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Winner of 5 Native American Journalists Association Awards in 2023, including General Excellence

Nova Scotia welcomes Indigenous Games



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Team Colorado athletes, coaches, and mission staff – joined by Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel and Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzales – make their way through downtown Halifax, Nova Scotia, Sunday, July 16, where spectators lined the streets ahead of Sunday night's opening ceremonies for the 2023 North American Indigenous Games. This marked the 10th edition of the North American Indigenous Games, where Native athletes from across Canada and the United States compete in a variety of sporting events and traditional Indigenous sports every four years.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Team Colorado athlete Tamarius Roland takes to the middle of the court for a jump ball at the beginning of Game 12 (Team Colorado's second match) against one of the athletes for Team British Columbia. Despite small team size, Team Colorado fought through each game.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

Team Colorado, New Mexico compete in Halifax, Nova Scotia

North American Indigenous Games awarded to Calgary for 2027

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) took place from July 15 - 23, in Kijipuktuk (Halifax) and Millbrook First Nation, Nova Scotia. Teams from Colorado and New Mexico traveled to Nova Scotia last week to compete against some of the best Indigenous athletes from across Turtle Island in their respective age categories.

"I'm proud of our team. We had a

great group of athletes that gave it their all on the basketball court and on the archery courses," said SunUte's Virgil Morgan, who served as a Chef de Mission at the North American Indigenous Games. "With all the obstacles that Team Colorado had to endure to get to the games. It was incredible to see our athletes compete on the Mi'kmaq land."

Team Colorado was comprised of Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Native athletes from across the state – competing in basketball, badminton, archery and golf.

Team New Mexico was recognized for winning the most medals for a smaller team (Under 150), 52 medals in total, including a gold medal win in women's softball for their U19 team. New Mexico had a total of 89 athletes, coaches, and chaperones in Halifax.

The 2023 North American Indigenous Games was billed as the largest multi-sport event held in Nova Scotia since contact. More than 5,250 athletes, coaches, and officials from over 750 Nations from across Turtle Island participated

in more than 16 sports, attracting thousands of visitors, VIPs, officials and media. NAIG hosted athletes competing in 16 different sports with three traditional Indigenous sports including Canoe/Kayak, Lacrosse, and 3D Archery.

"The North American Indigenous Games play an important role in the development of young Indigenous athletes, coaches and artists by providing them with valuable training, competition and artistic

Team Colorado page 6

SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

Russell Box Sr. retrospective opens at Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum proudly presents a captivating retrospective exhibition dedicated to the remarkable life work of esteemed Southern Ute artist, Russell Box Sr. spanning an impressive 73 years of artistic brilliance.

Through this exhibition, we seek to recognize and honor the artistic legacy of Russell Box Sr. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore a collection of 33 exquisite paintings by Box.

Bertha Bent. His artistic talents bloomed early, and his passion for art led him to sell one of his earliest pieces for \$5 while attending the Ignacio BIA Boarding School and the Santa Fe Indian School.

Following his high school graduation in 1956, Box enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving with honor for four years before embarking on his artistic journey. From 1976 to 1979, he pursued his studies at the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe, N.M., further refining his skills and artistic vision.

Reflecting on his artistic approach, Box once shared, "I tried to create my own style of painting and sculpture. It is a style that I call spiritual and symbolic. Some of these paintings come to me in dreams and stories and events that happened in my life. I think what my grandmother and grandfather said to me about the past ... the part about how old people kept records of events on hides ... that's what motivated me. I was motivated by their spirit and my spirit to become an artist. I want to preserve that always."

We cordially invite the Four Corners community and art enthusiasts to visit and immerse themselves in the rich legacy of Russell Box Sr. and deepen their understanding of Southern Ute history, culture, and the experiences of Native Americans.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Russell Box Sr. Retrospective exhibit will honor the artistic legacy of Box. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore a collection of 33 exquisite paintings by Box.

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Sports camp collaborations on the horizon for SunUte, FLC

Basketball, soccer, and volleyball camps to be offered

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

SunUte Community Center is working in collaboration with neighboring Fort Lewis College (FLC) to offer three different sporting camps for all boys and girls ages eight to 17 within the area, offering soccer, basketball, and volleyball camps.

These camps are set to be held at SunUte, beginning with soccer on Friday, Aug. 11, followed by basketball on Sunday, Aug. 13, and concluding with the volleyball session on Saturday, Aug. 19. SunUte hopes to help youth in recognizing the achievability of collegiate sports and education through connection with athletes and coaches of FLC.

In a brief interview with SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth and Recreation Coordinator Clay Seibel, they share their dreams of bringing FLC athletics to the Ignacio community to share with youth. "We presented this idea [to FLC Staff and Coaches] and then we talked about this dream of bringing Fort Lewis athletics to Ignacio," Duffy-Wirth said. "Eventually after [Sports Camp] happens for a couple of years, hopefully the kids will be like 'I



ty then what's holding me back? What's holding everyone else back?"

Seibel also goes on to thank fellow recreation co-worker Cyrus Naranjo for his assistance in organizing this event. "Cyrus Naranjo, he helped a lot too—he did the underground work in a sense and I want to congratulate him as well."

SunUte Community Center and Fort Lewis College continue to share ideas and strategies to break the stigma, helping smaller communities and their youth recognize that attending college is achievable for anyone. With the upcoming sports camps children throughout the community of Ignacio and other surrounding communities are encouraged to attend and work alongside Fort Lewis coaches and athletes, familiarizing themselves with the organization.

This camp is open to all Southern Ute tribal members and first descendants who are offered free attendance and for the rest of the community, SunUte is asking \$5 per camp or \$10 for all three camps. For more information about the upcoming Sports Camp or SunUte Community Center please contact them at 970-563-0214.



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.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
2022 Annual Report



2022 Southern Ute Annual Report is now available

The 2022 Annual Report of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is available to Southern Ute tribal members and Southern Ute Tribal Departments.

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



**PINO NUCHE**
ARTIST MARKET & JURIED SHOW
**SOUTHERN UTE**
Cultural Center & Museum

Sky Ute Casino Resort
August 4th - August 6th

• 30+ Native Artists
• Native Student Art Show
• Traditional Craft Demonstrations

Fri, Aug. 4 | 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Sat, Aug. 5 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sun, Aug. 6 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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**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: Reffel Kanip (N. Ute) Ft. Duchesne, UT
AD: Ambrose Redhouse (Diné) 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 Jolene Cantsee
Woman's Jingle 18+
\$300 / \$200 / \$100 sponsored by Marietta & Chuck Banuelos
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 & Den 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

Many Moons Ago



courtesy Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Morbid Justice of Durango closed out the first annual Durango Rock Fest's "Rockin' for the Cure" show Saturday, July 13 at Buckley Park.

This photo was first published in the July 26, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

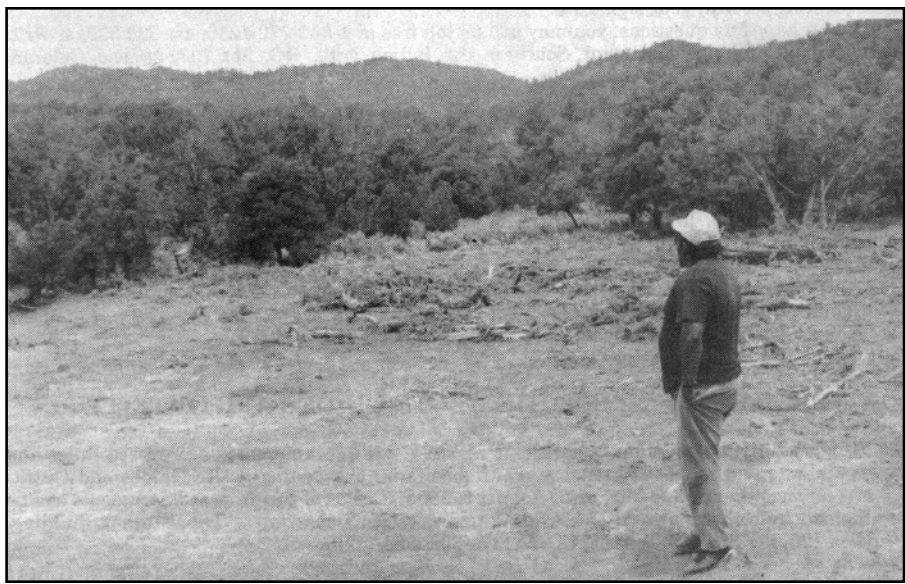


Augusta Burch/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

On July 17, American Civil Constructors workers were laying out rolls of sod at Veterans Park north of the Tribal Annex Building and wasting little time in turning on the new sprinkler system to get grass accustomed to its new home. Ray Torres, Project Coordinator with the Tribe's Construction and Project management Department stated that the whole park project should be done around August 14.

This photo was published in the July 25, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dedra Millich/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Fire Management Officer Sylvian Valdez points at the burned remains of the Piedra fire that engulfed 215 acres of tribal forest and destroyed valuable wildlife habitat.

This photo was published in the July 23, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Little Miss Southern Ute, Mikki Naranjo, at the Little Beaver Roundup Parade in Dulce, N.M.

