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VETERANS AFFAIRS

Making history, Polis appoints Howard Richards Sr. to Colo. Board of Veterans Affairs

Richards, first Native American on state board

Staff report
 OFFICE OF GOVERNOR POLIS

In a historic move, Colorado Governor Jared Polis appoints Howard Richards Sr. to the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs. Richards is a Vietnam veteran and former Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. He is the first Native American to serve on the Veteran's Board. His historic appointment, Thursday, March 14, came ahead of Ute Day at the Capitol. Ute Day celebrates and honors the invaluable contributions that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Tribe have made to the State of Colorado.

"I am thrilled to appoint Howard Richards Sr. to the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs. His decades of expertise including military service in Vietnam will make him a great addition to the Board and will benefit the millions of Veterans who call Colorado home. Mr. Richards will be the first tribal member to serve on this board, and we are grateful for his willingness to serve our great state," said Governor Jared Polis.

"As a tribal member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, we know that Mr. Richards will bring a valuable perspective to Colorado's Board of Veteran Affairs," said Lt. Governor Diane Primavera, Chair of the Colorado Commission



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Howard D. Richards Sr., Commander of the Southern Ute Veterans Association and emcee for the 'Day of Remembrance' ceremony, commemorating Memorial Day and honoring Veterans at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park, May 29, 2023.

of Indian Affairs. "With the disproportionate number of American Indian and Alaska Natives serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, we know just how important it is to ensure Native voices are represented when it comes to making decisions about Colorado's military and Veterans community."

Tribe is filled with immense pride to congratulate former Chairman and Vietnam Veteran, Mr. Howard Richards Sr., for his appointment by Governor Polis to the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs. This appointment reflects his exemplary dedication to our nation's heroes.

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Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Manuel Heart, Chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe gives an invocation during the Ute Day celebration at the Colorado State Capitol on Friday, March 15. Chairman Heart is joined by Chairman Melvin J. Baker of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Lt. Governor Diane Primavera, Governor Jared Polis, and Christopher Tabbee, Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee Representative.

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

Tribal Council advocates for tribal interests at State Capitol

By Summer Begay
 SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Ute Day at the Capitol was officially designated by Governor Jared Polis in 2019 to publicly celebrate and honor the contributions and sovereignty of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and the Ute Indian Tribe. In addition, this designation encourages Coloradans to actively seek knowledge about the history and heritage of the Ute people in Colorado's past, present, and future.

That history has long been one of broken promises and the infringement of tribal lands and sovereignty. Agreements with the Ute bands have been dishonored for the economic gains of others. This disrespect is not a relic of a distant past, but far too often continues today. To address ongoing violations and historical injustice, South-



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

ern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Councils traveled to Denver last week to meet with state legislators and the Governor to emphasize the importance that the State of Colorado uphold its commitment to tribal agreements, particularly those concerning tribal land.

Friday, March 15, Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker gave a powerful address to the General Assembly. Baker highlighted key concerns, including Colorado's violation of its 30-year-old gaming compact with the Tribe, efforts by the City of Durango to infringe on the Tribe's sovereignty by annexing lands within the Reservation

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Bureau of Reclamation Materials Engineering Technician, Lalena Weasel; Construction Control Representative, Victoria Cassidy; and Resident Engineer, Hilda Castillo-Smith stand in the new pumping plant north of Gallup, N.M., these women work together in varying roles on the Bureau of Reclamation's Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Reclamation celebrates Women in Construction Week

Weasel recognized among peers in Four Corners

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Lalena Weasel, a materials engineering technician with the Bureau of Reclamation, is one of the many local women recognized during Women in Construction Week. This national week of recognition acknowledges women working in the construction industry, held annually in March. The Bureau of Reclamation's Four Corners Construction Of-

fice in Farmington, N.M. was among the federal entities to recognize their team members and bring everyone together for a luncheon, Thursday, March 7, honoring their women workforce on the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project (NGWSP). When asked about the greatest challenges she has had to overcome in her career, Weasel stated, "Proving myself time and time again as a Native woman working in a male industry." Adding that her strong work ethic has

played a large part in her success as a longtime employee for the U.S. Government.

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) held the first Women in Construction Week in 1998 and it has grown and expanded each year since. The week celebrates and promotes the role of women in the construction industry. This year's theme, 'Keys to the Future,' celebrates the strength

Reclamation page 2

48th annual Denver March



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Each year emcee Lawrence Baker conducts "the wave" as part of the Saturday night Grand Entry, this year members of the audience hold up their phone flash lights before veteran's post their colors.

Men's Traditional Straight Dancers hit the floor for the fourth Grand Entry as part of Saturday Night Live for the 48th annual Denver March Powwow at the Denver Coliseum.



See more Denver March Powwow photo coverage on page 11.

RECLAMATION CELEBRATES WOMEN • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Coordinating on the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project, Bureau of Reclamation Materials Engineering Technician, Lalena Weasel and Archer Western Construction Quality Control Manager, Timber Loveland stand together on-site where construction is underway for a new pumping plant facility south of Shiprock, N.M.

and knowledge of women and the vital role they play in shaping the future of the construction industry, according to their website.

“Being a female in the construction industry gives me a great pride,” Bureau of Reclamation Resident Engineer, Hilda Castillo-Smith said. “NGWSP has been a great part of my career. Knowing that the work that I do will have a powerful impact in the lives of many Navajo community members motivates me to stay engaged and improve my skillsets. It’s an honor to be part of a project that will change people’s lives.”

“At the Department of the Interior, we strive to acknowledge women’s everyday contributions to our country all year long,” Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland said in a letter to her colleagues. “As a girl, my grandmother, mother and aunts were strong role models for me. I still draw strength from the courageous women I have followed my entire life – and from the women I get to work alongside in our shared mission to build a better future. I am so proud to serve with such innovative and inspiring women as we advance the Biden-Harris administration’s vision for a more just, inclusive future.”

Weasel got her start in the field when construction of the Animas La Plata (ALP) project became a reality in the spring of 2003. Weasel was then able to use that opportunity to transition into a full-time position on the large-scale Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. The project opened four positions in 2011 under the Bureau of Reclamation, which were available to tribal members from the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribes; Weasel has ties to each tribe.

The Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project, once complete, will deliver water to the communities in the eastern section of the Navajo Nation, southwestern portion of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, and the city of Gallup, N.M., by way of roughly 300 miles of pipeline — transporting water from the San Juan River to those communities. The project also includes the construc-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

No stranger to large scale construction projects or field work, Lalena Weasel has been working with the Bureau of Reclamation for over 20 years – her major career highlights include the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project in New Mexico and the Animas-La Plata Project (Ridges Basin Dam) in Southwest Colorado.

tion of numerous pumping plants and water treatment facilities along the pipeline. “This is the first year that the Four Corners Construction Office celebrated Women in Construction Week,” Bureau of Reclamation Construction Engineer, Bart Deming said. “We learned about it through our contracting partner, Archer Western Construction. Archer Western hosted a celebration barbecue luncheon for their staff to recognize all of the women helping to build Pumping Plants Two, Three, Four, and Seven, and invited Reclamation to participate in the event.”

The Four Corners Construction Office has 14 women (25% of the FCCO workforce) carrying out Reclamation’s mission and building and supporting the design and construction of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project, Navajo Nation Municipal Pipeline, and the operation and maintenance of the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project. The Four Corners Construction Office’s Field Engineering Division responsible for supporting and carrying out the day-to-day construction activities on the NGWSP and NNMP is led by Emma Manzanaras, Manager of the Field Engineering Division, and

along with one of her top resident engineer’s Hilda-Castillo-Smith, together are leading those efforts.

“This is a great week to recognize the hard work and contributions from all of the women helping build the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project in the Four Corners Construction Office and our region,” Deming said. “Though all levels of our agency, from our top leadership with our Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton to one of our Assistant Regional Director’s, Katrina Grantz, to our Field Engineering Division Manager, Emma Manzanaras, to construction control representatives, like Victoria Cassidy, who is overseeing the heavy civil construction works in the field, (just to name a few) women are essential in carrying out our mission helping us deliver water to the Navajo and Jicarilla Apache people and improving lives. Reclamation cannot meet our mission and goals without their great leadership and hard work. We honor and thank our Women in Construction, and this will be recognized daily and especially during Women in Construction week in March.”

POLIS APPOINTS RICHARDS • FROM PAGE 1

He will undoubtedly bring valuable insights and perspectives to better support those who served our Nation and Tribe. We are forever grateful for their service and sacrifice,” said Southern Ute Indian Tribal Chairman Melvin J. Baker.

Richards was raised on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and served in the United States Army from June 1968 until he was honorably discharged in June 1971. During

his time in the military, he served with the 1st Battalion, 84th Artillery, 9th Infantry Division in the Republic of South Vietnam before being transferred to Oahu, Hawaii and then Fort Sill, Okla. Richards currently serves as Commander of the Southern Ute Veterans Association which he co-founded in 1986.

“We are honored to hear Howard Richards was appointed to the Colorado State Veterans Affairs

board,” Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Chairman, Manuel Heart said on behalf of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council and the Tribe.

“Mr. Richards has done an excellent job for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Veterans committee. He will represent the State of Colorado well. He is also former Chairman and Councilman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. We are in full support of his appointment,” said Heart.

Many Moons Ago



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, Upper Elementary boys listen as Andrew Frost talks to them about coming of age, Monday, March 10. A video will be made of both the young men and women’s coming of age discussions and used in future lessons at the academy.

This photo was first published in the March 21, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

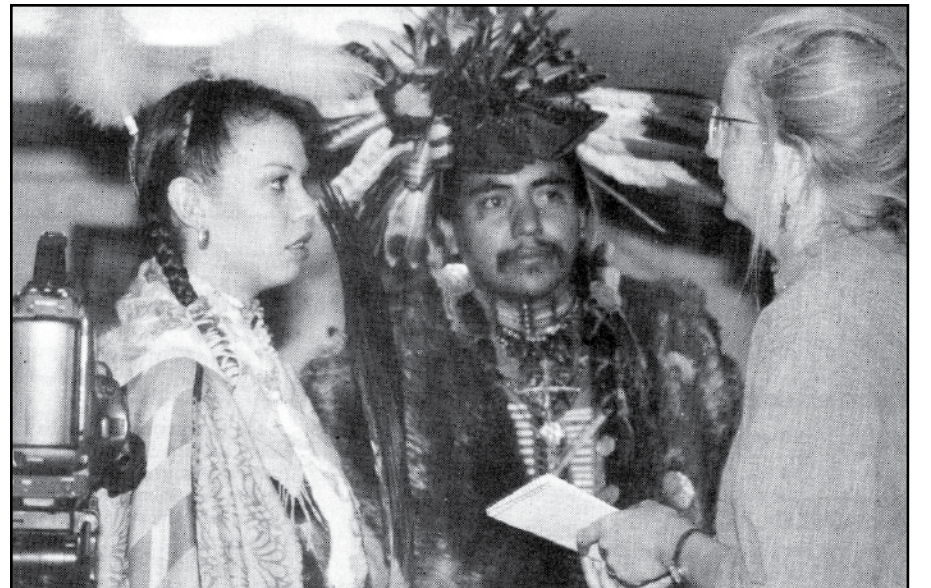


Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Tyler Young practices CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) in Ms. Ann Peck’s Southern Ute Academy class on Wednesday, March 3. The fifth-year academy students learned how and when to perform CPR on adults and children. All the children were certified to perform First Aid. Although the students know how to perform CPR on adults and children, they weren’t qualified to lift an adult. Maybe next year. Good job!

This photo was published in the March 19, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Sheila Ryder and “Benito Rusty” Box discuss their upcoming visit to St. Petersburg Russia with a reporter. The Southern Ute Heritage Performers and tribal royalty are raising money to travel to Russia this July in order to participate in the opening ceremonies of the 1994 Goodwill Games.

This photo was published in the March 18, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Waiting to be interviewed for the television program to be aired in Denver for the Denver March Powwow to be held at the end of the month. L – R, Mikki Naranjo, 1st attendant Jr. Miss Southern Ute; Vanessa Pinnecoose, Jr. Miss Southern Ute; Melissa Humpy, 1st attendant Miss Southern Ute; Samantha Pinnecoose, Miss Southern Ute.

This photo was published in the March 23, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



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When : Every Friday starting
 March 22nd – May 31st

Where : Buckskin Charlie
 Room @ Leonard C. Burch
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Time : 12:00 – 1:00 PM

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Bear Dance Workshop

Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box

Sky Ute Casino, Event Center
Thursday, May 16, 2024
9:00am-12:00pm

Questions Contact:
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 shvaldez@southernute-nsn.gov
 (970) 563-2988

Everyone Welcome!!




Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow
May 24 & 25, 2024
 Sky Ute Casino Resort, Events Center
 14324 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO

GRAND ENTRY:
 • Fri., May 24: 7 pm; Sat., May 25: 1 pm & 7 pm

REGISTRATION:
 • Fri.: Opens 5 pm, Closes 7 pm; Sat.: Opens 12 pm, Closes 1 pm

HEAD STAFF:
 • Head Lady – Miss Southern Ute
 • Head Man – Picked Daily
 • MC – TBD
 • Arena Director – Michael Grant
 • Drum Judge – Darren Cuch

POWWOW COMMITTEE SPECIALS
WINNER TAKE ALL!
 Iron Man Fancy (18+) – \$1,000
 Iron Woman Fancy Shawl (18+) – \$1,000

DANCE CATEGORIES:
 • Golden Age (55 yrs.+): Men & Women
 • Men (18-54 yrs.): Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Northern Traditional, Southern Traditional
 • Women (18-54 yrs.): Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Northern Traditional, Southern Traditional
 • Teen Boys (13-17 yrs.): Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Combined Northern & Southern Traditional
 • Teen Girls (13-17 yrs.): Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Combined Northern & Southern Traditional
 • Jr. Boys (6-12 yrs.): Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Combined Northern & Southern Traditional
 • Jr. Girls (6-12 yrs.): Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Combined Northern & Southern Traditional
 • Tiny Tots (5 yrs. & Under)

ARTS & CRAFTS / FOOD VENDOR INFO:
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 970-563-3000 ext. 1759
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HOST HOTEL INFO:
 Sleep Inn Durango
 1260 Escalante Dr., Building A Durango, CO 81303
 970-403-1350
 Use Code: Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow
 2 Nights only total \$228
 10-Rooms Available
 Breakfast included 5 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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 Rhianna Carel – Treasurer
 Valerie Armstrong – Recording Secretary
 Committee Members:
 Dona Frost, Karen Washington, Lisa Jacket, Maleina Carel
 S.U. Councilman, Marty Pinnecose – Tribal Council Ex-Officio

For information contact: Tara Vigil, 970-799-0615 or
 Valerie Armstrong, 970-317-3585

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 1st – 5th Place, Split Northern / Southern
 *Singers who are under 18 yrs. and register for the Drum Contest MUST have ONE 18 yrs. or older member as the payout representative.

