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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Polis, Primavera visit Tribe, ICL and Ignacio School District

Community nets multiple RTAP awards

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

With a packed agenda for Southwest Colorado, Gov. Jared Polis and Lt. Gov. Dianna Primavera made their way to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation Tuesday, Aug. 20. The delegation met with Tribal leadership for a tour of the Oxford Solar Plant that morning, followed by a visit to the Ignacio School District, finishing up downtown at the Ignacio Community Library (ICL) where the 2020 Rural Technical Assistance Program awards were announced for the Southwest region of Colorado.

During a visit to the Ignacio Elementary School, which included a tour of the new teacher housing, Polis emphasized his administration's commitment to renewable energy and early childhood education, lauding the District's efforts to support the Ignacio Early Learning Program under SoCoCAA.

"[Our administration] is focused on concurrent enrollment, we're really peering that," Polis emphasized on the topic of higher education.

The Governor gave a welcome address at the Ignacio Community Library, where major players in local government and economic development had gathered for the announcement of the Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP) awards. Polis emphasized the state's focus on rural broadband, small business, agriculture and the outdoor recreation industry. "Very excited to see the Southern Ute Indian Tribe supporting outdoor recreation," Polis stated.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Members of Southern Ute Tribal Council stand alongside Roger Zalneraitis, Economic Development Manager for the Southern Ute Tribe and Loretta Velasquez, Small Business Specialist with the Southern Ute Tribe during the RTAP awards presentation at the Ignacio Community Library, Tuesday, Aug. 20.

RTAP awardees for 2020 were presented by the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT) Executive Director, Betsy Markey and Colorado SBDC Executive Director, Mary Shepard. The local awardees included: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a Certified Small Business Community, Town of Ignacio as a Creativity Lab, and Town of Ignacio for Community Placemaking.

OEDIT works with partners to create a positive business climate that encourages dynamic economic development and sustainable job growth across the state of Colorado. The RTAP program was launched as a way to serve rural communities' economic needs around the state and identify opportunities to leverage the state's resources.

Loretta Velasquez, Small Business Specialist for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, spearheaded the grant



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis and Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera paid a visit to the Ignacio Elementary School on Tuesday, Aug. 20, which included a trip to Ms. Pepper's Kindergarten Class; Polis makes his exit by way of a small door designed for the young students.

process which earned the Tribe their RTAP certification. "That is what this grant was for, to launch a co-work space, which is a component of the Innovation Center," Velasquez stated. "This is not just for Southern Ute tribal members, it is a community project — open to all, with the purpose of benefitting local business and growth." While the main office will

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GROWTH FUND

Tribe's utility rate increase reflection of operating costs, inflation



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Water Plant Lead Operator, Chris Musgrave checks in on the water system, Wednesday, Aug. 28 at the Southern Ute Water Treatment Facility.

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Town of Ignacio has raised concerns regarding the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's increase to utility rates, set to take effect on Oct. 1.

Every system is different, for a host of reasons, including users, overhead and geographical location. The rate comparison for the region shows that the rate increase is not abnormal, and in fact is comparable with regional water and sewage rates for Southwest Colorado and La Plata County.

"We have a quality system which does not have a large population base," explained Patrick Vaughn, Operating Director of Non-Energy with the Southern Ute Growth Fund. "We operate on a cost of service principal, not for profit. If you are on the system, everyone is paying the same rate increase."

"It's operating at a deficit, we have to close the gap," Vaughn stated. "It is also the Tribe being responsible, we have a system to maintain which directly affects the health of the community." The Southern Ute Growth Fund charges the Town of Ignacio bulk rates for their water and sewage treatment. The Town of Ignacio is then

responsible for direct billing of businesses and residents on their system. The Tribe has been sensitive to the cost of service. In 2014, the scheduled, contractual rate increase for the Town of Ignacio for wastewater services was not implemented because the Town was adding a surcharge of \$9.88 per month and the Tribe was concerned about the effect of such an increase on town residents.

"The biggest rate increase will be for the Sky Ute Casino and Fairgrounds, the two biggest users are our own entities," explained Southern Ute Growth Fund Executive Director, Shane Seibel.

The rate increase is based on data compiled by a contractor hired jointly by the Tribe and the Town of Ignacio. There will be a two-step rate increase designed to keep up with inflation. The current rate increase will be followed by another increase in 2020. From there the rates will level out, with periodic reevaluation based on circumstances and normal inflation, Vaughn explained.

"We have top of the line systems, and we operate well above the EPA permit requirements — the sewer [system] is state of the art,"

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SHINING MOUNTIAN

Breaking breastfeeding boundaries

By Trennie Collins
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Breastfeeding is the first form of food after a woman gives birth. Native Americans often believed, and still do, that in Native American communities, being breast-fed also nourishes the soul, spirit and is believed to be a tradition that predates human history.

"We believe that breast milk doesn't just nurture babies, it conveys a mother's life story, including her knowledge and culture," said Amanda Singer, President of the Navajo Nation Breastfeeding Coalition in the news story, "Reclaiming breastfeeding in Indian Country."

Right here in our own backyard we have breastfeeding champions of our own. Shining Mountain Health and Wellness and



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness's Registered Dietician Nutritionist, Lisa Smith leads the way at the Breastfeeding Awareness Walk held Thursday, Aug. 15. Participants were chanting breastfeeding anthems as they walked around Tribal Campus.

their Breastfeeding Program strives to be an inclusive group to support all community members, their breastfeeding and family needs.

"I'm happy and I feel great when a mom catches on with her breastfeeding," exclaimed Shaw Marie Tso, Certified Lactation Coun-

selor for Shining Mountain Health and Wellness.

Starting from scratch four years ago and becoming a Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC), Tso is now the only one left who is certified. Two years ago,

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

BGC on the move

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Boys and Girls Club (BGC) of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has temporarily moved to the Ignacio Elementary School. The club will continue to provide the families in the community with a safe and healthy environment while in their new location. The first day of the after-school program kicked off on Monday, Aug. 26 and features new club hours that will allow the program to stay open until 6:30 PM.

BGC is expected to stay out of the SunUte Community Center until January of 2020 which is when the completion of the new HVAC system is expected to wrap up. Due to the installation of the system, BGC decided to move locations to avoid the loss of mem-



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Myla Goodtracks swings on the playground equipment at the Ignacio Elementary School gymnasium while attending the Boys and Girls Club's after school program on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

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LEGAL

Tribal Council seeking tribal member comments on Liquor Code revisions

By Lorelyn Hall
SOUTHERN UTE LEGAL DEPT.

Tribal members may have noticed an uptick in the number of tribal codes being updated by Tribal Council. Beginning in 2017, Tribal Council started establishing priorities for codes that needed to be revised. Because the Liquor Code was last revised in 1988, there were a number of provisions that needed to be updated or modified, so Tribal Council identified the Liquor Code for revision in 2019. After a recent Legislative Session with the Liquor Code drafting committee, Tribal Council approved distributing the revised Code for comment. Tribal members will soon be seeing requests for comment on the other codes slated for the 2019 Legislative Session, which include the Election Code, Criminal Procedure Code, and Protective Custody Code. The comment period gives the membership a chance to review and give input on a proposed code before Tribal Council approves and implements it.

The Tribe needed to revise its Liquor Code to make it more current and because a tribe must have a Liquor Code if alcohol is going to be sold on a reservation. Federal law prohibits selling, serving, manufacturing, etc., alcohol on a Reservation unless the activity complies with both tribal and state liquor laws. The Liquor Code is how the Tribe regulates the sale, possession, and drinking of alcohol. The Liquor Code requires a person or establishment to have a license before they

can sell alcohol. This applies to liquor stores, restaurants, bars, fairgrounds, event centers, and gaming taverns, for example. There are currently three establishments that have tribal liquor licenses: Sky Ute Casino Resort, Thriftway, and the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. The Liquor Code also applies to people who are drinking, buying, or possessing alcohol on trust land. For example, the Liquor Code establishes a minimum drinking age, prohibits open container, prohibits people from buying alcohol for a minor, and prohibits a person from buying alcohol from an unlicensed vendor. The Liquor Code establishes who can sell alcohol, and how, when, and where they can do it and to whom they can sell it. For example, the Code establishes legal selling hours. It also prohibits a licensee from selling alcohol to a minor or a visibly intoxicated person.

