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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Tribe seeking feedback on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**

By Colton Black  
 SU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



In November of 2022 Southern Ute Economic Development began the process of updating the Tribe's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy or CEDS for short. This is the first update to the Tribe's original CEDS that was developed in 2018. This update builds upon the work of the original, while incorporating new data and introducing new concepts to address the needs of the Tribe in a post COVID-19 pandemic economic environment.

typical CEDS would serve as a guide to the Tribe's economic development efforts for the next five years. The US Economic Development Agency (EDA) has asked that the Tribe limit the scope of this CEDS update to a two-year window of 2023-2025. This request is being made to help the EDA get all tribes on the same five-year rotation for future CEDS updates starting in 2025. Having an active CEDS that has been approved by the EDA improves the Tribe's eligibility for various federal grants.

This update to the CEDS is the result of an extensive strategic planning process that engaged Southern Ute tribal members, tribal staff, and regional partners to conduct research,

interviews, and provide input. This process was led by a 16-member stakeholder committee known as the CEDS Committee that consisted of Economic Development staff along with representatives from Tribal Council, tribal departments, and tribal business entities. The CEDS Committee held a number of strategy sessions over the course of several months during which five strategic priorities were identified and developed.

- Those five priorities are:
- Improve the availability of diverse housing options.
  - Expand high-speed broadband connectivity.
  - Increase commercial infrastructure and community amenities.
  - Improve tribal economic development capacity and ability to leverage underutilized resources.
  - Enhance opportunities for business creation.

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

An abandoned truck, which likely dates to the middle of last century, was exposed in the burn scar, along with other debris. Mitigation efforts in the Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) process have worked to clean up these areas for public use.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**Bear Dance Fire burn area trail reopening**

By Summer R. Begay,  
 Communication Specialist  
 TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

On June 3, 2022, the Bear Dance Fire ignited within Tribal Trust land, resulting in the burning of 89 acres north of the Bear Dance grounds and along the Los Pinos River. In the aftermath of the fire, the Environmental Programs Division (EPD) identified hazardous material, present on the ground in areas parallel to Ute Road. The presence of these hazardous materials raised concerns about public health and environmental integrity. Out of an abundance of caution, Trib-

al Council closed the Bear Dance Fire burn area, including the hiking trail along the Los Pinos River.

The EPD and various environmental professionals have conducted air, soil, and water sampling of the debris area and determined that there is currently minimal risk to human health and the environment from the material. With a commitment to safety and caution, the Tribe wishes to remove these surface materials and remediate this important area. Remediation will commence in 2024 and consist of debris pile removal and capping of any remaining material in place.

With the assurance that

the potential risks are low, Tribal Council has made the informed decision to reopen access to the hiking trail and the Los Pinos River within the burn area. The debris piles will remain closed to the public and all signage posted must be abided by in the affected zone.

The area will undergo a temporary closure during the restoration process. Upon the conclusion of these restorative activities, the area will be reopened. Additional information will be shared at that time. If you have any questions, please contact Tribal Council at 970-563-2319 or the Environmental Programs Division at 970-563-2206.

**KSUT PRESENTS**

**Four Corners Folk Festival features legendary performers, rising musical stars**

*Festival returns to Pagosa Springs in its 27th year*

Staff report  
 KSUT PRESENTS

Sixteen bands and musicians from a variety of genres highlight the 27th annual Four Corners Folk Festival, which returns to Reservoir Hill in Pagosa Springs, Colo., Sept. 1-3. Headliners include folk-rock icon Bruce Cockburn, Bluegrass Hall of Famer Peter Rowan, award-winning indie-rocker Amythyst Kiah and hip-hop/bluegrass innovators Gangstagrass.

"We are excited to welcome back festivarions to Reservoir Hill for the Four Corners Folk Festival," said KSUT Executive Director Tami Graham. "The

lineup reflects both the festival's long history and the quality of our diverse on-air programming that our listeners appreciate."

While still maintaining deep acoustic music traditions, the 2023 Four Corners Folk Festival lineup reflects the music heard on the KSUT Music Blend by including artists in rock, Americana, country, bluegrass, folk, Native American and other genres.

"Part of KSUT's mission is music discovery," said KSUT Development Director and Music Director, Chris Aaland, who serves as the talent buyer for the festival. "Our lineup includes core artists like

Bruce Cockburn and Peter Rowan alongside up-and-coming acts like Gangstagrass and The Sweet Lilies.

"We are also proud of our roots as one of the nation's oldest tribal radio stations, and we're committed to presenting award-winning indigenous performers in a variety of genres," he said. Ed Kabotie is an acclaimed reggae and folk singer and multi-instrumentalist of Te-wa and Hopi descent.

Single-day, weekend, and patron passes are on sale at [www.ksutpresents.org](http://www.ksutpresents.org), as are camping passes and a very limited quantity

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**INDIGENOUS JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION**

**NAJA votes to change the name of the organization to the Indigenous Journalists Association**

*Change to be inclusive of Indigenous journalists*

Staff Report  
 INDIGENOUS JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

Members of the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) voted to change the organization's name and elected the 2023-2024 Board of Directors during the 2023 National Native Media Conference held this week in Winnipeg, Canada. By a vote of 89-55, or nearly 62 percent, the membership voted to change the name to the Indigenous Journalists Association (IJA), unveiling the new name and logo during the NAJA Membership Luncheon.

"It's so inspiring to see Indigenous journalists around the world asserting themselves in newsrooms and taking their place as the rightful storytellers of their own narratives. It's long overdue, and we're so proud and excited to be a part of that movement," said NAJA/IJA President Graham Lee Brewer. "Connecting with our brothers and sisters across the globe, from Canada to New Zealand, has made it clear that Indigenous peoples the struggles we face in this industry are universal."

The group began in 1983 when several Native Ameri-



can journalists met to form the Native American Press Association. In 1990, the group changed its name to NAJA to expand support for Native voices across all media platforms and ensure accurate and contextual reporting about Native communities.

"Despite the colonial framework that has warped our histories and shapes the stories told about us today or the challenges of working within structures that weren't designed for us to thrive, we see Indigenous journalists at every level doing the important work of representing their people. We live in a time when it is possible to connect and create deep, meaningful relationships with Indigenous journalists no matter where they are, and we look forward to helping them find each other to share their knowledge and support," Brewer said.

NAJA/IJA recognizes Indigenous peoples as distinct groups based on tradition and culture. In this spirit, NAJA/IJA educates and unifies its membership through journalism programs that promote diversity and defends challenges to free press, speech, and expression. The group is committed to increasing the representation of Indigenous journalists in mainstream media and encourages mainstream and Indigenous media to attain the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and responsibility.

The Indigenous Journalists Association (IJA) board of directors elected its first executive committee for 2023-2024 during a meeting, Thursday, Aug. 17. Christine Trudeau, Jour-

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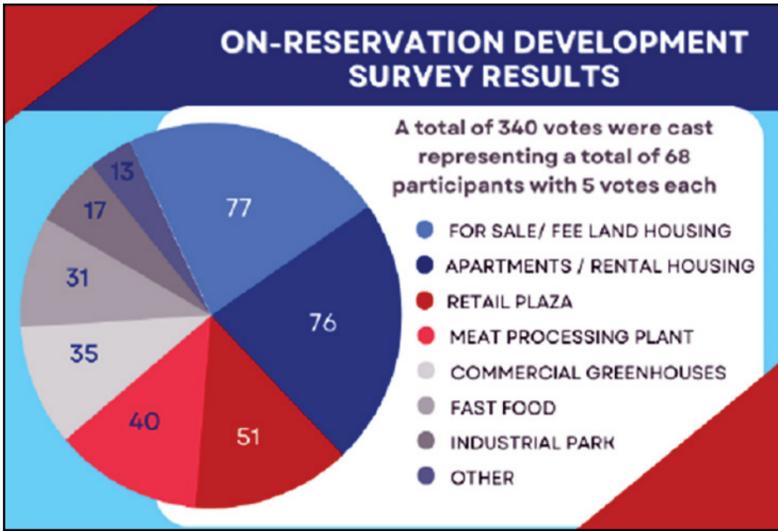
**Ute Mountain Casino Powwow**



courtesy Marie Joy

Veterans Color Guard carry in the flags, leading the grand entry of the annual Ute Mountain Casino Powwow in Towaoc, Colo., on Aug. 19. Pictured left to right are Raymond Curley (Army), Rudley Weaver (Navy) and Gordon Hammond (USMC).

## TRIBE SEEKING FEEDBACK • FROM PAGE 1



Each of these priorities has been organized into a one-page roadmap within the CEDS that outlines the desired outcome, goals, action items, and performance measures linked to each strategy.

A survey conducted at the General Meeting on July 13th provided confirmation that the priorities developed by the CEDS Committee were on the right track. The survey had participants vote on what types of on-reservation development should be prioritized to best improve quality of life and enhance the tribal economy. The results of that survey showed tribal members strongly favor prioritizing housing de-

velopment on the Reservation, with a slight edge to fee-land for sale homes followed by apartments for tribal employees and community workforce.

This aligns directly with CEDS Priority #1. Development of a retail plaza was the next highest vote – highlighting the desire for increased commercial infrastructure and amenities aligning with CEDS Priority #3. A meat processing plant and commercial greenhouses were next up in the vote tally, both of which align with food sovereignty goals and objectives contained within CEDS Priority #4.

The survey helped pro-

vide meaningful feedback and data to support the CEDS plan. Now Economic Development would like to get feedback and comments on the plan itself. The full version of the updated CEDS plan for 2023-2025 is now available on the Tribe's Economic Development website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/eco-dev/>.

Please take some time to read through the updated plan and submit your comments in the submission box provided. Comments can be about the plan or share additional ideas and suggestions for enhancing the economic environment of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Billy Jack Baker (right) accepts a congratulatory handshake from Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, Aug. 13. Baker, a former program aide with the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, recently left that position.

This photo was first published in the August 23, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

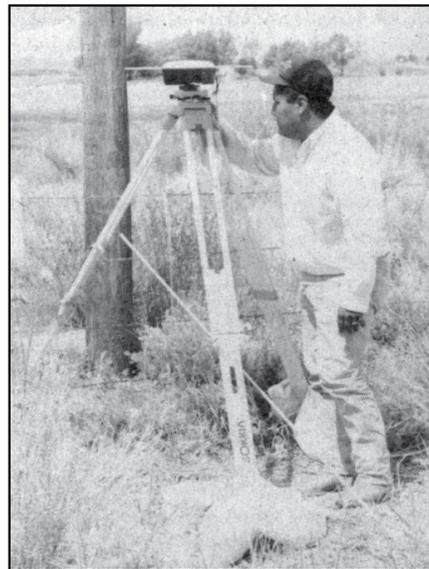


## 20 years ago

The Ignacio High School Volleyball 'Cats have been busily preparing for the upcoming season. Here, we see the young women going through drills to sharpen their receiving, setting and hitting skills. The first volleyball game was at home against the Farmington Scorpions on Aug. 29 at the Ignacio High School Gym at 4 p.m.

This photo was published in the August 22, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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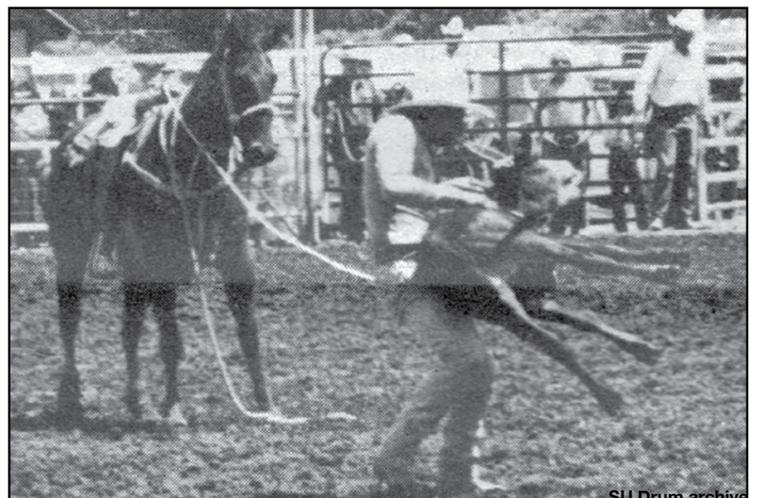


## 30 years ago

Michael Naranajo, is conducting a GPS Survey. Naranajo was one of the first Colorado Highway Trainees in 1986. He completed the program and was hired on with the State of Colorado. He has been working there for seven years now and resides in Grand Junction, Colorado with his wife and children.

This photo was published in the August 20, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

Cassandra Naranjo/SU Drum archive



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

Robert Jefferson, a local cowboy, roped and tied his calf to place fourth at the Navajo Trails Fiesta in Durango.

This photo was published in the August 26, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

### TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed all-day on Monday, September 4, 2023 for Labor Day.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

### SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND GENERAL MEETING

September 14, 2023  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

Scan the QR Code or visit the link below to register for the WebEx. <https://bit.ly/2023gfgm>

Tribal members can login to the TMX to view the meeting agenda.

This is a closed meeting for the Southern Ute tribal membership only.

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## 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.

### 101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow

Sept. 8 – 10, 2023  
Ignacio, Colo.  
Info: [www.southernute-nsn.gov/culture/fair-and-powwow](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/culture/fair-and-powwow)

### Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo

Sept. 15 & 16, 2023  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds  
Ignacio, Colo.



ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate

Maleina Carel

Maykh,  
My name is Maleina Carel and I'm currently the Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate for 2022-2023.

I'm 15 years old and I'm currently in the 10th grade.

My maternal grandparents are Hardy Joy Sr. and the late Anna Weaver. My great grandparents on my paternal side are James Price Sr. and Linda Lopez of Towaoc, Colo. My paternal grandparents are the late Vernest and Marlene Carel. My parents are Marie Joy and Vern Carel.

I would like to share with you my quarterly report of my travels and the events that I have attended during my reign that started on March 31, 2023.

**March** – Hozhoni Days Powwow at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.

**April** – Color Run 2023, Ute Day at the State Capitol in Denver, Child Abuse Awareness kick off, April Sip Chat & Chew, where I participated in the Tortilla Making Contest. The Southern Ute Royalty Bear Dance workshop. Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, N.M., and the Nizhoni Days Powwow in Albuquerque, N.M.

**May** – Randlett Bear Dance in Randlett, Utah,



**Maleina Carel**  
Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate  
2022-2023

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**July** – Taos Pueblo Celebration Healing Powwow in Taos, N.M., and the San Ignacio Fiesta Parade in Ignacio.

**August** – Jimmy Newton Jr. Youth Leadership Conference. Pino Nuche Indigenous Art Market and Juried Show, Russell Box Sr. reception and the Indigenous Fashion Show at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort. Ute Mountain Ute Casino Hotel Powwow in Towaoc, Colo.

I enjoyed meeting new people and traveling to different events. I learned a lot from my elders, and I have made many good friends. It has been an honor to represent the Southern Ute Tribe Indian Tribe, the membership, and my family.

Maleina J. Carel  
Jr. Miss Southern Ute  
Alternate,  
2022-2023

ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Miss Southern Ute Alternate

Rhianna Carel

Maykh,  
My name is Rhianna Carel and I'm currently the Miss Southern Ute alternate for 2022-2023.

I'm 19 years old. I am serving on the Southern Ute Powwow Committee and I'm currently attending my first year of college.

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**Rhianna Carel**  
Miss Southern Ute Alternate  
2022-2023

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Rhianna I. Carel  
Miss Southern Ute Alternate,  
2022-2023

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
*Southern Ute Royalty Pageant*

**AUGUST**  
**SATURDAY 26 3:00PM**  
**2023**

MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY  
256 UTE RD, IGNACIO, CO 81137

**ROYALTY CATEGORIES**  
Miss Southern Ute (Ages 16-25)  
Junior Miss Southern Ute (Ages 10-15)  
Little Miss Southern Ute (Ages 5-9)  
Southern Ute Brave (Ages 5-15)

Applications are available at the Cultural Preservation Department. Deadline to return application to the Cultural Preservation Department is Friday, August 25, 2023, at 12:00pm.

For more information, please contact  
Daisy Eagle at 970-553-0196.

Ute language returns



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Throughout the end of July and this month, tribal members, community members, and tribal employees gathered to learn Ute alongside instructor Lynda D'Wolf. This event, sponsored by the Southern Ute Education Department, has proven successful with a lot of interest and high attendance on various dates. Classes will continue through the end of this month.

Tribal Legislative Attorney, Leslie Barnhart takes notes during the Ute Language Class on Thursday, Aug. 17, tribal employees join Instructor Lynda D'Wolf during their lunch break to learn more about the Ute language and the culture.



**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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**Ute Language Class**

**Southern Ute Community Ute Language Class**  
Where: Multi-Purpose building  
(Until August 16<sup>th</sup>)  
Then classes will be held at the Education Center  
When: Every Thursday, starting August 10<sup>th</sup> at noon  
Instructor: Lynda D' Wolf  
Sponsored by the Southern Ute Education Department  
Contact La Titia Taylor at Ext. 2781 for questions

## HEALTHY RECIPES

### Overnight oats make a great back to school breakfast!

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

Packed with healthy long-lasting carbohydrates, protein, and fruit, this is ideal for a quick breakfast.

Because this is made the night before, no rushing around the kitchen in the morning.

This basic recipe can be easily adapted to fit the taste preferences of everyone in the family. You will need a small mason jar or a container with a tight-fitting lid.



courtesy Downshiftology

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

#### Basic overnight oat

##### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup rolled oats (uncooked/not instant)
- 1/2 cup unsweetened milk of choice (cow, almond, soy, etc.)
- 1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 0-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 0-1 tablespoons sweetener (honey, pure maple syrup or 1/2 -1 teaspoon stevia)
- 0-2 tablespoons ground flaxseed or chia seeds

These ingredients can easily be adapted/changed to suit your taste!

A few more ideas...

#### Blueberry overnight oats

Start with basic overnight oats and add:  
1/4 cup blueberries\*

#### Banana nut overnight oats

Start with basic overnight oats and add:  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 banana, sliced\*  
2 tablespoons walnuts\*

#### Peanut butter and jelly overnight oats

Start with basic overnight oats and add:  
1 tablespoon strawberry jam  
1-2 tablespoons smooth peanut butter  
1/4 cup strawberries, sliced\*  
1 tablespoon peanuts, crushed\*

Place all ingredients in a jar and mix well. Refrigerate overnight. Stir and enjoy! Eat within 3-5 days.

\*You can also add toppings just before eating.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### BEE HEARD: What is a peer recovery coach?

Aug. 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day

By Preston Barry  
SOUTHERN UTE  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

August 31st is International Overdose Awareness Day, the world's largest effort to bring stigma-free attention to those who have died from overdose as well as acknowledging family and friends who are intimately affected by the loss.

This year's theme is "Recognizing those people who go unseen." In light of this, Southern Ute Behavioral Health would like to share some information with the tribal membership and the community about Peer Recovery coaching: what a Peer Recovery Coach is and the roles and responsibilities they have.

#### What is a Peer Recovery Coach?

As the name suggests, a Peer Recovery Coach (PRC) is a companion through the recovery process. An important aspect of having a PRC by one's side is that they are an equal: unlike working with a therapist, there is a reduced power differential between individuals.

A PRC plays numerous roles, beginning with working as a connector to link recovering people to the recovery community and available resources. In fact, you might call them a resource broker. A PRC knows how to navigate the recovery system so they can connect the person in recovery with the fellow community and other support systems.

They help to establish a support network. They serve as a personal guide and mentor to help manage personal and family recovery by mobilizing volunteer resources in the recovery community.

Sounds great, doesn't it? It's important to mention a few things a PRC is not: a sponsor, a counselor, a nurse/doctor, or a lawyer. On that last note, however, PRCs do advocate for people in recovery and the broader recovery community. They can assist with protecting rights and act as a representative when requested.

#### What can a Peer Recovery Coach do?

Having lived experience of going through recovery themselves, PRCs believe strongly in the possibilities for change. They can spot patterns and behaviors. Having walked a similar path, they can offer feedback on people's lifestyle, choices, and possibilities for increased wellness.

While they do not solve problems for others, they can assist with problem solving and, in this way, encourage genuine hope and optimism.

A PRC is a non-judgmental, loyal motivator and cheerleader, encouraging and motivating as an ally and confidante, celebrating successes and victories large and small. A key here is active listening in a stable and consistent way. Trust is integral to the path and that means total honesty without sugar-coating. People on the

road to recovery need information that is appropriate to each step and stage of the recovery process.

To put it succinctly, a PRC is someone who accepts your past, supports your present, and encourages your future.

Here's to your good health!

Source: International Overdose Awareness Day: 31st August - International Overdose Awareness Day (overdoseday.com)

#### 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.



Sign up for a FREE, healthy meal kit for you and your family with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness's August program



Southwest Ratatouille



Sign up for your meal kit now! Use the link below, or scan the QR code to quickly register in under 2 minutes!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshAug23>

Sign-up Deadline: Monday, August 28, 2023  
Pickup Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Meal Kit Includes:  
• Primary ingredients  
• Recipe / Prep Tips  
• Kitchen Hacks

Contact:  
Lisa B. Smith 970-563-2344

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

### 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

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

... 10:00-11:00 AM

WELCOME AGES 18+

In-person or Teams options  
Call for more Information

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

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEWEST GROUP!  
"BEADING CIRCLE"

LED BY JENNIFER GOODTRACKS

Come join us to learn the Traditional art of beading.  
Open to all Indigenous Community Members 13 and over.

Classes will be held Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 PM at the Behavioral Health building beginning August 30.

Please call 970-563-5700 for more information and to register.

Where to get to us  
4101 CR 222  
Durango, CO 81303





PUBLIC HEALTH

# La Plata County resident with West Nile virus dies

Residents reminded to avoid mosquito exposure

Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH



A La Plata County resident with West Nile virus, a mosquito-borne illness, died recently. This marks the fifth West Nile virus case in the San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) jurisdiction. SJBPH urges residents and visitors to take precautions to protect themselves and their families.

West Nile virus (WNV) is carried by mosquitoes and can be passed on to humans through bites from an infected mosquito. Those aged 60 and older and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk for serious illness.

Most people infected with mosquito-borne viruses do not get sick or have mild symptoms. For those who have symptoms, the time between the mosquito bite and the start of symptoms can be from two to 14 days. In rare cases, the virus can cause a serious brain infection such as meningitis or encephalitis.

These infections begin suddenly with high fever and headache and may progress to stiff neck, disorientation, tremors, and coma. Severe infections can result in

permanent brain damage or death. Most deaths occur in people over 50 years of age. There is no treatment for the virus other than supportive care, and there is no vaccine to prevent it. If you think you or a family member is sick with West Nile virus, consult a health care provider.

**To protect yourself:**

- Use insect repellents when you go outdoors. Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or para-menthane-diol products provide the best protection. For more information about insect repellents visit the EPA's information webpage. Always follow label instructions.
- Limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks in areas where

mosquitoes are active. Spray clothes with insect repellent for extra protection.

**To mosquito-proof your home:**

- Empty water from tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged gutters, rain barrels, birdbaths, toys, and puddles at least once every week.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors.

To learn more about the symptoms, treatments, and other information about West Nile Virus, visit SJBPH Communicable Diseases Information is also available from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Current and historic human case data for West Nile virus is also available on CDPHE's website, which is updated at least weekly during mosquito season.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

# Red flags of romance

Staff report

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE



There's a first time for everything and that includes love. The first time they walk home with you. The first time they call you on the phone or ask if you want a ride home on their motorcycle. There's a first time you put your arms around them to hold on for dear life and when they go faster you hold on tighter. It's all those firsts that can sometimes lead you to love ... or it can lead you to an uncomfortable and unpredictable situation.

**NAVIGATING NEW RELATIONSHIPS**

Understanding types of love, knowing how to identify the red flags of romance and taking a serious approach are good measures to take when navigating a new relationship.

**Romance & types of love**

Romance can be defined as the feelings of excitement and mystery associated with love; and to make things a little more interesting, there are eight types of love:

- Agape (love for everyone) Love of mankind or unselfish concern for the welfare of others.
- Philautia (self-love) - love that many have said is required before truly being able to love another.
- Storge (family love) love of parents for their children - strongly linked to long term memories.
- Philia (deep friendship) respectful love of friends and equals.
- Ludus (playful love) flirtatious, it's not serious, light-hearted.
- Eros (sexual passion) stirs the body and soul that burns hot but overtime fades or can turn into other types of love.
- Pragma (enduring love) love that builds over time with commitment and hard work.
- Mania (obsessive love) occurs when there is an imbalance in the relationship filled with insecurity and jealousy - at times it can be scary.

**Red flags can apply to all relationships**

Whether or not you are developing a healthy or toxic relationship with someone at work, at school, at the bar or online, there are "red flags" that are clear warning signs that something isn't right. However, all too often these signs are overlooked when an unsuspecting victim gives the benefit of the doubt to an undeserving perpetrator.

Key indicators or "red flags" can include the following seemingly harmless behaviors.

Either way, the person does not respect your boundaries.

**Moving Too Fast:** When a potential friend or lover wants to move too fast in the relationship, they may start to demand more of you and your time. Victim survivors can mitigate abuse before it happens by recognizing that a new partner wants a commitment way too soon. They may:

- Pressure you to have sex before you are ready.
- Shower you with compliments or seemingly put you on a pedestal.
- Act extremely jealous or possessive of you.

**Overprotective / Over reactive:**

Questionable behaviors may occur when your partner is being overly protective and wanting to know where you are at all times. Warning signs can include when your partner:

- Frequently calls, continuously messaging you and/or constantly asking where you are.
  - Follows you around and/or shows up at your home, school or work without invitation or warning.
  - Insists on driving you everywhere or checks your car mileage when you return.
- Isolation, teasing (belittling) and gaslighting:** These behaviors can easily be identified when your partner:
- Encourages you to quit school or work, or to stop participating in activities and hobbies.
  - Makes jokes about you or your culture or put you down for being Native.
  - Loses their temper with you or yells at you in private but stays calm around others.
  - Blames their former partners for abuse in previous relationships.

**ONLINE DATING**

**Catfishing:** Vague or incomplete profiles can be a sign that they are trying to hide something about themselves or pretend to be someone or something they are not.

**Digital abuse:** Sending sexually explicit photos or messages is a clear indication of not having respect for you. When this happens without your consent, it could be considered a form of sexual harassment. The same can be said when the interested party requests sexually explicit pictures.