DANCE AND DRUM CONTEST REQUIREMENT:
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The Southern Ute Powwow Committee, Sky Ute Casino Resort, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, will not be responsible for accidents, theft, injuries, food borne illnesses or death.

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MARCH 29-30, 2024
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FRIDAY, MARCH 29
 YOUTH CONTESTS
 4 p.m. Gourd Dance
 6 p.m. Grand Entry

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
 ADULT & GOLDEN AGE CONTESTS
 1 p.m. Gourd Dance
 4 p.m. Grand Entry

HEAD STAFF
 Arena Director: Marty Pinnecose
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 Headman: Kyle Toya
 Headwoman: Sloan Shotton
 Head Gourd: Chad Pfeiffer
 Host Southern Drum: Buc Wild
 Host Northern Drum: Shiprock Agency

DRUM CONTEST
 • 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes

DANCE CONTEST CATEGORIES
 • Mens & Womens Golden Age (55+) - All categories
 • Mens (18-54) - N. Traditional, S. Straight, Grass, Fancy
 • Womens (18-54) - N. Traditional, S. Cloth/Buckskin, Fancy, Jingle
 • Teen Boys (13-17) - N. Traditional, S. Straight, Grass, Fancy
 • Teen Girls (13-17) - N. Traditional, S. Cloth/Buckskin, Fancy, Jingle
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March is National Nutrition Month

Cook More, Eat Out Less

Eating out can be expensive. Many foods can be prepared for less money (and more healthfully) at home. Find a few simple, healthy recipes your family enjoys and save eating out for special occasions.



March Activities

March 28, 2024
Pagosa Hot Springs

Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

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

Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

Try something new....
Nourish your body & spirit
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Come join us at the Southern Ute Museum classroom Thursday, March 28 from 2-3 pm for:

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Goofing off is seriously healthy

By Tamara D. Turner the responsibilities and stresses of life, we adults can sometimes get bogged down with worries, planning, and staying on top of all the responsibilities. As I mentioned, I'm a worrier so this is something I'm constantly aware of.

Did you know that March 22, is National Goof Off Day. I did not know this before today, but as I was scrolling through the various "holidays" and observances for March, it caught my attention.

One recent goal I made for myself to curb this was, at least one day a week, to spend some time doing something I enjoy *for no other reason* than because it is enjoyable. There must not be an outcome, goal, or obligation in this activity. In other words, I choose to do that thing or activity not because I should or have to do it. The activity should be aimless and without a goal. This has sometimes proved harder than I thought.

As someone who works in mental health and culture, what came to mind was the power of play, laughter, and humor to get us through difficult times. The healing and rejuvenating potential of allowing ourselves to be playful and even silly sometimes can literally shift our biology: it changes the chemicals in our bodies, those stress hormones and acidity that comes from chronic stress or worry. Believe me, as a worrier, I know. I can feel that acidity flooding my system when I start to stress out.

“Oh, I know, I'll read that book that's been sitting on the shelf” I will think. But then I will realize, it's a non-fiction book that I feel I should read in order to do my job better or “advance myself” in life. “No, no, no,” I tell myself. This activity needs to have no other goal than enjoyment. Better if I get my mind out of the way and do something that doesn't take too much thinking.

Cultivating or staying true to our sense of humor, learning a new joke, or looking for the lightness in sometimes heavy situations can make all the difference. I'm proud to say that at our Behavioral Health Division, one hears laughter throughout the building quite often. You might have heard the phrase, “laughter is the best medicine” or “laughter is the final stage of healing.” You might have heard miraculous stories about how terminal illnesses have been reversed through ample laughter.

On the idea of “play” you might have heard of “play therapy” for kids. It's a shame that play therapy isn't also offered to adults (I say with a little grin). With others. The underlying idea is to cultivate joy.

One last thing that play, goofing off, and laughter offer us: they are ways of cultivating gratitude. It's easier to feel grateful, to give thanks, when we are in a space of lightness, joy, and openness, remembering and embodying the gift of life. On that note, we give thanks for our diligent and resilient community and for all the dedicated staff and departments who make this such a strong community.

Here's to your good health!

It's okay not to feel okay

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

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Important Notice for Tribal Members Receiving Medicare Reimbursements

This notice is to clarify the Medicare Premium Reimbursement program policy administered by the Tribal Health Department. The Social Security Administration (SSA) sends out a statement with the monthly premium amount due each calendar year. The Tribal Health Department policy (THD.RS.6.2) requires a copy of the SSA statement be submitted to the Tribal Health Department Benefits Coordinators to have the reimbursement processed. It is important that Benefits Coordinators receive this information to continue the process of monthly reimbursements in a timely manner. The SSA 2024 statement should have been received by participants between October 2023 and January 2024. If the Benefits Coordinators have NOT received a copy of the 2024 SSA statement, monthly reimbursements will discontinue until the 2024 SSA statement is provided. The deadline to provide SSA statements to the Benefits Coordinators without interruption of reimbursement is January 31, 2024. If you should have any questions, or need clarification, please contact the Tribal Health Department's Benefits Coordinators, Ms. Lori Herrera at 970-563-2371 or Ms. Phyllis Rhodes at 970-563-2211.



Students 'spring' into song



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

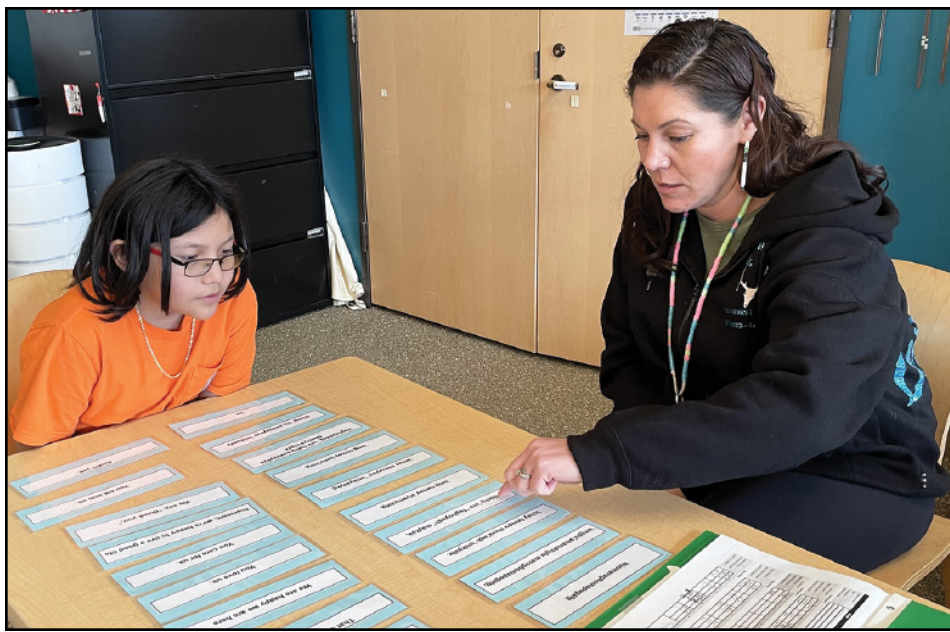
The Ignacio Elementary School students performed their "Kinder Mini Music Showcase" and fifth grade "Walkin' Down Memory Lane Concert" in the Ignacio High School Auditorium, Thursday, March 14.



With the entire Elementary student body in attendance, filling the Ignacio High School Auditorium to capacity, the kindergarten and fifth grade students each performed a musical celebration, leading everyone into the spring season and the school's spring break.



To close out the day-time concert, students handed out flowers to Elementary teachers in attendance, in appreciation of their hard work and dedication to the students. Led by Ignacio Elementary Music Teacher, Samantha Walker, students performed several musical productions.



courtesy SUIMA

After putting it in order, Lawrence Santisteven II reads the Children's Prayer in Ute to Rhiannon Velasquez, SUIMA Ute Language Interim Director.

SUIMA

Pawaaghani pə'okwatu – Eagle's Nest

Daily hands-on learning at SUIMA

By Randi Foster, Curriculum Specialist SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

With the Montessori curriculum being what was chosen for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, infants through sixth graders learn through their hands. Whether it's fine motor skills, the parts of a tree, the alphabet, how to read, or how to multiply, SUIMA teachers guide students in how to utilize each beautifully crafted material to gain a new concept or skill.

The staff members apply their extensive Montessori training as they carefully choose and present developmentally aligned tasks that suit each child's ability and appeal to their interests.

"With math materials, they're able to manipulate them, it uses your senses, and it's more substantial," explained Monique Marquee, primary level teacher.

"My favorite material is sandpaper letters because it's tactile and it uses all the senses. You listen, you feel, you hear," said Kathy Over-

man, primary level teacher. Recent classroom observations reveal SUIMA students of all ages concentrating intently on their hands-on work, as you can see from the photos.

SUIMA School Board

The School Board is currently updating policies and procedures as well as seeking ideas for fundraising opportunities. At the next meeting, they will also discuss the 2024-2025 school calendar. If you'd like to bring something to their attention, you can find a tab on our school's website (www.suima.org) to submit your concern. A board member

will get in touch with you.

Reminders

Book Fair will be April 1-4 in the dining hall.

Parent Advisory Group

The next PAG meeting will be April 23 from 6 - 7 p.m., via Zoom. These meetings are typically held every third Tuesday of the month.

Family Group Night

Family Night was rescheduled for Wednesday, March 27 with the theme of Legos! Come join us for dinner and some family fun! Drum group will be held in the Ute Language room that night.

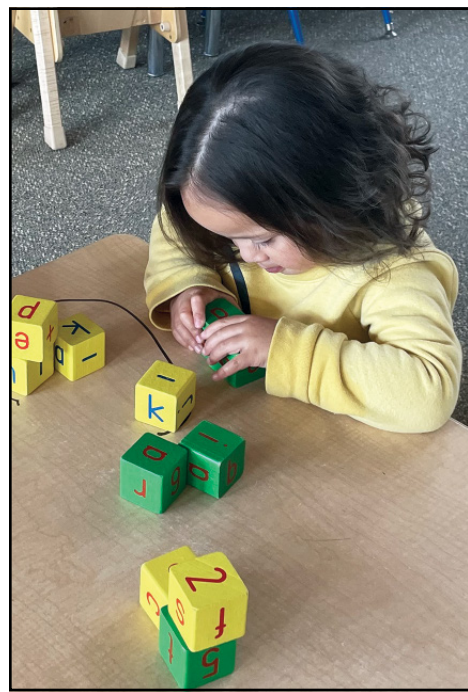
Upcoming SUIMA events

- Every Friday: Early release at 2 p.m.
- March 27: UE Taco Sale; Family Group; Drum Group
- April 1-5: Book Fair
- April 3: UE going to the Growth Fund
- April 4: UE well site field trip
- April 5: UE Walk in the Park and lemonade stand
- April 10-12: UE overnight field trip to Denver
- April 19: No school for students
- April 23: PAG
- April 24: Family Night



courtesy SUIMA

Destiny Valdez teaches Rex Olguin long multiplication with checkerboard material. "Can I do the checkerboard again today? It's my favorite work," said Destiny.



courtesy SUIMA

Toddler student, Yomaris Albo, stacks blocks in her classroom.

Come to our **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

READ MORE IN '24!

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy
Scholastic Book Fair!!!

The 2024 book fair will be held **April 1 – April 5**
in the SUIMA Dining Hall

Monday, April 1: 7:30am-4:00pm
Tuesday, April 2: 7:30am-6:00pm
Wednesday, April 3: 7:30am-4:00pm
Thursday, April 4: 7:30am-4:00pm
Friday, April 5: 7:30am-8:30am

Online shopping available April 1 – April 14
at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/southernuteacademy>

A WALK THROUGH THE PARK

April 5, 2024
1:10 pm - 2:00 pm

Start/Finish line: North of Council Chambers
(Route will be marked off)

Lemonade Stand!
\$2 per cup
\$1 Refill
Accepts Cash

SUIMA's Upper Elementary is hosting a park walk. The students have been working hard to reach their mile goal for PE. They want to share their growth with you while fundraising for their end of the year trip. Please join us for some fresh air and good exercise!

Recreation Presents:

Ski and Snowboarding Field Trip

March 29th-31st, 2024

Ages: 10-17 yrs old. Over night Ski Trip at Telluride **Seating is limited**

SUIT Members/1st Descendants \$20.00

Bring: Bed Roll /Sleeping Bag, pillow, snow pants, coat, gloves, snow boots, goggles, change of clothes

Provided for Youth: All ski/board gear, Ski/Snowboard lessons & Lift Ticket

Registration Deadline: 3/27/24

Leave From SunUte: Mar. 29th @ 12:00 pm
Return To SunUte: Mar. 31st @ TBD

For more information contact
Bird (970) 563-2664, Kelsey (970) 563-2660, Elijah (970) 563-2655
Darnell (970) 563-2667



IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We aim to serve!

By Liz vonTaufkirchen, Assistant Director/Librarian

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Here at Ignacio Community Library, we aim to serve the entire community. 58.4% of the Ignacio population is Hispanic, Native American, or some combination of those ethnicities (Source: DataUSA). Keeping this in mind, we strive to offer materials and host programming that reflects our population's background and interests.

For women's history month, we wanted to bring in a Chautauqua speaker. If you are not familiar with Chautauqua, in a nutshell, it is a performance by an actor (who is usually, but not always, also an historian) who portrays an historical figure for a presentation at a school, library, or museum. This historical actor will then field questions from the audience while in character as the historical figure. It is amazing to watch, and we think this sort of presentation would be fun and hopefully popular with our patrons.

My preferred choice for an historical figure would have been a Native American historical figure such as Wilma Mankiller, Maria Tallchief, or Sarah Winnemucca, or another good option would have been a Latina/Hispanic historical figure. Unfortunately, I learned that no such performer exists in



the entire Colorado Humanities Chautauqua organization, at least not yet. All the performers of women characters at the current time are white women portraying historical white women.

This begs the question, why? Why are there no Native American or Latina actors or historians getting into the business of being Chautauqua speakers? It is not for lack of interested libraries, schools, or museums to book them, that's for sure. I am not the only librarian looking for these types of performers for our venues.

This situation really got my curiosity flowing, so I reached out to my contact at Colorado Humanities, Jennifer Macias, History Program Coordinator, to ask her about what becoming a Chautauqua speaker entails. Jennifer was so helpful and was also interested in the possibility of recruiting more Native and Latina performers to the program. She said that there isn't a specific path to becoming a

Chautauqua speaker in this area, at least not yet. There is a group in Mesa County that produces good speakers out of Grand Junction called the Mesa Murder Mystery. There was also an online Chautauqua training in 2022. This comprehensive and well-done training was hosted by the North Dakota Humanities organization and resulted in several speakers that Jennifer has since used at Colorado events with good results. I reached out to the organizers of the North Dakota online program to see if this is something they intend to repeat, or to see if we can do something similar here. If you are interested in history and acting, maybe you would consider getting involved?

