indigenous nation respective oral histories that the treaties were understood to be the establishment of equitable relations with the Europeans, while maintaining their inherent relationships. Over time this understanding has been buried, only preserved in off reservation hunting, fishing, gathering, and sacred site access and preservation.

Customary rights and customary law are aspects of the deeper Indigenous legal systems recognized by the nation-states in their domestic laws. The preservation and assertion of these customary rights

and laws exist in the nation-state framework and are subject to their legal/political whims. It is a tenuous continuation of the inherent relationships that make the people of the land who they are. It is something unique to Indigenous peoples and nations. There can be no recognition of the human rights of Indigenous peoples separate from these inherent relationships, and the obligations of Indigenous peoples to protect them from human greed and cupidity. That makes the people of the land who they are and is part of Indigenous identity.

Rights of Nature

The Rights of Nature movement seeks to extend the Eurocentric framework of rights accrued to individuals, to aspects of the natural world. Eurocentric frameworks are rooted in the notion that the fundamental unit of society is the individual, and that societal structures, to remain viable and coherent, need some forms of protections and restrictions for the individuals in that society. Rights are created to ensure that the societal entity maintains these protections and restrictions on itself and its members. Although often abused and challenged, the legal enforceability of these rights can serve as a form of protection and preservation for what are termed individual liberties. To allow for collective entities like corporations and trusts, a legal fiction has been created to allow them to assert legal personality, as if they were an individual. The Rights of Nature movement seeks to extend that legal personality legal fiction to aspects of lands and waters such as rivers, forests, and discrete ecosystems. It is what is called nature as separate from humans with its own legal standing.

At first glance, this seems very appealing to those interested in protecting the environment. It can contribute to impeding harmful developments like fracking, hazardous waste storage, extractive mining and drilling, and similar type projects. It is only when one seeks to extend the ramifications of such a legal regime, do the flaws become apparent in the context of Indigenous people's inherent relationships. The Rights of Nature as it is currently being undertaken, unconsciously undermines the inherent relationships that form the basis of Indigenous peoples realities.

When Indigenous peoples speak of spiritual beings, we

speaking of them as existing in their own right and are often manifestations of the natural world of which we are an intrinsic part. Thunder beings, spirits of the trees, rivers, rocks, and animal nations are all included. So, when we speak of them being protected from harm, a Eurocentric way of doing that is to accrue rights to these entities. Unfortunately, a rights-based framework is contingent upon those rights being recognized in the nation-state legal system and applied in a cohesive way. For example, in the United States, it is not cohesive to have the rights of a river in one state be recognized but not in another state, or even another nation-state in which it also flows. How can they be protected in a general sense without defining what the protection consists of and who has legal standing to advocate on its behalf?

Furthermore, by designating aspects of the natural world as having rights in and of itself, severs the recognition of the inherent relationships tied to Indigenous peoples. It is a form of extinguishment, termination, and genocide however unintentional. The Rights of Nature in this context can therefore only exist in a non-Indigenous context through the human centric connection with lands, sky and waters.

Inherent Relationship Jurisprudence

At present there is an evolving jurisprudence that has various names but is essentially linked by some common principles. These include Rights of Nature, Rights of Mother Earth, Earthlaw, Wild Law, Earth Jurisprudence, etc. All of the adherents draw ideas and inspiration from Indigenous peoples and many are important allies to Indigenous peoples, and in many instances are Indigenous peoples. The common theme is that they are framed around the notion of rights, and that they all exist within the non-Indigenous framework of law and society. In the present, it would be extremely difficult to assert a jurisprudence exclusively within an Indigenous peoples framework that would be enforceable. It is possible however, to develop a jurisprudence that better bridges an Indigenous framework with the non-Indigenous legal system. This could be done by extending the human rights of Indigenous peoples to be inclusive of these inherent re-

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FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Two-day work session focused on traditional Indigenous knowledge

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The Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN) and the Earth Law Center (ELC) hosted a two-day working session on the following topics. The working session was intended to provide background to the concept of Inherent Relationships Jurisprudence (IRJ) as a legal philosophy arising from traditional Indigenous knowledge and how it might be used by Indigenous nations, organizations, etc. to advocate for.