Digital abuse also includes asking for your device passwords, sharing your private messages and using tracking devices to know your whereabouts which can be done without your consent or knowledge. It may seem like a harmless gesture used to keep track of you "for your safety," but over time can turn into something a bit more sinister.

**Online dating tips**

Until you establish a level of comfort between you and a potential partner, it is important to maintain your safety and privacy. Be careful not to provide too much personal information about yourself and that includes where you live.

- Instead of using your full name, use a nickname on your dating profile.
- If you are not comfortable saying, "yes" to a meet up, don't rush it and wait until you feel safe.
- If you do agree to meet up, go to a public area and tell a friend or relative about your plans.
- Bring a friend! Never meet up alone with a stranger or invite them to your place of residence.
- Listen to and trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, if something feels off, call off your date.
- If you are already in a meet up and are feeling unsafe, be sure to have a backup plan in order to call for help.

In summary, the art of romance can be fun and lead to healthy relationships, but when things seem too good to be true, they probably are, and your best line of defense is to pay attention to verbal and physical cues that something isn't right. Listen to your inner voice and trust your instincts.

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Source: <https://www.cosmopolitan.com/uk/love-sex/relationships/a34896557/types-of-love/>

## Showing solidarity



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud (far right) gives welcome remarks ahead of the Breastfeeding Awareness Walk and Community Baby Shower. Pictured left to right, Jr. Miss Southern Ute Leandra Litz, Lisa B. Smith, RDN, CLC Registered Dietitian Nutritionist with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness and Heather Sorensen, MSN, RN, Program Manager, Shining Mountain Health and Wellness. Community members were encouraged to meet up at SunUte Community Center to raise awareness and support for breastfeeding. Informational booths were provided along with healthy snack options during the event.

Shawmarie Tso, Patient Coordinator, RN, ALC and Lisa B. Smith, RDN, CLC Registered Dietitian Nutritionist — both with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness stand together for a portrait. SMHW staff were on hand to sign participants up for the one mile walk in support of breastfeeding families, celebrating their hard work and commitment, Thursday, Aug. 17.



### Employee Spotlight

**Favorite Hobbies:** Fixing up old houses.

**Dream Vacation:** Israel

**Guilty Pleasure:**

**Favorite Color:** Turquoise

**Favorite Song:** Kid Rock

**LES MILLS CORE LES MILLS SPRINT LES MILLS BODYPUMP**

**Heather Riley**  
Instructor since 2006

**What do you love most about teaching Group Fitness:**  
This is my 17th year of teaching LesMills Group Fitness and I still love it. I love the programs, I love the participants and I love that I can work out and have fun. SunUte has been an amazing place to call my gym home for all these years and allowing me to teach.

**What has been your greatest success in life and what helped you in achieving it?**  
My greatest success has been having a good family, children I am proud of and a husband that still loves me after 36 years. I love that we are able to live in this area for so long and make good friends and have a successful life. I attribute this to my faith and to hard work and being part of a great family.

**SunUte Member Sherrie Haynes has this to say about Heather:**  
Heather is great - I've had several classes with her through the years. She teaches every class with expertise and is able to keep us all in sync with her timely prompts. She has a keen sense of humor and ability to make us smile and feel at ease.

**SunUte Member Cyndy Ostermick has this to say about Heather:**  
Heather is competent with her Body Balance class. I totally enjoy going to her class. She doesn't push you anymore than you can do. And she makes you feel like whatever you are capable of is just fine.

### Employee Spotlight

**Favorite Song:** AVICII

**Favorite Book:** Anything James Patterson

**Dream Vacation:** Greece

**Guilty Pleasure:** Murder Podcasts

**Favorite Holiday:** Halloween

**Hobbies:** Running, Hiking or anything active!

**Mecca Bailey**  
Instructor since 2018

**What do you love most about teaching Group Fitness:**  
The energy of group exercise has always been my favorite part.

**If you could chose to do anything for a day, what would it be?**  
Experience something new with my family, I love adventure and trying new things and there's nothing better than doing it with the one's you love.

**Best Gift you ever received?**  
My dog Diesel, he was my Christmas present one year!

**SunUte Member Nancy Know has this to say about Mecca:**  
I love going to Mecca's classes because she is so upbeat and keeps us laughing through the pain! She is a great body balance instructor also and her Zumba classes are so much fun.

**SunUte Member Sharon Wickstrom this to say about Mecca:**  
Mecca is wonderful - I can't say enough good things about her. Her quirky, cheerful manner makes Body Pump go quickly and her impeccable timing teaching Zumba keeps me from tripping all over myself. I like how she laughs at herself and encourages us to do the same. She is a joy to be around.



courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA students: Nora'Lyn Goodtracks, Violet Powell, Scarlett Velasquez-Rodriguez, and Arnulfo Pardo IV; their teaching guides are Marilyn Olguin and Amanda Cray.

## SUIMA

### Pawaaghani Pe'okwatꞮ Eagle's Nest

*School is back in session and our first week went well!*

**By Mari Jo Owens,**  
*Principal*

SU MONTESORRI ACADEMY

With our students being as young as seven months old, we've had some tears but mostly the school has been filled with laughter and good energy. The staff and students were greeted by the apples, apricots, and grapes that are growing profusely around the school.

One of our activities coming up is the projects that will be submitted to the fair. We will also be working on the Education Department float.

#### Reminder

SUIMA's Parent/Student Handbook can be found at [www.suima.org](http://www.suima.org).

If you haven't turned your students' medical packet in, deadline is Friday, Sept. 29.

#### SUIMA School Board

We currently have a full school board with new members that will soon be voted into the vacant offices.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a letter of intent. Meeting dates will be in the next Southern Ute Drum.

#### Parent Advisory Group

Just like last year, the PAG meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month

via Zoom.

Please make sure you have signed up on your child's Classroom Do Jo so that you can get the meeting link. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 6 - 7 p.m.

#### Family Nights

SUIMA Family Nights will be held on Wednesday nights. A flier with dates will be published in the next Southern Ute Drum.

#### Upcoming events

- **Early Release every Friday!**
- **Aug. 25:** No School – Tribal Departments, which includes the Education Department, are participating in Employee Appreciation Day.
- **Sept. 4:** No School - Labor Day.
- **Sept. 8-10:** The 101st Southern Ute Tribal Fair – "Bread of Unity."
- **Sept. 22:** No School – Staff Professional Development Day.



courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA student Josiah Hight enjoys holding Carmel the guinea pig.



courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA Primary 4 student, Zahlayah Cloud, is excited to have the guinea pig, Licorice, walk to her.

## Tribe throws a bash!



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Students and families gather at the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division tent for free toys, stickers, and information during the Back to School Bash on Friday, Aug. 18. The Southern Ute Education Department in collaboration with various tribal departments hosted this community event, bringing families and their students together before the start of the new school year.



Siblings Lucas Rael, Bianca Weaver, Dominique Rael, and Amythest Weaver sit along the edge of a bowl drop at the Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park during the Back to School Bash. Students enjoyed games, park activities, raffles, and a free meal.



Students and their families enjoyed skate park fun, door prizes, and an outdoor movie. This community event was made possible by the Southern Ute Education Department, Southern Ute Social Services, Tribal Planning, Tribal Information Services, SunUte Community Center, Southern Ute Police Department, Sky Ute Casino Resort, and Cultural Preservation Department.

## Montessori welcomes students



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) had their Open House on Thursday, Aug. 17 on campus. Students and their families were able to drop off their school supplies and meet their teachers and classmates. Pictured are Mary and Patrick Eagle and their children, Gunner Eagle, TJ Monte and Marcia Monte.

Lower Elementary teacher Danielle Burns greets Tenetke and his mom LeAnn Wesley during the open house on Thursday, Aug. 17.



## Southern Ute Indian Tribe

### POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

*Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children*

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

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

**WHERE:** Online – Virtual sessions –

Download the "Microsoft Teams" App for access

**WHEN:** Tuesdays and Thursdays in September 2023

September 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>,

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Call Kellie at Southern Ute Division of Social Services to sign up

(970) 563-2337

## Free Meals for All Students

Thanks for the support of the Colorado voters and the Ignacio School Board. We are participating in the New Healthy School Meals for All program to provide free meals to all of our students.

There will be a Family Economics Data Survey to replace the Free & Reduced meal application that all families will need to complete. Families will be notified when this form is available to be completed through our parent portal on Infinite Campus. This data is essential in receiving additional funding for programs to support our students.

Adult Breakfast - \$2.50  
Adult Lunch - \$3.50  
We no longer allow meal charges.  
Adults must prepay for meals through the online meal account system.  
No cash transactions.



## Back 2 School Bash



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Ignacio Middle School held an open house Thursday, Aug. 17 to welcome students and their families back to school. Dayna Talamante-Montoya, IMS Principal formally welcomed everyone and introduced the Middle School faculty.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Ignacio Middle School seventh grade math teacher, Tori Burch shares her expectations for the semester in her classroom to Shiri Howell and son, Joe during the orientation.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Allison deKay paints student's faces during the Ignacio School District Back 2 School Bash held on Thursday, Aug. 17 with activities along Romero Ave. Students and their families enjoyed various food vendors, games, and treats after meeting with their new teachers.

SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth serves snow cones to students during the Ignacio School District, Back 2 School Bash on Thursday, Aug. 17. The SunUte booth proved to be very popular amongst students and their families.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

## Bridging the Gap



photos courtesy SunUte

On the last day of the Bridge the Gap programming, students went fishing at Lake Capote, Thursday, Aug. 17. SunUte Community Center offers gratitude to Wildlife Technician, Jon Broholm for his help and patience as the youth learned to fish.

Students A.J. Height, Nathan Velasquez, Arnesto Velasquez, Harley Joy and Osias Velasquez enjoy popcorn and other snacks before watching the latest Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movie on Tuesday, Aug. 15 – kicking off the Bridge the Gap program hosted by SunUte Community Center. Students enjoy a busy week of activities before the start of the new school year.



### BOBCAT BULLETIN

## Greetings from the Ignacio School District

By Chris deKay,  
Superintendent  
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT



Chris deKay  
Superintendent  
Ignacio School District

The school year in the Ignacio District is off to a great start. The first day of school, on Monday, August 21, was filled with both excitement and nervousness. The staff has been working diligently over the summer months to be prepared as we enter the 2023-24 school year. We have both positive and proven leadership at the elementary school this year. Shau-na Branch will be the principal and she will be assisted by Dana Stanley. They bring in a combined total of over thirty years of principal experience from New Mexico. Our leadership at the secondary schools will be continuous and consistent as both principals will be back. Dayna Talamante-Montoya will guide the Middle School and Barb Fjerstad will be the High School Principal. Jennifer Moore will assist with High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director duties while Spencer Cone will support at the Middle School. Cori Stevens will be in her third year as curriculum director and assessment coordinator.

Each school will blend some new staff members in with seasoned veterans. Staff week was positive, energetic, and focused. The staff has been working on aligning curriculum, developing pacing guides, improving engagement, and differentiation strategies for students. We are blessed to have such

an amazing staff and we truly look forward to working with the children and families of this community.

We are grateful for the attendance and participation at all of the school district's activities throughout the month of August. Both Bobcat Boost and Jump Start were very well attended at the Elementary School and Middle School, respectively. These two programs, which were run for the first two weeks of August, allowed students to work on academic skills and to get familiar with the routine expected for the school year.

The Back to School Bash on Thursday, Aug. 17 allowed parents and students to meet their teacher and become familiar with their respective schools. The district is committed to improved communication with parents and guardians this year. A specialist was hired over the summer, and we will continue to improve our messaging through Class Dojo, Infinite

Campus, and social media. Please become familiar with these programs through your building secretary and be on the lookout for all of the wonderful events and activities coming your way throughout the year.

We are asking for the support of all families to focus on improving school attendance this year. Attendance issues have a direct impact on academic growth, social-emotional stability, and overall success in school. A new attendance policy was put into place last year and supported increased parent meetings and interventions with students. Sadly, some students will have to repeat the same grade this year as they missed out acquiring the necessary skills to move into the next grade due to high absenteeism. With the pandemic behind us, attending school in person must be a high priority. Please contact your school principal as soon as possible if your family needs support getting your children to school regularly.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. We look forward to having an excellent school year and are targeting high academic growth and increased student engagement through differentiation strategies as areas of improvement. We are proud to serve this community and will continue to strive to make a positive impact on each child that comes through our doors. Together we will engage, empower, and prepare all of our learners for the future.

## Forum for farmers



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Pueblo Community College partnered to host a Farmers Forum, Wednesday, Aug. 16 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The program, dedicated to fostering discussions and promoting new agricultural courses, invited local farmers to express their ideas. Among the speakers that night was Southern Ute tribal member Marvin Pinnecoose, who shared his thoughts, challenges, and experiences as a beginning farmer taking over his families' land assignment north of Ignacio.

Longtime farmer, James "Mike" Olguin shakes hands with Colorado State University Extension- Western Region Accessible Education Specialist, Greg Felsen, who was on hand to help answer questions and provide information on behalf of Colorado State University.



Storytime at Ignacio Community Library!  
now on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Bring the young ones in your life to enjoy stories, songs and crafts!