Our Women's History Month Chautauqua speaker is going to be Abigail Adams, portrayed by actress and historian Jessica Downing Ford on Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m. here at the library; I hope you can come and join us!

Annual Elbert J. Floyd Award Nominations

Nominations for the Elbert J. Floyd award are open, requirements for the nominees are:

- > An enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
> An enrolled student in any formal education program
o This student can be of any age
o Those planning to immediately enroll in such a program are also eligible
> Student has interest in continuing their education
> Has interest in serving their community and Tribe
> Has qualities of a dedicated student
> Is approved by the Southern Ute Education Department

Eligible recipients do not need to reside on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation; however, it is asked that they can be available to receive the award in person, which will take place at the Tribal Council Chambers in Ignacio, CO.

Nominations may be received from any teacher, Tribal member, or community member, and they must be submitted to the Southern Ute Education Department.

Submission is to be in writing stating the basis of nomination and returned to Chasity Bean at the Southern Ute Education Department by 5:00 pm Friday, May 03, 2024.

For questions or more information please contact Chasity Bean at 970-563-2793 or email cbean@southernute-nsn.gov.

Recipient will be determined by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

This annual award is done in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to the selected nominee.



Rodney Ems Memorial Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

The Rodney Ems Memorial Scholarship committee is seeking scholarship applications from area students who demonstrate their love of the game of golf and how it has had an impact on their lives. Scholarships are a minimum of \$1,000. Applicants must be a graduating senior from a public, private or charter school located in Southwest Colorado. The applicant must be accepted to a two- or four-year college or university, or a vocational/technical school. Applications can be found at www.remsgolf.com and should be emailed to rems.scholarship@gmail.com by April 15. For information, visit the website or email rems.scholarship@gmail.com. A group of golfers from Dalton Ranch Golf Club established the nonprofit fund in memory of Durango resident Rodney Ems.

KSUT will be holding it's 2024 Spring Membership Fund Drive March 25-29

There will be prizes and guest DJs throughout the week!

- Monday, March 25, will be Sustaining Member's Day. New and increased Sustaining Members will be entered to win a Santa Fe getaway.
Tuesday, March 26, will be New Member Day and a KSUT Open House Day at the studio. Prizes for the New Member day include tickets to the Tico Time Bluegrass Festival, Michael Franti & Spearhead concert tickets, and passes to the Durango Bluegrass Meltdown and Four Corners Folk Festival.
Wednesday, March 27, is the ever popular Books & Coffee Day. Day prizes include a year's worth of books from Maria's Bookshop and a Year of Coffee from Durango Coffee Company.
Thursday, March 28, is Growers and Gardeners Day. Prizes include a Paddleboard donated by Ska Brewing and Gift Certificates from Durango Nursery.
Friday, March 29, is our Grand Prize day. The grand prize is a getaway to the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival for two April 25-28. Prize includes passes to the festival, round trip airfare from Durango and lodging.


For more information, or to make your donation, please visit KSUT.org or call the station at 970-563-0255.

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2024 SUMMER CLUB June 10-August 9. Includes details on fees, ages, limited space, and meeting dates.

CALLING ALL PARENTS. Parenting isn't easy. Come connect with other caregivers and local professionals over locally-catered dinner and learn tools to support yourself and your family. Includes dates for Love and Logic, Internet Safety, and Challenging Conversations.

IGNACIO YOUTH SERVICES SUMMER CAMP IS 100% FREE! JUNE 10-15. 5-NIGHT, 6-DAY YOUTH SUMMER CAMP. Includes activities like White Water Rafting and Salida Arcade, and location information.





INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL
Youth Program

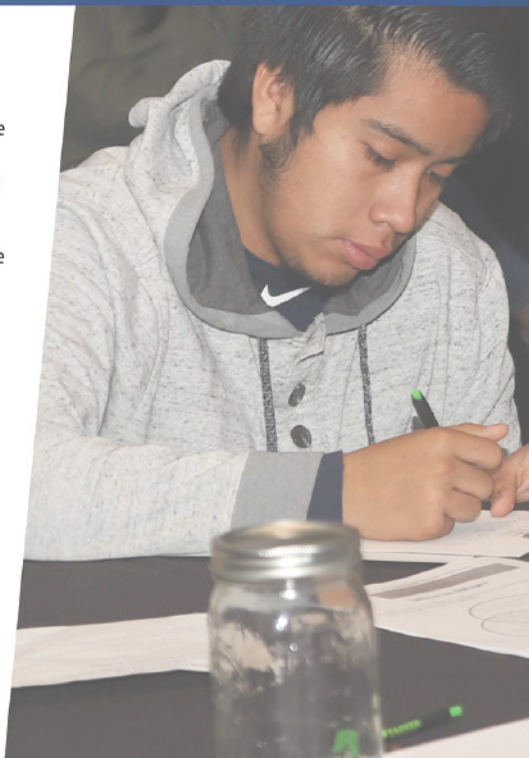
APPLY BY
Friday
MARCH 29
11:59 PM (PST)

Bob Miller Memorial Scholarship

Up to twenty-four (24) recipients will receive a \$2,000 scholarship, receiving \$1,000 in the fall semester and \$1,000 in the spring semester

Students that have participated in Intertribal Agriculture Council's (IAC) Youth activities are eligible to apply for the Bob Miller Memorial Scholarship. Previous youth involvements include participation in IAC Youth Summits, Internships, and Essay Contests. Past Scholarship recipients are eligible to apply in a concurrent year and are considered against the entire applicant pool.

Preference will be given to full-time, undergraduate students. Part-time or graduate students will be considered after full-time, undergraduate students.



Sunshine Tso
Youth Administrative Specialist
sunshine@indianag.org

indianag.org

Wildlife education



photos Samantha Maez/SU Tribal Information Services

During the annual Scoring Night program, Wildlife Advisory Board Chairman Adian Abeya shows Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students a processed buck head and how the scoring is done during the event.



Instructor Jon Broholm with Southern Ute Wildlife Technician, teaches SU-MA students the importance of firearm safety and handling during Scoring Night, Thursday, March 14 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort; the event was sponsored by the Southern Ute Wildlife Division.

Alive At 25


Defensive Driving Course

Saving Lives Through Education

4/14/24
Sunday

Time: 12:30 to 5:00

Ignacio Library
Community
Room



Enroll Online
www.aliveat25.us
Call 866-605-3900

Instructor: Don Folsom SUPD
Cell: 970-769-9431

Automobile Crashes are the leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds. The life you save may be your own.

Sign up now for this defensive driving educational course and become a better driver. You may use this course for getting your learner's permit under the graduated licensing law. You can satisfy a court ordered defensive driving course requirement. You may ask your insurance company for a discount after completing this course. You learn how to take control when driving.



Save the Date
General Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

Details on attendance options and the agenda are forthcoming.

970.563.0100 P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 www.southernute-nsn.gov

Share Your Story!

The Southern Ute Culture Center and Museum (SUCCM) is looking for Ute Tribal Members interested in sharing familial oral histories or information related to cradleboard making, the cultural significance, and the historical importance of the cultural item for an upcoming exhibit. If you are interested in participating and sharing your story and knowledge, please contact any of the following SUCCM staff members to learn more about the project.

- **Collections Manager, Tallias Cantsee**
970-563-2996, tcantsee@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Museum Education & Outreach Coordinator, Raelynn Frauenhoff**
970-563-2998, rfrauenhoff@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Museum Special Projects Support Staff Member, Rhonda Price**
970-563-2972, rprice@southernute-nsn.gov

NIGHT AT THE UTE INDIAN MUSEUM

Join the Cultural Preservation Department for a spectacular night at the Ute Indian Museum on **June 3rd-4th!**

SLEEP IN A TIPI UNDER THE STARS



CAMPER'S WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN SLEEPING GEAR



Experience Ute culture with exciting activities including a Shavano Tour, hands-on crafts inspired by Ute traditions, and a museum scavenger hunt.

Open to the first ten (10) Tribal Members or first descendants ages 8-11 years old. Application is due **May 28th at 5:00 PM.**



To sign up contact Izabella Cloud:
(970)563-2984
icloud@southernute-nsn.gov




The Southern Ute Education Department,
Public Education

THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

SCSYAC is looking for new council members, tribal members aged 11-17

Needs to be enrolled in public, private or home school program and maintain a 2.0 GPA

The youth council meets twice a month for regular meetings



Contact Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council
Coordinator | Dustin Weaver 970.563.2786
dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Club Connect: BGC hosts annual retreat

Staff Report

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Youth of the Month

Our Youth of the Month focuses on acknowledging and making club members aware of their own unique character and abilities. As staff, we want to recognize them by their positive attributes seen in their club driven experience.

For this month of February, our Youth of the Month awards go to Bradley Lovato and Cassidy Tahlo!



Bradley Lovato

BGC youth of the month

Congratulations on behalf of BGCSU staff!

Birthday Shout outs

- Robert Archuleta: Mar. 4

BGC Shoutouts

A huge shoutout to everyone who donated prizes for the annual Easter egg hunt.



courtesy BGC

BGC staff and board attended the annual BGC Retreat.

BGC Board highlights

On March 9, the Boys & Girls Club staff and board members attended the 2024 Annual BGC Retreat at the Double Tree in Durango, Colo. The staff and Board met together for the morning session and then went into Staff and Board specific

break outs.

On March 13, CEO Bruce LeClaire and Board Member, Amy Barry, provided a BGC "on-air" update at KSUT Tribal Radio.

CEO Bruce LeClaire will attend Boys & Girls Clubs of America Movement Resource Group, MRG, Leaders Symposium March 18-19. He is a co-chair of the Indigenous Connections MRG and will meet with leaders from other Movement Resource Groups.

BGC Announcements

The Annual Hearts Fundraiser was successful with nine businesses and the Permanent Fund selling hearts. Rolling Thunder Grill sold the most hearts, 400!

Wauneka earns promotion



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Police Department, Sgt. Adrian Wauneka is presented with a promotional certificate by Chief of Police, Michael Barrow during his Pinning Ceremony held on Friday, March 4.



Sergeant Wauneka is surrounded by his family following the presentation of his badge and certificate on Friday, March 4. Colleagues, friends, and family members gathered to enjoy light refreshments as part of Wauneka's Pinning Ceremony.



Adrian Wauneka has his new badge pinned on his uniform by his wife, marking his new promotion to sergeant.



Sergeant Wauneka cuts into a cake as part of his pinning ceremony reception, the celebration marks the beginning of Wauneka's journey as a sergeant.

HoPpy Easter
from the staff of The Southern Ute Drum
Jeremy, Robert, Divine, Krista & Rosie

ICL SMART PHONES 101
Come and learn the basics of Smartphones!

- Differences between Apple and Android phones
- Basic navigation
- General terms, such as Data vs. WiFi
- And plenty of time for specific or general questions from you!

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 AT 3:00 P.M.

Come and try virtual reality at Ignacio Community Library!
Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered about VR gaming or other uses for VR headsets? Do you think you might like one but don't want to drop \$300 to try it out? We have you covered! Come in and try an Oculus 2 headset here at the library.

In partnership with:

This is an adult program
teens 13 and older are welcome to attend with an adult and a completed waiver.

REPAIR CAFE

A neighborhood initiative that promotes repair as an alternative to tossing things out. Bring your broken items to fix them on the spot with the help of voluntary repairers!

First Saturday every month 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WILLOWS CAFE • BISTRO

Easter Buffet

\$31.99 per person

Sunday, March 31, 8AM-4PM*

Herb Scrambled Eggs	Shrimp Scampi
Ham Scramble	Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Chicken Fried Steak	Fried Chicken
Pork Chops	Red Tamales
Country Gravy Biscuits	Chef Carved Honey Ham
Potato Wedges	Green Tamales
Hickory Smoked Bacon	Stuffing
Country Sausage	Watermelon
Cheese Blintz with a Blueberry Sauce	Fruit Salad
Seared Salmon Dijonnaise	Garden Salad
Sweet Corn	Apple & Cherry Pie
Seasonal Squash and Zucchini	Carrot Cake

For reservations please call Willows 970-563-6238.

Sky Ute CASINO RESORT
14324 Hwy 172 North, Ignacio, CO 81137 | skyutecasino.com
Owned & Operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

*Willows Open at 8AM; No To Go Options. Menu items are subject to change. Prices do not include tax or gratuity. All Ace's Club discounts apply; kiosk voucher required to receive discount.



Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service
Division of Contracts and Grants
presents

Children's Artwork Contest

Winners will each receive a \$25 frozen yogurt gift card. Nine (9) winners will be selected:

- 3 elementary school students (Grades K - 5th)
- 3 middle school students (grades 6th - 8th)
- 3 high school students (grades 9th - 12th)

Submissions due by: 12 pm on Sunday, March 31, 2024

Winner's artwork will be displayed on Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service acquisition brochures, pamphlets and handouts that will be distributed during Small Business outreach events.

Submit Artwork to: Eric.Wright@ihs.gov

2024 Easter Gourd Dance

Towaoc, CO

March 30, 2024

Where: Ute Mountain Rec. Center
Time: 12 pm - 8 pm

All Gourd Societies welcome

Supper Break: 4 pm - 5 pm
Closing of Gourd Dance 5 pm - 8 pm

Head Staff

MC: Rusty Cozad - Kiowa - Anadarko, OK
Head Gourd Singer: Kevin Sovo - Comanche - Lawton, OK
Head Gourd Dancer: Afrem Wall - Ute Mountain - Towaoc, CO
Arena Director - Val Uentillie - Navajo - Kirtland, NM

Vendors Welcome

Egg Hunt for the Kids
Potluck style supper break
All Royalties welcome

Contact person: Willa Whiteskunk (970) 560-4338 or (970) 844-3082

UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBE AND GOURD DANCE COMMITTEE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR: ACCIDENTS, THEFT, INJURIES, OR AND NO SOLICITORS. THIS EVENT IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT.

Multi-Purpose Facility Easter Elder Craft Day

Wednesday March 27, 2024
10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun

Elders - Adults Only Please

Please call to sign up - space is limited -

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
970-563-2640, e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi-Purpose Facility Easter Youth Craft Day and Egg Hunt

Southern Ute Chapel

Saturday March 30, 2024
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Youth 6 - 17
Parents - Grand Parents Welcome

Call to sign-up 970-563-2640

258 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
970-563-2640, e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Easter Sweetz Bake Sale

AVAILABLE MARCH 30, 2024
OLD CASINO PARKING LOT
12-4PM

- Cupcakes**
Mixed flavor cupcakes
\$45 for a box of 6
\$5 per cupcake
- Cake Pops**
Mixed Flavored cake pops
\$8 per pop
\$35 for 6
- Chocolate covered items**
Easter designed
Strawberries & Pretzels Boxes
\$35 for 6 strawberries & 6 Pretzels
- Beaded Items**
Earrings \$35-\$60
Badge reel w/holder \$35-\$50
Badge reel \$35
Badge Holder \$30
- Max's Sweet Treatz & Crafts**

MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY Easter Sip, Chat & Chew

Friday March 29, 2024
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Easter Fun activity is Ute Bingo

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

Door Prize donations are appreciated.