The major differences between the existing Liquor Code and the revised Liquor Code include changing the Tribal Licensing Authority from Tribal Council to the Department of Justice & Regulatory; expanding and updating the license types; enforcing code violations in the civil system instead of through the criminal system; revising the dates and hours of sale; removing provisions addressing 3.2 percent beer; and allowing a restaurant patron to bring home an unfinished bottle of wine that he or she purchased at the restaurant, as long as the restaurant re-seals the bottle for the patron before the patron leaves the premises.

For information about the reason for these changes, and a summary of the Code, Tribal Members can review the Notice of Draft Revised Liquor Code and Request for Comments, which is also published in this edition of The Southern Ute Drum. Tribal members can obtain a copy of the proposed revised Liquor Code at: <https://members.southernute-nsn.gov> or from the Legal Department.

Please provide any comments on the draft code by Sept. 16, 2019. After the comment period, Tribal Council will consider the comments, make necessary revisions, and finalize the code.

Please submit your comments to the Committee by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: comments@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Liquor Code Committee, c/o Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.
- Hand delivery: Legal Department, Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137
- Phone: 970-563-4705; select the first option to comment on the Liquor Code.
- Tribal Member Portal: <https://members.southernute-nsn.gov>

For more information contact: Lorelyn Hall or Jamie Rivera in the Tribe's Legal Department at 970-563-2311 or 563-2141 or by e-mail at lhall@southernute-nsn.gov or jrivera@southernute-nsn.gov.

Many Moons Ago



Robert Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The Shining Mountain Diabetes Program held a Kidney Screening & Conference in Ignacio, Colo. on Friday, August 21, 2009. The day began with a "sweat" at Peaceful Spirit Treatment Center, followed by a "Poker Walk." A few of the walkers anxious to soak up the sun and enjoy the fresh air.

This photo first appeared in the Aug. 28, 2009, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jenny Gummertsall/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society held their regional conference and shooting competition in Window Rock, Ariz, August 2-5, 1999. 20 competitors from six southwestern states competed in the shooting. Who would be surprised that our local representatives were once again part of the championship team? The top six scores were a perfect 300! Pictured here are: Charles Ruybal-1st place, Ralph Watts-Top Gun, and William Phillips-5th place.

This photo first appeared in the Aug. 27, 1999, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The Southern Ute Youth Group performed for the New Mexico/Southern Colorado Pre-Service Training Program. The little one's performed for the Headstart Educators.

This photo first appeared in the Sept. 1, 1989, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Dallas Brown, Rusty Box, Tim Jefferson and Russel Box Sr. setting up a Tee Pee at the La Plata County Fairgrounds during the La Plata County Fair held in Durango. Sunshine Cloud's grandchildren, Russell Box Sr. family and Jim Jefferson family participated in the fair by Indian dancing in front of the Tee Pee.

This photo first appeared in the Aug. 31, 1979, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Chairman in Michigan



Courtesy Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Christine Sage stands with Tribal Councilwoman, Andy Jackson of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians during a break session of the 14th annual Government to Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Four Winds Resort in New Buffalo, Mich. The consultation was meant to facilitate an interactive dialogue between Tribal leaders and federal representatives to discuss how to reduce violence against Native American women.

POLIS, PRIMAVERA VISIT TRIBE • FROM PAGE 1



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self-sustainability and financial independence. "[The Tribe] becoming a Certified Small Business Community was an important step. It got the attention of the Governor — that type of state recognition will help our community evolve," added Velasquez. "Being an entrepreneur is taking control of your own future."



ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Miss Southern Ute

May
5/23/19 – Welcome Address for Ute Nations Day, participated and danced at the Southern Ute Bear Dance.
5/23/19 – Welcome Address for the Southern Ute Academy Transition Day for students.
5/31/19-6/1/19 – Attended and danced at the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance Powwow.

June
6/13/19 – Indian Motorcycle event, Sky Ute Casino Resort - Welcome address
The month of June, I did not travel much as I started working under the Youth Employment Program, making money for future use.

July
7/4/19 – Rode in the Fourth of July Parade in Pagosa Springs, Colo.
7/16/19-7/19/19 – Welcome address at the Tri-Ute



Games, also participation in the Tri-Ute Games, Fort Duchesne, Utah.
7/27/19 – Rode in the San Ignatius Fiesta parade, throwing candy. My brother Jace rode along with me as he is the reigning St. Ignatius Fiesta King, 2018-2019.

August
8/8/19-8/11/19 – Attended and danced at the 56th Annual Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival Powwow, Ft. Hall, Idaho.

8/12/19 – Welcome address and attended the Elder’s Celebration Dinner at the Multi-Purpose Facility.
8/14/19 – Welcome address for the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant at the Multi-Purpose Facility.
8/17/19 – Welcome address and danced at the Gold Wing Motorcycle event at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

I continue to assist with the monthly Southern Ute Elders Dinners at the Multi-Purpose Facility by serving food and helping our elders, giving out door prizes contributed by the Culture Dept., Sun Ute Community Center, Elder Services and Southern Ute Social Services Dept. It is great to see our tribal elders come together and visit with each another and eat a good meal.

*Tog’oiak’ – Thank you
Jazmin Carmenoros
Miss Southern Ute
2018-2019*

ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Jr. Miss Southern Ute

Mique,
My name is Autumn Rain Sage and I am the 2018-2019 Jr. Miss Southern Ute. My Ute name is Pachukwi (River Otter) and I am 14 years old. I attend Ignacio High school and I am in the ninth grade. My parents are Roger Sage Jr. and Lynnette Sage. This will be my final quarterly royalty report as my reign will be ending in September. I would like to update the Southern Ute tribal community on the events and powwows that I have attended.

Events in May
On May 23 there were two events the same day I attended. The Ute Nations Day was held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility and the Southern Ute Montessori Academy’s transition day at the SunUte Community Center. On May 24 I attended the Southern Ute Bear Dance and Powwow and also the kick-off meal for the Bear Dance. May 27 I attended the Southern Ute Veterans Walk of the Warriors. May 31 was the Youth of Color block party held at the La Plata Youth Services.



Events in June
On June 1 was the Ute Mountain Bear dance and Powwow in Towaoc, Colo. June 13 I attended the Indian Motorcycle event held at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center

Events in July
On July 16 I attended the Tri-Ute Games opening ceremony in Fort Duchesne, Utah where I represented and participated in the games. July 19 and 20 I attended the annual Little Beaver Powwow in Dulce, N.M., I also participated in the parade for Little Beaver. On July 27 I participated in the annual San Ignacio Fiesta parade.

Events in August
On August 12 I attended the Elders Celebration Dinner at the Multi-Purpose Facility. On August 14 I attended the annual Southern Ute Royalty Pageant held at the Multi-Purpose Facility. On August 24 I attended the annual Ute Mountain Ute Casino Powwow in Towaoc, Colo. Finally, on August 30-31 White Mesa Bear Dance and Powwow in White Mesa, Utah.

I had such a great time representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at different powwows and events, and it has been a great honor to hold the title of Jr. Miss Southern Ute. I have met some really nice people at the different events I have traveled to this past year. I would like to say thank you to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Royalty Committee and my family for supporting me during my reign as Jr. Miss Southern Ute.