## AIR QUALITY

### Air quality and smoke outlook related to regional wildfires

*Smoke from wildfires can cause unhealthy PM levels*

**Staff report**  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS  
DIVISION

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division continuously collects ambient air monitoring data at three locations on the Reservation to ensure that the air is healthy for tribal members and residents of the Reservation and surrounding communities. This data and corresponding EPA Air Quality Index (AQI) health alerts are available in real-time on the Tribe's ambient monitoring program website to help people make informed decisions about when the outdoor air is healthy to breathe. The stations are located in Ignacio (Ute 1), on Bondad Hill (Ute 3), and at Lake Capote (MMS).

Smoke from wildfires can cause unhealthy levels of fine particulate matter (PM) in the air. The Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program issued Smoke Outlook Advisories related to the Bear Creek and Quartz Ridge fires. The Environmental Programs Division ambient air monitoring stations will issue an air quality alert if the condi-

tions worsen. The Tribe's ambient monitoring program can be viewed at: [www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/)

The two primary air quality issues of concern on the Reservation are smoke and dust particulate matter from local, regional, and western wildfires and dust storms, and ground level ozone, which forms during the summer months due to a chemical reaction in the atmosphere between volatile organic compounds (VOCs), nitrogen oxides (NOx) and heat/sunlight.

Particulate matter is continuously measured at the Ignacio and Bondad Hill mon-

itoring locations and ozone is monitored at all three locations. Measured air pollutant concentrations fluctuate throughout the day based on wind speed and direction, solar radiation, humidity, pressure and temperature.

The table below summarizes the number of days in 2023 where the AQI was Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or worse.

For the remainder of 2023 there is low likelihood for days to be Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or worse for ozone. The likelihood for days like that for PM will depend on the number, severity and location of fires. In the event such occurs, the AQP will issue an air quality alert.

For more information about how to understand the AQI forecast, follow the links below:

**AQI Basics – AirNow.gov**  
[www.airnow.gov/aqi/aqi-basics/](http://www.airnow.gov/aqi/aqi-basics/)

**Ground-level Ozone Basics – US EPA**  
[www.epa.gov/ground-level-ozone-pollution/ground-level-ozone-basics](http://www.epa.gov/ground-level-ozone-pollution/ground-level-ozone-basics)

**Wildfire Smoke Resources to Protect Your Health – US EPA**  
[www.epa.gov/smoke-ready-toolbox-wildfires/wildfire-smoke-resources-protect-your-health](http://www.epa.gov/smoke-ready-toolbox-wildfires/wildfire-smoke-resources-protect-your-health)

Pollutant	Unhealthy for Sensitive People	Unhealthy	Very Unhealthy	Hazardous
Ozone	2			
PM		1		

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### EPA offers Colorado \$531K for stormwater collection, sewer system upgrades

*Funding available to financially distressed communities*

**Staff report**  
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced \$531,000 in Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant program funding to help Colorado communities address stormwater and sewer infrastructure needs.

States may now apply for grant assistance to fund projects that will help municipalities strengthen their wastewater and stormwater collection systems against increasingly intense rain events and prevent contaminants from polluting waterways. Thanks to program updates made by the Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America Agenda, the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant program will ensure small and financially distressed communities receive grant assistance at no cost.

"Heavy rainfall can flood communities, overload facilities that collect and treat wastewater and contaminate our waterways with sewage and pollution," said KC Becker, EPA Regional Administrator. "With \$531,000 in grant funding, EPA is helping Colorado address the threat of stormwater inundation in communities that need it most."

Stormwater management is a complex environmen-



tal challenge for communities across the country. The costs to construct, operate and maintain stormwater infrastructure can be significant. This investment follows changes made by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to prioritize projects for small and/or financially distressed communities and prevents cost share requirements from being passed on to these communities.

This funding for Colorado is part of the \$50 million in grants that EPA made available nationally. Learn more about the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant program.

Stormwater can be a significant source of water pollution and a public health concern. Stormwater can collect various pollutants including trash, chemicals, oils and sediment and convey them to nearby waterways. Stormwater and groundwater can also enter wastewater collection systems through stormwater

routed to the sewage system, manholes in low-lying area, and leaky or broken sewer pipes. When mixed with domestic and industrial wastewater, stormwater can overwhelm the wastewater sewer pipes and contribute to sewer overflows during heavy storm events.

In the past, states and communities shared a portion of the costs associated with projects funded through the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant program. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law changed the program so that 25% of Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant program funds go to available projects in small and/or financially distressed communities. To encourage investment in these critical projects, EPA also modified the grant program so that state grantees are not required to contribute cost share money for projects in small or financially distressed communities.

## PF token of appreciation



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Chonita Lucero of Agriculture receives her complimentary backpack from Southern Ute Human Resources Administrative Assistant, Mollie Bellino as part of the annual Southern Ute Permanent Fund's Employee Appreciation Day. All permanent fund employees received a backpack from the Human Resources Dept.

## Multi-Purpose Facility September Quilt & Sewing Class Tuesday - Thursday - September 12-14, 2023



**10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**  
*Holiday Table Runner*

- Supply List:  
Fat quarters:  
4—1/4 yard of green fabrics  
1/2 yard green fabric (includes binding)  
3— 1/4 yard of 3 red fabrics  
1/2 yard white background  
5/8 yard of backing (red or green)

Call to sign up - Have a question? Call Elise 970-563-2641  
Need more information? Call the Multi-Purpose Facility 970-563-2640 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

## Multi-Purpose Facility September Indoor Yard Sale

**Saturday September 16, 2023**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



**No Admission Fee No Set-up Fee Doors open 8:00 AM**



**Make and Take Crafting  
with Sandy Seibert  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call the MPF to reserve your table 563-2640  
e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)



## Multi-Purpose Facility August Beading & Traditional Sewing Class "Unfinished Projects" Tuesday & Thursday, August 29 & 31, 2023



**Two Day Sessions: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Two Evening Sessions: Tuesday & Wednesday 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Need help finishing your beading or sewing projects?  
Bring your unfinished beading and sewing projects.

**Space is limited call to sign-up.**



For more information: 970-563-2640 or 970-563-2641  
email: [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)



## Media on the move!



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ignacio Community Library Director, Marcia Vining and bookmobile driver, Dixie Cook stand for a photo with "Dewey," the bookmobile, Wednesday, Aug. 2. Introduced earlier this year, Dewey, the library's bookmobile currently has three established routes throughout the community. For more information about Dewey's times and locations check out the Library's website or give them a call.

There's something for everyone on the bookmobile – including movies, books and so much more! The Ignacio Community Library is continually looking for more opportunities to serve the community.

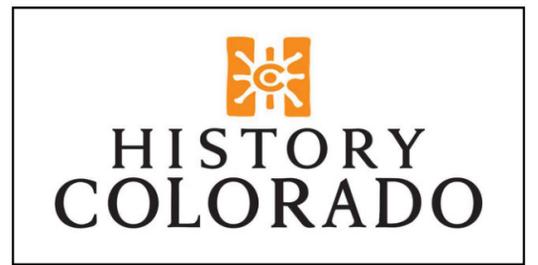


## HISTORY COLORADO

# Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Farm and Ranch Enterprise recognized among honorees

*Twenty-five Centennial Farms & Ranches recognized*

Staff report  
HISTORY COLORADO



History Colorado is happy to announce the twenty-five Centennial Farms & Ranches honorees for 2023. Created in partnership with the Colorado Department of Agriculture, the Centennial Farms & Ranches Program honors the contributions of the state's ranching and farming families who have withstood the pressures of growth, changes in farming methods, drought, and economic conditions to preserve important pieces of our state's commercial and cultural history.

The 2023 honorees include both farms and ranches as well as families, agribusinesses, and a farmer who dedicated the majority of their more than 100 years of life to agricultural pursuits within Colorado. Honorees were recognized at the 2023 Colorado State Fair on Friday, Aug. 25 at the Colorado State Fairgrounds in Pueblo, Colo.

"In Colorado, agriculture is foundational to understanding our collective roots," said Dawn DiPrince, president/CEO of History Colorado and State Historic Preservation Officer. "This beloved annual event spotlights the agricultural people and families who have persevered for more than 100 years and continue to preserve the food systems that nourish us."

In addition to celebrating the 2023 Centennial Farms & Ranches honorees, DiPrince and Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture, Kate Greenberg, will present the second annual Agricultural Legacy Awards.

**Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Farm and Ranch Enterprise | Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture Legacy in Agriculture Award | Montezuma County**

Nestled in Southwest Col-

orado below the sleeping Ute Mountain on Ute Mountain Ute Tribal land, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Farm and Ranch Enterprise is a true beacon of adaptation, innovation, and sustainability. Rooted in Tribal culture and history, this 7700-acre operation - built over the last nearly four decades by General Manager Simon Martinez and his team - raises alfalfa, corn, and cattle.

The team leading the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Farm and Ranch Enterprise never ceases to be on the leading edge of agricultural production, conservation, and cultural legacy. The enterprise raises everything from iconic Bow & Arrow Livestock and non-GMO corn meal by the same name that supplies restaurants around the country. The Farm and Ranch Enterprise also employs microhydro energy production and advanced irrigation technology, all while following the beneficial use of the water decree by the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement.

A complete list of the 2023 Centennial Farms & Ranches honorees can be found here.

### About the Centennial Farms & Ranches Program

History Colorado, the Colorado Department of Agriculture, and the Colorado State Fair have partnered to honor Colorado's agricultural heritage through the Centennial Farms & Ranches program since 1986, when the program was initiated by former Governor Richard Lamm.

In 2022, the Centennial Farms & Ranches program was expanded to recognize four categories of honorees associated with the agricultural history of the State of Colorado:

- Centennial Farms or Ranches – farms or ranches that have belonged to the same family for at least 100 years, and are currently working farms or ranches
- Centennial Families – families with agricultural experience in Colorado that spans 100 or more years (eg. 1923-present), not necessarily as landowners
- Centennial Farmers or Ranchers – individuals 100 years of age or older who have spent a majority of their life in agricultural pursuits within the State of Colorado, even if they were not landowners
- Centennial AgriBusiness – organizations or businesses that have been in operation for 100 or more years and primarily serve the agricultural community in Colorado (examples: seed companies, farm implement manufacturers, Farm Bureaus, etc.)

More than 663 families, agribusinesses, and individuals have been recognized by the program. Collectively, they represent the powerful history of Colorado's farmers and ranchers who have sustained, supported, and innovated for more than 100 years.

August 21, 2023



## NEWS UPDATE

### Tribal Planning has a new email!

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

The purpose of this email is to collect information about maintenance needs on SU Roads from the Tribal membership and Tribal Employees, who hunt or access Tribal Roads.

#### What Tribal Planning ask of you.

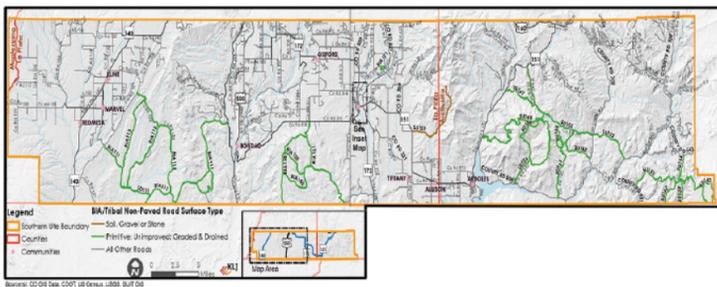
- What SU roads need maintenance?
- Is the road a low or high priority?
- Use the Tribes [land status](#) website to mark the problem area or get Longitude/Latitude.  
=> [HHS:geo.southernute.com/landstatus](https://hhs.gov/southernute.com/landstatus)
- Have photos of the road. (Don't need them, just ask if you have them).
- A detailed description of issue of the road.
- A point-of-contact.

#### What Tribal Planning can do.

Given the above information, Tribal Planning, SU Road Maintenance, and with the GIS department, can identify the road and schedule an on-site. From there we will set a high-low priority for the road and a project date for the repair. Once the issue has been resolved, verification will be relayed back to the reporting party.

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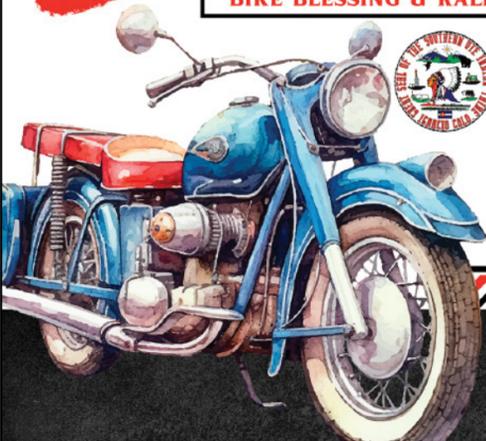
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## Native Love host Indigenous Fashion Show



Aislinn Ryder rocked a custom skirt and beaded hat.



O'hozhoni Larry displays why she was the winner of the Back-to-School category.



Abel Velasquez strutted his stuff, wearing a beaded hat as well as a medallion.



Tasha Rodriguez was in full form, wearing a custom beaded hat and earrings.