The concept is in its early days of development, and we do not claim ownership of it. How it evolves and how it can be utilized will be entirely at the discretion of those choosing to adapt it. For this reason, we are hosting a series of two-day working sessions and inviting people to attend that have some background in issues relating to customary rights, Indigenous legal systems, nation-state laws impacting upon Indigenous nations, jurisdictional authority, treaty reserved rights, traditional Indigenous knowledge and related issues.

The project on this partnership between IEN and ELC has two primary goals for the year. The first is to create a working group of approximately ten or so people to further develop the concept of Inherent Relationships Jurisprudence and how it might be utilized and implemented as something that is legally enforceable. The second is to work with ten nations, communities, etc. that want to incorporate IRJ into their internal structure, so as to use externally as an advocacy framework. IEN and ELC would support these ten volunteers in whatever way they deem necessary to do this.

After one year, an assessment will be done, and what comes out of the working group and the ten volunteers will be shared more widely, and a determination will be made as to how to further this work. It needs to also be very clear that we are also working on an ethical protocol for the protection and use of traditional Indigenous knowledge for non-profits and NGOs and all such knowledge will be controlled as to its use by those that contribute it.

Our focus is not on a rights-based framework, and therefore we are trying to establish IRJ to sit beside Rights of Nature/Rights of Mother Earth, with the same status, but coming from different places legally and philosophically. Day one further explained and explored the concept of IRJ as we understand it at this stage, how it relates to but is distinct from the Rights of Nature/Rights of Mother Earth and listened to the participants on their perspectives on all of this. Day two was focused on how what arose in day one can be used to advance the concept into something that can be applied to various issues relating to the protection of customary rights, treaty reserved rights, protecting sacred sites, and uplifting these inherent responsibilities into a legal standard relating to human rights and identity.

The sessions were held at Fort Lewis College, July 7-8 in Durango, Colo.

For further information on Inherent Relationships and Rules of Nature can be found at www.sudrum.com

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Tuesday - Thursday July 18-20 2023
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Saturday, July 29th 2023
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 Follow by the St Ignatius Parade and Celebration@10am
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relationships. There are literally decades of advocacy for the human rights of Indigenous peoples, and the concomitant testimony relating to traditional Indigenous knowledge. The elements of the jurisprudence are already existing. An Inherent Relationship Jurisprudence, along with Indigenous legal/political entities asserting and advocating for them through already existing customary rights/law avenues, has the added benefit of easily asserting legal standing in the non-Indigenous legal system.

The issue of legal standing is significant in relation to the Rights of Nature. In the event that an entity like the Mississippi River is said to have legal personality, how is it determined who can speak for it and determine that its rights have been violated? What remedies can arise from any action defending its rights? What entity would have jurisdiction to hear such an assertion? What laws would need to be changed to accommodate for such a designation? For non-Indigenous advocates these questions present, in my view, almost insurmountable obstacles. For Indigenous peoples they do not. If Indian nations assert an inherent relationship, and if inherent relationships were tied to Indigenous customary rights and laws and recognized as integral to the Indian nation identity and existence, then legal standing is not an issue, and the jurisdictional forums are fair-

ly clear. If non-Indigenous wish to make a strong case for protecting lands and waters, the strongest case to be made is to recognize and support Indigenous nations in asserting Inherent Relationship Jurisprudence as a fundamental human right inseparably linked to Indigenous peoples.

Conclusion

The Rights of Nature movement is transformative for creating nation-state legal frameworks that go beyond merely conservation. In saying that, they are also dependent on nation-states to make them work. An often-cited example is the Wanganui River legal personality recognition in New Zealand. It came about as part of a Treaty of Waitangi Settlement with the Iwi and hapu of the Wanganui River. The irony in this is that while the New Zealand government is party to an innovative way to include Iwi and hapu in river management, it does not recognize the inherent legal personality of the very same iwi and hapu. It recognizes what it chooses to recognize as delegated authority from the Crown rather than from any recognition of inherent relationships. This is subtle but significant.