This photo was published in the July 29, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

2023 Pino Nuche Indigenous Art Market and Juried Show

By Susan Cimburek, Director
SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL
CENTER AND MUSEUM

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) invites tribal members, the community, and art enthusiasts to join us for the second annual art market, commencing on Friday, August 4, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. This art market serves as a vital component of a broader arts initiative based in Ignacio, Colo. This market provides a unique platform for local artists to showcase and sell their work, fosters the art community, and provides opportunities for artists to thrive and contribute to the local economy.

Throughout this summer, the museum has collaborated with the Tribal Court and the Ignacio Creative District (ICD) to offer art classes, providing support to the Native youth we serve. We are thrilled to showcase the students' creations in the Student Art Show and Silent Auction.

Moreover, the art market will be a momen-



Krista Richards/SU Drum archive

The Pino Nuche Indigenous Art Market and Juried Show will take place at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Aug. 4-6.

tous occasion to celebrate the life achievements of Russell Box Sr., a distinguished Southern Ute elder and professional artist who has paved the way for the next generation of Ute artists. We are proud to present the Southern Ute Museum's 2023 temporary exhibit, "Russell Box Sr. Ret-

rospective," featuring an extraordinary collection spanning 73 years of his remarkable work.

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum expresses deep gratitude to our generous sponsors, esteemed show judges and advisory committee for their invaluable support.

Pino Nuche Indigenous Art Market & Juried Show

August 4-6, 2023
Sky Ute Casino Event Center

- Friday, August 4: 1 – 5 p.m.
- Saturday, August 5: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Sunday, August 6: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Litz in Dulce and Towaoc



photos courtesy Alyssa Nez

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz met Quechua dancers from Peru. They held an exhibition dance during the Little Beaver Powwow on Saturday, July 15.



Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz and Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Maleina Caryl wait for grand entry to begin at the Little Beaver Powwow, in Dulce, N.M.



Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz with Ute Mountain Ute Jr. Miss, Pachun Collins and Ute Mountain Ute Little Miss, Jazlynn Jacket, participated in the Missing & Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) walk in Towaoc, Colo. on Saturday, July 22.

Jr. Miss Alt. at Little Beaver



courtesy Marie Joy

Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Maleina Caryl, with other royalty representatives enter the outdoor powwow arena during grand entry of the the Little Beaver Celebration Powwow in Dulce, N.M. on Friday, July 14.

Ute Language Class

Friday Noon Ute Language Classes Are Back!

WHO: Employees of the Southern Ute Tribe
(PF, GF, Casino)

WHERE: Chief Ignacio Conference Room, Leonard C. Burch Building

WHEN: Every Friday, starting July 21, 2023; 12 noon to 1:00pm

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Lynda Grove D'Wolf

Sponsored by So. Ute Education Department, contact
La Titia Taylor at ext. 2781 for questions.

Refreshment will be served

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September 8 - 10, 2023
Southern Ute Indian Reservation




101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow Theme:

"Bread of Unity"



The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department is excited to team up with Mr. Robert Ortiz of The Southern Ute Drum to present the 101st Southern Ute Tribal Fair Premium Book. Once received from the printer, the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept. will distribute the Premium Book to Tribal Elders and Head of Households, as well as limited copies available throughout the Tribal campus. In the meantime, please enjoy the electronic version online at www.southernute-nsn.gov/culture/fair-and-powwow/ as you prepare your exhibit entries and plan which activities to enjoy!

For further questions related to the Premium Book and/or Fair events, please feel free to contact Ms. Crystal Rizzo, at 970-563-2306.



2022 WORLD CHAMPION
SOUTHERN STRAIGHT
Anthony Moncessey

2022 WORLD CHAMPION
MEN'S FANCY DANCE
Silver White Buffalo

AUGUST 24, 25, 26 & 27TH 2023

147TH ANNUAL

PONCA TRIBAL CELEBRATION

20 POWWOW 23

THE GRANDDADDY OF ALL POWWOWS

2022-2023 Ponca Tribal Princess - Serena Horinek
Master of Ceremonies - Oliver Littlecook and Lester Eagle
Head man Dancer - Bruce Johnson
Head Singer - Johnson Taylor
Arena Directors - OJ Littlecook & RG Harris

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY:

7:00 - FLAG RAISING, EARL HOWE SR.
2:00 - WAR DANCE & INTRODUCTIONS
8:00 - MAIN ARENA WAR DANCE/CONTESTS
PRINCESS CONTEST/CORONATION
JR. GIRLS ALL CATEGORIES COMBINED 6-12 YRS.
JR. BOYS ALL CATEGORIES COMBINED 6-12 YRS.

FRIDAY:

7:00 - FLAG RAISING, CARTER CAMP
2:00 - SCALP DANCE/PAH'TA'HA SOCIETY
8:00 - WAR DANCE/CONTESTS @ MAIN ARENA
TEEN GIRLS 13-17 YRS. FANCY SHAWL/JINGLE COMBINED
TEEN GIRLS CLOTH/BUCKSKIN COMBINED
TEEN BOYS 13-17 YRS. TRADITIONAL/GRASS COMBINED
TEEN BOYS STRAIGHT
TEEN BOYS FANCY
WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE 55 YRS. UP.

SATURDAY:

7:00 - FLAG RAISING, DANA KNIGHT
PONCA HET'HUSHKA SOCIETY TAIL DANCING
INVITED TRIBAL DANCE SOCIETIES: PAWNEE & COMANCHE WAR DANCE SOCIETIES
8:00 - PM WAR DANCE/CONTESTS
FANCY SHAWL/JINGLE COMBINED 18-54 YRS.
WOMEN'S BUCKSKIN AND WOMEN'S CLOTH
MEN'S TRADITIONAL/GRASS COMBINED
MEN'S GOLDEN AGE 55 YRS. UP.

SUNDAY:

7:00 - FLAG RAISING, GEORGE WHITE EAGLE
2:00 PM PONCA DAY
STAFF SPECIALS AFTERNOON
8:00 PM - WAR DANCE/CONTEST MEN'S CATEGORIES
MEN'S STRAIGHT ANNUAL WORLDS CHAMPIONSHIP
MEN'S WORLDS CHAMPIONSHIP FANCY DANCE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COMMITTEE: 940/762-9104
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HEALTHY RECIPES

Peach, blueberry, and feta salad

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

There are many ways to use summer fruit. One way is to pair them together with ingredients that you might not think go together.

This recipe is very colorful, using only a few, yet distinct ingredients.

Did you know that cucumbers are technically fruit? This combination is quite delicious, healthy and goes well with grilled chicken or fish.



courtesy Recipe Runner

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

Feta Salad

Ingredients

For the salad you will need:

- 4 ripe peaches, sliced (about 8 slices ea.)
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 4 mini cucumbers, sliced 1/4" coins
- Small handful of fresh basil, sliced thin
- 6oz. feta, crumbled

For the dressing you will need:

- 2/3 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup balsamic rose vinegar (can use white wine vinegar)
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest, grated finely
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 shallots, finely chopped
- Salt to taste

Directions

1. Place peaches, blueberries, and cucumbers in a large bowl.
2. In a medium bowl, mix all dressing ingredients together, whisk vigorously.
3. Pour dressing over peaches, blueberries, and cucumbers, stir to combine.
4. Add basil and feta and gently toss to combine.
5. Let sit for 15 minutes, serve, or keep in refrigerator for up to three days.

Serves 8

Nutrition per serving: 245 Calories, 20g fat, 12g Carbohydrates, 4.4g Protein

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Substance use among Native Americans

By Kiana Chavez
SU BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

In 2013, American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) populations had the highest rate of substance dependence or abuse compared with other racial groups. According to SAMHSA, substance use is linked to premature death and disease among AI/ANs, making it a major public health concern. The rates of substance abuse among Native Americans are much higher than any other ethnicity in the country. Factors such as poverty, historical trauma, and lack of health insurance increase the risk of addiction among Native Americans. In addition, Native American communities lack the basic needs to prevent these types of illnesses.

Treatment Considerations

SAMSHA reports that Native Americans need substance use services, but only 3.5% actually receive any treatment. Unfortunately, rural Native American communities have limited access to services due to transportation and shortage of treatment options in their communities. These disparities can be resolved through culturally appropriate treatment programs designed to fit the diversity among Native Americans. Studies have shown the importance of cultural identity for Native American seeking treatment for substance abuse. Better outcomes have been found when traditional healing practices are incorporated into treatment programs.

Treatment options in our community

What do you do if you or someone you know is interested in Substance Abuse treatment and don't know where to start? Here at the Behavioral Health division, we have professionals to support your recovery. Our team consists of Substance Abuse Counselors, Peer Recovery Coaches, and Medication-Assisted Treatment. We have two culturally appropriate programs through the Wellbriety Movement that emphasizes medicine wheel, wisdom from Native American elders, and how our Native culture is key to prevention.

Here's to your good health!

References: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2014). SAMHSA American Indian/Alaska Native Data.

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 overcome 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.

Community healing



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A land blessing took place at the ELHI Community Center for the start of a community healing garden on Monday, July 24. The event was hosted by the Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO), which has offices in Ignacio and Durango. Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz holds vegetable seeds for the "Three Sisters," corn, bean, and squash – a historically traditional crop combination for many Indigenous peoples. The seeds, and the garden space, were blessed by Eddie and Betty Box to begin the community garden in a good way.