Native Love board member, Oolcu Buckskin recognized other Native Love Board and Committee members.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum

**The first annual Indigenous Fashion show, hosted by Native Love, showcased native artistry in clothing and jewelry. The fashion show hosted vendors selling their hand-made arts and crafts, some contributing their work to the fashion show. Items of various pieces of original artwork, bead work and jewelry were given away during the event. A screening of Shalina Luna's film "Her Silent Voice" of the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR) in the state of Colorado.**

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## 101st ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR & POWWOW

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. All Exhibits Entry (Except Baking, Livestock) – SUCCM, Large Classroom

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. **Baking & Livestock Exhibits Entry**  
*Baking – SUCCM Large Classroom; Livestock – Sky Ute Fairgrounds*  
 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. **Exhibits Displayed – SUCCM, Large Classroom**

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

8 a.m. – 11 a.m. **Fishing Derby – Scott's Pond**  
 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. **Annual Softball Challenge – Patrick Silva Softball Field**  
 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. **Exhibits Displayed – SUCCM, Large Classroom**  
 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Livestock Displayed – Sky Ute Fairgrounds**  
 10 a.m. **3-on-3 Basketball Tournament – SunUte Community Center**  
 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. **Fair Kick-Off Meal – Sky Ute Casino Resort**  
 12 p.m. **Corn Hole Tournament – Multi-Purpose Facility, Park**  
 4 p.m. **Youth Games – Multi-Purpose Facility, Park**  
 5 – 7 p.m. **Gourd Dance Sessions – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena**  
 5 – 6 p.m. **3-Man Handgame Tournament (Registration) – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn**  
 6 p.m. **3-Man Handgame Tournament – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn**  
 7 p.m. **Powwow Grand Entry – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena**

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

7 a.m. **Ouray-Vigil Family Veteran's Memorial Run/Walk – SunUte, Park**  
 7:30 a.m. **Archery 3-D Shoot – SunUte Archery Range (Multi-Purpose Facility)**  
 7:30 a.m. **Parade Registration/Line-Up – (Registration) Ignacio High School**  
 7:30 a.m. **Kiddie Parade Registration/Line-Up – (Registration) Ignacio High School**  
 8 a.m. **Men's & Women's Softball Tourney – Patrick Silva Softball Field**  
 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Livestock Displayed – Sky Ute Fairgrounds**  
 10 a.m. **Parade & Kiddie Parade – Goddard Ave. (Main Street)**  
 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Gourd Dance Sessions – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena**  
 12 p.m. **Outdoor 3-on-3 Co-ed Volleyball Tournament (Registration) – SunUte, Park**  
 1 p.m. **Sam Burch Memorial Horsemanship – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield**  
 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. **Exhibits Displayed – SUCCM, Large Classroom**  
 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. **Sasquatch Archery Shoot – Location (TBA)**  
 1 p.m. **Powwow Grand Entry – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena**  
 2 p.m. **Arm Wrestling Tournament – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield**  
 2 p.m. **Jalapeño Eating Contest – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield**  
 2 – 3 p.m. **Main Handgame Tournament (Registration) – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn**  
 3 p.m. **Main Handgame Tournament – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn**  
 4 p.m. **Native REZ-olution Youth Concert XIII – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield**  
 5 p.m. **Skate Competition – Piinu Nucchi Skatepark**  
 5 p.m. **Tug-O-War: 12-on-12, Open Co-Ed; Tug-O-War: Women & Men, Open; Tug-O-War: Kids, Open Co-Ed – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield**  
 5 – 7 p.m. **Gourd Dance Sessions – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena**  
 7 p.m. **Powwow Grand Entry – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield**  
 Dusk **Fireworks Display – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield**

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

8 a.m. **Co-Ed Softball Tourney – Patrick Silva Softball Field**  
 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. **Pancake Breakfast – Sky Ute Fairgrounds**  
 8:30 a.m. **Golf Tournament – Hillcrest Golf Club, Durango, CO**  
 9 a.m. **Tipi Raising Contest – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield**  
 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Exhibit Pick-Up/Premium Payouts – SUCCM, Large Classroom**  
 11 a.m. **Greased Pole Climb – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield**  
 11 a.m. **Frybread Contest – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield**  
 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Gourd Dance Sessions – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena**  
 12 p.m. **Baby Contest – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn**  
 Afternoon Session **Powwow Drummers Jalapeño Eating Contest – Sky Ute Fairgrounds Arena**

### Welcome to the 101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair!

Fairs are a time-honored tradition where people from all walks of life come together to celebrate their shared community. Here at the Southern Ute Tribal Fair, we are proud to offer something for everyone, from delicious food and exciting entertainment to fascinating cultural exhibits, dancing, and games.

We are especially excited to welcome our tribal members, community, and guests to join us in honoring our culture and heritage through a variety of competitions, exhibitions, and traditional activities. Whether you are a longtime fan of the fair or a first-time visitor, we know you will find something to enjoy.

More information about the fair's events and activities can be found in the Premium Book, or you can follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the Southern Ute Drum for the latest updates.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the tribal staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to organize this year's fair. We appreciate your dedication and hard work in making this celebration possible.

Thank you for visiting the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. May the Creator bless you and your loved ones!

*Toghoyaqh!*  
 Melvin J. Baker, Chairman  
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### Specials Request Southern Ute Fair Powwow

September 8, 9, and 10, 2023

Anyone requesting a special during the Southern Ute Fair Powwow of September 8, 9 or 10, 2023, must submit in writing to the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. Specify the date and time, include a phone number and submit to the Committee's Secretary Rochelle Aguilar at P.O. Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137 or you can email to: soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov. Should you have any questions please call 970-563-2990.

**Deadline to submit is September 1, 2023 at 5 pm.**

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

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## NAJA VOTES TO CHANGE NAME • FROM PAGE 1



Felicia Fonseca/Indigenous Affairs, Associated Press

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA), now officially renamed the Indigenous Journalists Association (IJA), awarded The Southern Ute Drum newspaper a total of five media awards in its annual National Native Media Awards competition, including the prestigious honor of winning first-place for General Excellence and first-place for Best Digital Publication. Winners were announced in person at the National Native Media Awards conference in Winnipeg, Ontario, Saturday, Aug. 12.

dan Bennett-Begaye, Angel Ellis and Savannah Maher were elected to positions on the executive committee.

- Christine Trudeau (Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation), president
- Jourdan Bennett-Begaye (Diné), vice president
- Angel Ellis (Muscogee Nation), treasurer;
- and Savannah Maher (Mashpee Wampanoag), secretary

Sunnie Clahchischiligi (Diné) and Joseph Lee (Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head) were newly elected to serve on the board of directors. Jourdan Bennett-Begaye (Diné) is a returning board.

Angel Ellis (Muscogee Creek Nation), Savannah Maher (Mashpee Wampanoag), Angel Moore (Peguis First Nation), Shondin Silversmith (Diné), Jodi Rave Spotted Bear (Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation / Lakota) and Christine Trudeau (Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation) will remain seated for the duration of their terms.

NAJA/IJA Executive Director Rebecca Landsberry-Baker said the operation has been preparing for the proposed rebrand for the last year, including developing a new website.

“Once again, our members have thoughtfully considered a name change to be more inclusive of Indig-

enous journalists globally. I’m looking forward to expanding support for our members and the communities we serve over IJA’s next 40 years,” Landsberry-Baker said.

For information about the group and its expansion, visit [www.naja.com](http://www.naja.com) or the new website at [www.indigenousjournalists.org](http://www.indigenousjournalists.org).

### About the Indigenous Journalists Association

IJA serves more than 850 members, including media professionals working in Indigenous, freelance, independent and mainstream news outlets, as well as academia and students covering Indigenous peoples and communities.

## Rising in the ranks



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Police Department and Tribal Rangers held a promotional ceremony in the large J&R conference room, Friday, Aug. 18, to celebrate the promotion of two SUPD Lieutenants, two Sergeants, and a Ranger Captain. Pictured left to right: Justice & Regulatory Director, Chris Mimmack, Captain Jim Coleman, Lieutenant Mark Kempinski, Tom Boyce Acting Chief, Lieutenant Gary Maestas, and Sergeant Khaera Chee-Wauneka.

SUPD Sergeant Khaera Chee-Wauneka, having recently received a promotion within the Southern Ute Police Department, gets a new badge ceremoniously pinned to her uniform for the first time by husband, Adrian Wauneka, Friday, Aug. 18.



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Seen pumping up one of her players at the preseason Pirate 4 Corners Scrimmages in Pagosa Springs, Colo. on Saturday, Aug. 12, Ignacio High School graduate Jennifer Seibel (née Ruybal, Class of 2004) is excited to be coaching the Volleycat varsity – her first such assignment in 2023.

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

# IHS alumna eager to lead Volleycats

Seibel takes varsity reins from Pontine

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With the 2023 high-school volleyball season getting underway earlier this week, Jennifer Seibel was plenty energized over the fact that her first season directing a varsity program would begin with three consecutive home matches in her hometown.

“I was a three-sport athlete – volleyball, basketball and track – for the Bobcats,” said the former Jennifer Ruybal, a 2004 Ignacio High graduate replacing predecessor Shasta Pontine, whose Volleycats went a combined 33-19 overall – with a 14-2 record against the San Juan Basin League’s Class 2A teams, and an 18-4 mark in all official 2A/1A SJBL play – during her two seasons at the helm. “And I’m a Bobcat, what else can I say? I bleed red and ... yeah, I’m happy to be here!”

“About 95 percent of the girls, they went through my (middle-school) program! They know me as a coach and I feel like we have a pretty good relationship; they know my expectations,” she said, alluding to her successful 16-year stretch at IMS. “I had parents on my back – in a good way – about me stepping up (to IHS), and the seniors ... really wanted me to come up.”

“I was like, ‘You know what? They’ve gone through adversity with in their careers, and this is such a good group – how can I say no? It was a when-you-know, you-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio now-junior Ollyvia Howe puts up a block during action at the preseason Pirate 4 Corners Scrimmages on Saturday, Aug. 12, in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Howe will again be counted upon in 2023 to provide the Volleycats with a strong presence at the net.

know moment.”

“To have that kind of mentorship role for girls, I think that was another huge push for me,” she continued. “I felt I could really make a difference in them through sports – what better way to learn life lessons? I think that’s why I stayed at that (middle-school) level so long; I felt like I could really get through and help them. And help myself too; it’s a two-way street.”

With sister-in-law – via being married to IHS Girls’ Basketball head coach Trae – Cloe (IHS Class of

2014) on board as her varsity assistant coach, Seibel will also be aided by new JV skipper Jocelyn Kinsey (née Swayze, Class of 1988) and C-team leader Marisa Carmenoros (Class of 2021).

“Day by day, I’m focused on our improvement. We’ve really got to work ourselves to grow every single day,” said Seibel. “I anticipate it’s going to be a fight every single match, to get better and grow and stay together as a team. I

IHS alumna page 14



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Devante Montoya (11) breaks a kickoff return outside, leaving two North Fork players in his wake during season-opening, non-conference action Saturday, Aug. 19, at IHS Field. Montoya intercepted two passes plus recovered a fumble defensively, but the team managed just six points offensively in a loss to the Hotchkiss-based Miners.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

# Miners bury Bobcats in opener, 45-6

First-quarter hole inescapable for IHS

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Recording two interceptions and one red-zone fumble recovery on the defensive side of the football, plus gaining 74 yards on four kickoff returns, Devante Montoya turned in the sort of performance Saturday afternoon, August 19, which Ignacio head coach Alfonso ‘Ponch’ Garcia hopes will be repeated as often as possible in 2023.

“I’ll tell you what, (Devante’s) our ace. He’s one of our captains, so he should be one of our leaders,” Garcia had said after a non-conference game last fall. “I’m not going to lie, he’s probably going to be our main target (offensively) because he’s our most experienced kid.”

Unfortunately, visiting North Fork not only limited Montoya’s targets as a receiver but held the senior to just one catch for eight yards while pressuring – and often sacking – sophomore quarterback Zane Pontine. Meanwhile, NFHS sophomore Braeden Flores put up a stat line he might remember for quite some time:

Six point-after-touchdown attempts with as many makes, one made field goal in as many tries and, despite seeing most his action as the Miners’ placekicker (senior incumbent Maddie Brezonick was unavailable), three ‘victory formation’ kneeldowns as the guests’ third

option at quarterback – polishing off a season-opening 45-6 road win at IHS Field.

Hotchkiss-based NFHS got on the scoreboard via their very first drive – an all-run 6-play, 44-yard push consuming just 2:17 of the first quarter and capped by senior fullback Lane Allen’s 5-yard touchdown carry – and never lost the upper hand.

Junior Payson Pene then intercepted Pontine two plays into the Bobcats’ ensuing possession, putting North Fork (1-0, 0-0 IA Western Slope) in business at IHS’ 14-yard line with 7:53 left in the first. And though an apparent TD by senior Hayden Moreno was wiped out by penalty, the Miners still added to their lead when Flores booted a 31-yard FG with 6:00 remaining.

Moreno would break up a long Pontine pass on 2nd-and-11, and Ignacio (0-1, 0-0 IA South Central) soon sent lineman Stephen Habel back to punt on 4th-and-7 with the ball snapped from the Bobcat 18. The move-in freshman’s kick grossed 27 yards, but netted minus-18 after Moreno took it to the house and increased NFHS’ lead to 16-0 prior to Flores’ second PAT.

An intentional-grounding infraction off-tracked IHS’ next series, leading to another Habel punt. But after the Miners set up shop at Ignacio’s 49 with 1:55 to go, Montoya picked off a first-down throw and returned

it 23 yards to North Fork’s 39. The opening 12 minutes, however, would expire with Pontine sacked on third down and IHS trailing 17-0.