The only way that the Rights of Nature can have more than symbolic significance is for the overarching nation-state to carve out distinct legal niches. In oth-

er words, perhaps the rights of an ecosystem that already has some distinct protection like a national park might be ascertained to have rights that are enforceable, but such designation would necessitate specific laws designating who has standing, the scope of what can be advocated for, remedies for violations, etc.

On the other hand, Inherent Relationship advocacy need not be so niche oriented. It can be extended to already recognized off reservation hunting, fishing, gathering, and sacred site access and protection, and increased protections of the customary rights and laws associated with them. It can also overcome limitations on tribal authority based upon the Montana decision rule in the United States, as an Inherent Relationship Jurisprudence is linked to the integrity of the tribe itself. In addition, it is possible that already existing human rights instruments that have been created to protect Indigenous Peoples can be expanded upon to include Inherent Relationships as integral to Indigenous Peoples and are inseparable. This could also have the serendipitous impact upon efforts to subvert terms like Indigenous knowledge and traditional knowledge into a property framework to commodify what is called nature and this knowledge. The advancement of Inherent Relationship Jurisprudence will serve to protect and strengthen Indigenous sovereignty.

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Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **AUGUST 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
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Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

above address on **AUGUST 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
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Randall Stacey Litz, Deceased
Case No.: 2023-0054-CV-PR**
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **AUGUST 14, 2023 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
Dated this 2th of June, 2023
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2023-0057-CV-PR
Joyce Williamine Duran, Deceased**
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the



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UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- SEPT. 4TH LABOR DAY — CLOSED
- OCT. 9TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 10TH VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 23RD/24TH THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
- DEC. 11TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM / CLOSED SUNDAY

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

JULY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tribal Member Customers: July 2023 variable Natural Gas rate is \$4.57 per MCF (Thousand Cubic Feet).
- E-Bill Express Service will be unavailable for online payments on **Saturday, July 15th**, from 8am-3pm due to system maintenance.
- Utilities Lobby CLOSED for lunch on Fridays, 12Noon—1pm.
- Tribal residences on County Roads 518/516: Water will be OFF or with LOW PRESSURE on 7/11/23 from 6AM-5PM due to on-going water main upgrade.
- Beat the heat — drink plenty of water!

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

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

Friendly Reminders

- Questions on your bill? Call us to help you better understand.
- Monthly Shutoffs are the first Wednesday of each month:
August 2nd / September 6th / October 4th

Settle your payments before 10AM

PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

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- Bahai.org
- Bahaiteachings.org

"The earth is one country and mankind its citizens."
(Baha'i Writings)

Local contact: 970-382-1231



**NOTICE OF DRAFT
401 Water Quality Certification Request
For Public Comment**

Notice is hereby given that a 401 water quality certification request has been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Water Quality Program. Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company
Project Name: Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Sequestration Pipeline Project
Location: Within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (SUIR) beginning at the Arkansas Loop/Simpson Gas Treating Facility in the southwest quarter of Section 36, T33N, R9W, N.M.P.M. La Plata County CO, and terminates at station at the existing Arkansas loop natural gas treatment facility located in the SW quarter of Section 17, T32N, R11W, NMPM.
The Water Quality Program (WQP) will review all information submitted by the applicants and submitted public comments and provide a decision to waive, grant, grant with conditions, or deny a 401 water quality certification. The proposed project documents and WQP's draft certification letter are available at www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments. Any interested person(s) may submit written comments on the draft certification letter to the WQP in care of Mandy Eskelson, Environmental Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to meskelson@southernute-nsn.gov. The WQP will consider all written public comments that are received by 5 p.m. on July 28, 2023.

**NOTICE OF DRAFT
Ambient Air Monitoring
Annual Network Plan And Request For Comment**

Notice is hereby given the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program has prepared the 2024 draft Ambient Air Monitoring Annual Network Plan. Under 40 CFR 58.10 (relating to annual monitoring network plan and periodic network assessment), air quality monitoring agencies must adopt an annual air monitoring network plan and make the plan available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final submission to the EPA Regional Administrator. This public comment period is open for 30 days from this notice (June 30, 2023). The draft plan is available on the AQP's public comment website <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/public-comments/>. Any interested person may submit written comments on the plan to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov.