Native Love's Daisy Bluestar (left), and son Andre Bluestar-Baker (center), and Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO) Director, Kelsey Lansing visit with each other during the land blessing event at the ELHI Community Center, Monday, July 24.



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

SAN JUAN BASIN public health

WIC WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN

New Mexico Breastfeeding Task Force



Did you know? Behavioral Health offers these weekly groups!



Please call 970-563-5700 for more information and to sign up! We look forward to seeing you there!

DIALECTICAL BEHAVIORAL THERAPY (DBT) GROUP THERAPY

STARTING JULY 12TH, 2023
EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING
10:00-11:30AM

WELCOME AGES 18+

In-person or Teams options
Call for more Information

James (Jay) Hayes: (970) 563-5705
Cedra Etesam (970) 563-2297



CORONAVIRUS

FEMA approves an additional \$145 Million for Colorado's COVID-19 response

Staff report
FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved an additional \$145 million in Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Colorado. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued March 28, 2020. FEMA has now approved more than \$1.8 billion in Public Assistance grant funds to Colorado for their pandemic response.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is receiving \$140,345,146 in FEMA funding to reimburse the cost of COVID-19 testing, vaccination and wrap around services to the gen-

eral public that occurred between July 2, 2022, and March 1, 2023. This project was federally funded at 90 percent of the eligible cost.

The Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will receive \$4,914,352 in FEMA funding for personal protective equipment, including surgical gowns, gloves, face masks and shields during the COVID-19 pandemic. These costs were incurred from April 29, 2020, to August 7, 2020. This federal-funded project was funded at 100 percent of the eligible cost.

COVID-19 was an unprecedented pandemic in recent history and FEMA took extraordinary steps to evaluate and adjust the Public Assistance application and

funding process that helped states, local governments and tribal nations respond and recover. FEMA works with our partners before, during and after disasters.

The FEMA Public Assistance program provides funding to governmental agencies and certain private non-profits for eligible disaster response costs. For more information about the Public Assistance program, visit: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/program-overview>.

FEMA Funeral Assistance for COVID is still available until September 2025. Find out more information about this program at: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/historic/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance> or by calling 1-844-684-6333.

2023-2024 School Calendar

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

275 Mouache Circle, P.O. Box 737 ms52
Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: (970) 563-0253 Fax: (970) 563-3995

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Total Student Days 166.5
Total Staff Days 182.5

PAG and Family Night to be scheduled
Early Release is at 2:00 PM on Friday's

No School

PDD (Professional Development Day) NO SCHOOL

Early Release

Transition Ceremony/Bear Dance

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Parent Advisory Group Meeting

SUIMA School Board Meeting

Parent Teacher Conferences

First & Last Day of School

IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2023-2024 CALENDAR

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2023-2024 School Calendar

BAYFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

24 Clover Drive
Bayfield, CO 81122
970-884-2496
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Color Key for Calendar

No School

Staff Work/Continuous Improvement - No School Students

Start/End Quarters & Semesters

Holidays/Vacations - No School

District Advisory and Accountability Committee (DAAC) Meetings

September 19, 2023
November 14, 2023
February 20, 2024
April 30, 2024

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North American Indigenous



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Austin Romero was the sole representative from Team Colorado at the golf tournament, where teams vied for points on the green. Joined here by SunUte's Morgann Graham who was part of the mission staff for Team Colorado.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Proudly carrying the Southern Ute tribal flag, Team Colorado athletes and coaches make their way through downtown Halifax, Nova Scotia where spectators lined the streets in anticipation of the 2023 North American Indigenous Games, Sunday, July 16.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Athletes Trajan Garcia, Elijah Lee, Cody Astor, Angelo Frost, and Tamarius Roland represent Team Colorado in the Men's 19U Basketball category.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Athlete Elijah Lee of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe dribbles the ball down the court weaving around Team British Columbia athletes in attempt to score on Tuesday, July 18.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Siblings, Auq-uwey and Eva O'John represented Team Colorado in badminton at the 2023 North American Indigenous Games, competing each day at the Citadel Community Center in downtown Halifax.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Brimming with excitement, Southern Ute tribal member, Eva O'John carries in the Colorado Flag during opening ceremonies for the 2023 North American Indigenous Games at the Scotiabank Centre in downtown Halifax, Nova Scotia.

TEAM COLORADO COMPETES • FROM PAGE 1

experiences," said the Honorable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Heritage. "Our government is proud to provide further support to the 2023 NAIG as it showcases the richness of Indigenous sport and culture to all Canadians."

NAIG 2023 marked the 10th edition of the North American Indigenous Games, the games were previously held in Toronto, Canada in 2017.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced the postponement of the 2020 edition of the Games. "In light of recent events around the continued history of residential schools, we hope that the announcement of NAIG 2023 and the lead-up to the Games [served to] uplift and inspire youth and families across Turtle Island in a good way, as they looked forward to celebrating their cultures and stories in Kijipuktuk (Halifax)" said Shannon Dunfield, NAIG Council President.

"One ... it was an honor to be a part of this and be able to travel with our youth," SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth said. "The biggest thing I got out of this, besides developing amazing relationships with the kids, was watching them grow. Every experience, good or bad, is an opportunity to learn and grow and they took those opportunities and pushed themselves."

Duffy-Wirth served as mission staff alongside Virgil Morgan, Morgann Graham and the athletic coaches from Ignacio and Towaoc. "Having the opportunity to be there and be a part of Team Colorado with Ute Mountain Ute was great. We got to eat

together, to see some sights together, to play basketball and cheer each other on," Duffy-Wirth said. "It just brings people together."

"Cultural was my main highlight from the games," Virgil Morgan said. "Having elders greet and present awards to the athletes was incredible. With so many people volunteering and the host society treating everyone like family – these games were something else."

"This could not have happened without Virgil's history with NAIG and his position right now with NAIG as 'Chef de Mission' ... and a big thanks to Morgann Graham, Velma Armijo and to Jen Siebel – who helped with logistics, car rentals and coordinating uniforms ahead of the games," Duffy-Wirth said.

"It was exciting to have royalty and our two Tribal Council members and the Drum – along with Ute Mountain Ute," she said. "We consider it one big family."

The 2023 North American Indigenous Games concluded on Saturday, July 22.

The North American Indigenous Games Council announced the winning city of Calgary for the 2027 Games.

Over the spring of 2023, the NAIG Council's 2023 Bid Committee conducted a comprehensive review of the two bid packages and visited each of the communities to witness firsthand their tremendous energy and enthusiasm to host NAIG. Following each community's final bid presentation, the winning bid was determined through a vote of NAIG Council's Board of Directors.

"Congratulations to the Indigenous communities

of Treaty 7 and the City of Calgary on their selection to host the 2027 NAIG," said NAIG Council President Shannon Dunfield. "We are excited about the opportunity for Indigenous Nations from across Canada and the United States to gather in the summer of 2027 in Nations of the Treaty Seven lands. We know that these Host Nations and the City of Calgary will deliver an extraordinary celebration of athletic excellence and cultural unity."

The selection of Calgary will represent the 11th hosting of NAIG and mark the second time the Games have been held in Alberta. The first NAIG was held in Edmonton, Alberta in 1990.

"We're delighted that the Calgary bid is successful," said Alberta Minister of Tourism and Sport Joseph Schow. "Alberta has a history of presenting world-class sporting events, and we look forward to sharing the best of what the province has to offer with athletes and teams from across North America in 2027,"

The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) is an international multi-sport, multi-disciplinary event involving Indigenous youth from Canada and the USA. The Games offer 16 sport competitions with up to three age categories in each sport for both male and female participants. The NAIG includes a vibrant cultural program showcasing local and North American Indigenous cultural groups and entertainers.

The 2023 Games were supported by the Government of Canada, the Government of Nova Scotia and the Halifax Regional Municipality.



Games graces Nova Scotia



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Waving their state flag – athletes and coaches from Team New Mexico enter a fully sold-out Scotiabank Centre in downtown Halifax, Nova Scotia during Sunday night’s opening ceremonies for the 2023 North American Indigenous Games.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute archer, Summer Marsh represents Team Colorado in the traditional archery category. Millbrook First Nation hosted the 3D archery competition for the 2023 North American Indigenous Games despite adverse weather on the course, Wednesday, July 19.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Team New Mexico was recognized for winning the most medals for a smaller team (Under 150), 52 medals in total, including a gold medal win in women’s softball for their U19 team. New Mexico had 89 athletes, coaches, and chaperones in Halifax for the 2023 North American Indigenous Games.

Team Colorado and Team New Mexico sent athletes to compete in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), which took place from Sunday, July 15 – Sunday, July 23. Teams traveled to Kijipuktuk (Halifax) and Millbrook First Nation, Nova Scotia to play alongside some of the best Indigenous athletes from across Turtle Island in their respective age categories. NAIG hosted athletes representing 16 different sports with three traditional Indigenous sports including Canoe/Kayak, Lacrosse, and 3D Archery.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Angelo Frost and Trajan Garcia enjoy warm weather and the sounds of the Atlantic Ocean during Team Colorado’s field trip to nearby Peggy’s Cove, a tourist attraction located on the eastern shore of St. Margarets Bay.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ketiera C.S. Lopez is one of three archers representing Team Colorado during the North American Indigenous Games in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Lopez pulls an arrow in her compound bow during the early morning practice.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Royalty representatives – Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel and Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzales, joined by athletes and coaches from Team Colorado, lead the procession in front of the Scotiabank Centre in downtown Halifax, Nova Scotia ahead of Sunday night’s opening ceremonies for the 2023 North American Indigenous Games.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Team Colorado golfer, Austin Romero, warms up on the driving range during practice, Monday, July 17. Teams played their tournament at The Links at Brunello, an 18-hole award winning golf course in Halifax, Nova Scotia.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Team Colorado gathers for a photo during their trip to Peggy’s Cove, enjoying the views as they wrap up their visit to the 2023 North American Indigenous Games in Nova Scotia.



COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

Mid-summer seat belt enforcement period begins Monday

Seat belt citations in Colorado are up 52% this year

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF
TRANSPORTATION

Stay buckled this summer or you could get a citation. Starting Monday, July 24, through Friday, Aug. 4, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 51 participating law enforcement agencies throughout Colorado will begin the July seat belt enforcement period. During the same enforcement period last year, 788 citations were issued to drivers for not wearing a seat belt or having unbuckled passengers in their vehicle. That included 68 drivers who had an improperly restrained child in their vehicle.

Recent data shows that 479 drivers and passengers were killed in vehicle crashes in Colorado in 2022. Most of those lives lost (236) were not wearing a seat belt. Thirteen Colorado counties reported that 100% of their roadway fatalities in 2022 involved unrestrained vehicle occupants. Those counties were: Baca, Bent, Costilla, Gilpin, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Jackson, Kiowa, Logan, Phillips, Prowers, Saguache, and San Juan.

“Refusing to wear a seat belt can’t be uncoupled with a possible consequence of death. So, while you may have the right not to protect yourself, I can’t accept that unbuckled fatalities in Colorado are a far too common

occurrence,” said Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. “As we head into the last Click It or Ticket enforcement period of the summer, remember, there can be consequences much worse than a citation.”

Last year, 1,963 drivers were issued citations in Colorado during the April and May Click It or Ticket enforcement periods. This year, 2,992 drivers were cited during the same two enforcement periods. This is a nearly 52% increase from last year.

“Those who decide to go unbuckled must understand they are at greater risk of injury or death in the event of a crash,” said CDOT’s Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. “We have the power to lower the rate of unbuckled traffic fatalities with one simple action: wear your seat belt.”

Properly wearing a seat belt is crucial — no matter if you’re the driver, a passenger, or sitting in the second or third row of a vehicle. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), wearing a seat belt in the front seat of a vehicle reduces the risk of moderate injury by 50% and fatal injury by 45%. Additionally, nearly 60% of backseat passengers who were killed in a crash in 2021 nationwide were unbuckled. Wearing a seat belt will always be the first choice a driver or passenger can make to prioritize

safety while on the road.

The Click It or Ticket campaign urges Coloradans and visitors to fasten their seat belts, every ride, every time. Proper seat belt usage is the No. 1 way to protect yourself in the event of a vehicle crash and minimize the risk of injury or death. Fines for not buckling up begin at \$65, and parents or caregivers caught with an improperly restrained child can receive a minimum fine of \$82.

- **Adults** — Colorado has a secondary enforcement law for adult drivers and front-seat passengers. Drivers can be ticketed for violating the seat belt law if they are stopped for another traffic violation.
- **Teens** — Colorado’s Graduated Drivers Licensing (GDL) law requires all drivers under 18 and their passengers, regardless of their age, to wear seat belts. This is a primary enforcement, meaning teens can be pulled over simply for not wearing a seat belt or having passengers without seat belts.
- **Children** — Colorado’s Child Passenger Safety law is a primary enforcement, meaning the driver can be stopped and ticketed if an officer sees an unrestrained or improperly restrained child under age 16 in the vehicle.

Youth Culture Camp!



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Culture Camp participants enjoyed archery, fishing at Capote Lake, and Ute Language sessions during the two-day retreat. Campers Shyla Watts, Uriyah Casey, Meskvllwv Wesley, Tenetke Wesley, Ivan Watts, and Ezra Watts (not pictured) take turns playing in the cool water of Treasure Falls on Tuesday, July 25.



Shyla Watts reads an informational board during the hike to Treasure Falls as part of the Youth Culture Camp hosted by the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department. On Tuesday, July 25 campgoers enjoyed a hike to Treasure Falls and a visit to the Springs Resort and Spa in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Multi-Purpose Facility
August Senior Breakfast

Wednesday August 2, 2023
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Open to all Community Senior Citizens
55 years and older

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

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Do you like to scare people?
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Volunteer meetings will begin in August.

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COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

CDOT to pave multiple highway segments near Durango

Motorists should plan for delays on US 550, US 160 and CO 172

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation will pave various segments on US Highway 550, US 160 and CO 172 starting July 24. Motorists on CO 172 between Durango and Ignacio can expect up-to 30-minute delays. CDOT urges those traveling to the Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO) to account for these lengthy delays in their trip plans. Motorists traveling along US Highway 550 north of town and on the US 160 frontage road near Serious Texas BBQ South will encounter brief 10-15 minute delays.

Additional paving and pothole-filling operations may occur over the next few months as time and weather conditions allow. Motorists are encouraged to visit COTrip.org to view current and future construction impacts.

The locations and paving dates include:

- **CO Highway 172 (July 24 - Late August):** Paving operations will take place east of the airport turn-off to east of the US 160 Junction (Elmore’s Corner). There will be single-lane, alternating traffic Monday through Friday and some Saturday work is possible. Work hours will be between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. This work is part of a 16.7-mile surface treatment project that will impact travel between Durango and Ignacio through late fall.
- **US 160 East Frontage Road (July 24):** Crews will pave a short section of the frontage road between Serious Texas BBQ South and the City of Durango Water Dock. Drivers will encounter brief stops and lane shifts Monday between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.




- **US 550 (July 25 - 27):** Crews will pave a portion of the highway between Hermosa and the Honeyville Store Tuesday through Thursday. Motorists traveling between Purgatory and Durango will encounter one-lane alternating traffic and 10-15 minute delays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Plan for traffic delays at multiple highway locations in Durango and surrounding areas.
- Expect one-lane alternating traffic and lane shifts.
- Drivers may encounter periodic traffic stops and delays.
- Motorists will be guided by cones, signs and flagging personnel.
- Highway exits and access in and out of businesses may be limited at times.

This work is weather permitting. Paving operations will add delays to travel plans for motorists in the Durango area. Those traveling to the Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO) will encounter full stops and up to 30-minute delays, for additional information view the project webpage: www.codot.gov/projects/co172-ignacio-resurfacing



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

2023 GENERAL ELECTION

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

(2) TRIBAL COUNCIL SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2023 General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

GENERAL ELECTION– Friday, November 03, 2023 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

RESIDENCY DEADLINE- Saturday, August 05, 2023

STATEMENT OF INTENTION DEADLINE– Monday, September 04, 2023 by 5:00 P.M.

DECISION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE– Tuesday, September 19, 2023

NOTICE OF ELECTION– Wednesday, October 04, 2023

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE– Wednesday, October 25, 2023 by 5:00 P.M.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE– Wednesday, October 25, 2023 by 5:00 P.M.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE– Thursday, November 02, by 5:00 P.M.

ELECTION BOARD: (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2729/2730

Off RESERVATION TRIBAL MEMBERS: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303

EMAIL: election@southernute-nsn.gov



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August 21, 2023

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The asking price is \$16,000.
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Ignacio Community Library cordially invites you to the opening day of the

We Are Water Exhibit

Ignacio Community Library will host the traveling exhibition **We are Water: Connecting Communities**, that will showcase themes about water in the Southwest. Through the We are Water exhibition, community members of all ages are invited to explore their shared watershed and local ecosystems, connect with neighbors through their common and unique experiences with water, share their memories and stories, and come together to imagine a future for water in their communities.

Wednesday, August 2 at 10:00 a.m.
470 Goddard Ave. Ignacio, CO

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

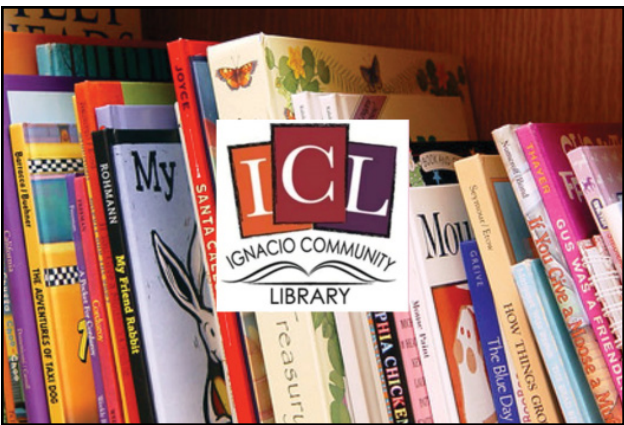
Seventy youth finish ICL summer reading program in Ignacio

By Marcia R. Vining
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

I’m hearing from many of our patrons, young and old, that the summer (and the year) is flying by. Here at the library, we’re feeling the same way. Over 70 youth signed up for the summer reading program this year and finished out the program with a party at Shoshone Park. There were games, food, and of course books.