*Tog’oiak’
Autumn Rain Sage
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
2018-2019*

Requests for Southern Ute Veterans Association Color Guard

All requests for the Southern Ute Veterans Association Color Guard to participate in departments activities need to be made in writing to the commander of the Association. For planning purposes and scheduling; requests must be received a minimum of two weeks prior to the activity.

Sincerely – Howard Richards Sr., Commander

Vets at First Responders Day



courtesy Rudley Weaver

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association were on hand for the First Responders Appreciation Day at the Mancos State Park, Saturday, Aug. 17. A Proclamation from Colorado Governor Jared Polis was read by Scot Elder, manager of the Lone Mesa and Mancos State Parks.



courtesy Alicia Nequatewa/Youth Employment Aide

On the first day of field exploration, Ute youth hike a steep path overlooking the Gunnison River to explore four petroglyph panels.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Ute rock art first hand

Nicole Cabral
SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION DEPT.

This summer, tribal youth traveled with the Southern Ute Education Department to ancestral Ute rock art sites around Montrose, Colo. Students had the opportunity to interact with tribal elders, professional archeologists, and cultural specialists in the field.

Participants explored pictographs and petroglyphs spanning from Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area to Sego Canyon in Utah. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office in Grand Junction, Colo., provided information to the visiting students on landscape and the role BLM plays in preserving public lands.

Discussions and debriefing took place at the Ute Indian Museum after the students finalized thier investigations.



courtesy Alicia Nequatewa/Youth Employment Aide

Ute youth walk Bridgeport Trailhead in Dominguez-Escalante Canyon to examine a six-toed bear paw petroglyph, Wednesday, July 31.



courtesy Alicia Nequatewa/Youth Employment Aide

Students listen intently and take notes as Cassandra Atencio, Cultural Preservation NAGPRA Coordinator, talks about three leaf sumac, an edible plant that grows in abundance in Dominguez Canyon.

Following their field work, students could identify Ute rock art patterns, produce their own interpretations, as well as present on their cultural connections. We would like to thank Tim Watts, Dominguez Archaeology Research Group, Ute Indian Museum, as well as Cassandra Atencio, and Garrett Briggs of the Southern Ute NAGPRA team for their collaborative efforts in making this trip possible.

“It is critical that we [the representatives from the NAGPRA Office] not only strive to protect our ancestral sites, but share those sites with our community. The introduction of our ancestor’s footprints to our youth, via the collaborative efforts with DARG and the Education Department, enable the Ute youth to learn about their forebears and in turn themselves,” said Garrett Briggs, Cultural Preservation NAGPRA Coordinator Apprentice. “These trips provide an opportunity for our youth to see beyond the well-defined boundaries of the reservation and visualize our people’s history firsthand.”

REQUEST FOR BIDS
Catering, Cleaning Staff and Security
for Tribal Fair Powwow

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for the Southern Ute Fair Powwow of September, 13, 14, and 15, 2019.

CATERING
Catering for: 100 people; September 14, 2019

SATURDAY MORNING: Beginning 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
SATURDAY LUNCH: Beginning 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lunch to include: Sandwich Tray, including condiments, chips and cookies
SATURDAY DINNER: 4 p.m. – Caterer’s Specialty
SUNDAY LUNCH: Beginning 12 – 1 p.m.
SUNDAY DINNER: Beginning 3 – 5 p.m. – Caterer’s Specialty
The Powwow Committee will provide drinks, plates, bowls, utensils, napkins, etc.

CLEANING CREW
The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for Cleaning Crew.

Check-in time: 4 p.m., Sept. 14, 2019
Cleaning Crew; should consist of (3) cleaning staff. Submission info below.

SECURITY
The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for Security.

Check-in time: 4 p.m., Sept. 13, 2019
Security will help with Vendor Parking and other Parking issues that may arise, work closely with the Southern Ute Police Department, Wildlife Department and Sky Ute Casino Security.
Closing bids for Catering, Cleaning and Security is Friday, Aug. 30, 2019 at 4 p.m.

Please submit bids to Rochelle Augilar, Secretary
Southern Ute Powwow Committee, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact
Rochelle Augilar at 970-563-0100.



NUTRITION

How to pack your kids a healthy lunch they’ll eat!

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

School is back in session and so is the lunchroom. Some kids will eat the school lunch. It does make life easier. But some will not. I remember when my daughter would eat the school lunch ... those were the days! But slowly, year by year, she ate it less and less and I had to pack her lunch more and more until I packed her lunch daily. That was by 4th grade. We want our children to be healthy, grow, learn and be satisfied.

So, what should we make our kids for lunch? Let’s take a look at what they need: Protein for growth and development, muscle building and tissue repair. Whole grains for energy and fiber, good digestion and keeping us satisfied. Fruit for vitamins and minerals used for growth and development, antioxidants, nature’s candy. Vegetables for vitamins, minerals, fiber, low calorie, filling, disease fighting. Dairy for healthy bones and teeth.

Your children might not like everything, but it’s important to give them a variety to provide all the nutrients they need. Sitting down with your kids and creating a list of foods they like, shopping together and helping to pack lunch are some great ways to get them involved. The more involved they are,

the more likely they will be to eat their lunch. Mixing and matching meal ideas is a good way to get started. Try to incorporate various items together. Think about the different food groups and then create a list.

Here are some meal ideas ... they can be mixed and matched according to your child’s preference or what you have on-hand. Use these ideas or make up your own, or your children make up their own!

Main Items

- Tuna Salad with celery on whole wheat bread.
- Rotisserie chicken with cherry tomatoes and broccoli on whole grain penne pasta.
- Turkey slices and cheddar with lettuce and tomato on whole wheat bun
- Hummus spread on whole grain tortilla topped with cucumber slices and shredded carrots and rolled up.
- Natural peanut butter or almond butter with slivers of apples or banana on whole wheat bread.
- Macaroni and cheese made with whole grain pasta, cheddar and green chilis.
- Don’t forget leftovers from the night before!

Sides and snacks

- Fruit like grapes, berries, apple slices, cuties, raisins, bananas, unsweetened apple sauce.

- Veggies like carrot sticks, pepper strips, celery sticks, cherry tomatoes, sugar snap peas.
- Whole grains like wheat thins, mini whole grain bagels, whole wheat bread.
- Dairy like Greek yogurt, cheese sticks, sliced pepper jack or cheddar cheese.
- Protein like nuts or peanut butter, hummus or a boiled egg.

Fun Food Ideas (one serving)

- Sweet potato chips
- Whole grain pretzels
- Granola bars
- Nuts and raisins
- Popcorn
- Chex mix
- Gold Fish made with whole grain

Beverages should be mostly water, milk or 100 percent juice (keep to one serving). Try putting fruit like lemons, limes or berries in their water for flavor. No sugar sweetened beverages should be included.

Whatever you provide your children, they may or may not eat. Just take a deep breath and try again. Go for a variety, have them help shop, prep or pack, provide options and don’t fight about it. When you find things your children like, start making a list. Know that because you are giving your children healthy foods, you are helping them grow and develop into our future healthy adults!

WELLNESS

Walking the Red Road

By Ester Belin
SOUTHERN UTE WELLNESS
COURT

The Drug Court movement in the late 1980’s spurred an alternative to criminal consequences relating to crimes committed while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. As a result, numerous tribes created Healing to Wellness Courts that draws on tribal cultural components and strengths.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe tiüÇai Court combines tribal traditions, spiritual healing practices, and tribal fundamental beliefs and values to administer justice. The Healing to Wellness Court operates like a Drug Court as it in-

tegrates substance use disorder treatment with the criminal justice system to provide clients with judicially supervised treatment and transitional services through the use of intense supervision, sanctions and incentives, and drug testing in a non-punitive setting.

The goal of the tiüÇai Court is to help clients walk a substance-free path with the support of family, friends and community members. It is designed to help solve problems and to create community health. The tiüÇai Court has been in existence since the early 2000’s and continues to operate with a Healing to Wellness Core and Treatment Teams.