REQUEST FOR BID

**Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority
Shoshone Houses Wahser Box & Grey Line
Replacement Project #2022-01**

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is requesting bids for Shoshone Houses Washer Box & Grey Line project for housing units on the Southern Ute Reservation. The bid should include the cost of labor and materials in completing this project. A project specification packet can be obtained at the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority office at 760 Shoshone Ave, Ignacio CO. Monday – Friday. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may also request a Bid Packet by emailing rtorres@suiha.org. A mandatory site visit will be July 18, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m. You may reach Rebecca at (970) 442-6353. Bid deadline is July 24, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m. Bids must be sealed and labeled. Bid opening is July 24, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. All bids must adhere to the Southern Ute Indian TERO Ordinance and the Federal Indian Preference Statutes. 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Davis-Bacon Wage Rate for LA Plata County are in effect. Uniform Builders Code to be followed. Tribal Crossing Permits must be obtained. Bids not responsive and responsible will be rejected.

**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 if you have questions or want to make a withdrawal.

- Distribution Friday, Sept. 29 NOON, Friday September 22
- Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 22 NOON, Friday, November 17
- Distribution, Friday, Dec. 29 NOON, Friday, December 22

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

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

CREDIT COMMITTEE

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

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.bgsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclair@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. Appli-

cants 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. 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, 970-563-5780.

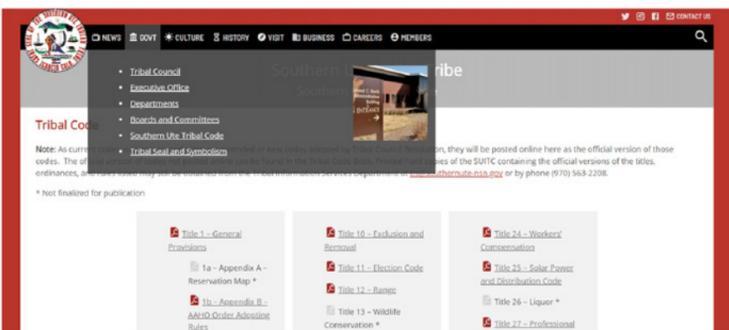
TERO COMMISSION

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.

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Closes 8/25/23 – SUIT TRIBAL MEMBERS NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES. The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill TWO seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, August 25, 2023.

Southern Ute Law and Order Code Now Online!



The online version of Codes is now the official version of those codes. The online version of the SUITC can be found at:

Website: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/tribal-code/>



Hard copies of the Southern Ute Law and Order Code (SUITC) can still be obtained from Tribal Information Services at:

- Email: TIS@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137
- Phone: (970) 563-2208

For further information please contact:

- Leslie Barnhart, Legal Dept.: lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov, (970) 563-2144; or
- Amy Barry, Tribal Information Services Dept.: abarry@southernute-nsn.gov, (970) 563-2250.

**SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER POSITION
AVAILABLE**

INTERESTED APPLICANTS PLEASE
SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST TO
MJOWENS@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV
OR A PHYSICAL COPY @ THE SUIMA
MAIN OFFICE

- REQUIREMENTS:
- MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER
 - MUST BE A COMMUNITY MEMBER OR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER



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Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Criminal Analyst/Assistant

Closes 7/25/23 – Provides secretarial and clerical support to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Criminal Investigations office. Performs support work associated with evidence collection and crime scene assistance by logging and documenting evidence items, packaging and sealing evidence bags, etc. Utilizes comprehensive programs and statistical data to map possible criminal activity, creates and conducts visual presentations for law enforcement personnel, researches a variety of criminal behaviors, identifies criminal trends, and manages National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), gathers, verifies, and analysis of data. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

Curriculum Specialist

Closes 7/21/23 – A support position to the principal with assisting in supervisory responsibility for Academy's guiding staff. Overseeing and supporting guides with planning, assessments and communicating the needs of students and guides at the Infant/Toddler, Primary, and Elementary levels to appropriate administration and specials staff. Will manage all local and state testing programs and use the data to inform effective Montessori instruction and to assist staff in the incorporation of the information into the day-to-day instructional program. Pay grade E13; the pay starts at \$49,517.56/annually.