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
970-563-2640 email: multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

IGNACIO COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024
10:00AM
SUNUTE PARK
(FIELDS BEHIND COMMUNITY CENTER)

AGES CATEGORIES

0-4 YEARS 5-8 YEARS 9-14 YEARS

STOP BY THE WRISTBAND BOOTH FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GRAND PRIZE

COME MEET THE EASTER BUNNY!
PLUS FOOD VENDORS, GAMES, & TONS OF OTHER PRIZES
BRING YOUR OWN BASKET FOR HUNTING

FOR MORE INFORMATION, BOOTH INFO, OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DON FOLSOM AT (970) 563-2899 OR JASPER ABEYTA AT (970) 563-2808



Ute Day at the Colo. State Capitol



Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Melvin J. Baker of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe gives his annual address to the Joint Assembly on Friday, March 15.



Southern Ute Tribal Council, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council, and Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee Representative Christopher Tabbee gather alongside Colorado Lt. Governor, Diane Primavera and Tribal Royalty proceeding the Ute Day at the Capitol event on Friday, March 15.



Ute Veterans present the colors during the Ute Day at the Capitol event held on Friday, March 15 at the Colorado State Capitol. Veterans present their respective tribal flags as well as the national flag of the United States.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Tribal Council member Marge Barry sits alongside other dignitaries during the Chairman's Annual Address to the Joint Assembly on Friday, March 15 at the Colorado State Capitol.

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boundaries, and the importance of safeguarding the Tribe's water rights.

With respect to gaming, Chairman Baker reminded the Legislature that the Tribe's Gaming Compact, ratified by the State Legislature, signed by the Governor, and approved by the Secretary of Interior, allows the Tribe to engage in gaming activities "that are identical to the activities and bet amounts that are authorized in the State of Colorado." Therefore, when the State authorized statewide internet sports betting, the Tribe under its Compact was allowed to engage in statewide internet sports betting. However, the Governor failed to honor this Compact when the Colorado Department of Gaming ordered suppliers to not engage in business with the Tribe, solely to benefit non-Tribal gaming interests.

The Tribe is entitled to engage in statewide internet sports betting in accordance with its Gaming Compact and the Chairman called upon the State Legislature to ensure that the State's longstanding agreement with the Tribe is honored. He encouraged the Legislature to support legislation supported by Senator Robert Rodriguez, Majority Leader of the State Senate, ensuring that the State of Colorado complies

with its obligations under the Gaming Compact.

Chairman Baker further encouraged the Legislature to assist the Tribe in resisting efforts by the City of Durango to annex lands within the Reservation boundaries. He reminded the Legislature of the State's history of seizing tribal land to support non-tribal economic interests. Chairman Baker related the City's plans to take advantage of lands and resources within the Reservation boundaries, of which have been confirmed by federal law, to support the City's economic interests. He described the City's failure to collaborate with the Tribe on this issue, its disregard for the cooperative agreements with La Plata County, and how annexation will worsen the already critical Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) crisis through increased jurisdictional complexities. Chairman Baker asked that the Legislature support a bill sponsored by Senators Jessie Danielson and Cleve Simpson, House Majority Leader Representative Monica Duran, and House Minority Leader Rose Pugliese, requiring tribal consent before lands are annexed within the Reservation boundaries.

Following the address, Tribal Council met with

Governor Polis and Lt. Governor Primavera for a roundtable discussion. Once again, Tribal Council encouraged the Governor to honor the Tribe's sovereignty and the State's agreements with the Tribe. In May 2019, Governor Polis wrote, "In Colorado we respect our government-to-government relationship with the Tribes." During the roundtable discussion, he acknowledged his administration did not contact or consult the Tribe while sports betting was in the process of being implemented. Moreover, when the Governor suggested that the electorate may have supported sports betting legislation to generate revenue for the State, he was reminded that members of the two Colorado tribes had supported the legislation because it enabled the Tribes to engage in sports betting under their longstanding gaming compacts and tribal members' votes counted as much as those of non-tribal members.

By visiting the Capitol, the Tribal Council demonstrated their commitment to building strong relationships with state officials. Their advocacy aims to secure policies that respect the Tribe's self-governance, to enact positive changes, and to promote prosperity for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

SAVE THE DATE
2024
TRIBAL EVENTS

BEAR DANCE
MAY 24 - MAY 27

SUN DANCE
JULY 19 - JULY 22

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
SHERISA VALDEZ | 970-563-2988

SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE POWWOW
MAY 24 + 25, 2024
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT, IGNACIO, CO

TARA VIGIL: 970-799-0615 OR VALERIE ARMSTRONG: 970-317-3585
VENDOR INFO: 970-563-3000 EXT. 1759

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† PVT Glenn Williams July 1966 - Apr. 1967	SGT Tim Watts Apr. 1970 - Mar. 1971
† SP4 Roger Price June 1967 - June 1968	SP4 Roderick K. Grove Aug. 1970 - Oct. 1971
SP4 Roland Norris July 1967 - July 1968	† PVT Clifford Charles Cook Nov. 1965 - 1966
SGT Howard Richards Sr. Jan. 1969 - Aug. 1969	† SP4 Teddy Baker Dec. 1969 - 1970
† PVT Dennis Burch Mar. 1968 - Mar. 1969	SSGT Austin Box July 1966 - July 1967
† SP4 Vincent Silva Jr. Mar. 1969 Apr. 1970	† SP4 Randy J. Baker Sr. June 1967 - June 1968
† SP4 Vernest Carel Jan. 1970 - Dec. 1971	† SP4 Elwood Howe Apr. 1967 - May 1968
SGT Ronnie C. Baker 1967 - 1968	† PFC Eric Weaver 1971 - 1972
	† PFC Harold Silva 1972

Southern Ute Veterans Park - March 29th @ 10:00am

Dancers, singers and artists fill coliseum



Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association shake hands with members of the Native American Women Warriors group following the Presentation of Colors, Friday, March 15.



Jr. Womens Fancy Shawl dancer Genesis Rosales competes in the Youth Enrichment dance special sponsored by the Denver March Powwow committee.



Southern Ute Royalty represents the Tribe during the celebration, each Grand Entry session the group was first in line leading in a large number of ambassadors. (Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theodone Greany not pictured).

Denver March Powwow returns to the Denver Coliseum for its 48th year celebrating Indigenous dancing, singing, and artists throughout the weekend of Friday, March 15 to Sunday, March 17. This powwow is often recognized for being the kickoff event for those who travel the "powwow trail" and despite snowy weather conditions, the event still garnered thousands of contestants and spectators.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Fancy shawl dancers hold up their registration numbers before judges after their category's competition.



Dancers travel from near and far to compete at the 48th Annual Denver March Powwow, at the start of her contest this Jingle Dress dancer begins to show her best moves.



Teen Boy's Grass Dancer competes in the Grace "SwaHuux" Gillette grass dance special on Saturday, March 16.



Drum group Bad Company sings an intertribal song on Saturday, March 16, bringing out spectators and dancers to the floor.



Southern Ute Veterans Association members Raymond Baker, Gordon Hammond, and Rudley Weaver don their best outfits as they march to post the colors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ute Day and the Reservation Economic Summit

By **Marvin Pinnecoose**,
Treasurer
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

The State of Colorado and many parts of neighboring states have been the ancestral homelands of the Ute people since time immemorial. Our history talks about our nomadic roots and our ability to navigate the Rocky Mountains and the many rivers making up the Colorado and others. We have historical sites and culturally relevant camp sites from the Uintah Basin all the way over to Comanche country. We are a proud people who were separated into three tribes and placed on static real-estate in the hopes of making us farmers and homesteaders.

As Utes, we've always kept our pride and our language. We keep believing in our social and cultural practices even from remote locations separated from our other bands. We have been resilient over the years and have become stronger as time passes. As sovereign nations, the Ute tribes have an equal amount of presence as does the State of Colorado. It is only through cooperation and collaboration that we can work together to effectively benefit everyone. With this respect in mind and with the

influence of the many contributions created by the Ute tribes, the State of Colorado read a proclamation on Friday, March 15, dedicating that day as Ute Day.

The Southern Ute Veterans opened the ceremonies within the state capitol on that early Friday morning. The Yellow Jacket Drum Group sang the opening song, Southern Ute flag song, and the retirement song for the colors. Chairman Manuel Heart provided the invocation. Both Chairman Baker and Chairman Heart gave impactful speeches about the Ute people, our creation story, our presence in the state of Colorado, and our forever future going forward. Vice-Chairman Chris Tabee also spoke about the Ute tribe and our powerful unity as one Tribal nation. The royalty from the tribes came forward and provided encouraging words of welcome and a refreshing perspective of youth. Lieutenant Governor Primavera provided great words to address the Tribes and the tribal members and spectators present. It was a memorable morning. For me, the highlight of the event was watching both Chairman Baker and Chairman Heart speak on the House floor in the capitol building. This is a room that was bustling with chatter and noise as floor

business was being conducted. When it came time for the Chairmen to speak, everyone became silent, and the entire chamber was filled with reverence and respect as the words of the Ute Nation was humbly distributed among all those on the floor and in the gallery. It was truly a sight to behold. The energy of the event carried over to the Denver March Powwow which began later that afternoon. Our Southern Ute Royalty shifted gears and were ready to represent in Grand Entry and during the powwow.

RESERVATION ECONOMIC SUMMIT

The reason I am providing both Ute Day and Reservation Economic Summit (RES) into one report is because they were done linearly within the same week. I have both events fresh in my head as I type away like a mad man trying to make the submission deadline of the Southern Ute Drum today. While Ute Day was done toward the end of the week in Denver, the Reservation Economic Summit was done earlier in the same week. The purpose of this gathering is to update all the Native American tribes on economic and financial practices, laws, grants & loans, and opportunities that have become available. It is a time to network with other tribal nations about what they are doing and how it can benefit us as Southern Utes.

Economic development is big in Indian Country and many tribes are looking to utilize various revenue streams to diversify the opportunities for both their tribal government, entities, and within their tribal citizen businesses. Many tribes have established Economic Development Corporations. These are like our Growth Fund arm of the Southern Ute Tribe. These corporations have their own management groups and make decisions like how our GFMC works within the Growth Fund. The speed of business mandates this type of structure, and it appears that many tribal nations have embraced the E.D.C. model and are bringing forth many ventures within their own tribes.

My favorite part of this conference are the champion entrepreneurs that are



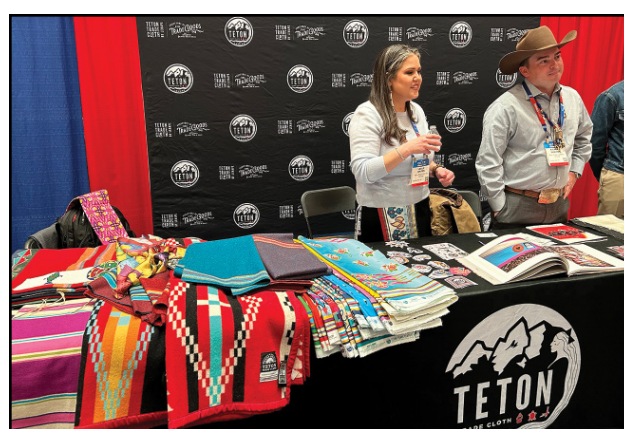
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General Session at the Reservation Economic Summit included many talking panels with tribal and company leaders.

celebrated and chose to speak at the break-out sessions about their businesses. These are usually small businesses created by Native American individuals who have successfully leveraged minimizing costs while maximizing revenue to generate respectable E.B.I.T.D.A. and net profits. They serve as inspiration to other businesses and tribes.

Bidii Baby Foods was one of these presenters this year. This is a husband-and-wife company that farms harvests ingredients to compile baby food packets. These packets are culturally sensitive to native farming practices and packaged for distribution and sale. The impressive part of the company is that they utilize a hybrid system of retained earnings and grant funding at a personal level that helps them elevate their capital purchases each year, while still utilizing their own money to invest in the business with no debt and not having to sell equity. They are located right here in the Four Corners. Visit them online at www.bidiibabyfoods.org.

In terms of textiles, clothing, and promoting the Native brand, I have been following Eighth Generation for years. They are known for their Native blankets but have been expanding into other lines for some time. They are owned by a Native American tribe and their claim to fame is that they are "Inspired Natives, not Native Inspired" like another blanket company that simply uses native patterns to sell without giving back. Eighth Generation celebrates the



Marvin Pinnecoose/SU Tribal Council

Teton Trade Cloth is a textile company that has pulled out some great examples of collaboration with artists and other companies this year at the Reservation Economic Summit.

Native Artists that submit their designs to be made into blankets and then include the biography of those artists openly to promote culture and respect to the tribe. Talking to Colleen Echohawk, Cassius, and Lacey, they are looking for Southern Ute artists who may want to talk about submissions for future consideration. Please look at their history, products, and reach out to them at eighthgeneration.com.

I was also glad to hear that they were talking to Leslie Jordan and the folks over at Teton Trading Cloth. This is another Native American company that is doing things right by involving Native artists in their design of fabric and cloth. Each bolt of fabric has the artist's name on it and is done very respectfully. Please look at their website too, tetontradecloth.com.

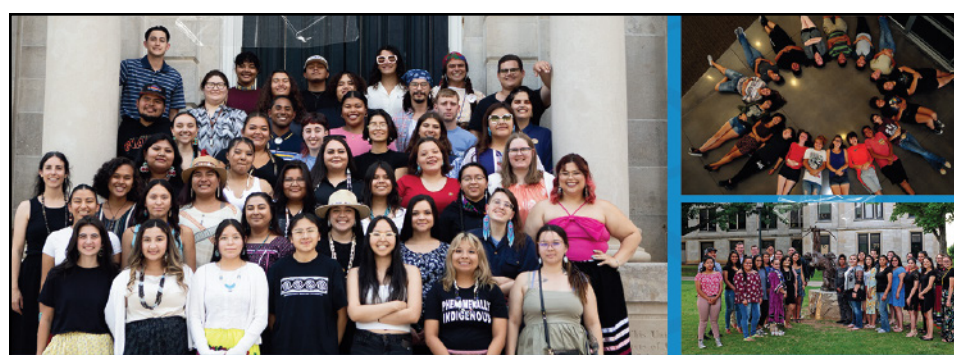
There are so many other opportunities that were discussed at RES 2024, and I will be working over the next few months to decompress these to see if they are options that the Tribe might want to consider or not. I want to leave you with one

last message that I heard a few times in which multiple tribal nations were banding together to create Travel Tourism Alliances. This has been somewhat impactful in the upper California area with the Yurok Tribe and in the Dakotas with the Sioux tribes. I still have questions myself, but for us, this concept might look like us banding with Ute Mountain, some of the Pueblo tribes, and Navajo Nation to create a scenic loop in which we could have multiple stops through tourism companies such as Destination America to provide tour buses, company retreats, and consumer experiences. The key to success is the collaboration of the tribes to create unique packages that will attract the most traffic, repeat business, and word-of-mouth advertising. Given the number of visitors that places like Chaco Canyon, Mesa Verde, and Monument Valley bring in, this could be a great economic driver for the Tribe and the community. I'm very interested in future talks about this one, as well. More to come.