Dewey, the library’s bookmobile, currently has three established routes. On Tuesdays after stopping at the Ignacio Early Learning Program, Dewey heads North on Highway 172 and stops at the Cowboy Church Preschool, Oxford Grange, and the Pine River Baptist Church. On Wednesdays, it goes out to Tara Community Center, the Spring Creek Grange, and back into town at the Quichas Apartments. Then on Thursdays, we are at Cedar Point West, Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Tribe at the park behind the SunUte Recreation Center, and Meadowbrook Mobile Home Park.

For more information about Dewey’s times and



courtesy Ignacio Community Library

locations check out the library’s website or give us a call. And when you see Dewey out and about, stop in, say “Hi,” and check out some of our materials. There’s something for everyone on the bookmobile! Plus, if you call ahead, we can have holds items ready for you to pick up at any of these locations. We’re continually looking for more opportunities to serve the community.

Wednesday, August second from 10-1 ICL staff is hosting the opening of the “We Are Water: Connecting Communities” exhibit. With hands-on activities for everyone, science fun, and good snacks, we hope community members will stop and visit this special exhibit

and be part of the conversation. After all, water and water issues affect everyone. It’s a wonderful opportunity to have a museum-quality exhibit in our small town. Bring the kids and the grands and take advantage of this unique exhibit. We have much to learn from each other as we all look at water from different perspectives. While you’re at the library, take a few minutes to view the local art hanging on the walls. It’s all water-related and a wonderful collection of work from local artists.

It’s a special time at the Ignacio Community Library and we hope you will share it with us. But don’t put it off, as we all know time flies! See you soon at the library!



Multi-Purpose Facility August Events

August

Sr. Breakfast—Wednesday August 2, 2023—10:00 —11:30 AM

Yard Sale—Saturday August 12, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Elder Craft Day—Monday August 14, 2023—9:30 AM—3:00 PM

Sip Chat & Chew—Friday August 18, 2023—11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Quilting—Tuesday-Thursday August 22-24, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Healthy Cooking—Monday August 28, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Beading **UnFinished Objects (UFOs)** August 29—31, 2023 10:00 AM-3:30 PM

Evening Session 5:30 —7:30 PM

Special Events

Pow Wow Fundraiser —Wednesday August 16, 2023—11:00 AM—2:00 PM

Cooking with Chef Bill Barbone— Tuesday August 22, 2023 10:30 AM—1:30 PM

Haunted House Food Sale—Friday August 25, 2023 —11:00 AM—2:00 PM

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



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

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SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

August 5, 2023 • 6:00-7:30 pm

During the reception, the *Native Youth Expressions!* art program will hold a Silent Auction featuring works from this year’s students.



Photo credit: Divine Windy Boy

Questions? Contact us at 970.563.9583 or museum@southernute-nsn.gov



VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA recognizes Gila River Indian Community as tribal veteran service organization

Staff report
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Gila River Indian Community is the second tribal veteran service organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. On July 19, 2023, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs officially recognized the Gila River Indian Community as a tribal veteran service organization that meets the criteria and standards to be accredited under the Tribal Representation Expansion Program, to assist veterans with benefit and pension claims.

The Gila River Indian Community is the second tribal veteran service organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, with the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration being recognized last year.

The Tribal Representation Expansion Program aims at

expanding access to competent, qualified representation for Native American veterans. It also enhances representation for Native Americans while honoring tribal sovereignty by promoting avenues toward accreditation within tribal communities.

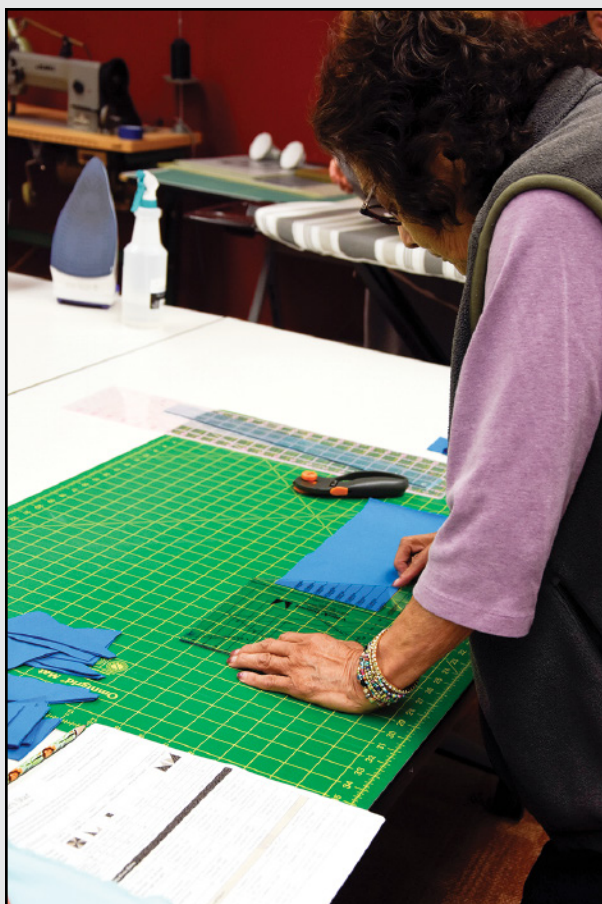
Department of Defense statistics show Native Americans serve in the military among the highest rates per capita compared to other ethnic groups. 2017 U.S. Census Bureau data show there are more than 140,000 living Native American veterans. Additionally, Native American veterans are more likely to have a service-connected disability than veterans of other races (30% to 23% respectively). Despite high rates of enlistment and service connection, a lower percentage of Native American veterans, 41.6%, used at least one VA benefit or service, compared to 52.7% of veterans of other races.

This suggests many Native Veterans may not be aware of, or have access to, a wide variety of benefits and services available to all U.S. military veterans.

VA established the Tribal Representation Expansion Project to expand access to complete claims services for Native American veterans to ensure they are pursuing the benefits they are entitled to receive.

While in Arizona, VA Secretary Denis McDonough is visiting with tribal veterans, their families, and survivors to talk specifically about their benefits under the PACT Act. To date, VA has awarded almost \$40 million to Arizona veterans and their survivors for claims filed under the PACT Act. There is no deadline to apply for PACT Act benefits, but there is urgency: if they apply for PACT Act-related benefits by August 9, their benefits may be backdated to August 10, 2022.

Quilting together



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Ella Louise Weaver lines up a sewing ruler against her fabric during the quilting class, Tuesday, July 18 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.

Bead it!





photos Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Jennifer Goodtracks cuts the end of her thread in the Multi-Purpose Facility sewing room, Tuesday, July 25.

Elise Redd demonstrates a Peyote Stitch on a key chain to Terry Box, Tuesday, July 25. Members of the community gathered for a two-day beading workshop at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.










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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)

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Wildfire preparedness



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Southern Ute Agency held an Incident Action Plan meeting on Monday, July 17 in Ignacio, Colo. The meeting discussed Southern Ute Agency’s initial attack plan in the event that a fire was to break out in and around the Southern Ute Reservation. Many fire crews from instate and out joined the week of July 16-21.



TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM Administration earmarks \$21 Million in grants to improve road safety on Tribal lands

Staff report
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced \$20.9 million in grant awards for 88 Tribal projects that will reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries on Tribal lands. The grants, from the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund for proven countermeasures such as pavement markings, rumble strips and better pedestrian infrastructure, are one way in which the Biden-Harris administration is investing in communities across the country and addressing the unacceptably high number of roadway deaths, as laid out in the Department’s National Roadway Safety Strategy. Transportation-related injuries and fatalities affect Native American and Alaska Native populations at greater rates than other demographic groups, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data. “The crisis of traffic deaths on our nation’s roads stretches across the country, and that devastation is experienced at even higher rates in communities of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and other Indigenous peoples,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. “The grants we are announcing today through our Tribal Transportation Program will improve, repair,

and modernize infrastructure in communities of all sizes on Tribal land, making roads safer and saving lives.” “The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to making it safer for Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians to move throughout their communities by improving the infrastructure they count on to live their lives,” said U.S. Transportation Assistant Secretary for Tribal Government Affairs Arlando Teller. “These grants, made possible through funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, represent our ongoing commitment to serving Tribal communities.” “The grants we’re announcing today will improve the lives of everyone who lives and travels on Tribal lands,” said Federal Highway Administrator Shailen Bhatt. “We’re pleased to provide funding that can help Tribes install roadway departure countermeasures and infrastructure improvements like road shoulder widening as well as pedestrian paths to make travel for all road users safer while improving mobility, access, and economic opportunity.” The Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund grant awards announced for Fiscal Year 2023, will fund 29 safety plan projects, including grants for seven Tribes developing their first transportation safety plan. The President’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides the largest fund-

ing level ever for the Tribal Transportation Program, including the Safety Fund, by increasing the total authorized from \$2.4 billion under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act to \$3 billion for Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026. The USDOT’s Safe Streets and Roads for All discretionary grant program also provides funding to Tribes to develop comprehensive safety action plans, projects and strategies that will prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. FHWA also provides comprehensive transportation training and technical assistance to Tribal communities through its Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP), a discretionary program that is 100% federally funded. Under the program, several TTAP Centers have been funded by FHWA to serve the 12 Bureau of Indian Affairs regions and associated Tribes as they seek to access funding made available by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, as well as additional Federal transportation funding opportunities. To further assist the 574 federally recognized Tribes and their transportation needs, FHWA has developed Transportation Funding Opportunities for Tribal Nations, a brochure that provides information on new highway programs created under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law as well as existing highway and bridge transportation funding programs.