Heavy Equipment Operator

Closes 7/14/23 – Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. Pay grade N9; the pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Police Sergeant

Closes 7/18/23 – Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/hour.

Speech/Language Therapist

Closes 7/24/23 – A professional position within the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services. Pay grade E16; pay starts at \$67,244.15/annually.

Tribal Health Department Director

Closes 7/14/23 – Must have a MA/MS in Health Care Administration or related field and 7 years of experience in an administrative capacity in a health services/medical related field OR BA/BS in Health Care Administration or related field and 9 years of experience in an administrative capacity in a health services/medical related field. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

Administrative Assistant II – Construction Services

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Construction Services Division Head, provides accounting and secretarial support to Southern Ute Tribe Construction Services Division performing basic accounting and clerical duties. Pay grade N9; pay starts at \$16.88/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.

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.

Building Maintenance Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance, and repairs, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; 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. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

Cultural Media Technician (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Creating audio and video documentation of language and culture teaching and activities, creating language and culture learning technological tools, editing the material, and copying and archiving the material. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

Detective – Drug/Liquor Code Investigations

Open Until Filled – Conducts investigations, interviews, analyzes drug trends, agency drug arrest reports, and coordinates with other Narcotics Investigators in order to identify, target, and dismantle mid to upper level Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO) operating in, or having a drug related nexus to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation. Investigates violations and enforces the provisions of the Southern Ute Tribal Code Title XVI Liquor Code. Pay grade 21 / \$26.45/hour.

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. Sign-on bonus available DOE.

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 (Southern Ute members only)

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

Early Childhood Teacher

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

Elementary Teacher

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

Forestry Fuels Crew Member

Open Until Filled – 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 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.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Treasury Analyst – Growth Fund Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/14/23 – 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.

Landman I – Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/14/23 – 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.

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

Closes 7/17/23 – Providing support in analyzing, selecting, closing and managing Private Equity investments.

Fund Accountant – GF Private Equity Group (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/21/23 – Finance and accounting support of the Company's investment program, 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.

Automation Technician II – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/21/23 – Scurate collection, display and maintenance of gas well automation data, including maintenance, installations and repair of all automation equipment, to include contractor oversight of automation related projects.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Business Intelligence Developer I – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/28/23 – Performing data analysis, develops reports in Microsoft Power BI and SSRS, and contributes to the design and deployment of data models and assists in administration of the Microsoft BI infrastructure including Power BI Report Server and SQL Server environments.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

Internal Auditor

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision, performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of moderate difficulty involving a variety of auditing tasks that include, but are not limited to, assessing risk, and identifying control deficiencies, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. In order to gain experience in the practical application of program auditing and government accounting, duties assigned are to familiarize employee with the more complex auditing work found at the next higher level; performs related work as assigned. Reports to the Director of Internal Audit and other internal audit personnel as assigned. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

Investment Associate (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Assist in the management of the Permanent Fund Endowment which includes the care and custody of funds and other financial assets, money manager selection and evaluation through consistent communication and due diligence review. Assist in management of the Permanent Fund Endowment Asset Allocation in collaboration with the Tribe's investment advisors and members of the Permanent Fund Investments team. Assist in the monitoring and management of cash accounts and underlying investment fund liquidity. Assist in the management of the Permanent Fund Endowment which includes the care and custody of funds and other financial assets, money manager selection and evaluation through consistent communication and due diligence review. Assist in management of the Permanent Fund Endowment Asset Allocation in collaboration with the Tribe's investment advisors and members of the Permanent Fund Investments team. Assist in the monitoring and management of cash accounts and underlying investment fund liquidity. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/year. This position will be located in Three Springs.

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.