Marvin Pinnecoose/SU Tribal Council

Each year, Ho Chunk and Potawatomi make a strong presence at the trade show to talk about services to the public and the membership.



NATIVE YOUTH IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2024

IFAI'S SUMMIT:

- Provides youth an opportunity to grow personally and professionally.
- Helps empower youth to create and implement solutions that impact their families, communities, and beyond.
- Extends an opportunity for youth to meet and build meaningful lifelong connections to others across Indian Country with the same interests and similar backgrounds.

LODGING & TRAVEL EXPENSES COVERED

For those selected to attend IFAI's Native Youth in Food and Agriculture Leadership Summit.

APPLY BY
APRIL 1

indigenousfoodandag.com

WHAT IS THE YOUTH SUMMIT?

The Youth Summit allows participants to dive deeper into their interests and develop real-world solutions, highlighted through a capstone project. Experiences during the week include touring Tribal agricultural operations, interfacing with other youth and industry professionals participating in an Indigenous cooking demonstration, and more.

WHERE AND WHEN?

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas
July 15 - 23, 2024

WHAT ARE THE FOCUS AREAS?

- Agricultural Business and Finance
- Land Stewardship and Conservation
- Agricultural Law and Policy
- Nutrition and Health
- NEW THIS YEAR, Animal Science



INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL Youth Program

Application
Deadline
March 29
11:59 PM PST

National Youth Advisory Council

Eight (8) Youth Council positions are available!



The Intertribal Agriculture Council's (IAC) National Youth Advisory Council (NYAC) serves as the advising body under the IAC Youth Program. NYAC will openly communicate with the Youth Program Director to ensure the needs of youth throughout Indian Country are properly met within the IAC's offered programming.

Sunshine Tso
Youth Administrative Specialist
sunshine@indianag.org

indianag.org/youth

2024 NYAC applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until positions have been filled. Open Council positions are for the following regions: Alaska, Eastern, Great Lakes, Navajo, Rocky Mountain, Southwest, Southern Plains, and Western.

Successful NYAC applicants will serve in shaping the leadership roles that this body will carry forward.



SOUTHWEST COLORADO

Community donations facilitated through Community Foundation

Grants approached \$5.7 M in 2023

By Briggen Wrinkle, Executive Director
SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Grants were disbursed across various nonprofit sectors in Southwest Colorado and beyond. The top three sectors in which the Foundation facilitated funding were human services, youth, and education organizations. Here is a breakdown by sector:

- \$195,160: Animal Protection
- \$458,404: Arts and Culture
- \$322,949: Our County/Impact
- \$824,475: Education
- \$153,010: Environment
- \$2,461,194: Human Services
- \$1,072,871: Youth Services
- \$203,625: Other Sectors

In 2023, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado infused \$5,691,687 into Southwest Colorado's nonprofit community. Those grants are broken down as follows:

- \$4,237,303 was facilitated through Community Foundation projects and programmatic granting, including almost \$2 million in Social Impact granting made possible through La Plata County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.
- \$1,454,384 was granted from Community Foundation donor-advised funds, or DAFs.

scholarship funds, fiscal sponsorship funds, and field of interest funds.

"Through grant facilitation last year, which was up by more than 40 percent over 2022 due in large part to La Plata County's Social Impact grant projects, we continued on a growth trajectory to support philanthropic endeavors across Southwest Colorado," says Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "We help nonprofits and donors achieve the impact and improved outcomes they wish to see in our communities."

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado manages over \$13 million in investments and is home to almost 80 donor advised funds, organizational funds, designated funds,

The Community Foundation serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan counties. For more information, please visit swcommunityfoundation.org.

LCB gets spring sprucing



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Chris Walker spackles small holes along the executive office walls in the LCB Building on Tuesday, March 19. For the last few weeks Building Maintenance crews have been working to improve the building.



Building Maintenance Technician, Jeremy Barber rolls fresh paint onto the walls in the Tribal Council office space, crews work to improve the halls of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building. Cosmetic improvements include new paint, appliances, and minor repairs throughout the building.

Multi-Purpose Facility March Food Sale

Monday March 25, 2024 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

	Hamburger or Cheese Burger with Fries \$15		Hot Dog \$3		Hot Dog with Fries \$8		Chicken Strips with Fries \$15
	On Frybread or Tortilla add \$3 add Green Chile \$3				On Frybread or Tortilla add \$3		
	Indian Taco \$10		Frito Pie Small \$7 Large \$10		Green Chile Stew w/Bread \$10		Chile Beans with Frybread or Tortilla \$10
	Hot Wings With Fries \$15		Fries \$5		Chile Cheese Fries (Red or Green) \$10		Terry's Chips & Salsa Large \$10 Small \$5
	Fry Bread or Tortilla \$5		Beverages \$1		Red Bull \$3.50		Milk Shakes & Floats and Freezes Lg. (24 oz) \$7 Sm. (16 oz) \$5

Milk shakes, floats, freezes, piccadillies, & snow Cones are available to purchase everyday.

Order ahead at 970-563-2640 Eat in or Carry-out
Cash or Check Only 970-563-2645

Proceeds support the MPF Community Events - 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

Multi-Purpose Facility Traditional Sewing and Beading

March 26 & 28, 2024

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Wednesday & Thursday 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Call Elise to sign up & get supply list 970-563-2641

Ribbon Skirts and Dresses are the focus. Beading projects are always welcome.

256 Ute Rd. Ignacio CO 81137 - 970-563-2640, multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi-Purpose Facility April Senior Breakfast

Wednesday April 3, 2024 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Open to all Community Senior Citizens 55 years and older

256 Ute Rd. Ignacio CO 81137
970-563-2640 - multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi - Purpose Facility April 2024 Events

Senior Breakfast—Wednesday April 3, 10:00 –11:30 AM

Indoor Yard Sale—Saturday April 6, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Quilting Class—Tuesday— Thursday April 9—11, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Elder Craft Day Wednesday April 15, 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Traditional Beading & Sewing—Tuesday—Thursday April 16—18

Day Sessions - 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Evening Sessions Wed & Thurs. 5:30 PM—7:30 PM

Sip, Chat & Chew—Friday April 19, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Special Events

MPF Food Sale—Wednesday April 17, 11:30 AM—2:30 PM

Youth Craft Day—Saturday April 20, 2024 10:00 AM—2:30 PM

Shining Mountain Diabetes Healthy Cooking & Passover Foods

Tuesday April 22, 10:30 AM—1:00 PM

Shawl Making Class—Tuesday April 30, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Classes are open to the public—call to sign -up & for a supply list

Events are subject to change—please check Social Media or call the MPF

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
970-563-2640 - multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

MPF Snack Menu

	Piccadilly		Snow Cone		Dill Pickle-Sweet Pickle
	Large: \$10 Small: \$5		Large: \$5 Small: \$3		Hot Dills-Banana Pepper
	Milkshakes		Floats		Assorted Kool-Aid
	Large: \$7 Small: \$5		Large: \$7 Small: \$5		Skittles-Gummies-Sour Patch
	Popcorn		Vanilla Strawberry Chocolate		Strawberry-Orange
	Large: \$10 Small: \$2				Cherry-Tigers Blood
	Piccadilly		Pepsi Cola Root Beer Dr. Pepper		Lemon Lime-Grape
					Pina Colada-Root Beer
	Piccadilly		Blue Raspberry-Watermelon		Blue Raspberry-Watermelon

Monday—Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Come in or call in your order for pick-up (970) 563-2640

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road-Ignacio, CO



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen milling about with players before a game at IHS Field in 2022, Isiah Valdez – assistant coach to Duke Baker during Ignacio’s successful ‘22 and 2023 seasons – was made head coach for the 2024 campaign.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

Valdez guiding Bobcats baseball in ‘24

Former aide up to build on Baker’s success

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Increasingly graying skies, a temperature in the low 40s, plus drizzling rain becoming something of snow – all that Ignacio’s Bobcats could have dealt with Thursday afternoon, March 14, if it meant starting their baseball season as scheduled.

A shortage of available umpires, however, couldn’t be remedied in time for IHS to host 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rival Dove Creek, and the varsities’ showdown was postponed to a date yet to be determined.

But with the program’s pursuit of both a third consecutive SJBL title and a third consecutive CHSAA Class 2A State Tournament berth now set to begin after IHS’ Spring Break, Isiah Valdez viewed the delay more as a blessing in disguise.

“Everybody was ready to play, and it was a bummer that we didn’t get to go out there and show everything we’ve been working on,” he admitted, “but ... I think we’ll have an extra two

weeks of practice, now, before our first official game.”

“But, you know, the boys will be ready; I’ve got high expectations for them.”

After posting a 29-17 overall (8-4 SJBL) record the past two years, the ‘Cats – who finished 14-9 last spring after an upset loss to Wray in the State Tournament’s opening Round-of-32 – will certainly be expected to make more noise throughout the southwest as well as parts unknown in 2024.

“We want to make a run at the playoffs – it’s expected of them – and they have the qualities of a State-caliber team,” said Valdez, in his first year as head coach after two as an assistant. “We’re returning a lot of guys and we’ve added some good young guys, so expectations are high.”

And perhaps even higher for the rookie skipper as he takes over for former boss and ‘23 SJBL Coach-of-the-Year Duke Baker, unexpectedly not re-hired after two seasons guiding IHS’ program back to prominence.

“He had good success,”

Valdez emphasized, “and for reasons out of my control, you know, the school went a different route. I’m just grateful and blessed to get the opportunity to coach this great group of young men.”

“Obviously he’s not there ... but nothing’s really changed,” he said, addressing the question concerning continuity of instruction from head coach to new head coach. “Lots of things done in the past are still being done ... and it is what it is.”

“Season’s starting off good, as far as practice goes. We’ve got a pretty good turnout, got six out of our nine starters back, and we’ve got a good freshman and a couple good sophomores returning to varsity. And these kids are well-aware, in their third year with me, that we take just about as many reps as anybody in the state – especially on defense. So, this year we’re going to focus a lot on mechanics in the cage, mechanics at the plate – we’re going to do as many reps as we can, you know?”

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Keeping positivity high on the Lady Bobcats’ sideline as an assistant coach during the Spring 2023 season, Tori Burch (formerly Archuleta) will be doing even more of it in 2024 as Ignacio Girls’ Soccer’s newest head coach. She succeeds Alisha Gullion (right), who’d been building up the program since taking charge in 2018.

BOBCATS GIRLS SOCCER

Eager alumna directing IHS soccer

Burch, all-new staff guiding Lady ‘Cats

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Beginning the soccer season Tuesday afternoon, March 12, hosting but losing 10-0 to 3A Alamosa didn’t surprise Tori Burch – well aware that after graduating nine players last spring, Ignacio could be in for a rough ride in 2024.

What came as something of a shock was when the former Lady ‘Cat learned she’d be in the driver’s seat.

“When she let me know that she wasn’t going to be able to come back this year ... I was like, ‘Oh no! What are we going to do?’” said Burch, recalling when predecessor Alisha Gullion, at

IHS’ helm since 2018, was stepping down. “But she was the one who actually – well, her and the girls – encouraged me to apply for the position ... like, ‘We know you can do it!’ And I’m like, ‘Well if they see something in me, then why not give it a try?’”

“She really capitalized the program over the years, and just brought such great things to it. I felt like I just couldn’t pass up the opportunity.”

“It didn’t really, like, feel real until probably a week before our season started,” Burch continued. “I’d went up to Denver for a ... coaches’ symposium and introducing myself as ‘head coach’ was super-dup-

er weird! When I got back, and we had the season start the next day – that’s when it really hit me. Since then, I’ve really liked it; it’s a lot of work, but the good kind.”

Ignacio went 0-15 overall (0-6 in the 2A Intermountain-South) in 2023 and lost a truckload of talent including First Team All-League goalie Trinity Strohl and Second Team defender Trinity Crane, plus prime scoring threats Harmony Reynolds, Laci Brunson and Faye Hackett. Current senior Willow Schulz, a Second Team All-League defender last spring, is back in the fold however, and is

Eager alumna page 20

IMS wrestle in championships



Courtesy photos

The Ignacio Middle School Bobcat wrestling had another great Saturday of wrestling in Cortez, Colo. at the San Juan Basin League Middle School Championship! Kodi Mae Rima wrestling above, earned the top tier of the podium, placing 1st, in the 120 lbs. division. Congratulations to all the wrestlers for a successful wrestling season! Thank you, Coaches Alex Peña and Brandon Silva, for leading the wrestlers in their successful season.



Shyla Cloud, wrestling at 115 lbs. earned a spot on the podium, placing 3rd.

Nakai Box, earned a trip to the podium, placing 2nd in the heavyweight division. Other boys placing were, Aiden Scott – 124 lbs., 3rd place, and Zack Loudenburg – 170 lbs., 2nd place. Nick Blevans – 80 lbs., and Stephen Romero – 110 lbs., did not place.

PATRICK SILVA MEMORIAL SOFTBALL FIELD

54th Annual Los Piños Spring Classic Softball Tournament

May, 24-26 2024

Friday & Saturday - Men's & Women's
depending on # of teams, M&W may start Friday evening

Sunday - Co-Ed

Entry Fee \$350

\$100 Deposit

Prizes: 1st - 3rd

MVP & All-Tourney for 1st place teams

Registration

Deadline: MAY 21st

Contact Kelsey Frost (970)563-2660

SunUte Fitness Presents:

REP WARS 2.0

Save The Date!

Saturday- May 11th, 2024

More information coming soon!



COMMUNITY GREETINGS



courtesy Marie Carel

Royalty meets royalty

It was honor for my daughter Maleina Carel, Jr. Miss Southern Ute to get a picture with the Outgoing Denver March Princess, Lennyn Constance Paskemin and the newly reigning Denver March Princess, Meah Little Sky at the Denver March Powwow.

Marie Carel



courtesy Dominika Joy Southern Ute Brave Alt., Theoden Greany.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

Volunteer SUT Tribal Members Needed For Lands Acquisition Team (LAT)

Dear Southern Ute Tribal Members, The Department of Natural Resources – Lands Division (Division) seeks voluntary participation in the proposed Land Acquisition Team (LAT). Consideration for this participation is of utmost importance, and we hope that you will consider joining us in this effort. Your willingness and steadfastness to assist the Division in supplying recommendations and guidance on current and future land acquisitions will be highly appreciated by the Southern Ute Tribal Council, tribal staff, and tribal members for generations to come.