In momentum with foster-

ing community health, the tiüÇai Court will be hosting a dinner at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 6p.m. to celebrate Recovery Month. All who are in support of community health by living substance-free are invited as well as any past participate. The tiüÇai Court Team wishes to outreach and create connections to strengthen aftercare recovery opportunities in the community. Walking the Red Road is possible.

The main speaker of the event will be a past tiüÇai Court graduate who now serves on the Core Team. Please contact Esther Belin at 970-563-2875 for more information.

Traditional Native cuisine



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Karlos Baca with Taste of Native Cuisine shows the participants how to cook the traditional meal, which was served to the Southern Ute community on Thursday, Aug. 22. Baca along with Shane Burnette of Partnership with Native Americans helped all of the volunteer cooks learn about cooking with intentional mindfulness and creating culturally relevant meals.



Shane Burnette of Partnership with Native Americans helps Southern Ute Clinical Psychologist, Jennifer Goodtracks prepare the fresh cranberry sauce that was used to flavor the squash and apple soup served in the traditional meal.

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Program Manager, Morgann Box adds in fresh yellow squash to the three sisters mash dish during the cooking time for the traditional meal.

BREASTFEEDING BOUNDRIES • FROM PAGE 1

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness took over the breastfeeding program, with Tso leading the way.

“We are trying to overcome culturally; the challenges people are facing in this era,” Tso explained.

Now funded by the Good Health and Wellness Grant, the breastfeeding program has monthly meetings on different topics: parenting, breastfeeding, classes for moms and new parents. Tso also gets referrals from the Southern Ute Health Center for new moms and expecting moms and is determined to make a difference in the breastfeeding game.

“We trying to promote breastfeeding normality,” explained Tso. “It’s a normal thing for babies.”

Rocky Mountain Children’s Health Foundation has been donating breastmilk to babies in need here in La Plata County through their Mother’s Milk Bank located in Arvada, Colo.

Earlier this year Mercy Medical Center in Durango, Colo. opened up a breast milk donation facility serving as a human donation and outreach center. Now, moms are able to give to their community by donating their breastmilk to those in need right here in our own county and throughout the United States by delivering their frozen milk to Mercy Medical Center.

“I’m hoping when they see these kids who are [considered] “failure to thrive” they give them breast milk,” Tso said.

There are perks for both moms and babies when breastfeeding. Breast milk



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Tribal elder Misty Jefferson, with great granddaughter Vesper Abeyta, pick out chocolate or vanilla breast cupcakes to eat and enjoy after walking around Tribal Campus.

has everything a new born baby needs and according to Web MD it contains antibodies that fight off viruses and bacteria. Breastfeeding also lowers your babies’ risk for asthma or allergies.

Moms also benefit from breastfeeding. It helps with losing post baby weight, helps the uterus return to its pre-pregnancy size and may also lower your risk for breast and ovarian cancer.

Following the steps of the Southern Ute Growth Fund and Sky Ute Casino, with help and information from Shining Mountain Health and Wellness, the Permanent Fund is now taking steps to get a new policy put in place to for new moms who pump.

“We have a lactation room available for community members and employees to use, instead of them having to go home or pump in their cars,” Tso stated.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on March 30, 2010 which included Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) which requires an employer

to provide reasonable break time for an employee to express breast milk for her nursing child for one year after the child’s birth each time such employee has need to express milk.

In Colorado, legislation states that a mother can breastfeed in any place she has the right to be, including the workplace.

“Through our proposed policy update, we like to see an extended time during the day to allow moms to get to and from a comfortable breastfeeding area,” Tso said.

Working hard in our community to destigmatize breastfeeding and give moms and parents the tools needed to be successful in this quest, Shining Mountain Health and Wellness is open and willing to give advice as well as receive it.

“Our doors are always open, even if you just want to come see our lactation room,” Tso said.

For more information on the Shining Mountain Breastfeeding Program and free breastfeeding pumps please contact Shaw Marie Tso at 970-563-2163.

The Power of Connection

September 5, 2019, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Sky Ute Event Center

8:00 – 8:30 am: Sign-in, Receive packets, Continental Breakfast

8:30 am: Color Guard and Flag song

– Southern Ute Veterans Association and Southern Ute Singers

8:45 am: Invocation and Opening remarks

- Ms. Pearl Casias, former Tribal Chairman and Tribal Elder

9:00 am: Keynote - “Helping Them Find Their Way”

- Mr. Jacob Flores

10:15 am: Break

10:30 am: “Working Well with a Disability”

- Martha Mason, Executive Director SW Ctr. for Independence

12:00 pm: LUNCH (provided) – Panel Q & A

Panel members: Martha Mason, Executive Director SW Ctr for Independence; Ptisawquah, CO Cross-Disability Coalition; Brian Sheffield, S. Ute Human Resources; Mary Trujillo-Young, S. Ute Behavioral Health Department; and Ryan White, community member

1:30 pm: “Confronting Our Past, Controlling Our Future: Disability as a Community, Identity, and Culture”

- Jeff Newman, Disabilities Activist

2:30 pm: Break

2:45 pm: Talking Circle lead by Bobbie Rosa and Jacob Flores

3:30 pm: Training ends – flags retrieved

Please register by calling the Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation office at (970) 563-4730 or by emailing mweaver@southernute-nsn.gov

Registration deadline: September 3, 2019

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Open house welcomes families



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Shyida Howe helps her son Reggie Howe decide which picture he wants to cut out and color while they get to know his new teacher and classroom during SUIMA's open house on Thursday, Aug. 22.

SUIMA kicks off semester



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Elementary Physical Education Teacher, Kris McSweeney walks her upper elementary students back to the classroom after exercising at the SunUte Community Center on the first day of school on Monday, Aug. 26.

Sibrya Larry contemplates her ideas for an assignment in the Ute Language class on Monday, Aug. 26 during the first day of school.



BGC ON THE MOVE • FROM PAGE 1

bers and storage space. “We want to make sure that we are maintaining our capacity and by keeping a rotation at the school it will help us serve the kids better,” stated Bruce LeClaire, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Boys and Girls Club. When the club first decided they needed to move, Cassandra “Cass” Sanchez the BGC site director worked with Ignacio Elementary School Principal, Barb Fjerstad to make arrangements for the club to get approval. “There were a lot of moving parts to get this [move] complete — now were in a manageable position,” LeClaire added. With the move, BGC will keep moving forward with starting up new club programs for kids 11 to 13 years of age. The Torch Club, according to the BGC’s website is a chartered group that is meant to help meet the character-development needs of young adolescents during a critical stage in their life. LeClaire also described Torch as being “a club within the club” meaning club members will be able to strengthen their 21st-century leadership skills by working with each other to implement new projects while focusing on specific areas of service. Torch club

members will also advance into the Keystone club in the coming years to provide their peers with support and engagement during the National Keystone Conference. Not only will this keep the members focused on their communities, but it will set them up to develop skills to enhance their own local clubs. In addition to providing these programs and clubs to the youth in the community, BGC helps with numerous fairs, i.e. health and job fairs; toy and food drives, fundraisers, as well as sitting in on committees and boards to involve the kids. The Club is meant to help young people in the community with “developing good character and excellence,” LeClaire stated. “Not only do we serve the Southern Ute Tribe, but we serve the community, we are open to everyone.” The club primarily serves kids from the age of six to thirteen now, but is open to all kids from ages six to eighteen. As the program grows, the goal is to continue providing “a respect of culture, diversity, academic excellence, and development of a healthy mind and body,” the BGC website states. The youth development program currently serves approximately 250 members, they

see over 60 kids every day in the After-School Program and typically serve 80 kids a day during the Summer Club Program. As a tribal department and through grants, the club currently employs 11 staff members including the CEO, Administrative Assistant, Site Director, Program and Behavioral Coordinator as well as six program aids who work directly with the kids. The current aid to kid ratio is 10 to one, whereas the national average is 25 kids for every one aid. Each one of the staff members are highly trained. They go through CPR and First Aid training, mandated reporting, youth mental health first aid, behavior management techniques, pool safety while implementing non-violent crisis prevention “We do a lot of volunteer searches and we would like to see more community involvement,” LeClaire expressed. The club recently started their own Facebook page, which they want to encourage everyone to go and “like” to get the most current information about club events, hours, and location changes. Contact the BGC by phone, 970-563-4553 or visit their website at www.BGCSU.org

New housing for teachers



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Ignacio School District Superintendent, Rocco Fuschetto and Eagle Feather Construction owner, Adam Tucson stand together for a photo in front of the new staff housing. The houses were delivered and placed on the foundations, Wednesday, August 14. The housing will be available to Ignacio School District staff in September.