Maintenance Technician – SunUte Community Center

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting and preventative maintenance, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe buildings and building systems, including but not limited to maintenance support, preventative maintenance services, and equipment service and repairs for specialized equipment at the SunUte Community Center, including, but not limited to, chemical injection systems and water circulation/filtering systems. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Patient Registration Clerk

Open Until Filled – 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.

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. Position is temporary/part-time at a pay rate of \$30/hour.

Registered Nurse

Open Until Filled – Providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

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.

Swimming Instructor

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

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute members only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute members 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. Purpose of the program is to build a career foundation for S.U. members to pursue further educational goals or career development. Apprentices may be placed within Permanent Fund departments or divisions dependent on career interests, educational level and/or length of prior relevant and appropriate work experience. After application is submitted, an email will be sent asking for detailed information about your career interests. The Apprentice Committee will review applications and assess what options may be available for applicants.

Tribal Ranger 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.



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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 Bartender (Full-time)

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.

*7 Rivers Line Cook (Full-time)

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.

*Assistant Rooms Division Manager (Full-time)

Reports directly to the Rooms Division Manager. Will assist in developing, implementing, and monitoring policies and procedures for the Sky Ute Casino's hotel, hotel housekeeping, and retail operations. Will be accountable for all financial aspects under the hotel and retail operations and will have oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, rewarding, and disciplining employees, addressing complaints, and resolving problems/concerns. Will maintain a high standard of guest service within the hotel departments and actively promote positive customer and employee relations by ensuring that excellent customer service is continually provided.

*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, daily.

*AV Tech (Full-time)

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

*Bell Person (Full-time)

Will be mainly responsible for assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Assistance may include but not limited to luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport, and assisting with phones as needed.

*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.

*Bingo Coordinator (Full-time)

Directs and oversees the day-to-day activities of the Bingo Department. Has the 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.

*Café Cashier (Shinning Mountain Cashier) (Full-time)

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Cafe kitchen. Prepares ala carte food products from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Will balance the register at end of the shift, with proper report of discrepancies and complete paperwork.

*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.

*Catering Sales Associate (Full-time)

Will be the focal point in establishing and maintaining working relationships with our customers. To increase catering sales revenues and contribute to slot revenue.

*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

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

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

*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

Reports to the Facilities Manager and was established for the purpose/s of supervising individual shifts to include facility and deep cleaning staff within the maintenance department. 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 (Full-time)

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.

*Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

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

*Housekeeping Supervisor (Full-time)

The Housekeeping Supervisor will act in the leadership and training capacity. The Supervisor will direct employees and help them to complete their tasks and goals defined by the Housekeeping Manager. The Supervisor is responsible to train employees, ensuring they abide by all policies and procedures. The Supervisor will be responsible for office structure, budgetary administration and employee relations as assigned by the Housekeeping Manager.

*Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

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

*Kitchen Steward Supervisor (Full-time)

Training, supervising, and working with utility staff to provide a clean and safe working environment, exceeding all health and sanitation requirements from the county and state. Ensures proper receiving, storage, and rotation of food products; schedules utility staff with proper coverage; and adheres to control procedures for cost and quality.

*Gaming and Sports book Writer (Full-time)

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

*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 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 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)

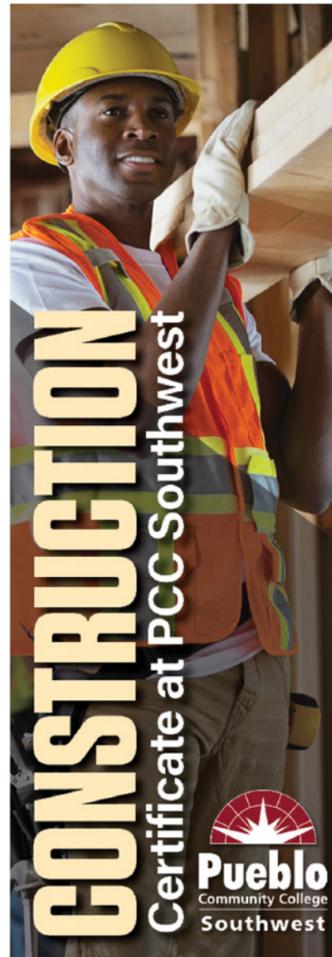
Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

*Players Club Representative (Full-time)

Performs all administrative functions of a Players Club Representative such as: signing up new members, player's account maintenance, answer player club and general property questions, administering redemption, complimentary and access rewards, and benefits to qualified players club members. Maintain the highest standard of guest service, problem resolution and confidentiality. Develops and creates a long-lasting experience for all Club Card members.