The primary goal and objective of the proposed LAT will be to provide input and recommendations for the Tribal Council through the Division on the following items:

- Review the current Lands Consolidation process/procedures for necessary

changes or revisions.

- Acquiring fee or allotted land for the benefit of the Tribe and its members.
- Deciding whether or not acquired lands will be placed into Trust status.
- Reviewing historical acquisitions to determine when and if it is appropriate to proceed with the Fee to Trust process.
- Determining potential uses for and the management of historical and new acquisitions.

We highly encourage Tribal member participation. If you are interested, please submit a summary of your intentions and why you should be chosen to sit on this team. You may sign up by emailing leburgh@southernute-nsn.gov. The deadline to sign up is April 12, 2024.

Department of Natural Resources
Lands Division

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The Southern Ute Drum encourages letters from readers on any topic. We ask that letters be 500 words or less. Letters deemed to be libelous will not be published. Letters should be submitted by email to Jeremy Shockley at jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov by the end of the day Monday preceding publication.

2024 Annual Spring Clean-Up

April 15-19, 2024

By Appointment Only No pickups over the weekend or the week after.

Save the date! Fall Clean-up Oct 7-11, 2024!

Tribal Members, Tribal Departments, and any tenant of the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority. We will not pick up for non-tribal tenants living in Tribal Member owned rental homes. All pickups must be within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation only. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE AREA and general trash **MUST BE BAGGED FOR PICK UP.** No Pickups will be made without prior scheduling with the homeowner or department. **APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

If you have tires, only 4 tires per household will be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** No semi-truck or heavy equipment tires accepted. We will not pull your trailer to the transfer station for you.

Tribal Elders. **Please contact Elder Services at (970) 563-2323** if you need help with bagging and piling of your trash.

All vehicle disposals please call **Building Maintenance at 970-563-0265.**

HAZARDOUS WASTE. If think your trash is hazardous waste, or you cannot identify the waste, please call **Environmental Programs at 970-563-2272.** If the pickup teams suspect that your trash may contain hazardous waste, or it is not identifiable, we will call Environmental Programs.

LARGE SITE or DANGEROUS or HAZARDOUS WASTE testing and cleanup will be completed at the **HOMEOWNER'S EXPENSE.** This will be on a case-by-case basis and scheduled dependent on program availability.

Areas of Operation

- Motor Pool, 970-563-0280, Tribal Member homes **west of the Pine River except those areas listed below.**
- Building Maintenance, 970-563-0265, Tribal Departments, **Tribal Member homes on Cr 314, Cr 315, Cr 316, and Cr 311 and ALL VEHICLES.**
- Grounds Maintenance, 970-563-0272, Tribal Departments, **Tribal Member homes located in Cedar Point East & West, Ignacio Peak and the La Boca area west of the Pine River, Tribal Member tenants of Quichas Apartments.**
- Construction Services, 970-563-0260, Tribal members within the **Town of Ignacio and Tribal Member homes east of the Pine River.**
- Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority, 970-563-4575, Southern Ute Housing Authority renters and Senior Center.

Southern Ute Property and Facilities, Tyson Thompson, 970-563-2945

THANK YOU!

To the following businesses and Tribal Departments for participating in Boys & Girls Club of SUT 2024 Valentine's Heart Fundraiser!

Dub's Auto Body

Farmers Fresh Market

Pine River Chiropractic, Massage & Acupuncture

Sky Ute Casino Rolling Thunder Grill

Sky Ute Casino Rolling Thunder Lanes

Sky Ute Casino Resort & Gift Shop

SunUte Community Center

Southern Ute Police Department

Tribal Information Services

We would like to give an extra special shout out to Sky Ute Casino Rolling Thunder Grill for selling the most hearts!

Join us for a CCCS Strategic Planning Listening Session at PCC Southwest

Tuesday, March 26 | 1 – 2:30 pm

PCC Southwest Mancos Campus | Student Commons | 33057 Hwy. 160

The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) Statewide Strategic Planning Listening Tour is coming to PCC Southwest! We value community voice and urge you to join us and share your unique perspective. All are welcome – the PCC Southwest community, civic leaders, business owners – and anyone interested in the future of higher education and workforce development across our region. The sessions are a part of developing CCCS' 2025-2030 statewide strategic plan, which will guide the colleges' efforts to best serve our diverse communities. CCCS has partnered with the Keystone Policy Center to facilitate the listening sessions; develop plan goals and strategies; and synthesize data and feedback to create a shared vision for community colleges. CCCS expects to finalize the plan later this year. If you are unable to attend in person, visit the online link for more information, <https://cccs.edu/about-cccs/state-board/strategic-plan/>

ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PARISH

•ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH •ST PETER ST. ROSA CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

Holy Week

Annual Penitential Walk

SATURDAY – MARCH 23, 2024

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

STARTS IN BAYFIELD AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH & ENDS AT ST. IGNATIUS PARISH WITH MASS, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

- Sign up list in the back of the church or just join us.
- The walk is approximately 9 miles and we will use CR 516 (Rainbow Road).
- Water, snacks and porta-pot will be available.
- Transportation from Ignacio to Bayfield will be provided. Show up at 7:15 a.m. at St. Ignatius Church.
- If you can't walk, maybe you can help out in other ways.
- For more info, please call Linda at (970)749-4179 or Parish office at (970)563-4241
- EVERYONE IS INVITED TO MAKE THIS PILGRIMAGE WALK

2024 Home Rehabilitation Program

The Construction Services Division is accepting applications for the 2024 Home Rehabilitation Program. The deadline for applications to be considered for this year is April 26, 2024. All applications received after April 26th will be considered for the 2025 selection. If you have previously submitted a Home Rehabilitation application and were not selected, you will need to submit a new application to be considered again. Applications do not automatically roll-over to the next year.

You must meet all the eligibility requirements and fill out the Home Rehabilitation application to be considered. This program is offered to all Southern Ute Tribal members. (those who reside within AND outside of Southern Ute Indian Tribal land). Once the selection panel meets and makes its decision, you will be notified in writing if you were selected for the 2024 Home Rehabilitation Program.

Please contact Construction Services Division for applications. If you have any questions, you can email us at dabeyta@southernute-nsn.gov or call 970-563-0260.

Thank you, Construction Services Division

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2024-0010-CV-NC
Christian Sheldon Thompson, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Christian Sheldon Thompson filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Christian Sheldon Yellowflower. As of March 04, 2024 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Christian Sheldon Thompson name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Christian Sheldon Yellowflower.
Dated this 18th day of March, 2024.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2024-0014-CV-NC
Aubrey Thompson, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Aubrey Thompson filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Aubrey Alivia-Rae Romero. As of 03/18/2024 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Aubrey Thompson name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Aubrey Alivia-Rae Romero.
Dated this 18th day of March, 2024.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF PROBATE
In the Estate Of,
Mary Ann Weaver, Deceased
Case No.: 2024-0019-CV-PR
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **APRIL 29, 2024 at 9:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
Dated this 15th of March, 2024
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

Drum Deadline

Next issue: Apr. 5

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Remediation of the old KSUT Radio Station

The Brownfields Program of the Tribe's Environmental Programs Department is providing a public comment period concerning the site cleanup of the old KSUT Radio Station. The property is located at 123 Capote Drive in Ignacio, Colorado. The southern limit of the property is bounded by Ouray Drive, the western limit by Highway 172, and the eastern limit by Capote Drive. Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) conducted in July 2014 and September 2020 identified asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) and lead-based paint (LBP) as contaminants of concern. The goal of this project is to remove and properly dispose the contaminants of concern that could pose a threat to human health and the environment. The old KSUT Radio Station will be remediated of the regulated building materials to the fullest extent possible without compromising the building structure. For all interested tribal members and the community, a comment period for the remediation of the old KSUT Radio Station will begin on March 22, 2024, and will end at the close of business on April 22, 2024. To submit request for the cleanup plan, ESAs or to provide written comments, please contact the Remediation Program at the address below. You can submit your requests/comments by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: ckelly@southernute-nsn.gov or meskelson@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Brownfields Program, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.

NOTICE

The Southern Ute Air Quality Division has received a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) from the USEPA and is working on evaluating strategies for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on the Reservation. The Division is seeking input on potential GHG reduction strategies. Please visit the Division's webpage to provide your input and learn more about the CPRG program. <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/departments/epd/air-quality/climate-pollution-reduction-grant/>

REQUEST FOR BIDS Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow Services

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for the 2024 Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow for the following services:

CLEANING CREW

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Events Center
Friday, May 24 – 6 to 11 p.m.
Saturday, May 25 – 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Cleaning supplies will be provided.

Must provide One Million Dollar Insurance with the Sky Ute Casino Resort as the Insurer.

SECURITY

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Events Center
Friday, May 24 – 6 to 11 p.m.
Saturday, May 25 – 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Must provide One Million Dollar Insurance with the Sky Ute Casino Resort as the Insurer.

SOUND SYSTEM

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Events Center
Friday, May 24 – 5 p.m. (set up) to 11 p.m.
Saturday, May 25 – 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

DEADLINE SUBMISSION

April 19, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Please submit bids to: Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16, Ignacio, CO 81137 or soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov

For questions please contact:

Vice-Chairman, Rochelle Aguilar: 970-563-2990 or Secretary, Valerie Armstrong: 970-317-3585.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority Senior Center Storage Units Project #2023-01

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is requesting Proposals for Construction on 12 Storage Shed Units (Turnkey) to be built at the Senior Center located on the Southern Ute Reservation. The proposal should include the cost of labor and materials in completing this project. You may reach Rebecca Torres at (970) 442-6353 or Ken Richards (970) 749-7534 with questions and schedule an onsite walk thru. Proposals must be sealed and labeled. Proposal are due by noon on April 1, 2024 and opening is April 1, 2024 @ 2:30 p.m. All proposals must adhere to the Southern Ute Indian TERO Ordinance and the Federal Indian Preference Statutes. 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Davis-Bacon Wage Rate for LA Plata County are in effect. Uniform Builders Code to be followed. Tribal Crossing Permits must be obtained. Proposals not responsive and responsible will be rejected.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS For Professional Ethnographer Services Ethnobotany And Traditional Ecological Knowledge Study On The San Juan National Forest

The Cultural Preservation Department of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting written proposals for qualified professional ethnographers to conduct ethnographic services for a study of ethnobotanical and traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) of the Southern Ute and other Native American Tribes and Pueblos with traditional connections to the San Juan National Forest (SJNF). This study will highlight and translate the oral traditions of the Southern Ute people and other Native American tribes and pueblos with traditional connections to the SJNF:

1. Increase tribal knowledge of available plant resources in these landscapes.
 2. Identify how tribal traditional ecological knowledge can be effectively incorporated into vegetation management and ecological restoration activities to promote shared stewardship of these resources and priority landscapes.
 3. Seek collaboration opportunities to involve tribal youth, adults and elders in ethnobotanical study and ecological restoration activities.
 4. Identify needs of tribal communities in priority landscapes and how U.S. Forest Service can help meet these needs.
 5. Invite all 26 Tribes and Pueblos that are culturally affiliated with the SJNF to participate.
- Proposal due at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Cultural Preservation Department Office not later than: 5:00 p.m. MST, April 3, 2024. For the full RFP, please contact Crystal Rizzo at 970-563- 2306 or crizzo@southernute-nsn.gov

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS New Metal Siding – Sky Ute Fairgrounds Indoor Arena

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds seeks a professional contractor to remove existing metal siding from the indoor arena and replace with new metal siding. Tribal Employment Right Ordinance: All submitters will be subject to the Southern Ute Tribe's TERO code. The TERO code establishes a preference for contracting and subcontracting with certified Indian Owned businesses. To receive this preference, Indian owned businesses must be certified by April 5th, 2024. The selected company must comply with TERO requirements in its selection of contractors and subcontractors. For information on the certification and/or compliance, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. RFP Requirements: Interested contractors must contact JD Brunson at 970-759-5794 before 5:00 p.m. April 5, 2024, for bid instructions and requirements for the siding project. If you have any questions, please contact JD Brunson at 970-759-5794 prior to the 5:00p.m. April 5, 2024, deadline. Owner: Southern Ute Growth Fund, Sky Ute Fair Grounds, P.O Box 550, 200 HWY151, Ignacio, CO, 81137

COMMUNITY CONCERT HALL
FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

DRUM TAO
30th Anniversary: THE TAO
Thursday, March 28 | 7:30pm
\$60/\$55/\$50/\$40

TICKETS:
www.DurangoConcerts.com | 970-247-7657

TRIBAL WILLS CLINIC
March 25-28, 2024
Kayenta Chapter House and Kayenta, AZ
make appointment call: John Roach, 505-716-6788

Why Wills?

- Federal law includes provisions that say how Indian Trust Lands pass after a Tribal Member passes on.
- Over time, parcels may have been split into hundreds of small shares as Indian Trust Land passed from generation to generation. This process is called "fractionation."
- A federal law, A.I.P.R.A., is now attempting to decrease fractionation by providing that most Indian Trust Land will go only to the one oldest descendant – unless the owner writes a will.
- To make sure that your Trust Land, and other important items of property go to the people you want to have that property, you should write a will.

Celebrate a well-lived life by making sure that your wishes are carried out by the next generation. To make sure that your wishes are respected after you pass, please consider drafting a will, either through our program or with a local attorney.

ITM Account Holders

Please request from the BTFA, (formerly OST), or the BIA the following document to take to the Tribal Wills Clinic:

- Your Individual Trust Inventory Report (ITI)

The Tribal Wills Clinic is a group of volunteers including law students and licensed attorneys, who donate their time to help Tribal Members write wills.

What does it cost?

- **Our services are entirely free.**
- At a law firm in Denver, the cost for a will would be about \$2,500 and the process would take at least two weeks.

How long does the process take?

- About two hours on two different days.
- On the first day you will talk with a law student about what you would like to have included in your documents.

You will have plenty of time to ask questions.

- That night the law student will write up all of the documents, and have them checked by a licensed attorney.
- On a second day, when the documents are ready, you will come back for the signing ceremony, which will take at least an hour, as the law student goes over everything to be sure that it is right.

Things to think about for a Will

• **Names of Friends and Family who will be included in the Will** – To save time at the interview, write down the names of the friends and family you want to mention in the will. Include the birthdate, address, cellphone number, enrollment or census number for each person, if you know it.

- **Special Gifts** – What is important for specific family members to have?
- **Personal Representative** – This is the person you would like to take charge when you pass on, to be sure that your wishes are carried out after you pass.
- **Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common** – If you want to give a piece of land to be owned by several people at the same time, you will need to decide whether you want them to own the property as Joint Tenants or as Tenants in Common.
- **Joint Tenants** means that the last person surviving will own all of the land. **Tenants in Common** means that as each person passes on, that person's share goes into his or her estate. The law student will explain more about this.