Habel punted, and though the unreturned kick netted just 16 yards, the Bobcats managed to force a turnover-on-downs at NFHS’ 48 after seven plays. The stop came at a cost, however; senior offensive/defensive lineman Kyle Rima was lost for the rest of the non-conference contest to a possible knee injury while helping tackle Allen with 10:09 left in the first half.

A sack of Pontine by Miner sophomore Joe Hollembek sufficiently disrupted Ignacio’s subsequent drive, and after another Habel punt, North Fork needed just two plays and 37 seconds to go 72 yards and inflate the score to 24-0 – via a 47-yard Moreno run with 5:19 left, plus Flores PAT.

Montoya returned the resulting kickoff a promising 29 yards out to the IHS 33, but the ‘Cats would again go three-and-out. And again, the enemy made them pay. Following Pene’s return to the North Fork 44 of a Habel punt, the Miners capitalized and used only 1:17 worth of clock to surge 56 yards in four plays – the last being a 10-yard Pene TD run with 1:21 left until halftime. Flores’ right leg was again accurate and NFHS would go back to their lockdown

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## Bobcats open season



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Corey Gomez (188) leads senior Phillip Quintana (190) and freshman Judah Ashley (180) through a section of the course Saturday, Aug. 19, at the season-opening 2023 Boggy Draw Bear Chase hosted by Dolores.

Ignacio senior Lauren deKay (536) was the only Lady Bobcat entered in the high-school girls’ race Saturday, Aug. 19, at the season-opening 2023 Boggy Draw Bear Chase hosted by Dolores.

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## SunUte hosts multi-sports camps



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Youth athletes work hard to score a goal during the Men's and Women's Soccer Camp on Friday, Aug. 11, hosted by SunUte Community Center in collaboration with Fort Lewis College. Athletes learned the fundamental skills of soccer in rounds of training, after meeting the team in a friendly match of bowling at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.



courtesy SunUte

AhKeem Williams poses with a member of the FLC men's soccer team Friday, Aug. 11, during the SunUte Sports Camps, a collaboration between the college and SunUte Community Center in Ignacio.



courtesy SunUte

The Fort Lewis College Women's Volleyball team give handshakes to youth athletes after a long day of training on Saturday, Aug. 19. FLC Athletes bid farewell to the younger athletes following the two-day camp.



courtesy SunUte

Fort Lewis College athlete, Luisayde Chavez watches closely as Aa'mari Bell of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe works on her dribbling skills. The FLC Women's Basketball team hosted 57 youth athletes on Sunday, Aug. 20 at SunUte Community Center.

### IHS ALUMNA EAGER TO LEAD • FROM PAGE 13

have no doubt that we will do well, but I just want to focus on being in the moment and what we have in front of us."

Senior middle Soly-mar Cosio returns to anchor the Volleyscats' net presence along with junior middle Ollyvia Howe, while senior Kacey Brown appears to be Seibel's initial go-to at setter, with freshman Kelly Sirios – her daughter – an alternate option. Already established as libero/defensive specialist types, seniors Maci Barnes and Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga will likely see their roles expanded offensively. Junior Marissa Olguin also returns, and freshman Lily Quintana also saw much court time at the pre-season Pirate 4 Corners Scrimmages, hosted August 12 by 3A Pagosa Springs.

"We've got a handful of seniors who set the tone for our younger girls. They bring that competitive spirit to our team, and it just amps everybody up," Seibel said. "So I'd say leadership is our strong point – the biggest thing I preach is that the team comes first. 'Team' above anyone."

"They're such great girls, a special group, and I'm excited to help them out."

Results from Ignacio's season-opener Tuesday, August 22, versus 3A Montezuma-Cortez, and 8/24 follow-up versus non-league 2A Del Norte were unavailable at press time. The 'Cats (14-11 overall, 8-3 SJBL, 6-2 2A SJBL in '22) were then to begin league play on



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen throwing a ball into play during a warmup drill at the pre-season Pirate 4 Corners Scrimmages in Pagosa Springs, Colo. on Saturday, Aug. 12, Ignacio High School graduate Jennifer Seibel (née Ruybal, Class of 2004) will be coaching the Volleyscat varsity – her first such assignment in 2023.

the 29th against Mancos (18-7, 8-3, 7-1) and NCAA Div. I Montana State University commit Teya Yeomans.

The SJBL still looks the same in 2023, with IHS, MHS, Telluride, Dolores and Ridgway comprising its Class 2A side. Dove Creek, Nucla, Norwood will return on the 1A side, as will Ouray (albeit in a JV-only capacity).

"What's our goal?" You know? And 'How do we get

there together?' That's kind of my thing this year, to keep these girls disciplined and ... always moving forward despite the hardships and battles. Because they're inevitable, you know?" said Seibel. "So just stay in the moment ... have fun ... and compete at a high level!"

After hosting Mancos, the 'Cats will then start September up in Kremmling at the Sept. 1-2 West Grand Invitational.

### MINERS BURY BOBCATS • FROM PAGE 13

er room up 31-0.

Pene returned IHS senior Wade Dunbar's second-half kickoff 14 yards to the Miner 47, and North Fork's drive began with 11:54 showing on the clock. With 11:45 showing, the outsiders' advantage had grown to 38-0 after Moreno took a handoff from senior Hunter Moreno and blasted right through the middle for a morale-crushing 53-yard score.

Set up at their own 48 with 3:31 remaining following Montoya's second pick and 21-yard return, the 'Cats finally broke through and avoided a shutout fate. Helped by a 10-yard penalty tacked onto a 4-yard run by sophomore Lincoln deKay, Ignacio got on the board with 1:32 left when senior Rylan Maez dove and stretched the football just over the goal line, completing a 27-yard TD reception from Pontine along the visitors' sideline.

Junior Charlie Pargin's PAT try, however, was virtually smothered by NFHS sophomore Stellar Cook, leaving the score standing 38-6 after the 4-play, 52-yard possession. But the success was short-lived; after covering Dunbar's squib kick at their own 37 with 1:31 remaining in the quarter, the Miners covered the required 63 yards in four swift snaps and hit paydirt for the last time via Hayden Moreno's 35-yard TD pass to Hunter Moreno, who somehow caught the ball between Montoya and senior Marcus Maez, then



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Rylan Maez tackles North Fork's A.J. Lozano (44) for a loss Saturday, Aug. 19, during season-opening non-conference action at IHS Field. On offense, Maez caught a third-quarter touchdown pass for the Bobcats' only points in a loss to the Hotchkiss-based Miners.

slipped into the end zone with 0:26.1 left as the converging 'Cats collided.

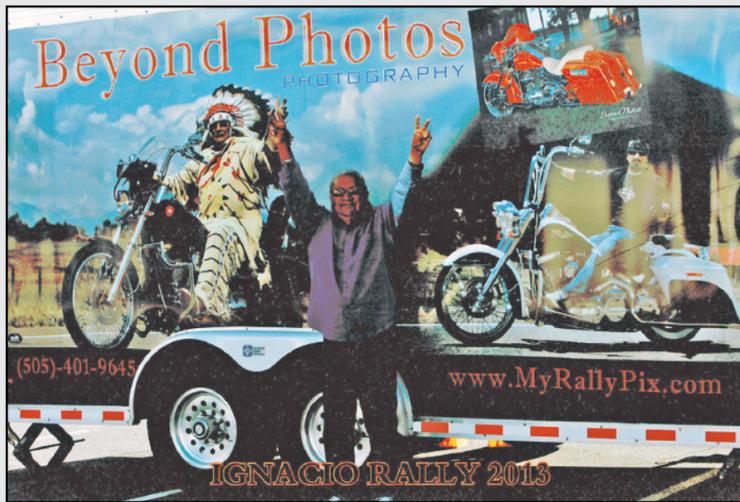
In defeat, Pontine threw for 53 yards unofficially on 4-of-13 accuracy and was intercepted twice. deKay gained 55 hard yards on 22 carries, including 23 on his last two before Miner sophomore Jaeger Nay picked off a Pontine pass at NFHS' 10 with 6:37 left in the game (North Fork then pieced together a plodding drive, net-

ting just 26 yards, which mercifully killed it all off). Rylan Maez totaled three catches for 45 yards.

Ignacio will next travel to Moab, Utah for a 7 p.m. showdown on Sept. 1 with Grand County. Off to another rough start, the 2A-level Red Devils (2-9 overall in '22) already stood 0-2 before an 8/25 trip to 1A Gunnison Valley (2-0), last season's UHSAA 8-man State Champion squad.



## Membership Memories



courtesy Luanna Herrera

Our father, Bennett Thompson, was a biker since 1960. He traveled to Red River and Sturgis for many years. He carried the Southern Ute Flag in the Four Corners Motorcycle Rally parade in Durango, Colo., with friend Ben Nighthorse Campbell for many years. He was a member of the High Plains Drifters until he retired in 2013. He also was an avid bull rider for many years.

## FOUR CORNERS FOLK FESTIVAL • FROM PAGE 1

of vehicle passes.

Chatham County Line, Jim Lauderdale, Damn Tall Buildings, Songs from the Road Band, Laney Lou & the Bird Dogs, Cruz Contreras, Chain Station, Honey Dewdrops, Birds of Play and Liver Down the River complete the bill.

Cockburn is a Canadian singer/songwriter and guitarist whose musical style ranges from folk to jazz to indie rock and lyrics cover a broad range of topics including human rights, environmental issues and the human condition. Among his best-known songs are "Wondering Where the Lions Are," "Lovers in a Dangerous Time," "Pacing the Cage" and "Last Night of the World." He has been covered by artists such as Jerry Garcia, Jimmy Buffett, and Barenaked Ladies.

Rowan is one of the most important figures in American roots music, having started as a member of Bill Monroe's Blue Grass Boys in 1963 before forming such iconic groups as Earth Opera, Sea Train, Muleskinner and Old & in the Way in the late 1960s and early '70s. In his 50-plus years of performing, he has weaved through bluegrass, folk, rock, reggae and other genres. He has penned such classics as "Panama Red," "The Walls of Time," "Dustbowl Children" and "The Free Mexican Air Force." Last fall Rowan was inducted into the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Hall of Fame.

Kiah is a singer/songwriter whose songs transcend indie rock, Americana and old-time music. In 2019 she teamed up with Rhianon Giddens, Leyla McCalla and Allison Russell to form Our Native Daughters, an African-American women's folk quartet that won a Grammy Award in 2020 for their recording of her tune "Black Myself." She later

re-recorded that song with award-winning electronica musician Moby.

Gangstagrass returns to Reservoir Hill for the second year in a row, having become a crowd favorite last fall for its 75-minute performance on the Dan Appenzeller Memorial Stage while a summer monsoon forced spectators under the big tent. Gangstagrass plays an unlikely musical pairing of hip-hop and bluegrass. Its message of positivity finds common ground between different ethnicities, socio-economic backgrounds and political beliefs.

Chatham County Line is a longtime festival favorite in the bluegrass world that has recently focused on Americana and country music to spotlight the musical styles of award-winning songwriter Dave Wilson, mandolin/fiddle player John Teer and upright bassist/pedal steel player Greg Readling. They have appeared at such regional events as the Durango Bluegrass Meltdown and Rockygrass.

Jim Lauderdale's music alternates between traditional country, bluegrass and Americana. Best known as a songwriter, his songs have been recorded by George Strait (who scored hits with nearly a dozen Lauderdale-written tunes), Blake Shelton and Elvis Costello. He released a pair of records with Ralph Stanley & the Clinch Mountain Boys and collaborated on several albums with Grateful Dead lyricist Robert Hunter. His backing band at the Four Corners Folk Festival is Songs from the Road Band, a jamgrass outfit led by former Steep Canyon Rangers bassist Charles Humphrey III. Songs from the Road Band will also perform its own main stage set.

Three Americana and bluegrass-flavored acts with strong female vocalists and musicians include the

Brooklyn-based Damn Tall Buildings, Boulder's The Sweet Lillies and Montana's Laney Lou & the Bordogs.

Cruz Contreras has performed on Reservoir Hill a half-dozen times with his old outfits, The Black Lillies and Robinella & the CCstringband. The Black Lillies went on hiatus during the pandemic, allowing Contreras to focus on his solo career. His debut solo album, Cosmico, will be released later this year.

The Honey Dewdrops are a folk duo from Baltimore that formed in 2009 and have released a series of strong albums, including 2022's Light Behind Light. Their sparse arrangements and haunting melodies draw comparisons to Gillian Welch & David Rawlings.

Three Colorado popular in the Four Corners region round out the festival bill: Front Range bluegrass favorites Chain Station, Durango/Telluride Americana quartet Birds of Play and former Durango jam band Liver Down the River.

Festival amenities include a late-night stage, workshops, children's tent, food and crafts vendors, campground picks and a beer garden featuring Breckenridge and Riff Raff beers and Talbot's ciders and wines. As has become tradition, Saturday and Sunday mornings will kick off with Bubbles & Bluegrass, which pairs acoustic performances by Birds of Play (Saturday) and The Honey Dewdrops (Sunday) with complimentary beverages in the Breckenridge beer garden from 10 to 11 a.m.

Festival sponsors include Downs, McDonough, Cowan & Foley (patron tent), Project Moxie and La Plata Electric Association (workshop stage), First Southwest Bank (children's tent), San Juan Vans (late night stage) and the Sky Ute Casino Resort (indigenous artist sponsor).

## COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

# CO 172 resurfacing and safety improvements

Crews paving airport towards Ignacio this week

Staff report  
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Phase 2 - Bottom Mat Paving South (East) of Airport. We're continuing with paving south of the airport, progressing south towards Ignacio each day, Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. until (approx.) 8:30 p.m. We expect to add a second work zone later this week, so we can get downtown Ignacio paved prior to the Labor Day holiday.

We do not plan to pave or cause any travel impacts during the week of August 28 through September 4 (Labor Day).

Phase II Paving to Get Underway on CO Hwy 172 Second Phase: DRO Airport Turn-Off through Ignacio.



### Phase 2 Paving

The Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor Oldcastle SW Group, Inc., will start the second phase of paving on CO 172 (an east-west highway) on the segment from the Durango airport (DRO) turn-off through Ignacio (between red arrows on map).

### IMPORTANT:

Once this second phase of bottom-mat paving is complete, crews will install the second and final layer of asphalt along the entire stretch, between Ignacio and US 160 at Elmore's Corner. Finally, driveway aprons connecting to CO 172 will be paved.

# LATITUDE 37

September 14 - November 12, 2023

## ART OF SOUTHERN COLORADO

UPPER GALLERY

OPENING RECEPTION - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 6 - 9 PM

Southern Colorado's unique history, scenery, and culture has been a source of imagery and introspection for centuries. This group exhibition features contemporary artists living within the 37th parallel, capturing a wide swath of Colorado's Southern-most cities. Works are a variety of medium and type, all celebrating the creativity and talent of the region.

<p>Participating Artists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eather Bellin</li> <li>Brendt Berger</li> <li>Dean Fleming</li> <li>Crista Gulalan</li> <li>Eric Havelock-Balle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Norman Lansing</li> <li>Jeremy Marvik</li> <li>Ted Moore</li> <li>Emilie Odelle and Ken Chapin</li> <li>Carlos Sandoval</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eugene Schilling</li> <li>Arthur Short Bull</li> <li>Annette Troncoso</li> <li>Peggy Zehring</li> </ul>
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Ken Chapin and Emilie Odelle, Tom M. Siegel

Carlos Sandoval, Primal Field Day

EMILIO LOBATO  
A Mi Manera  
A 40-Year Survey  
MAIN GALLERY

COLCHA EMBROIDERY  
OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY  
THEATRE GALLERY

## Correction

In a photo published in the August 11 issue of the Drum, Kingston "Spice King" Bravo was misidentified as Livingston.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

### Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

• Distribution Friday, Sept. 29	NOON, Friday, Sept. 22, 2023
• Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 22	NOON, Friday, Nov. 17, 2023
• Distribution, Friday Dec. 29	NOON, Friday, Dec. 22, 2023

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

## St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

+ 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 followed by a fellowship gathering with food and refreshments at the Parish Hall.

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## EARLY Drum Deadline

Next issue:  
**Sept. 8**

Deadline:  
**Sept. 1**

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

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## REQUEST FOR BID Quichas Hills Duplexes • Ignacio, Colo.

GF Properties Group, LLC ("Owner's Representative") is accepting bids from qualified contractors for the construction of three duplexes, designed by Reynolds Ash + Associates ("Architect"), in Ignacio, Colorado until 3:00 pm MST on September 21, 2023. The Owner's Representative reserves the right to reject late bids. Email bids to Owner's Representative and Architect and, if contractor is not able to email, hard copies must be delivered to Owner's or Architect's office. See contact info below:

**Owner's Representative:**  
GF Properties Group, LLC  
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Email: JPenny@sugf.com

**Architect:**  
Reynolds Ash + Associates  
Attn: Lauren Davis  
564 E. 2nd Avenue, Suite 201  
Phone: (970) 259-7494  
Email: LDavis@ra-ac.com

single-car garage. The Owner's Representative would like to begin construction in fall of 2023 with completion by fall of 2024. Contracting Preference for certified Indian Owned Businesses, in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) will apply. Selected contractor must comply with all local, state, federal and tribal law as applicable to the work, including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. For all questions, and to obtain the complete set of construction drawings and bid documents, please contact Architect or Owner's Representative. The Owner's Representative reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to reject bids containing substantial computational errors, to reject bids not deemed in the best interest of the owner, and to re-advertise for bids, and further reserves the right to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in its acceptance of bids.

The project includes three duplexes (6 town-home units), single-story, with site improvements to be constructed adjacent to the existing Quichas Hills Apartments on Quichas Hill Ave. The townhome units are 2 bedroom, 2 bath, and approximately 1,347 SF each, with an attached

## REQUEST FOR BID Tranquilo Court Single-Family Homes • Ignacio, Colo.

GF Properties Group, LLC ("Owner's Representative") is accepting bids from qualified contractors for the construction of two (2) single-family homes, designed by Reynolds Ash + Associates ("Architect"), on Tranquilo Court in Ignacio, Colorado until 3:00 pm MST on September 21, 2023. The Owner's Representative reserves the right to reject late bids. Email bids to Owner's Representative and Architect and, if contractor is not able to email, hard copies must be delivered to Owner's or Architect's office. See contact info below:

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The project includes two (2) single-story, single-family homes with site improvements to be constructed on 2 vacant lots on Tranquilo Court in the Neher Subdivision. The homes are designed with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, approximately 1,620 SF each with attached two-car

## Confirmation Notice Of Final Rulemaking

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission hereby confirms that no adverse comments were received in response to the Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking (i.e., certain non-controversial revisions to the Commission's Reservation Air Code) that was published on May 5, 2023. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Air Quality Program submitted the revisions to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and received EPA's approval on August 9, 2023. The purpose of the revisions was to update and/or remove outdated language and provisions; and to provide better clarification in certain provisions. The revisions become final thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice (effective September 15, 2023). A copy of the Commission's Reservation Air Code is available at the following website: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/> For further information contact: Daniel Powers, Program Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137 or dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov



## Announcing the Upcoming ANA Project Planning & Development Training

These free trainings are designed to provide prospective ANA eligible applicants with skills to plan successful and fundable projects.

- Participants will learn how to:
- Work with community and key partners to identify and document specific barriers that stand in the way of achieving community goals.
  - Identify a community-based approach that will successfully result in measurable outcomes; and,
  - Determine the level of resources available within your community to implement the project.

There will be four (4) training sessions available with two (2) offered in-person and two (2) offered virtually. Please visit our website to find the training session that works for you. Registration is first come, first served and seats are limited. Please register for just one (1) session. Please see below for registration links.

For In-Person Trainings, we are making every effort to provide a safe environment by social distancing and providing masks and hand sanitizer.

Participation in the training sessions is limited to individuals who are employed by or are governing officials of tribal governments and ANA eligible native nonprofit organizations serving American Indian, Native Hawaiian, Alaskan Native, and Pacific Islander communities. Independent grant writers must provide a signed letter on organization stationery from an eligible entity with their registration form in order to attend. For more information, contact:

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PPD Training Sessions:	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Date/Time:	<b>**In-Person - Albuquerque New Mexico</b>	<b>**In-Person - Tacoma, Washington</b>	<b>Virtual - Attend All Days:</b>	<b>Virtual - Attend All Days:</b>
	Hotel TBD Sept. 12-14, 2023 9am - 5pm Local Time	Hotel TBD Oct. 10-12, 2023 9am - 5pm Local Time	Sept. 19 - 22 Tuesday thru Friday 1:00 - 4:00pm EST	Oct. 17 - 26 Tuesday and Thursday Week 1: Oct. 17 & 19 Week 2: Oct. 24 & 26 1:00 - 4:00pm EST
Register for only one! Limited to 40 registrants per session.	<a href="#">Click Here to Register!</a>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register!</a>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register!</a>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register!</a>

\*\*Please note, registration for in-person training will be limited to 40 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

\*\*Please hold off on any travel arrangements for in-person training until there is confirmation that a minimum of 5 different tribes/orgs have registered for the training.

## Multi-Purpose Facility September Senior Breakfast



Wednesday September 6, 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

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

Saturday September 9, 2023  
After the Fair Parade



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

Call to reserve your space

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

Door Prize donations and side dishes are welcome

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## Free On-Site Business Training

Learn Steps to Start or Grow Your Small Business

### Sun Ute Community Center

290 Mouache Circle  
Ignacio, CO 81137

September 26-27, 2023  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Register and reserve your seat at the link below:

<https://nativesba.sisterskyinc.com/workshop/empowerment-workshop-17-2/>

Limited Seats Available



## Southern Ute Utilities Division

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### UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRANSFER STATION 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

#### 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.

#### AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tribal Gas Customers: Suspect a gas leak? Be safe and report it to Utilities Office at (970) 563-5500 (or if after-hours, call SUPD). Be safe—don't try to tighten gas fittings—leave it to the qualified personnel.
- Utilities Lobby CLOSED for lunch on Fridays, 12pm—1pm.
- Tribal residences on County Roads 518/516: Ongoing water main upgrade project continues until 9/30/23.
- Reminder: Office & Transfer Station CLOSED on Labor Day, September 4, 2023. Regular business hours resume on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.
- GFL will not pick up trash on Labor Day (9/4/2023). Anticipate a 1-day delay in the trash schedule for the week of 9/4/2023.



#### 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: September 6th / October 4th / November 1st

Settle your payments before 10AM

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**ELECTION BOARD:** (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2729/2730  
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**EMAIL:** [election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)



**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**  
**ELECTION BOARD**

Dear Southern Ute Tribal Member,

The **Southern Ute Tribal 2023 General Election**, will be held on **November 03, 2023**. If you will be turning eighteen (18) years old by **October 25, 2023**, or if you are eighteen (18) and over to be eligible to vote for the **Southern Ute Tribal 2023 General Election**, the **Voter Registration Deadline is on Wednesday, October 25, 2023**. You are only required to register once, and you will be eligible to vote in any tribal election and/or referendum from that point on.

According to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Election Code: ARTICLE 1 11-1-104 Registration. (1) Any enrolled tribal member wishing to register to vote shall apply to the Election Board on forms provided by the Election Board no less than seven (7) business days before the next tribal election.

Register at our Election Board office which is located at:

285 Lakin Street  
 Ignacio, CO 81137

Or email a request for a registration form at:

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

The deadline to return the registration form is **5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 25, 2023**, to be eligible to vote in the upcoming **General Election**. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Election Board at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2303. Off reservation tribal members, please call 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303.

Thank you,  
 Southern Ute Election Board  
 P. O. Box 709  
 Ignacio, CO 81137  
[election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)

 **IT'S YOUR VOTE**  **• IT'S YOUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY**

**AGRICULTURE DIVISION --- HAY FOR SALE!**



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

<u>SMALL BALES</u>	<u>LARGE BALES</u>
COST: \$9.00 per bale	COST: \$160.00 per bale
LIMIT: 160 bales per TM	LIMIT: 8 bales per TM
WEIGHT: 60 Lbs.	WEIGHT: 1100-1200 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 Allotees 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

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

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**ELECTION BOARD**  
 Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. 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 709, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: [electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov) IT'S YOUR VOTE • IT'S YOUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov). Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

**TERO COMMISSION**  
 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.

**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 NAME CHANGE**  
 In the Legal Name Change of,  
 Case No: 2023-0082-CV-NC  
 Darelene Frost, Civil Subject  
 Notice is hereby given that Darelene Frost has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Darlene Frost. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.  
 Dated this 3rd day of August, 2023.  
 By The Court, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

**FOR SALE**

Perfect camping, RV-ing, hiking and hunting on 35-acre lot with multiple building spots and stock pond. Glade Ranch HOA, gated community outside Dolores, Colo. Perfect swimming, boating and fishing at nearby McPhee Dam. For sale, \$65,000 or best offer. Contact Barbara Cogswell at 520-288-4466.

**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.





## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

### ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

#### Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Closes 9/5/23 – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists with coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/annually.

#### Media Archivist

Closes 9/8/23 – Under general supervision of the Media Manager, organizes, inventories and implements professional archiving practices to ensure the best preservation methods are used to maintain historic newspapers, photographs, film negatives and other materials under the care of The Southern Ute Drum. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

#### Group Exercise Instructor

Closes 8/25/23 – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the SunUte Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

#### Recreation Coordinator

Closes 8/29/23 – Develops, implements, and monitors all recreation programs for SunUte Community Center. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

#### Recreation Specialist

Closes 8/29/23 – Develop, implement, coordinate and facilitate all youth and adult recreation programs. Involves planning, implementing, coordinating and facilitating youth programs and schedules for the Tri-Ute Games, the North American Indigenous Games, as well as other Ute Games. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

#### Tribal Attorney – Prosecutor

Closes 8/29/23 – Under the supervision of the Legal Department Director, will serve as a member of the Tribe's Legal Dept., with principal responsibility for the effective, efficient, and fair prosecution of violations of the Tribal Code to include criminal, gaming, and wildlife cases. Will represent the Tribe in other matters that require the Legal Dept.'s attention, including code review and drafting, civil litigation, contract review, employment matters, and the consideration of social services cases. A strong command of Tribal jurisdiction, an understanding of tribal sovereignty, and an ability to provide accurate legal advice in a fast-paced environment is essential. Pay grade X19; Salary starts at \$95,745.85/annually.