The Ignacio School District originally started pouring the foundation for two additional homes with Eagle Feather Construction in early July to serve as staff housing. The School District officially placed the houses on the property on Wednesday, August 14.

Dr. Jefferson guides alliance



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Elder, Dr. James Jefferson took the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado to visit different departments across tribal campus and brought special guest speakers to answer questions that the organization had on Wednesday, August 21. The alliance is a statewide organization that is dedicated to working for justice and equality for people across religious differences to help advocate and amplify their voices in legislature.

Johnson-O’Malley Committee meeting

Southern Ute Education Department
Monday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Education to offer GED prep Test

Starting Aug. 27, the Adult Education Program will offer GED test preparation through online tests, tutoring, and classes at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday. If you have any questions call Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger, Adult Education Manager, at 970-563-2784.

STILLWATER 505



Friday September 13, 2019
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Doors open at 6:30 PM
Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility
256 Ute Road Ignacio CO

Advance Tickets available
September 9, 2019

Admission
\$12 - Person
\$20 - Couple

Alcohol /Drug Free Event - For more info: 970-563-2640



BOBCATS CROSS COUNTRY

IHS harriers make history at first 2019 meet

Valdez earns first place, Lady 'Cats second

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Reviving a decades-dormant cross country program last year led to many 'firsts' for Ignacio. But even with one runner actually qualifying for the 2018 CHSAA Class 2A State Championships, one major achievement, a victory, eluded the team. Not anymore.

Competing in her first race ever, at a distance much longer than any familiar to her from track-and-field seasons past, junior Charlize Valdez got the 2019 season underway in grand fashion as she persevered past one of the meet favorites to conquer all at Dolores High's inaugural Boggy Draw Bear Chase Friday afternoon, August 23.

"I wasn't expecting it; I just went out to run! But it feels really good," she said. "I might have started a little too quick because I definitely felt it in the middle. But right at the beginning and right at the end I gave it my all."

"She played it smart," said head coach Daniel Holley, in charge this fall with predecessor Marissa Duffey having moved north to the Denver area. "She went out there and set her eyes on something to achieve, made her move at the right time and it paid off for her."

Already very much out in the proverbial – and literal – sticks atop and well north of Dunlap Hill (the familiar rise behind DHS' football field), Valdez and others responded to the starter's air horn and departed down Montezuma County Road W (a.k.a. Boggy Draw Road) before the course's toughness began showing.

With several hills to challenge entrants, and rugged ground strewn with about every forest-style obstacle conceivable, the route did its best to slow down even the fastest hopefuls – including Mancos' Grace Manning, who at one stage was reportedly leading Valdez and others by at least a couple hundred yards before hitting a wall.

"I run with her in track as well, so I know to keep my distance from her," joked Valdez. "But also to stay with her, with a certain amount of space where I can catch her at the end. So, I just stayed with her the whole time – as much as I wanted



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Charlize Valdez (5) begins the final hill with nothing but open air ahead of her Friday afternoon, Aug. 23, at Dolores High's inaugural Boggy Draw Bear Chase. Also, a volleyball player for IHS, Valdez earned the young Lady Bobcat program's first-ever individual title at the meet.

to stop – and the very last quarter-mile kicked it in as much as I could ... to beat her at the end."

With beach-like sand giving runners one final test on both the penultimate climb to the finish and subsequent slight descent to the chute itself, Valdez knew simply to keep her knees and feet moving as quickly as possible, and crossed the line in a winning 23 minutes, 44 seconds.

Manning made it across 11 ticks later, with Montezuma-Cortez's Ridley Denison earning third in 25:28. Telluride teammates Ruby Tanguay (26:55) and Chloe Hehir (27:04) rounded out the 5K's top five.

"I thought the course was great, you know? Almost wilderness like, to the sand, the hills and inclines," Holley said. "Really well marked and laid out well, so 'Good job' to the course markers who did that for us."

Sophomore Avaleena Nanaeto placed 12th in 30:23, with senior Brianna Henderson – with Nanaeto, IHS' initial roll-out returnees – right behind in a 13th place 30:54. Newcomer Lexy Young, better known for her sprinting prowess in track, took 15th in 33:36, and fellow sophomore rookie D'Vondra 'Diggy' Garcia (38:04) was 20th.

"Vanessa [Gonzales] was on the team before, and I'd seen she'd posted about it. So I thought I'd join; she told me that it was a good sport to do, and you get yourself in shape," said Garcia. "It was hard ... because we haven't run that many hills, but now I know what to expect throughout the season."

"It was very hard," Nanaeto agreed. "I felt I could have done way bet-

ter. But that's OK, for two weeks of running."

"It was a tough course," said Young. "Lots of hills, steep ones, but I made it through and it was a good race for my first one. I just didn't push myself as much as I thought I would."

"I thought it would be harder for me because I have asthma and thought the dust was going to interfere with that," Henderson said. "But overall it wasn't too bad; I just have to work on paying attention to the mile markers!"

"When the one said 'First mile,' I thought it was, like, 'One more mile to go,'" she laughed. "So, I was picking up the pace a lot, but it was pretty good ... and set a bar for me."

M-CHS won the girls' title at the small-scale event with a score-4 low of 27 points. Ignacio followed with 41, clipping both MHS (42) and THS (46). With just one entrant, seventh-place Anaya Martinez (28:03), Dolores did not qualify for the championship but Martinez's finish did not affect the scoring.

"It's just awesome to see when people can buy into something, and what can be accomplished when a group of people put their target on a goal, working together to get that sort of thing done," said Holley, proud of his first squad's first showing.

"They've shown up every day for practice this summer and it's great to see that work paying off."

Looking ahead on the schedule, the Lady Bobcats will compete Sept. 14 at the Bayfield Invitational, with action set to begin at 10 a.m. Results from IHS' Aug. 29 appearance at the Aztec, N.M., Invitational were unavailable at press time.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Bobcat grididders kicking 2019 off against new foe

Football opener now Aug. 31, Bloomfield visiting

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Already dealing with a water leak and resulting consequences to his floor at home, the last thing 'Ponch' Garcia needed the weekend of August 24-25 – in addition to preparing for the first day of school on the 26th – was a schedule snafu involving his game-ready Ignacio Bobcats.

Unfortunately, one presented itself and concerned IHS' slated 2019 season-opener.

"Got the notice, saying things have changed. We're not playing Crownpoint on Friday night, because ... I don't know; they got a new AD and he dropped us," Garcia said in regards to scheduled Aug. 30 opponent Crownpoint, N.M., an enemy the 'Cats have faced, and beaten, each of the past three years.

"But even their coach did not know about his plans! So that was kind of bizarre,"



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Joe Garcia (16) pulls along multiple tacklers during a close-quarter drill at a recent preseason practice at IHS Field. Back from a serious leg injury last fall, Garcia will be counted upon for toughness in the Bobcats' backfield.

he continued. "But anyhow, we picked up a game. And we'll be playing at 4 o'clock Saturday (Aug. 31), against Bloomfield's JV."