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The Southern Ute Tribe’s Agriculture Division has hay for sale to Tribal Members Only.

COST: \$8.00 per bale ~ Small Bales (Straight Grass)
LIMIT: 160 bales per Tribal Member
WEIGHT: 60 Lbs.

Hay is available FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.

Contact the SUIT Agriculture Division at (970) 563-0220 for more information.

Attention

Pine River Indian Irrigation Project Water Users

Tribal Allottees and Fee landowners (non-tribal members) are required to submit a Water Request form to obtain irrigation water.

Pine River Indian Irrigation Project Water Users need to submit a Work Request Form for any maintenance requests.



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



Notice of Closure

Departments of Natural Resources

will be closed all day

August 18th, 2023 for a staff retreat

Thank you



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



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Men's and Women's Soccer Camp 08/11/2023 12pm-5pm

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\$10 ADMIN FEE PER PERSON FOR EACH EVENT ENTERED

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MEN'S & CO-ED

Entry Fee: \$300.00

Deadline: August 20th

Late Registration is open until: August 27th

\$25 LATE FEE

Monday Nights Men's: Starts August 28th

Wednesday Nights Co-ed: Starts August 30th

ALL TEAMS MUST BE PAID IN FULL TO BE ADDED TO SCHEDULE

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For more information, please contact the SunUte Recreation Department.

Virgil Morgan- Recreation Manager: (970)563-2652,

Bird Red- Recreation Coordinator: (970)563-2664,

Jenn Seibel- Recreation Specialist: (970)563-2667.

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1. Scan code

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6. Repeat process if necessary for multiple sports

NOTE: If Athletics makes an update to the schedule it will automatically update on your calendar as well!

AUGUST 4

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WHEN: 8:30AM-11:30AM

WHERE: IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

COST: \$30

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Parents and athletes need to attend. There will be documentation that needs to be signed before they can attend practice on August 7th.

Athletes need to be registered for school prior to August 7th in order to participate in the first practice.

Thursday Aug 3, 2023

Start 6:00 PM

Ignacio High School Auditorium

The outdoor basketball courts will be closing soon in preparation for the installation of the new courts.

Call SunUte at 970-563-0214



Feasts of St. Peter and St. Rosa

St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church in Arboles, will celebrate the feasts of St. Peter and St. Rosa with a mass at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 20, followed by a potluck dinner in the church hall. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. The church is located at 18851 Highway 151 in Arboles, Colo. All are welcome. For more information, please call 883-2556.

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+ St. Bartholomew Church & St. Peter St. Rosa Church +
among the SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Native American Heritage Mass

Schedule 2023

~~Sun. June 25 @ 10am~~

~~Fri. July 14 @ 6pm~~

Sun. August 27 @ 10am

Wed. September 20 @ 6 - (St. Hubert
Hunter's Mass) -

Sun. October 22 @ 10am

Wed. November 22 @ 6pm

Wed. December 20 @ 6pm - (Posadas)

Unless otherwise specified, our celebrations are
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Joseph Rael

(Pt. 2 will be published in the Aug. 11 issue.)



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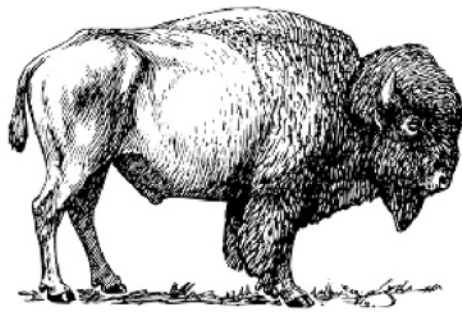
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+ Solemn Vespers +

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2. Fill out **VA Form 10-334**, Tribal Documentation Form at www.va.gov

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS General Environmental Permitting Support Services

Introduction

The Safety and Environmental Compliance Management Group (SECMG) of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Growth Fund is requesting proposals for general environmental permitting support services for energy related projects on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (Reservation). Specific tasks and the level of environmental support is still in development. Therefore, environmental support service proposals should be in the form of a rate sheet for the necessary professionals required to perform the services and provide the deliverables. The parties will execute a service agreement addressing all labor, materials, expenses, tools, equipment, and other services necessary to complete the services prior to the provision of services. Under such agreement, SECMG may provide specific statements of work and notices to proceed on a project-by-project basis. The selected contractor will perform the services and provide the deliverables in accordance with the descriptions, specifications, and delivery schedule in the applicable agreement.

Scope of Work

The following are matters where support services may be necessary:

Task 1: Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Assessments/Evaluations

- Evaluate and delineate WOTUS and Non-WOTUS resources for Clean Water Act permitting.
- Ephemeral/intermittent drainages are to be delineated utilizing the standards set forth in the 2008 "A Field Guide to the Identification of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) in the Arid West Region of the Western United States" drafted by US Army Engineer (ACOE) Research and Development Center (ERDC) Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) as ERDC/CRREL TR-08-12, or most recent ACOE supplements and guidance.
- Evaluate and delineate wetlands and other special aquatic resources.
- Wetlands and other special aquatic resources are to be identified in accordance with the procedures set forth in the 2008 Arid West Regional Supplement to the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual (Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Arid West Region (Version 2.0), or most recent ACOE supplements and guidance.
- Aquatic resources are to be documented using the current Wetland Determination Data Form - Arid West Region Version 2.0.
- Complete \$401 and/or \$404 Pre-Construction Notifications (PCNs) for submittal to the ACOE, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and SUIT Environmental Programs Division.
- Complete Aquatic Resource Delineation Reports for submittal to the ACOE in support of applicable PCNs.

Task 2: Biological Assessments

- Conduct activities necessary to complete a Biological Assessment (BA) for proposed projects. The BA must meet Endangered Species Act compliance requirements and in accordance with federal guidance for BA's, to include Federally listed threatened, endangered, and candidate species with potential to occur on the Reservation. In addition, the BA will need to meet requirements for inclusion in an Environmental Assessment (EA) according to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Conduct Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), and threatened and endangered species surveys.
- Conduct surveys of sensitive areas for mitigation or phasing of construction.
- Evaluate conservation measures and construction phasing and timing restrictions to reduce potential impacts to sensitive species.
- Evaluate potential impacts to sensitive biological resources in coordination with SECMG to eliminate them to the extent possible (e.g., avoidance of habitat by horizontal directional drilling [boring]), changing a pipeline alignment, etc.) before a draft BA is submitted.
- Develop a draft BA report for submission to SECMG for review.
- Develop a final BA incorporating any comments from review.
- Provide SECMG with a final Microsoft Word and PDF copy of the BA document.

Task 3: Environmental Assessment

- Conduct activities necessary to complete Environmental Assessments (EAs) for proposed projects.
- Complete EAs to meet the Tribe's requirements and federal NEPA requirements, specifically BIA and BLM requirements.
- Analyze and summarize cultural resources surveys and compliance matters with reference to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and in adherence with the Tribe's policy of non-disturbance to all cultural resources.

- Evaluate the proposed action(s) and a no action alternative for the specified project and focus on the resources brought forth from the Tribe's Proposed Project Notification process.
- Evaluate potential project impacts with SECMG to eliminate them to the extent possible (e.g., avoidance through boring, changing a pipeline alignment, etc.) and develop a draft EA.
- Develop a final EA report for submission to SECMG and BIA and/or BLM.
- Provide SECMG with a Microsoft Word and PDF copy of the EA document.

Selection Criteria

Indian Preference

This request for bids is an unrestricted solicitation, with Indian preference given to Indian owned businesses which are technically qualified to perform the scope of work required. Anyone submitting a proposal who seeks Indian preference for selection must be certified through the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) as an Indian owned business. This certification by the Tribe's TERO is a mandatory requirement for receiving preference, regardless of any other registration or certification that may exist with government agencies or other tribes' TERO offices. Firms not certified as Indian owned businesses by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO will not qualify for preference under this RFP. If a certified, qualified Indian owned business is within 5% of the lowest bid, and the bid is responsive, then that firm will be awarded the project. If a certified qualified Indian owned business submits a bid that it not within 5% of the lowest bid and there is no other certified Indian owned business that is qualified, there will be one opportunity to submit a revised bid. Lack of certification, however, will not be grounds to cause a bid to be deemed non-responsive, and non-certified Indian-owned businesses may still qualify for award, but will not be given Indian preference under the selection criteria. The Southern Ute Tribal Employment Rights Code is applicable to all businesses operating within the exterior boundaries the Reservation on land subject to the jurisdiction of the Tribe, who employ for wages five or more persons. For more information refer to the Southern Ute Tribal Employment Rights Code Contractor Project Team.

Provide a rate sheet for the following suggested minimum professional project team staff:

- Environmental Permitting and NEPA Project Manager
- Environmental Assessment and Permitting Author
- Biologist and Biological Assessment Author
- Mapping and Geographic Information Systems Professional
- Clean Water Act (Sections 401 & 404) Permitting Specialist
- Administrative support

Describe the proposed project team, including an organizational chart of the team, and the responsibilities of each member.

At a minimum, include the following:

- Proposed staffing requirements and key individuals to be assigned to this project. List the title of the position, the name of the individual to be assigned, and address the individual roles and responsibilities of each member.
- Discuss the experience and skills each team member would bring to the project. A resume must be submitted for each team member (resumes must be limited to 2 pages/person). At a minimum, the document must show each member's educational and work experience that indicates why they have the expertise.