*Property Shift Manager (Full-time)

Key License coverage for the Casino gaming area, providing leadership and oversight in the



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Ignacio Early Learning Program:

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- Teacher Assistant: Closes 7/28/23
- Substitute Teacher: Open Until Filled

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- Program Coordinator: Open Until Filled

Peaceful Spirit:

- Addiction Counselor: Open Until Filled
- MST Therapist (La Plata): Open Until Filled

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- Elementary Teacher
- Secondary Math Teacher

- Secondary Special Ed Paraprofessional
- Secondary Permanent Substitute

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operation of all Casino activities in the absence of the General Manager. Assists in maintaining efficient gaming operations in accordance with the Division of Gaming Regulations of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Assists and monitors appropriate actions that are taken to ensure the safeguarding of company assets and the health and safety of guests and employees of the property.

*Rolling Thunder Grill Busser (Full-time)

Perform multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Clearing off and sanitizing tables for next group guests, disposing of trash and other waste, and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates, glasses, silverware, and napkins. Will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. Servers are expected to have a courteous and respectful demeanor toward guests, employees, supervisors, and managers.

*Rolling Thunder Grill Server (Full-time)

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.

*Security Supervisor (Full-time)

Always ensures the safety and welfare of the guests and employees. Supervision of Security officers for day-to-day operations on the casino floor and surrounding property. Maintain a professional, courteous, and communicative relationship with the Casino customers and employees. Must carry out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with Gaming Code, Internal controls and Casino policies and procedures.

*Seven Rivers Busser (Full-time)

Provides an exceptional fine dining experience by performing multiple duties to maintain cleanliness, orderliness, and sanitation of dining room and/or other related dining areas. Clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste, and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates, glasses,

silverware, and napkins. Will help cooks, servers, dishwashers, and bartenders perform small tasks as needed.

*Shining Mountain Line Cook (Full-time)

Work under direct supervision and support of the Sous Chef or Lead Cook. Preparation of the A la Carte menu in the Shining Mountain Café and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Requires one to be an excellent team player and trustworthy. High school diploma or equivalency is preferred.

*Slot Tech I (Full-time)

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal machine performance. An entry-level position with On-The-Job training available.

*Slot Tech 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.

*Specialized Facilities Technician (Full-time)

Maintaining the electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility. Works as a professionally trained individual with the team to ensure smooth operations of the facility. Individual is trained and certified or holds a license that is construction/maintenance specific.

*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

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

*Surveillance Agent II (Full-time)

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

*Surveillance Video Tech (Full-time)

Installs, repairs, and performs preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV systems and related equipment to industry and internal standards. Performs technical troubleshooting using basic electronic test equipment. Breakdown, repair, and rebuilding of CCTV and related equipment.

Road fix for Cedar point



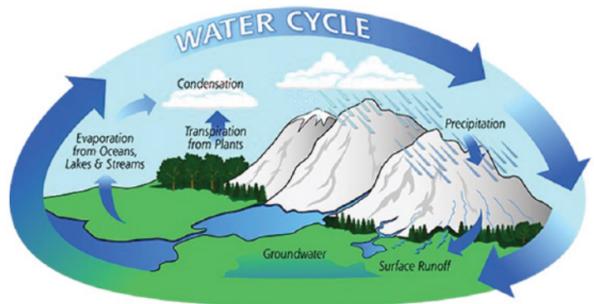
Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Cactus Asphalt crews work to chip seal Rolling Thunder Ave., on Monday, July 10 as part of the Cedar Point Road Improvement Project. Tribal Planning and Weeminuche Construction Authority, along with Cactus Asphalt, have now improved all roads within Cedar Point to Federal Highway Administration standards. For three days crews sprayed thin layers of heated liquid asphalt followed by small aggregates otherwise known as “chips”.