That is to say, the Bobcats will kick off the new campaign against ... other Bobcats.

And the challenge could be more difficult; CHS – now listed as traveling to Shiprock, N.M., on the 30th instead of IHS Field – began

play this past Friday, Aug. 23, visiting 5A Santa Fe (N.M.) Capital and taking a 55-0 slam from the Jaguars.

Not exactly the way the 3A Eagles would have liked to begin improving on a 2-8 overall finish in 2018.

Ignacio, meanwhile, will look to finally begin building upon last year's misleading 3-6 mark, a record

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BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Release the Beasts: Hungry V'cats to begin play

Preseason performance in Pagosa promising for '19

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Energetic to the point of wowing longtime head coach Thad Cano, the Volleycat varsity proved its readiness for the 2019 grind with an authoritative showing Saturday, August 24, at Pagosa Springs' Pirate Four Corners Scrimmages.

"I was playing with line-ups and everything, and the only match we struggled was with Pagosa," he said afterwards. "And it wasn't that they dominated; I just did a different lineup, trying to figure out the (team) dynamic. So that was probably our toughest match, and it wasn't because of what Pagosa did, but what we're trying to learn."

One of ten schools present at the popular preseason



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio freshman Grace Gonzales, right, puts up a block with senior Makayla Howell against Mancos during the recent Pirate Four Corners Scrimmages hosted by Pagosa Springs High School.

against six squads with each 'match' lasting 25 minutes. Beginning with 2A/1A San Juan Basin Leaguers Dove Creek in the 9 a.m. test, the 'Cats also went up against 3A Intermountain League members La Jara Centauri and Monte Vista, as well as SJBL rivals Dolores and

Mancos before calling it a day shortly after 2 p.m.

Facing MHS in the final clash, IHS' all-around play – highlighted by well-placed serving – produced a media-counted 40-26 win with the teams unknown-

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Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings

September 3rd-30th

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Volleycats off to great start



courtesy Marge Barry

The Volleycats have six returning varsity players, and two freshmen. Making up the roster are: Makayla Howell, Senior; Marisa Carmenoros and Ebony Gomez, Juniors; Alexis Pontine and Lexy Young, Sophomores; Grace Gonzales and Lacy Brunson, both freshmen. The Volleycats successfully participated in the Southwest Scrimmage held at Pagosa High School, Saturday, Aug. 24. They will host a Tri-Volleyball match Saturday, Aug. 31, playing both Monte Vista and Del Norte. The Volleycats are off to a great start, and we wish them the best of luck in their 2019 season. GO CATS! "A goal is a dream with a deadline," N. Hill. Pictured left to right: Alexis Pontine, Marisa Carmenoros, Makayla Howell, Grace Gonzales, Lexy Young, Charlize Valdez, Lacy Brunson. Sitting: Ebony Gomez.

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UMU hosts Casino Powwow



Color Guard are led by Terry Knight, carrying the Eagle Staff.



Southern Ute elder and grass dancer, Marty Pinnecoose enters the powwow arena as a shadow is cast by Ute Mountain.



Willard Light, Jeffery Whiteskunk and Rudley Weaver fold the American Flag as the colors were retired before the evening Grand Entry was to begin.

The annual Ute Mountain Casino Hotel Powwow brought host drum groups: Indian Hill (Barstow, Cali.), and the Whitetail Boys (Macy, Nev.), along with dancers, singers, vendors as well as hand gamers from around the region to the Ute Mountain Ute reservation in Towaoc, Colo., from Aug 23 to 25. The three-day event featured the powwow and the annual hand game tournament in the Indian Village adjacent to the Ute Mountain Casino.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Patience Watts, Little Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage, Jr. Miss Southern Ute and Iyonia Pavisook, Jr. Miss Ute Mountain Ute assemble to enter the powwow arena.



Head Man Dancer, Henry Whiteskunk Sr. competes in the Tony Tallbird, Fancy Feather Contest Special.

Elder Celebration Dinner

All Ute Elders Are Welcome!

Doors open at 5:30PM for coffee, tea and socializing
Dinner begins at 6:00 PM
Monday September 9th, 2019
Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility

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In the event of a funeral, the Elder Celebration
Dinner will be rescheduled.

For more information, contact: Edward Box III at (970)-563-2984



BACK TO SCHOOL ROUND DANCE

WHEN: Thursday, September 12th, 2019
WHERE: Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO, 81137
MC: Juquin Hamilton-Youngbird from Shawnee, OK
SINGERS: Southern Boyz from Lawton, OK
DINNER: Will be served 4pm-6pm
DANCING: Starting @ 6pm-Midnight
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TRIBE’S UTILITY RATE INCREASE • FROM PAGE 1

Southern Ute Utilities Manager, Hayes Briskey stated. “We have one of the best [facilities] in Indian Country,” he emphasized. The Tribe’s operators are also certified, which is a requirement set forth by the EPA.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe built a new wastewater treatment plant in 1999, followed by a new water treatment plant in 2005, both entirely paid for by the Tribe without the help of outside monies or grants, at a cost of \$40 million. In the months to come, raw water settling ponds will be added as pretreatment storage, allowing for up to 20 days of water reserves in the case of an emergency. This upgrade will be paid for in part through Indian Health Services (IHS), but will be primarily funded by the Tribe at a cost of \$3 million. None of these costs have been passed on to the system’s users.

The Tribe spared no expense when these were built, explained Vaughn.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Fresh water from the Pine River flows over the clarifier weirs at the beginning of the treatment process in preparation for distribution to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Town of Ignacio and surrounding communities.

“The current plants were built to handle future expansion. We charge even rates for commercial and residential utilities — no differentiation. Current sewer rates were based on winter water flows at the request of the Town, therefore Ignacio’s sewer rates will actually go down, even though the water rates will see an increase,” noted Vaughn.

“Operating costs, that is really what we are trying

to balance out,” Seibel emphasized. “The people taking care of it, delivering the product. [We’re going to] do what’s best for both of us, we are a community.”

“The Tribe is a good neighbor to the Town. We look forward to continuing our positive, long-standing relationship with the Town of Ignacio, the Board of Trustees and Town Mayor, Stella Cox,” stated Chairman Sage.

Shooter drill readies faculty



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Richard Herrera, with the Southern Ute Police Department walked “victims” out of the Ignacio Middle School and proceeded to help them onto the school bus that would take them to the designated reunification area on Thursday, Aug. 22.

The SunUte Pool will start Winter hours Sept. 3!

Winter hours are from Set. 3 through April 30, 2020.

- Mondays: 6 am – 7 pm
- Tuesdays: 7 am – 7 pm
- Wednesdays: 6 am – 7 pm
- Thursdays: 7 am – 7 pm
- Fridays: 6 am – 7 pm
- Saturdays & Sundays: 10 am – 4:30 pm



For more information, please contact Abel Velasquez, Fitness Director at 970-563-2651

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2019 GENERAL ELECTION
(2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2019 General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

General Election -	Friday, November 01, 2019 - 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Residency Deadline -	Saturday, August 03, 2019
Statement of Intention Deadline -	Monday, September 02, 2019, by 5:00 P.M.
Election Board Decision Regarding Eligibility Deadline -	Tuesday, September 17, 2019
Notice of Election -	Wednesday, October 02, 2019
Voter Registration Deadline -	Wednesday, October 23, 2019, by 5:00 P.M.
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline -	Wednesday, October 23, 2019, by 5:00 P.M.
Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline -	Thursday, October 31, 2019, by 5:00 P.M.



THE 2019 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT 285 LAKIN ST. IGNACIO, CO
Contact the Election Board at (970) 563- 0100 ext. 2303 or 2305
Off-Reservation Tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303
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KSUT PRESENTS

Awakening the WARRIOR WITHIN

featuring the Dream Warriors



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Passionate and focused, Lyla June belts out to the crowd a song she wrote after years of abuse and self-doubt.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Tanaya Winder listens and gives feedback to Ruthie Belin at the Dream Warrior training.