Firm Experience

- Provide a list of projects of similar magnitude, complexity, and focus that the firm has performed in the last five years. This list of projects should focus on completion of EA and BA documents, and general environmental permitting, preferably for energy projects in western Colorado. Include a brief description of each project listed.

Bid Submittal

- Please submit bids to Andy Young by August 11, 2023

Task Start

- Environmental permitting work will be on an as needed basis.

Documents

- Draft documents listed above will be routed for SECMG review. Contractor will receive comments within two weeks or sooner and is expected to email final documents to SECMG two weeks from receiving SECMG and the Tribe's comments. SECMG will submit the final EAs, BAs, Pre Construction Notices, and Aquatic Delineation Reports for approval.

Primary Points of Contact

Andy Young, Growth Fund Safety and Environmental Compliance Management Group
Cell: 970-749-4519
anyoung@sugf.com

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

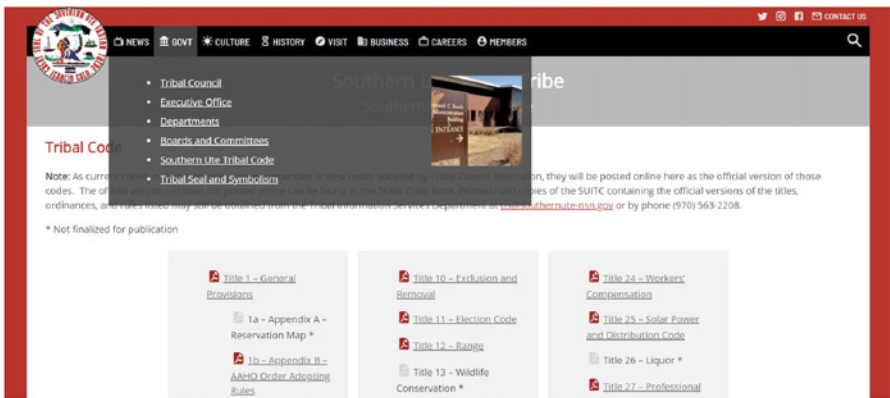
Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week – please contact Anne Flanigan, 970-563-2454, aflanigan@southernute-nsn.gov if you have questions or want to make a withdrawal

- Distribution Friday, Sept. 29
- Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 22
- Distribution, Friday Dec. 29

- NOON, Friday Sept. 22, 2023
- NOON, Friday, Nov. 17, 2023
- NOON, Friday, Dec. 22, 2023

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

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.



Southern Ute Utilities Division

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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!



2023 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per Household.

PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 www.suitutil.com

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

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Christina Marie O'John, Deceased
Case No.: 2023-0014-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 **SEPTEMBER 25, 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 detennination therein necessary.

Dated this 14th of July, 2023
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

INVITATION!!

Learn about the Baha'I Faith at:

• Bahai.org

• Bahaiteachings.org

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

Local contact: 970-382-1231

**FOR RENT!**

The Southern Ute Housing Authority has TWO 4 bedroom units ready for move in for Southern Ute Tribal members.

Qualifications:

- Head of household must be a Southern Ute tribal member with a family of 4 or more
- Rent is based on income (per-capita is excluded)

Contact the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority for more information (970) 563-4575

Occupancy:

Jennifer Silva Occupancy/Resident Coordinator
Cutke Edwards Occupancy/Residency Assistant

LOCATION: 238 ROLLING THUNDER AVENUE &
250 ROLLING THUNDER AVENUE

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 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 August 2, 2023 @ 9: a.m. You may reach Rebecca at 970-442-6353. Bid deadline is August 7, 2023 @ 12 p.m. Bids must be sealed and labeled. Bid opening is August 7, 2023 @ 4 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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**Southern Ute Growth Fund Department of Energy
Enhanced Outcrop Methane Capture Well Boring**

Proposal Due Date: 8/4/23; Contract Performance Period: 8/7/23 – 12/31/23

The Southern Ute Department of Energy is seeking qualified firms to submit proposals for completion of horizontal drilling to capture naturally occurring methane seepage as part of the Enhanced Outcrop Methane Capture project. The project includes drilling and completion of two small diameter horizontal methane capture wells. Drilling will occur from existing locations on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Horizontal laterals will extend approximately 4,000 feet into the Fruitland Formation at a depth of approximately 500 feet below ground surface. Interested parties can request bidding documents by contacting Graham Stahnke, Exploration and Regulatory Manager, at gstahnke@sudoe.us. Unsolicited gifts are strictly prohibited per Southern Ute Indian Tribe Procurement Policy.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Professional Services for Surface Debris Removal and Disposal of Regulated and Non-Regulated Wastes; Development of an Engineered Design Plan for Waste Encapsulation; Surface and Site Restoration Work; and the Installation of the Engineering Plan Elements

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) requests a written response to this Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide services within the Ute Road Area of Concern (AOC) located within the Bear Dance Fire area along Ute Road in Ignacio, Colorado. Services would include the development of a remediation plan; removal and proper disposal of surface debris, including Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM), and removal and proper disposal of regulated and non-regulated wastes; the preparation of an engineering design plan for remediation and waste encapsulation; surface and site restoration work; and performing the services as outlined within the approved engineering design plan. The selected Contractor will enter into a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) that will extend from the date of contract execution, will be terminated following project completion, and will not exceed a three-year period. Email proposal submittals and questions to Kyle Siesser, Cottonwood Consulting LLC, at ksiesser@cottonwoodconsulting.com or call 970-764-7356. Full RFP details are found online at www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/. Proposals will be received through August 11, 2023. Cottonwood and the Tribe will host a pre-bid walk through at the site from 9-11am on July 25 and July 26, 2023. Please RSVP the pre-bid walk through to Kyle Siesser at ksiesser@cottonwoodconsulting.com The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employee Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. The Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Tribe.

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.

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.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD

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

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.bgcso.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

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.

ETHICS COMMISSION

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

GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions for specified terms, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age. Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation. Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures. Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality. Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. If you are interested, contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

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

TERO COMMISSION

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.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER POSITION AVAILABLE

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

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REQUIREMENTS:

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



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Administrative Assistant II – Construction Services

Closes 6/30/23 – 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.

Boys & Girls Club Behavioral Coordinator

Closes 7/7/23 – Addresses behavioral incidences/needs of Club Members. Develops, implements, and monitors Behavior Plans. Consults with family, and school as needed. Responsible for all aspects of Volunteer Program. Pay grade N9; the pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Police Sergeant

Closes 7/4/23 – 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.

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 (Summer Program)

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

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

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.

Chief of Police

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

Clinical Supervisor

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

Detention Cook

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

Detention Officer

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

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision

of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. 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. To 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; the pay range begins at \$49,517.56/year.

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 (So. 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. Position located in Three Springs. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Lifeguard (Full-time/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.

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.

Human Resources Administrative Assistant – Growth Fund Human Resources

Closes 6/30/23 – Provides general office and administrative support to the Growth Fund Human Resources office, including benefits administration, and training and development, maintaining an orderly and efficient office environment. Meeting arrangements and assists with special events; interacts with Growth Fund employees, Southern Ute Indian Tribal employees, applicants, Tribal members and the public in an efficient, courteous and helpful manner.

Sr. Environmental, Health & Safety Specialist-Environmental – Red Willow Production Co

Closes 6/30/23 – Promoting EHS awareness, compliance and stewardship throughout the company to all employees and functions as the lead for multiple programs which minimizes or eliminates worker safety, environmental, and regulatory risks. The development, execution, and training of EHS programs and initiatives with an emphasis on environmental aspects and will be an environmental program lead.

Drilling and Completions Engineer II – Red Willow Production Co

Closes 7/3/23 – Drilling, completions, and applicable petroleum engineering support primarily focused on horizontal unconventional resource development in the San Juan Basin. Wellbore and completion design, execution, and supporting internal processes associated with budgeting

and post-appraisals. Works collaboratively as a member of a multi-discipline team to optimize field development and depletion.

Treasury Analyst – Growth Fund Administration

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

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

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

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Visit our employment website for more info: www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310

- Secondary Math Teacher
- Secondary Permanent Substitute
- Secondary Special Ed Paraprofessional

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.

Cloud Developer II – So. Ute Shared Services

Closes 7/7/23 – Performing cloud application development project work including security, support, content management, maintenance, development, and training for the Southern Ute Indian Tribal entities. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

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.

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. Benefits include medical, dental, vision, 401(k) match, paid vacation and sick leave, paid holidays, life insurance, flexible spending account, and employee assistance program. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$21.75 - \$25.01/hour.

Patrol Officer Trainee

Open Until Filled – A 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, incumbent 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.

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, breakdown 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. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

TERO Compliance Officer (Temp/Part-time) (Native Americans only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute members only)

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

Tribal Ranger 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.



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

*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 Mngr. (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. Will be responsible for maintaining a professional appearance to clients and always wearing the appropriate uniform.

*Bell Person (Full-time)

Assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. 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 Coordinator (Full-time)

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

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.

*Café Cashier (Shining 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 Café 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.

*Cage Staff (Full-time)

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

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

*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.