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Tribal Wills Project



2024 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, March 25 NOON, Friday, March 22
- Distribution: Friday, June 21 NOON, Friday, June 14
- Distribution: Wednesday, July 3 NOON, Friday, June 28
- Distribution: Wednesday, Nov. 20 NOON, Friday, Nov. 15
- Distribution: Friday, Dec. 20 NOON, Friday Dec. 13
- Distribution: Friday, Dec. 27 NOON, Friday Dec. 20

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



SOUTHERN UTE DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAM

SUDEP has free Dell laptops/Chromebooks available for Southern Ute Tribal Members of all ages!

If you would like to receive a Dell Laptop (Over 18 Years) or a Chromebook (Under 18 Years):

- 1 laptop per Southern Ute Tribal Member is allowed.
- We will ship to those who live outside the local area.
- The team will process requests in the order they are received.
- All laptops have a 3-year warranty through Dell.
- We can not replace lost, stolen, or damaged laptops or chargers.

Please complete a questionnaire at www.southernute-nsn.gov/sudep or scan this QR code:



SUDEP has a dedicated staff available for technical support at 970-563-5555.

ATTENTION

Pine River Indian Irrigation Project SPRING WATER USERS MEETING

@ Sky Ute Casino

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Branch of Irrigation

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Southern Ute Agency

For more information call

(970) 563-9484

KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!

KSUT seeks one enrolled SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors.



Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot Chief, Mountain Chief, on a cylinder phonograph for the Bureau of American Ethnology (1916). - photo Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

The KSUT Board of Directors is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the Board of Directors. The tribal member does not have to live in the region and may attend board meetings remotely, as needed.

As a board member you will serve a three-year term, attend monthly meetings, and perform with decision-making in the best long-term interests of KSUT and the community of listeners, and other responsibilities of serving on the board of directors.

The KSUT Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in Ignacio at the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center. Meetings are open to the public, unless prior notice is given to allow members to conduct confidential station business.

To apply, submit a Letter of Interest to Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director via email: tami@ksut.org or by mail P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo., 81137. Questions, call 970-563-0255.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

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

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill One vacancy for “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. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

GAMING COMMISSION

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

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

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

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The KSUT Board of Directors is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the Board of Directors. The tribal member does not have to live in the region and may attend board meetings remotely, as needed. As a board member you will serve a three-year term, attend monthly meetings, and perform with decision-making in the best long-term interests of KSUT and the community of listeners, and other responsibilities of serving on the board of directors. KSUT Tribal Radio, www.tribalradio.org, is an affiliate of NativeVoice1, and can be heard in Southwest Colorado at 91.3 FM (Ignacio) and 100.9 FM (Towaoc), and in Northwest New Mexico at 89.7 FM. KSUT Four Corners Public Radio, www.ksut.org, serves 14 communities in the Four Corners, including Durango at 90.1 FM, Cortez 106.3 FM, Farmington and northern New Mexico at 88.1 FM, Pagosa Springs at 88.1 FM and Silverton at 91.1 FM. Both KSUT stations air news, eclectic music, entertainment, storytelling, and documentary programming, and are an affiliate of NPR, the BBC, American Public Media, and Public Radio International. The KSUT Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 P.M. at KSUT, 15150 Colo. Highway 172 in Ignacio. Meetings are open to the public, unless prior notice is given to allow members to

conduct confidential station business. If you are a Southern Ute tribal member and are interested in serving on the KSUT Board of Directors, submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham. Letters can be emailed to tami@ksut.org or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seat is open until filled. More information on the KSUT Board of Directors, including a current board list and recent board minutes can be found at: <https://www.ksut.org/ksut-board-of-director>

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.

TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee (“Committee”) is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for a three (3) year term. This is a compensated Committee, and you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. 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 of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. Applicants must also pass criminal background and reference check, per the Tribal Credit Committee By-laws. The primary purpose of the Committee is to evaluate and render decisions regarding Secured Home Loan applications and monitor and evaluate the Tribal Credit loan programs and make recommendations to Tribal Council. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund (“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 to chudgens@southernute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions, please speak with Christine Hudgens, CFO, at 970-563-2444.

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD: YOUTH ALTERNATE

Open Until Filled – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth wishing to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year position may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18, and the position may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. The participant is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.



The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking two (2) Regular Board Members and two (2) Alternate Board Members

The Election Board is a paid committee that follows IRS guidelines, and eligibility for Southern Ute Employee benefits are based on hours. A criminal background check is required and as an appointed official of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, you are subject to the Code of Ethics.

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
- Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding the appointment

Please submit your Letter of Intent to:

Human Resources, PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137
Physical Address: 356 Ouray Dr. Ignacio, CO 81137

Closing Date: Open until Filled

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2319 or email whyte@southernute-nsn.gov

To apply please submit a Letter of Intent with the following:

- Full Name
- Contact Information (i.e. address, phone number, email address)
- Date
- It is suggested and helpful to include one or more of the following details:
 - Description of why you are a good fit for the position
 - Explanation of your motivation to join the Committee
 - List relevant experience
 - Outline ideas of how you can improve this committee
 - Disclosure of any other Boards/Committees you currently serve on



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions. ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

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.

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

Active Kid Care Leader

Closes 3/26/24 – Provides childcare and physical activities for the Active Kid Care program to meet the needs of children ages toddler through 6 years. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$14.67/hour.

After School Program Leader

Closes 3/22/24 – This is 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 \$16.09/hour.

Boys & Girls Club (BGC) Summer Aide

Closes 4/1/24 – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club summer program. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

Clinical Applications Coordinator (CAC)

Closes 3/22/24 – Under general direction of the Health Center Support Services Manager, serves the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center. Maintaining the Electronic Health Record (EHR)/Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) for the Health Department, coordinating up-grades, and providing training to all users. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/annually.

Custodian

Closes 3/22/24 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Air Quality Scientist II – Permitting

Open Until Filled – Under general Supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager – Permitting & Regulatory. Coordinates, supervises, and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Division. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$77,627/annually.

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

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club program. Pay grade N5; the Pay starts at \$14.90/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 N11; pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

Chief Judge Apprentice (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – An apprentice position for a Southern Ute Tribal member to learn all the requirements and duties of the Chief Judge position in the Southern Ute Tribal Court. Mentoring, training, and all aspects of employee supervision will be performed by the current Chief Judge or delegate in accordance with SUIT Personnel Policies and Procedures. For purpose of employment, the successful candidate shall be classified as an apprentice. The Judicial Review Committee shall also provide insight, guidance, and recommendations when needed. The length of the trainee program is two years to five years depending upon experience and individual progress. Performance will be evaluated pursuant to the requirements of the Tribal Apprenticeship Program and annually with the Tribal Judicial Committee. Will be eligible for wage increase based on performance evaluations and policies governing this position. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, incumbent will transition into the Chief Judge Lay position. Non-exempt and starts at 20% below a grade E22.

Dentist – Part-time with benefits

Open Until Filled – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Pay grade E22; pay starts at \$113,890.20/year.

Deputy Court Clerk (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Detention Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade N12; the Pay starts at \$26/hour.

Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N13; pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

Director of Strategic Planning

Open Until Filled – Working with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Council to define, plan, implement, and achieve the strategic and financial plan objectives and priorities determined by Tribal Council. Researching and critically analyzing past strategies and modifying and developing those plans and strategies to address current circumstances; developing training material for Tribal Council Members regarding the Tribe's Financial Plan and other strategic plans; and communicating the financial and strategic plans to the Tribal Membership. In coordination with Tribal Council, facilitates strategic planning, including but not limited to tribal entities and tribal membership when deemed appropriate. Acts as a liaison between the Tribal Council and the Tribal

Entities; accessing and gathering information as authorized by Tribal Council. Reports functionally to the Tribal Council and administratively to Tribal Council Affairs management. Pay grade E22; pay starts at \$189,817/annually.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; the Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute tribal 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. 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 (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E12; the Pay starts at \$54,086/annually.

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 E13; the Pay starts at \$59,494/annually.

Grounds Maintenance Worker

Open Until Filled – Performs daily grounds maintenance and repair of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N15; pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

Lands Technician Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position. Will learn how to provide technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provide general information to the Tribal Membership and public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. Length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N8 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases to assure that key goals are met. Upon successfully completing the training curriculum, will assume Lands Technician.

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 \$14.90/hour.

Museum Director

Open Until Filled – Leading overall operations, and day-to-day management of the museum. Plans, develops, coordinates, implements, and evaluates all aspects of the museum's activities and operations, including public relations, marketing, and promotional aspects. Following the Museum's statement, strategic planning, implementing policies, developing programs, budget management, and identifying new funding sources. Pay grade E18; Pay starts at \$99,984/annually.

NAGPRA Technician (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – Assists NAGPRA Coordinator(s) with new and on-going projects, including, technical data entry, records management, research, and other duties as assigned. Must be organized and able to maintain a complicated work and deadline calendar for new, on-going, short term, and long-term projects by providing timelines to NAGPRA Coordinator(s) to participate in consultations in face-to-face consultations or teleconferences. Assists with consultation with tribal, state, and federal consultations under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) when needed. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Patrol Officer I

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; the Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Corrosion Technology Internship – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/29/24 – This internship is designed to give college level student majoring in Corrosion Technology, work experience in the oil and gas industry appropriate to their skill and knowledge level. Will work with the Reclamation and Sustainability Team to complete duties and projects.

on Tribal Trust surface or mineral lands; prepares energy related contracts and reports as needed.

Accounting Assistant II and III – Red Willow Production Co (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 4/5/24 –Providing accounts payable and accounting support to the Red Willow Production Accounting Department.

Health & Safety Manager – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 4/12/24 – Managing the Health and Safety programs for both Red Cedar Gathering Company and Aka Energy Group to ensure safe operations and strict compliance with tribal, federal, and other applicable rules and regulations, including safety policies and procedures, pipeline operations and maintenance manuals, US Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), 49 CFR Parts 192 and 195, and other applicable Health and Safety programs.

Land Specialist – Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 3/29/24 – Obtaining, developing, and maintaining orderly and accurate land related records for all energy projects located on Tribal Trust lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, including but not limited to, oil and gas leases, surface use agreements, and rights-of-way. Works collaboratively with Growth Fund staff, other Tribal Departments, BIA, and BLM to provide land support, review, and due diligence for energy project

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Job descriptions and applications: www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310

- MS Track Assistant Coach
- MS Soccer Assistant Coach
- Secondary PE Teacher (24/25)
- Secondary Aide
- Title VI Native American Studies Teacher (24/25)

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Employment Announcements as of March 18, 2024

- Weenuche Smoke Signals, Journalist – Closes 3/27/24
- Natural Resources, Pinecrest Ranch – Closes 3/27/24
- Counseling & Treatment, Director – Closes 3/29/24
- Counseling & Treatment, CAS Counselor – Closes 3/29/24
- Counseling & Treatment, Case Manager – Closes 3/29/24
- Judicial Services, Bailiff – Closes 4/1/24
- Transportation, Mechanic II – Closes 4/5/24
- Transportation, Mechanic III – Closes 4/5/24
- Brunot Wildlife, Wildlife Officer – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Education Manager – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Lead Head start Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Energy, Director – Open Until Filled
- Higher Education, Adult Education Instructor – Open Until Filled
- KCA, Elementary Teacher (1) – Open Until Filled
- KCA, Ute Language & Culture Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Community Trainer – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Representative – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, EMT Paramedic/ Fire Fighter I – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, EMT Paramedic/ Fire Fighter I & II – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, EMT-B IV/ Fire Fighter – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Security Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, White Mesa IPA Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Director – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Relief Propane Delivery Driver, Part-time – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Janitorial, Part-time – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Plumber – Open Until Filled
- THPO, Contract Administrator – Open Until Filled
- Water Resource, Water Resource Assistant – Open Until Filled
- White Mesa Public Works, Maintenance – Open Until Filled
- White Mesa Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

Patrol Officer II

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$30.84/hour.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Permits & ROW Specialist

Open Until Filled – Negotiations/management of rights-of-way needed to construct ingress/egress, utilities, and surface leases for the Tribe with outside entities or persons and ensure compliance with laws, rules, regulations, and policies. Manages Crossing Permits and its database for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Dept. of Natural Resources. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

TERO Worker

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

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Dept. Pay grade N6; pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Special Needs Aide (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy disabled and special needs students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide or specialists. Assists with life skills, academic success, and meeting IEP (Individual Education Plan) objectives. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal 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 asses what options may be available for applicants.

Swimming Instructor (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, breakdown of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for un-certified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$18.90/hour.

Teacher Aide

Open Until Filled – Supporting the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After-School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$14.67/hour.

Umpire/Referee

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during Sun-Ute Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; the Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays. *21 years or older to apply.

Bell Person (Part-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.

*Bowling & Rec Counter Clerk (Full-time)

Multi-tasks and thrives in a fast paced and high energy environment. The initial point of contact for customers, always providing superior and friendly customer service. 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.

*Bowling Mechanic I (Full-time)

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.

*Café Cashier – Shining Mountain Cashier (Full-time)

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Cafe kitchen. Prepares coffee and pizza 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.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms. All areas must be disinfected, swept, mopped, vacuumed, and dusted.

*Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

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

*Event Staff

Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up, and re-set of events in all Banquet areas. Will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events. Achieve and maintain the highest level of guest service as well as maintaining professional interactions, safe working conditions, and teamwork.

*Facilities Staff Level II (Full-time)

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

*Facilities Technician (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.

*Front Desk Supervisor (Full-time)

Directly supervises all front desk and gift shop personnel and ensures proper completion of all front desk duties. Directs and coordinates the activities of the front desk, reservations, guest services, assists with gift shop duties and acts as an assistant to the Rooms Division Manager. Review room availability status, room blockage and special requests daily, works with housekeeping, engineering, and facilities daily.

*Kitchen Steward Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*Lead Facilities Technician HVAC (Full-time)

Electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as the lead of a team to ensure smooth operations of

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

*Line Cook (Full-time)

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

*Night Auditor (Full-time)

Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers, promotes the Casino hotel to the guest throughout all stages of the guest's stay. Answering phone calls, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

*Retail Staff (Full-time)

Opening, operating, and closing the Gift Shop and Tix System. Provides excellent customer service to Casino guests and customers. Maintains a well-stocked, clean, and attractive retail environment.

*Rolling Thunder Grill 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. Shift covers breakfast and lunch only.

*Room Attendant (Full-time)

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

*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

*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.

*Slot Technician I (Full-time)

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal machine performance. An entry-level position with on-the-job training available. Troubleshoots defective equipment (meter variances, door switches, etc.) to isolate and replace/repair faulty components.

*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. Trained and certified or holds a license that is construction/maintenance specific.

*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

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

*Surveillance Agent II (Full-time)

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

*Surveillance Video Tech (Full-time)

Installs, repairs, performs preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV systems and related equipment to industry and internal standards.

*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.