Dream Warrors: Tanaya Winder, Lyla June, Gunner Jules, Tall Paul and Self Wake brought their talents to small town Ignacio for a three-day free multi-media training that was held at the ELHI Community Center on Aug. 20-22. The Dream Warriors got a chance to work side-by-side with community youth to produce a music video largely produced by the youth. The youth program was sponsored by KSUT Public Radio. While in Ignacio, Dream Warriors were able to give two community performances; at the Ignacio High School Auditorium, Monday, Aug. 19 and at the ELHI's Inspiration Square, Tuesday, Aug. 20. They also performed in Durango, Colo., Friday, Aug. 23 at The Garage.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Tall Paul listens to Nate Hendren show him his skills on the keyboard.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Gunner Jules busts out some vocals during one of his songs in Inspiration Square at the ELHI Community Center.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Avaleena Nanaeto records Sarafina Chackee playing the drum for the music video that was being produced by the youth who attended the multi-media training with the Dream Warriors.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Dream Warriors listen intently as Tribal Council speaks with them about their visit.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Tanaya Winder and the Dream Warriors are introduced to Tribal Council by KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham and KSUT Station Manager Sheila Nanaeto.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Bird Red listens to the playback of his voice as he tries to hit the notes needed for the track.

PUBLIC RADIO

FolkWest to turn over festivals to KSUT Public Radio

Staff report
KSUT PUBLIC RADIO

FolkWest, producers of the Four Corners Folk Festival and the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass, will transfer ownership of both festivals to KSUT Public Radio on September 30. The transfer is a result of FolkWest executive director Crista Munro accepting a position as executive director of Sisters Folk Festival in Sisters, Ore. Munro and her husband, Dan Appenzeller, founded FolkWest 24 years ago and produced the first Four Corners Folk Festival in 1996, with Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass added to the annual lineup in 2006.

"When I was offered the job with Sisters Folk Festival, it was a bittersweet moment for me, knowing that my chapter at the helm of FolkWest would

be ending," said Munro. "KSUT always seemed like a natural choice to take over our events. They do an amazing job with everything they produce, and Tami Graham brings a ton of live music production experience to the table. When they said yes to our proposal, I knew that the transition would be a smooth one."

The 2019 Four Corners Folk Festival will take place August 30-September 1, on Reservoir Hill in Pagosa Springs, Colo. This year's lineup includes The Earls of Leicester, Billy Strings, Amy Helm, Molly Tuttle, Darrell Scott, The Mammals, Rob Ickes & Trey Hensley, The East Pointers, Lindsay Lou, JigJam, Mile Twelve, Wild Rivers, Maybe April and The Arcadian Wild. Additional information can be found

at folkwest.com. KSUT executive director Tami Graham said that the KSUT board of directors and staff are honored to be given the opportunity to continue the legacy of FolkWest festivals "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and we can't thank Crista and Dan enough for entrusting KSUT with the festivals. We are committed to maintaining the stellar reputation and high-quality experience for both attendees and artists that FolkWest has cultivated over the past 24 years." The station will be conducting a search for a festival director, who will also coordinate other special events like its concert series and Members' Party & Silent Auction (Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Ska Brewing World Headquarters in Durango).



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fancy shawl, jingle, traditional (combined)
TEEN BOYS (12-17)
fancy, grass, no. & so. traditional
TEEN GIRLS (12-17)
fancy shawl, jingle, no. & so. traditional
MEN (18-49)
fancy, grass, no. traditional
so. straight, chicken
WOMEN (18-49)
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GOLDEN AGE (50+)
men & women

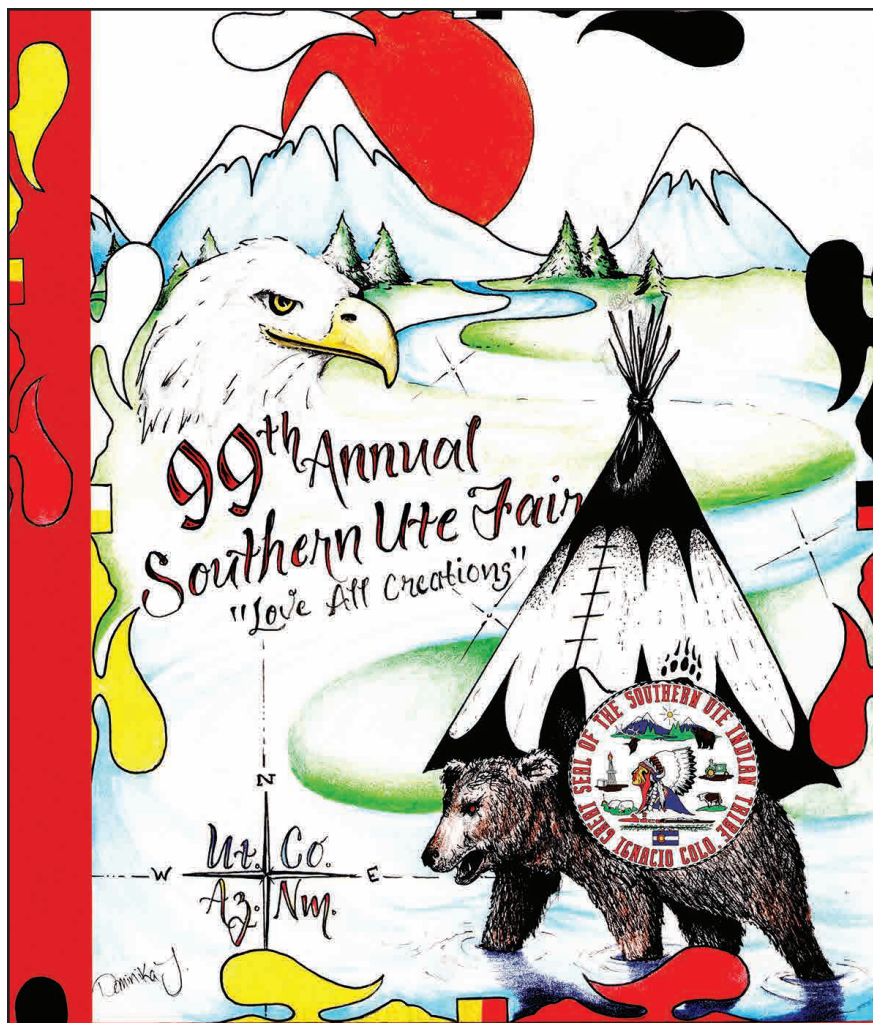
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Southern Ute Tribal Fair
Fair Theme: "Love All Creations"

September 13-15, 2019
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Ignacio. CO
Southern Ute Reservation

Tribal Fair Logo & Theme Winner: Dominika Joy
Tribal Fair Information: Tara Vigil, Special Event Coordinator (970) 563-2985
Additional Information: www.southernute-nsn.gov

Created By Kree Lopez

99th Annual Southern Ute Indian Tribal Fair Parade Saturday, September 14th, 2019



FAIR THEME: "LOVE ALL CREATIONS"
(Parade entries will be judged on adherence to theme)

CATEGORIES FOR ENTRY:

FLOAT PRIZES:

1ST - \$200 | 2ND - \$150 | 3RD - \$100
(1ST-3RD PLACE AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY EXCEPT FOR CHAIRMAN'S & EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S AWARD)

FLOATS:

ALL FLOATS WILL BE CATEGORIZED BY EITHER COMMERCIAL, FAMILY OR SERVICES/ORGANIZATION

BEST NATIVE DRESS GROUP:
\$200

BEST ROYALTY FLOAT:

1ST; TROPHY
(MUST BE CURRENT TITLE HOLDER)