*Catering Sales Associate (Full-time)

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

*Compliance Officer

Under the direction of the Security Manager. Assists in ensuring that the Casino departments conduct their operations in compliance with the

Internal Control Minimum Procedures (ICMP) as prescribed by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (SUDOG) and the Casino Policies and Procedures. Compliance Officer ensures that the Casino follows the Bank Secrecy Act, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

*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. 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.

*Front Desk Supervisor (Full-time)

Directly supervises all front desk and gift shop personnel and ensures proper completion of all front desk duties. Directs and coordinates the activities of the front desk, reservations, guest services, assists with gift shop duties and acts as an assistant to the Rooms Division Manager.

*Housekeeping Supervisor (Full-time)

Will act in the leadership and training capacity. Will direct employees and help them to complete their tasks and goals defined by the Housekeeping Manager. Train employees, ensuring they abide by all policies and procedures. Office structure, budgetary administration and employee relations as assigned by the Housekeeping Manager.

*Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

Kitchen Stewards will perform multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Duties include 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. The supervisor 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.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For job opportunities apply on-line at www.sococaa.org or call 970-563-4517.

Central Administration:

- Finance Administrator: \$41,000-\$44,000/yr. – Open Until Filled

Ignacio Early Learning Program:

- Early Care Educator: \$15.02-\$18.17/hr. – Closes 7/28/23
- Teacher Assistant: \$13.65-\$15.02/hr. – Closes 7/28/23
- Substitute Teacher: \$13.65/hr. – Open Until Filled

Peaceful Spirit:

- Addiction Counselor: \$54,000-\$60,000 DOE – Open Until Filled
- MST Therapist (La Plata County): \$55,000-\$66,000 – Open Until Filled

Road Runner Transit:

- Clerical/Dispatch: \$18.17-\$19.99/hr. – Open Until Filled
- Bus Driver/ICB Operator: \$23/hr. – Open Until Filled
- Operations Manager: \$50,315.20 DOE – Open Until Filled
- Dial-A-Ride Driver: \$19.25/hr. – Open Until Filled

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

Attention: We prefer all applications by email GRLOpez@utemountain.org or ceyeto@utemountain.org or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

Employment Announcements as of July 10, 2023

- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor I – Closes 7/28/23
- Brunot Wildlife Animal Control Officer – Open Until Filled
- Brunot Wildlife Wildlife Officer – Open Until Filled
- CHR CHR – Open Until Filled
- CFR PT Presenting Officer – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes WM CNA/Health Technician – Open Until Filled
- Environmental Water Quality Manager – Open Until Filled
- Higher Education Adult Education Instructor – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health Suicide Prevention Coord. – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health Youth Services Coordinator – Open Until Filled
- Planning Transportation Specialist – Open Until Filled
- Public Health Community Health Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Health Community Health Worker – Open Until Filled
- Public Works Director – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling CAC III – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling Director – Open Until Filled
- WM- Administration Project Director – Open Until Filled
- WM- CHR CHR – Open Until Filled
- WM- Education Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled
- WM- Public Works Maintenance – Open Until Filled

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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*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.

*Property Shift Manager (Full-time)

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

*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.

*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.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

*Security Supervisor (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. Must 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.

*Senior Facilities Staff Member (Full-time)

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

*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 Al 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.

*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. This 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.

*Willows Server (Full-time)

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages. 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.



INTERNAL AUDIT

Sage gains valuable insight into the auditing profession through YEP

Youth Employment Program provides experience

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INTERNAL AUDIT

Southern Ute tribal member Autumn Sage, a recent high school graduate, joined the Internal Audit Department as part of the Southern Ute Education Department's Youth Employment Program. Sage gained first-hand experience in the auditing field, working alongside auditors to develop an understanding of the profession.

One of the primary objectives of the Summer Youth Employment Program is to ensure that participants gain practical knowledge, real-work skills, learn about the services within the Tribe, and obtain a better understanding of possible future careers with the Tribe.

Working with Internal Audit, Sage successfully completed a significant research project focused on the Youth Employment Program and how to increase participation in that program among the tribal entities and departments.

As part of the project, Sage reviewed information contained in the annual reports published by the Southern Ute Drum, reviewed the structure of other youth programs at other tribes, and reviewed possible skill assessment forms that could be developed.



Autumn Sage
Youth Employment Worker
Southern Ute Internal Audit

To assess the current level of participation across the organization, Sage also sent out an informational survey to the Growth Fund, Sky Ute Casino Resort, Southern Ute Shared Services, and the Permanent Fund departments.

Sage developed recommendations through her research and experience to help increase participation.

"Auditors write a lot, from preparing working papers to drafting reports, and Autumn witnessed that firsthand by researching and preparing her own 20-page report on the Youth Employee Program," said Brian Bex, Director of Internal Audit.

Autumn's experience with Internal Audit underscores the benefits of the Summer Youth Employment Program, where participants gain work

experience, build professional connection, and explore potential career paths, all while improving their self-confidence, leadership skills, positively contributing and helping her tribe as an employee, and the understanding of civil responsibility.

"It's more than just summer jobs – it's an opportunity for our youth (Tribal and First Descendant) to grow, explore, and learn in a hands on Tribal and non-tribal environment. It's also a great way for our youth to gain education regarding the Tribe's departments, holdings, services and much more," said Dustin L. Weaver, Youth Employment Program Coordinator.

The Summer Youth Employment Program is designed to provide students with firsthand work experience in various occupational settings. The program aims to equip students with practical knowledge, develop their professional skills, and give them a glimpse into potential career paths.

"We commend Autumn for her hard work and dedication and willingness to challenge herself" Bex said.

For more information on the Summer Youth Employment Program, contact Dustin Weaver, Youth Employment Program Coordinator at 970-563-2786.

Southern Ute Economic Development PRESENTS

2023

SW Colorado Demystifying Entrepreneurship STARTUP to SCALEUP Work Shop

with the **Leeds School of Business**
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

Take Your Business to the Next Level

- Learn from entrepreneurs and award-winning professors
- Develop strategies to grow and scale your business
- Network with other local business owners
- Learn the tools to scale up your finances and funding
- Innovation and design thinking exercises
- Special guests sharing insights on the entrepreneurial path

\$75 Registration Fee (Scholarships Available)	Friday, August 11 5:30-8pm Welcome Reception Sky Ute Casino Resort (Appetizers & Drinks Served)	Saturday, August 12 8:30am-4:30pm Full Day Workshop Sky Ute Casino Resort (Breakfast & Lunch Provided)
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SOUTHERN UTE DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAM

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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.

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

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

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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

did you know?!

Wildfires can have a large impact on water quality for years after the initial fire? Reduced vegetation and increased ash/debris can contribute to larger numbers of pollutants in rivers and increase risk of flooding.

Pre-Fire

Post-Fire

Source: <https://www.ucusa.org/>
Image: <https://www.ucusa.org/resources/water-wildfire-and-climate-change>

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division at 970-563-0135 with any questions or comments.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, July 28	Saturday, July 29	Sunday, July 30
 Mostly sunny 95°F 20% chance of showers/t-storms	 Mostly sunny 96°F 40% chance of showers/t-storms	 Partly sunny 91°F Showers likely

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

July 17 July 25 Aug. 1 Aug. 8 Aug. 16

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1 Between min and max
4 Lettuce variety
7 "Delightful!"
10 "Catch-22" bomber pilot
11 Eggs, biologically
12 Hearst kidnapping group
13 Disbelieving looks
16 "Drinks are ---!"
17 Expire
18 Body pouch
19 Exposed to the wind
20 Arctic birds
22 Pendant ornament
25 Beginning on
29 Bechsteins and Steinways
30 People whose homeland is Halona
31 Like Earth's orbit
33 Chicle product
34 "---, a mouse!"
35 Cardinal cap logo
36 Such as Bond or Powers
37 Ronald Reagan's "Star Wars" program
38 "----! We Have No Bananas"

Down

1 Chief Yellow Hammer was one
2 Sarcastic use of praise
3 Oil containers
4 Gap between mountain peaks
5 Bedizened
6 6th rock from the Sun
7 All I --- You ("Phantom of the Opera" song)
8 Alaskan island dweller
9 Done too quickly
14 Tribal elder Annie ---
15 Ancient Four Corners culture
21 Gets hitched in a hurry
22 Some movie files
23 Prepare for a swimsuit shoot
24 Mild and pleasant
26 Like bubble bath
27 New Mexico colonizer
28 Packs to the top
32 "---, get the picture!"

Answers for this crossword will appear in August 11 issue of the Drum.

Answers for July 14, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Matt, 5 Unable, 11 Aves, 12 Tuareg, 13 Do something, 15 All to, 16 Sate, 17 Maasaw, 19 Rod, 20 Inaja, 23 Apt, 26 Co-star, 30 Sour, 32 Shane, 33 Potato skins, 36 Iconic, 37 Unit, 38 Christ, 39 Moe's.

Down: 1 Madam, 2 Avola, 3 Tesla, 4 Tsotsi, 5 Ute, 6 Nut, 7 Aahs, 8 Briar, 9 Lento, 10 Egged, 14 Moan, 18 WAC, 21 Joss, 22 Ashkum, 23 Aspic, 24 Pooch, 25 Tutor, 27 Taino, 28 Annie, 29 Rests, 31 Rani, 34 Tis, 35 Oct.