Pueblo Community College

Coordinator, CTE Pathway and Career

Mancos, CO, Salary: \$47,457/annually, Job Number: 200560-0124
Open until filled – The CTE Pathway and Career Coordinator will serve as a liaison for the CTE programs offered at the Southwest Pueblo Community College campus which include: Agricultural, Health, Construction Trades, STEM, and Welding programs and any new programs that arise. Implementing initiatives for CTE outreach, which is focused on special populations, non-traditional students and students in non-traditional fields. This position will support and inform stakeholders of CTE objectives, policies, procedures and outcomes of projects directed toward the success of students enrolled in CTE programs as well promote effective and efficient communication between PCC Southwest, other PCC campus locations, and the high schools within the community/service area in the Southwest region. The position will also work with regional employers to secure job shadows, internships, and apprenticeships for Pueblo Community College Southwest students.

Faculty, Natural Resources

Mancos, CO, Salary: \$49,035 – \$59,035/annually, Job Number: 301060-0324
Open until filled – Provide student-centered instruction for the Forestry, Wildlife and Natural Resources (NRE) program in the classroom and field. Teaching responsibilities include (but are not limited to) the following areas: organize and deliver practical and technical instruction, including lectures, labs and field study in the subject areas of forestry, wildlife, range, GIS and natural resources; develop student skills including the safe use of tools and equipment related to the Forestry, Wildlife and Natural Resources industries; work in close partnership with the community as well as with other programs and faculty on campus to develop and maintain curriculum that is current and based on a changing job market and industry standards. Provide program leadership and adherence to accreditation standards. Engage in student recruitment, conduct assessments, select texts and collect student follow-up data.

See complete job descriptions and how to apply at: www.schooljobs.com/careers/pueblocc

Department Of The Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs Irrigation System Operator

Open & closing dates: 3/14/24 to 3/28/24; Pay scale & grade: GS 4; \$35,373 – \$45,982 per year. This position is located with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Superintendent, Southern Ute Agency, Deputy Superintendent-Trust Services, Irrigation Section in Ignacio, Colorado. The employee performs duties in the collection and delivery of water supply to agricultural users.
Duties: Distribute irrigation water from and between storage reservoirs at diversions and in canals, and at all delivery points within the specified work territory; Maintain records of water delivery, reservoir inflow and instream flows; calculate requirements and arranges quantity, time and duration of deliveries; Operate Project distribution facilities (dam gates, canal gates, checks) to regulate and deliver water in accordance with Project policies; Responsible for constant surveillance of condition of reservoirs, dams, canals, structures, buildings, recorder stations and other facilities; and Work with maintenance crew to clean ditches and structures, repair and replace structures, build/place concrete forms and operate hand or power tools.
Qualifications: (OPM Operating Manual, Qualification Standards for Technical and Medical Support Position and Individual Occupational Requirements, GS-0459)
Online Application Submission: To apply for this position, you must complete the online application at <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/781810500> and submit the documentation specified in the Required Documents section. You will need to be logged into your USAJOBS account to apply. If you do not have a USAJOBS account, you will need to create one before beginning the application. Agency contact information: Carol Castillo, 505-563-5458. Email: Carol.Castillo@bia.gov
Address: BIA Center for Recruitment Albuquerque, BIA Center for Recruitment Albuquerque, 1011 Indian School Road, NW, Suite 136, Albuquerque, NM 87104



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Southern Ute Agency
P.O. Box 315
Ignacio, Colorado 81137-0315

ATTENTION!

Southern Ute Agency Firefighter/Support Staff Recruitment

For the 2024 Fire Season

Applications for the 2024 Fire Season for the Southern Ute Agency are available. Visit the BIA Fire Management office at: 575 County Road 517, Ignacio, CO or call 970-563-4571

Drug Screening and valid driver's license required.

A physical exam followed by a fitness test (3-mile hike carrying 45 pounds with 46 minutes) will be administered once screened.

Please bring two (2) forms of identification.

Wildland Firefighting is a great career choice if hiking, camping, and outdoor activities are your interests.
HARD CORE individuals should come check it out!

FIRE SUPPORT STAFF NEEDED!
Finance, Logistics, and Planning staff needed for the fire season.

Stop by the BIA Fire Management Office or call 970-563-4571 for info.



INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL
Youth Program

Application
Deadline
March 29
11:59 PM PST

Native Student Summer Internship

Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC), in partnership with Natural Resource Conservation Service, is recruiting undergraduate, junior college, and community college students or Native individuals seeking experience in Tribal agriculture and natural resources. This is an excellent opportunity for those who are passionate about promoting the regeneration of natural resources and addressing food scarcity within their communities.

Throughout the internship, students will gain an in-depth perspective and innovative understanding of how to effectively inspire conservation on the landscape, healthy eating habits, and food sovereignty. If you seek opportunities for professional development such as networking with peers and organizations or agencies, traveling, public speaking, and attending career-building workshops, this is the internship for you!

Sunshine Tso
Youth Administrative Specialist
sunshine@indianag.org

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SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

To apply now, visit our website at www.sococaa.org or call 970-563-4517.

Road Runner Transit

- **Transit Driver:** \$18.94/hr. – Open Until Filled
- **Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance:** \$18.94/hr. – Open Until Filled
- **Transit Division Director:** \$62,483 – \$75,275/yr. – Open Until Filled (Up to \$5,000 in relocation expenses available.)

EAGER ALUMNA DIRECTING IHS • FROM PAGE 14

one player Burch will look to for leadership and intensity.

“Willow, she’s tough. Just so tough and so aggressive – I love it so much. That’s what our defense needs,” said Burch (née Archuleta), who graduated in 2017. “So, I’ve really been relying on Willow to lead in that part.”

The skipper also singled out up-through-the-ranks seniors Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga, Kristiana Brann and Jillian Middlebrook – plus senior Zoey Ashley, who first suited up in ’23 – as cornerstones of any successes the squad may savor and gave sophomore Bella Lorenzini the start at goalkeeper against the Mean Moose.

“I feel I can put Kris anywhere. She’s pretty solid and I would consider her our biggest leader,” said Burch, who will be assisted in ’24 by Jade Richards and Katie Whiteskunk. “Darlyn’s a forward and I’ve been relying on her to kind of help out our other two strikers. Both that I’ve put up (as attackers in the formation) so far are freshmen, very new, but once they can work together and get in their groove, I

think they’ll be okay.”

“And Jill, honestly, she’s all-around ... great for our team morale. She was just on KSUT – Jen (athletic director Jennifer Moore) had told her to go and talk about soccer – so I’m going to listen to what she had to say! But she’s a really great leader too.”

After IHS’ Spring Break concludes on the 23rd, the Lady ‘Cats (0-1) are set to see action at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, versus Bayfield (1-0, 1-0 3A Southwestern). Crested Butte Community School is then slated to visit IHS Field on the 30th and get league play underway at high noon. Ignacio will then get a first taste of away action with an April 4 trip to Del Norte.

“I’ve been used to being an assistant – this is my first time, like, being a (varsity) head coach – but I’ve really enjoyed working with the kids. I feel we have a pretty solid set of returners, great leaders, and so I feel every day I’m learning from them just as much as they’re learning from me,” said Burch, who played for both Oscar Cosio and Daniel Sanchez – with Gullion

assisting the former in 2016 and the latter in ’17.

“Miss G had some really great systems in place that I would love to continue to implement,” she continued. “Last year my main focus was the defense, but this year Coach Jade is going to take over that whereas I’ll be mainly focusing on the offense and midfield areas.”

“Soccer’s a contact sport; it can be very dangerous,” Burch emphasized, “and so having those real conversations about what they’re getting themselves into ... has been one of the coolest things with my players. And they’re open with me, like, ‘Hey, can we try this?’ or ‘What do you think about this?’ We’ll try it, and if it works it works! If it doesn’t, we find a different way.”

“And I think it does help too that I’ve coached at the middle school – I did volleyball this year, volleyball and basketball last year, and I plan on doing volleyball again this August – and I’m hoping that over the years ... having those relationships with the girls will bring in more players, so that our program can continue to grow.”

VALDEZ GUIDING BOBCCATS • FROM PAGE 14

Returning assistant Lawrence Toledo returns as part of Valdez’s staff, which this year includes Toledo’s son Lawrence, a former Bobcat catcher and 2021 Ignacio graduate.

“Lawrence ... he’s a big team-morale guy and the kids like him. He does the same things he’s been doing and throws in the cage a lot,” said Valdez, a 2006 IHS grad. “And his son ... has a lot of knowledge; it’s just getting him to come out of his shell. I learned as a young coach, it’s kind of hard sometimes to understand, you know, your boundaries – or why a head coach would want to bring you on!”

“I think that’s where ‘little’ Lawrence is at; he’s kind of in the spot I was

when I first started coaching, where ‘I have to be willing to step forward and let these guys know I know what I’m talking about.’ And he’s learning every day like the kids are.”

With Spring Break running from the 18th through the 23rd, Ignacio will next try to see action at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, versus non-league 2A Monte Vista. After a season-opening 10-4 loss on the 8th at 3A Gunnison, the Pirates then – despite wintry weather conditions – played twice at the March 15-16 Crowley County/Fowler Tournament, losing 9-1 to Limon but beating CCHS 3-0. A final game versus a team from the other three-team pool was denied by the elements.

“I think it’ll kind of be one of those early feeling-out games,” Valdez said. “I think (Monte Vista) ended up winning their (league) last year – if I remember correctly – so they’re going to be a tough challenge, you know, to open with.”

Having started their season March 12 with an extra-inning 7-6 loss at 4A Shiprock, N.M., Dove Creek (0-1, 0-0 SJBL) is scheduled to next play on the 23rd in Gallup, N.M., versus Rehoboth Christian, with first pitch against the Lynx – runner-up in the 2023 NMAA/Nusenda Credit Union Class 2A State Baseball Championships – targeted for high noon. The Bulldogs will then welcome SHS on the 26th for an eagerly anticipated 2 p.m. rematch.

2024 TRI-UTE GAMES

Save the Date: **Summer 2024** – Exact dates to be announced ASAP
For Questions Call: **970-563-0214**

Sporting Events Include:
Basketball, Co-Ed Volleyball, Archery, Swimming, Skateboarding, Golf, Wrestling and Traditional Hand Games
Participate in the Tri-Ute Ultimate Challenge

Packets due: Friday, May 03, 2024!!!

Who: For Enrolled Tribal Members and/or 1st Descendants with CIB (Certificate of Indian Blood)

For: Boys and Girls Ages: 9-18

We are looking for Athletes & Coaches for the upcoming Tri-Ute Games to be held in Ignacio this year! Come and be a part of Team Southern Ute as a Player or Coach.

For more information or questions on Player/Coaches packets stop by the SunUte Community Center and/or contact the SunUte Recreation Team at 970-563-0214.

Darnell x2667; Elijah x2655; Kelsey x2660 or Bird x2664.

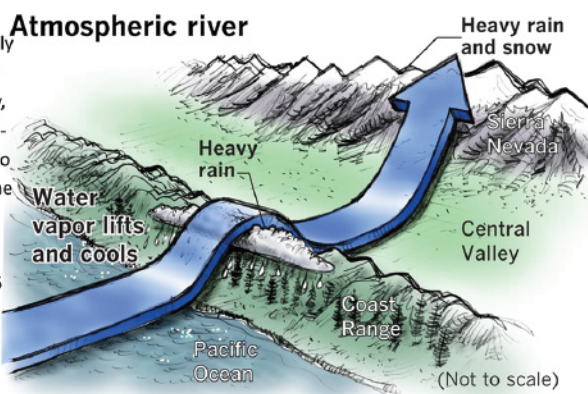
“The Purpose of the Games is for Our Youth to Come Together, To Get to Know One Another, and to Foster Friendships between the Ute Indian Tribe, Southern Ute Tribe, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.”



Did you know?!

Atmospheric rivers are relatively long, narrow regions in the atmosphere, like rivers in the sky, that transport water vapor outside of the tropics like Hawaii to places like the West coast of the Continental U.S.

Exceptionally strong Atmospheric rivers can carry up to 15 times the amount of water flowing at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

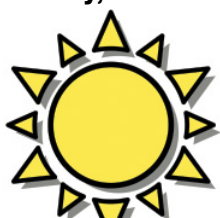


Source: <https://www.noaa.gov/stories/what-are-atmospheric-rivers>
Image: Los Angeles Times

Please contact the Environmental Programs Department at 970-563-2272 with any questions or comments.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Mar. 22



Sunny 62°F

Saturday, Mar. 23



Mostly cloudy 56°F
Breezy, afternoon winds

Sunday, Mar. 24



Mostly cloudy 46°F
90% Snow showers, thunder possible

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



IGNACIO ATHLETICS

SCAN TO SAVE YOUR SPORTS CALENDAR

1. Scan code
2. Find and select calendar sync
3. Choose which sport you'd like to save
4. Select add to calendar & choose what type of calendar you want it saved to
5. Once selected it should redirect you to that calendar to confirm
6. Repeat process if necessary for multiple sports

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

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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| Across | Down |
| 1 Harbor tower | 1 Ancient ornamental collar |
| 4 Continuous dull pain | 2 Acid related to gout |
| 8 NW Mexico people | 3 Garden structure |
| 9 “The Voyager of ---”, a Washington State legend | 4 Grandeur |
| 12 48th state | 5 Fleshy jaw covering |
| 13 Providers of feathers representing the strongest | 6 “Les Misérables” author Victor --- |
| 14 Where users can get into a network | 7 Mama Cass --- |
| 16 “About the Author” blurb | 8 Environmental quality law |
| 17 Metal-bearing mineral | 10 Literary or cinematic category |
| 18 Boss associated with westward migration | 11 Result of acidic action on alcohol |
| 23 “Don’t mind if ---” | 15 Generally, preachers are against it |
| 24 City in Alberta, Can. | 18 Humboldt Bay tribe |
| 25 Legal time limitation | 19 Pre-Columbian Ohio culture |
| 31 Web surfing | 20 Hands-on soccer player |
| 32 “It’s popular - all the ---” | 21 Say more |
| 33 Corrupts | 22 Know-how |
| 34 In this way | 26 Skating arena |
| 35 Wrings | 27 Poker stake |
| 36 Contract specifying what a provider should deliver | 28 “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” author |
| | 29 The --- Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Palm Springs |
| | 30 “Agreed!” |

Answers will appear in the April 5 issue of the Drum.

Answers for March 8 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Be a, 4 Slim, 8 Loll, 9 Tavaci, 12 Anno, 13 Omelet, 14 Countryside, 16 Sam, 17 Gem, 18 At loose ends, 23 Die, 24 Una, 25 Declares war, 31 Toting, 32 Ehle, 33 On edge, 34 Load, 35 Roes, 36 SDI.

Down: 1 Bono, 2 Elnu, 3 Alonso, 4 Storm surges, 5 Lamy, 6 Ives, 7 Malign, 8 Lac, 10 Ceded, 11 Items, 15 Tao, 18 Add to, 19 Tie on, 20 Lecter, 21 ENE, 22 Easels, 26 Lido, 27 Ange, 28 Who’d, 29 Alai, 30 Red.