Did you know?!

The water we drink and use now is the same supply that has been on the Earth for billions of years. Where water is on Earth and how it moves over time can be described by what we call the water or hydrologic cycle.



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TRIBES MEET WITH HICKENLOOPER • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Senator Hickenlooper pays a visit to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy; the tour of the school grounds was led by Principal Mari Jo Owens.

ects, as well as current initiatives that are underway. They also toured the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, where they saw firsthand how broadband can be used to improve educational outcomes. In addition, the Tribal Councils took the opportunity to talk to the Senator about other issues of importance, including water, economic development, affordable housing, and permitting reform.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

“I’m grateful for the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute spending time with me to discuss the issues we can work together on. The broadband improvements are great to see as we keep working to connect every house to reliable internet,” Hickenlooper said.

Following a formal meeting with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council, and the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Senator Hickenlooper finished the morning with a tour of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

The meeting was a pro-

ductive opportunity for the Tribal Council and Senator Hickenlooper to discuss the importance of broadband and to explore ways to close the Digital Divide on the reservation and surrounding communities. The Tribal Council is grateful for Hickenlooper’s support and looks forward to continuing to work with him on this and other important issues.

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The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 “The Simpsons” creator --- Groening
- 5 Powerless
- 11 Old Roman welcomes
- 12 Berber tribesman
- 13 Hop to it
- 15 “At last I have you --- myself”
- 16 Fill completely with food
- 17 Hopi Skeleton Man
- 19 Heater
- 20 Kumeyaay tribe
- 23 Disposed
- 26 Share the billing
- 30 Tart
- 32 1953 Alan Ladd movie
- 33 Cheese-covered appetizer
- 36 Serving as a symbol
- 37 Military group
- 38 The Savior
- 39 Bar created by 1 Across

Down

- 1 Title for a lady
- 2 Sicilian seaport
- 3 Induction motor inventor
- 4 2005 Best Foreign Film from South Africa
- 5 If you are solving this, you probably are one!
- 6 Enthusiast
- 7 Exclamations of surprise
- 8 Pipe type
- 9 Slow, musically
- 10 Pelted at a political event
- 14 Grumble
- 18 “Never Wave at a ---” (1953 film comedy)
- 21 Chinese idol
- 22 Potawatomi more and more
- 23 Savory jelly
- 24 Dog
- 25 Teacher
- 27 Arawak people of the Caribbean and Florida
- 28 Adored orphan
- 29 Paderewski’s pauses
- 31 Hindu queen
- 34 “... --- an ill cook that cannot lick his own fingers” (Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet)
- 35 When the Supreme Court reconvenes

Answers for this crossword will appear in July 28 issue of the Drum.

Answers for June 30, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Pop-up, 6 OECD, 10 Anita, 11 Jules, 13 Penal colony, 15 Asthma, 16 Amir, 17 Norm, 19 Pru, 20 Auk, 23 IPA, 24 Sop, 25 DNA, 26 Lord, 28 Osha, 30 Omerta, 34 Bellflowers, 36 Etude, 37 Raddi, 38 Saab, 39 Aroma.
Down: 1 Papa, 2 Ones, 3 Pint, 4 Uahn, 5 Palm oil, 6 Ojo, 7 EULA, 8 Clomps, 9 De Niro, 12 Syrup, 14 Carpool, 18 Marmora, 20 Adobe, 21 Unsets, 22 Kahlua, 27 Dewar, 29 Alda, 31 Redo, 32 Trim, 33 Asia, 35 Feb.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL ELDER’S MEETING

TOPIC: 2023 General Election

Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility

Tuesday, July 18

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

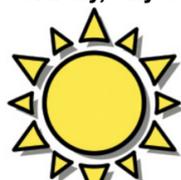
LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, July 14



Sunny 96°F
Breezy afternoon winds

Saturday, July 15



Sunny 95°F
Breezy

Sunday, July 16



Sunny 95°F

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