#### Tribal Ranger

Closes 8/30/23 – Under the general supervision of Tribal Ranger Sergeant and Ranger Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

#### Tribal Ranger Trainee (So. Ute members only)

Closes 8/29/23 – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

#### Water Quality Technician

Closes 9/5/23 – Under direct supervision of the Environmental Programs Manager and general supervision from the Water Quality Specialist-106, the Water Quality Technician position is responsible for performing field data collection, computer data input, and other duties associated with water quality management under the \$106, \$319, and wetlands water quality programs. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

#### After School Program Leader

Open Until Filled – A regular full-time position that provides education and physical activities for the After-School program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 13 years. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

#### Agriculture Field Technician

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

#### Air Quality Planner

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

#### Assistant Environmental Program Manager

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

#### 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 - \$99,600.68/annually.

#### Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

#### Community Health Representative

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

#### Detective – Drug/Liquor Code Investigations

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

#### Detention Cook

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

#### Detention Officer

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

#### Dispatcher

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

#### Dispatcher Trainee (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.

#### Elementary Teacher

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

#### Events/Heritage Coordinator (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Planning and organizing various traditional cultural events, develops heritage tourism activities, and coordinates cultural camp for youth. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

#### 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 modifica-

## SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

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

#### Ignacio Early Learning Program:

• Substitute Teacher: \$13.65/hr. – Open Until Filled

#### Ignacio Youth Services:

• Program Coordinator: \$15.02/hr. – Open Until Filled

#### Peaceful Spirit:

• Addiction Counselor: \$54,000-\$60,000 DOE – Open Until Filled

#### Road Runner Transit:

• Transit Driver: \$19.25/hr. – Open Until Filled

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Apply Today! Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Visit our employment website for more info: [www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310](http://www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310)

• Bus Driver

• Cook

• Middle School Assistant Cross-Country Coach

• Secondary Math/Science Teacher

• Secondary Social Studies Teacher

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

tions, participating with Tribal Court in the administration of its budget, researching methods to improve effectiveness of Tribal Court programs, and writing grant proposals to support improvement and funding. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/year.

#### Healthcare Accounting Manager

Open Until Filled – Tribal Health Department grant management and writing function as well as accounting, financial reporting, budgeting, revenue cycle management, and accounts payable activities within the Tribal Health Department. The overall direction and supervision of the charge capturing systems for all services provided data entry, coding, billing and collection of all third-party resources and payment processing across the Tribal Health Department. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/annually.

#### Heavy Equipment Operator

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

#### Internal Auditor

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

#### Investment Associate (Southern Ute members only)

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

#### Lifeguard (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

#### Maintenance Technician – SunUte Community Center

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

#### Patient Registration Clerk

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

#### Patrol Officer I

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

#### Patrol Officer II

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute In-

dian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$23.81 – \$27.38/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. The tutor will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Temporary/part-time at a pay rate of \$30/hour.

#### Public Health Nurse

Open Until Filled – Providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### Registered Nurse

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

#### Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Department. This position is a grade N4; pay starts at \$12.32/hour.

#### Supply Technician

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Purchasing Manager, is responsible for the Supply Room and Central Receiving. Maintenance of Supply Room inventory, processing and distributing Supply Room orders, and processing and distributing shipments received through Central Receiving. Assists with purchasing duties as needed, including processing requisitions, travel requests, and purchase orders. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

#### 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.

#### Teacher Aide

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

#### TEAM Worker (Southern Ute members only)

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

#### TERO Worker

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

#### Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for 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 Health Department Director

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

#### Umpire/Referee

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.



### Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

**\*Assistant Rooms Division Manager (Full-time)**  
Reports directly to the Rooms Division Manager. Will assist in developing, implementing, and monitoring policies and procedures for the Casino's 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, disciplining employees, addressing complaints, and resolving problems and concerns. Must maintain a high standard of guest service within hotel departments and actively promote positive customer and employee relations.

**\*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. This position will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, daily. Maintaining a professional appearance to clients and always wearing the appropriate uniform.

**\*Bell Person (Full-time)**  
Assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Assistance may include but not limited to luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport, and assisting with phones as needed.

**\*Beverage and Cocktail Server (Full-time)**  
Must maintain the highest level of guest service while providing cocktail and beverage service to Casino guests. Will prepare beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 pounds regularly and will be responsible for monetary transactions.

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

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

**\*Bowling Mechanic I (Full-time)**  
An entry level position to allow mechanically oriented, but less experienced individuals an opportunity to get familiar with pinspotter machines. Will improve operational execution through attention to detail and experience. Follows the direction and trainings of the Lead Technician. Repairing automatic pin spotters and related bowling equipment.

**\*Bowling & Rec Counter Clerk (Full-time)**  
Multi-tasks and thrives in a fast paced and high energy environment. Is the initial point of contact for customers, providing superior and friendly customer service at all times. Proactively builds customer relations through soliciting feedback and addressing and resolving customer complaints. Continuously improves operational execution through attention to detail. Reports to the Bowling and Recreation Manager.

**\*Café Cashier – Shining Mountain (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.

**\*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.

**\*Count Team Staff (Full-time)**  
Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. Pull the containers, and count or verify 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.

**\*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)**  
Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms.

**\*Deep Cleaning (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.

**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.

**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.

**\*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 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.

**\*Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)**  
Will perform multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in several capacities.

**\*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. This position works as the lead of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment, and building; by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems including boilers, AHU's, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers, walk-in coolers, and freezers. Reports to the Director of Facilities while sharing the responsibility to train and lead activities of departmental employees; technicians, shift supervisors, and facilities staff in appropriate Service Standards and Facility operations/maintenance.

**\*Line Cook (Full-time)**  
Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

**\*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 Supervisor (Full-time)**  
Ensures the safety and welfare of the guests and employees. Supervision of Security officers for

### Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

**Finance and Accounting Manager – GF Private Equity (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closes 8/25/23 – Managing all accounting, reporting and compliance functions of GF Private Equity Group, financial and managerial reporting functions, overseeing the recording of transactions, preparing forecasts, preparation and management of the annual audit process, and providing financial analysis to support company objectives. Maintaining an adequate internal control environment, accounting practices, principles, and procedures.

**Treasury Analyst – Growth Fund Administration (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closes 8/31/23 – 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.

**Drilling and Completions Engineer II & III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closes 9/1/23 – 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.

**HR Assistant Trainee – Growth Fund Human Resources (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closes 9/1/23 – Trainee program is designed to provide training and on the job experience for up to two years in order to learn and be responsible for providing administrative support to the Growth Fund Human Resources office, including maintaining an orderly and efficient office environment, assisting with special events, and presenting a positive and professional image to Growth Fund employees, applicants, Tribal members, and the public.

### Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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

**Database Administrator – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closes 9/1/23 – Providing database administration for all Southern Ute Enterprise functions including backup and recovery, security, reporting, tuning, high-availability, design, and administration. Provide the PeopleSoft teams with database, application, and server support. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance including backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe operating units.

**SUDEP Ambassador Program – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closes 9/3/23 – Ambassador program is designed to provide training, mentoring, and on-the-job experience in order to learn and assist with configuration, installation, support of the end-user computing environment including all desktop hardware, operating system, and end user applications. Will work directly with Southern Ute Indian Tribal Membership on technological questions and concerns

### 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 Housing Authority for more information (970) 563-4575

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

LOCATIONS: 238 ROLLING THUNDER AVENUE & 250 ROLLING THUNDER AVENUE

### Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements cont.

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.

**\*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.

**\*Seven 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.

**\*Shining Mountain Line Cook (Full-time)**  
Work under direct supervision and support of the Sous Chef or Lead Cook. Preparation of the A La Carte menu in the Shining Mountain Café and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Requires one to be an excellent team player and trustworthy.

**\*Slot Attendant (Full-time)**  
Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Will at times require the employee to work without direct supervision. Job knowledge and the ability to "self-start" are essential. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee, ensures guest relations through prompt, and assists guests with slot machine usage, educating them regarding play, wagers, and pay tables.

**\*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 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 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 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 and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed.

**\*Willows Host (Full-time)**  
Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service by greeting and ensuring timely and appropriate seating of guests. Will assist Supervisor and/or Manager with table management to maximize seating and assist guests with special requests. Will answer phone calls and return messages, track reservations and comps and assist servers when needed.

**\*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.

## Fire engine blessing



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At the request of the Los Pinos Fire District and Deputy Chief of Operations, Jim Owens – Matthew Box and son, Noah Box performed a blessing on two fire engines recently brought into service for Los Pinos Fire District. Box explains the significance of a traditional blessing to the firefighters, prior to singing a Buffalo Song, Monday, Aug. 14.

Matthew Box greets members of the Los Pinos Fire District in downtown Ignacio, Monday, Aug. 14, prior to performing a traditional Ute blessing on Fire Engines 81 and 85, both brand new Pierce Enforcers brought into service within the past 30 days.



## Multi-Purpose Facility September Events

- September**
- Sr. Breakfast—Wednesday September 6, 2023—10:00 —11:30 AM
  - Sip Chat & Chew—Saturday September 9, 2023—11:30 AM-1:30 PM
  - Quilt & Sewing Tuesday-Thursday September 12-14, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM
  - Yard Sale—Saturday September 16, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM
  - Healthy Cooking with Lisa Smith Monday September 18, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM
  - Elder Craft Day—Wednesday September 20, 2023—9:30 AM—3:00 PM
  - Beading / Traditional Sewing September 26 & 28, 2023 10:00 AM-3:30 PM
  - Evening Session 5:30 —7:30 PM
  - Special Events**
  - Cooking with Chef Bill Barbone— Tuesday September 12, 2023 10:30 AM—1:30 PM
  - Haunted House Food Sale—Friday September 29, 2023 –11:00 AM—2:00 PM
  - Veterans Pow Wow Fundraiser Dinner to be announced

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



## 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

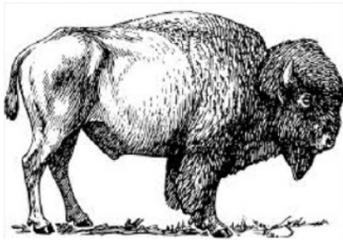


**Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

By appointment please call 563-0130

## Bison Meat is Available

Locally grown, grass-fed & USDA processed  
Available at the Wildlife office



Five pounds of bison meat per SUIT tribal member household, per month.

In addition, the Division also has certain special parts available:

Kidneys, Oxtail, Tongue, Heart, & Rocky Mtn. Oysters

## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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| <b>Across</b>   | <b>Down</b>   |
| 1 Federal workers' rights group   | 1 Bites playfully   |
| 5 River horse   | 2 "Dirty Harry" composer --- Schifrin                               |
| 10 Global nuclear watchdog  | 3 Starts up again   |
| 11 Broadcasting   | 4 --- Mills, Chippewa reservation near Sault Ste. Marie             |
| 12 Improvise  | 5 Monopoly purchase   |
| 15 Kin to an org.   | 6 But he that entereth --- the door is the shepherd... (John: 10:2) |
| 16 Law, in La Paz   | 7 Foot the bill   |
| 17 Card player's cry  | 8 Rum ---, a rich and alcoholic sponge                              |
| 18 Turnpike tariff  | 9 One of Blackfoot descent has this cake                            |
| 20 Rum ---, a rich and alcoholic sponge   | 10 Old ---, Hopi Reservation village                                |
| 21 Auction offers   | 13 Miseries   |
| 22 City bond, informally  | 14 "Messenger" molecule   |
| 23 Nonsensical talk   | 19 Lyric poem   |
| 24 Gentle soul  | 20 Kind of steer  |
| 25 Alias, initially   | 21 "How To Stuff a Wild ---" (1965 flick)                           |
| 26 Expected score   | 22 Roman god of war   |
| 27 NaOH, e.g.   | 23 Gehu'pa, Lakota winter count keeper                              |
| 30 Gary ---, former University of Washington professor of Native American studies | 24 Western actor expert with the lash                               |
| 33 Indian chief, once, but not in the US  | 26 Where Paddington came from                                       |
| 34 Alphabetize, say   | 28 The distant past   |
| 35 Debate topic   | 29 "Lord of the Rings" tree creatures                               |
| 36 Bad time for Caesar  | 31 Federal well-being department                                    |
|   | 32 Tire "hardness" measure  |

Answers for this crossword will appear in September 8 issue of the Drum.

- Answers for August 11, 2023 Crossword Puzzle**
- Across:** 1 Tribe, 6 Oprah, 11 Beard, 12 Bravo, 13 Ammon, 14 Towed, 15 Wabash, 17 Sign, 20 Li-pids, 23 Freshened up, 25 Canvas, 26 Cepa, 27 Tilt at, 29 Paolo, 31 Locke, 35 Stole, 36 Brier, 37 Apses, 38 Osage.
- Down:** 1 TBA, 2 REM, 3 I am, 4 Brownsville, 5 Edna, 6 Obtain, 7 Prospectors, 8 Rawhide, 9 Ave, 10 Hod, 16 Blest, 17 SFC, 18 IRA, 19 Gentoos, 21 Dup, 22 Spa, 24 Haloes, 28 Albo, 29 PSA, 30 ATP, 32 CIA, 33 Keg, 34 Ere.

**What is a Brownfield?** A real property where expansion or development is complicated by environmental contamination, such as hazardous waste storage areas, deserted buildings, former gas stations, mining sites, etc. We can work together to prevent, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfields.



Report a Brownfield site to Sharon LeBeau (slebeau@southernute-nsn.gov, 970-563-2217) with the Environmental Programs Division.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

**Friday, August 25**

Mostly cloudy 80°F  
50% chance of showers

**Saturday, August 26**

Mostly sunny 83°F  
40% chance of showers

**Sunday, August 27**

Mostly sunny 85°F  
20% chance of showers

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