CAR PRIZES:

1ST - \$100 | 2ND - \$75 | 3RD - \$50
CAR CATEGORIES:
• REZ CAR
• LOWRIDER
• CLASSIC

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD:
(TBD)

EXECUTIVE'S AWARD:
(TBD)

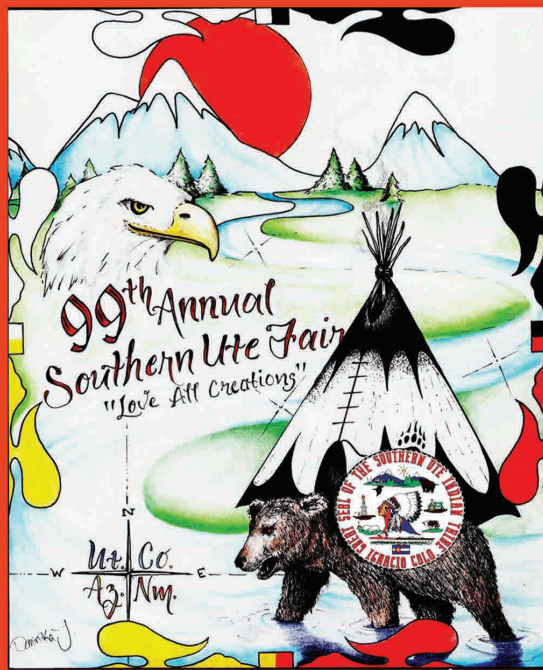
HORSE PRIZES:

ALL AGES 1ST \$100

HORSE CATEGORIES (ONLY ENTER ONE CATEGORY):

- BEST DRESSED HORSE
- BEST DRESSED NATIVE AMERICAN RIDER (MALE/FEMALE)
- BEST DRESSED COWBOY/COWGIRL RIDER

****Motorcycle Category** (New)**
1ST - \$100 | 2ND - \$75 | 3RD - \$50



KIDDIE PARADE:

Contact Information

CATEGORIES:
OPEN TO CHILDREN 12 YEARS OR YOUNGER

Construction & Project Management
Phone: 970-563-0138
Or
Tribal Planning
Phone: 970-563-2270

For Pre-registration or information, please email:
SUITTribalFair@southernute-nsn.gov

KIDDIE PARADE PRIZES:
1ST | 2ND | 3RD PLACE

YOUTH GROUP ENTRY:
1ST - \$100 | 2ND - \$75 | 3RD - \$50

PRIZE MONEY IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY:

1ST - \$50 | 2ND - \$35 | 3RD - \$25
CATEGORIES:
• BICYCLE ENTRY
• WAGON ENTRY
• NATIVE: MALE/FEMALE

PARADE STARTS
10 am from Ignacio High School

PARADE LINEUP & REGISTRATION
7:30 am at the SE corner of Ignacio High School
The Parade will proceed south on Goddard Ave.

Culture Dept. seeking Southern Ute Fair Volunteers & Judges

The Southern Ute Culture Department is seeking Southern Ute Fair Volunteers who would like to register Fair Exhibits on Sept. 11 and 12 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., lunch will be provided.

We are also seeking Judges who would like to judge different Categories on those same dates starting at 6 p.m.

The registration and judging will be held at the Southern Ute Museum Big Classroom.

If you are interested please contact the Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at 970-563-2985

Southern Ute Fair Kick-off Meal

September 13, 2019
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Multi-Purpose Facility Field

OPEN TO SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS
& FAMILY, SOUTHERN UTE STAFF
(PERMANENT FUND, CASINO, & GROWTH FUND.)

For More Information Contact Events Coordinator,
Tara Vigil (970) 563-2985

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

SOUTHERN UTE FAIR

NMRA RODEO

SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS SEPTEMBER 13 - 14, 2019

IGNACIO, COLORADO 7 PM EACH NIGHT

SLACK SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 8 AM

ADULT'S \$10 6-12 YEARS OLD \$5 5 & UNDER FREE

NO PARKING FEE

EVENTS	ENTRY FEE	ADDED
BAREBACK RIDING	\$111	\$1,000
STEER WRESTLING	\$111	\$1,000
BREAKAWAY ROPING	\$111	\$1,000
SADDLE BRONC RIDING	\$85	\$1,000
TIE DOWN ROPING	\$111	\$1,000
TEAM ROPING	\$111 PER ROPER	\$1,250
BARREL RACING	\$81	\$1,000
BULL RIDING	\$100	\$2,000
JUNIOR EVENTS		
JR BARREL RACING (15 & UNDER)	\$81	\$250
JR TIE DOWN ROPING (15 & UNDER)	\$111	\$250
JR BULL RIDING (15 & UNDER)	\$65	\$250

ADDED ATTRACTION
-MUTTON BUSTING-
6 & UNDER \$20 ENTRY
OPEN TO FIRST 12 TO SIGN UP
ONE HOUR BEFORE EACH PERFORM

STOCK CONTRACTOR
 BUCKING H RODEO
BLANKETS TO ALL-AROUND WINNERS

NMRA with PAFRA, AIRCA, others pending. Entries include office charge of \$11.
All contestants may enter twice. TR may enter a maximum of 4 times (2016 New Rule Applies). You must have a 2019 USTRC or WSTR card to be eligible for the Inc TR #12 & #9. Walk up entries 1 1/2 hrs prior to first rodeo performance (with stock availability). All walk up entries have a \$15 late fee. Entries: Monday, Sept 9, 2019 6-9 PM. TE: 505-864-9426; RS/TE: 505-864-9427. FIRST CALL FIRST SERVE.
Entry Information call 505-864-9426.
Day sheets posted at www.newmexicorodeoassociation.org



SunUte and the Vigil Family Present:

Honoring All Veterans

Run/Walk

Friday, 9/13/19
Registration- 8:15am
Run/Walk- 8:45am

FREE!!!
Multi-Purpose Facility
Parking Lot

First 50 participants will receive a free t-shirt!

For more information, please contact Abel Velasquez, Fitness Director at (970)563-2651

99th Annual Southern Ute Fair

Softball Challenge

Friday, September 13th
 Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field
 First game begins at **9:00 AM**

Co-Ed teams consist of employees from the following entities: BIA and SUSS, Sky Ute Casino, Growth Fund, and Permanent Fund.

12 awards will be given out
8 members of your team MUST be an employee from representing entity.

Prizes: Hoodies, bragging rights, and a trophy!

For more information call SunUte Recreation Department 970-563-0214
 Deja x2655 Kelsey x2660 Virgil x2652 Mandy x2664

FREE!

OUTDOOR CO-ED

3 VS 3 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

(4 MAN ROSTER, 1 FEMALE ON COURT AT ALL TIMES)

SATURDAY, SEPT 14TH
12PM
@ SUNUTE PARK.

1ST PLACE WINS A PRIZE!

ALL TEAMS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 11:30AM ON SATURDAY, SEPT 14TH

CONTACT SAGE @ 563-2656 FOR MORE INFO

99th Annual Southern Ute Fair

Cornhole Tournament

Friday, September 13th at 12:00PM
Location: Multi-Purpose Facility Field
2 vs.2

Teams consist of Tribal members, employees, and immediate family members.

- Immediate Family:** Mother, father, sister, brother, child, or spouse.

Contact: SunUte for sign up and rules: (970)563-0214, Robin x2657
 Prizes for winning teams TBD

Fireworks Display
Sat., Sept. 14
Sky Ute Fairgrounds • 9 pm

99th Annual Southern Ute Fair

Ignacio, Colorado
OPEN TO ALL TEAMS

2019

\$275 Entry Fee
3 Game Guarantee
 Deadline is September 6th

PRIZES 1st - 4th

USSSA **GOT 1's 6**

MEN'S and COED
SEPTEMBER 14th - 15th
USSSA THUMB PRINT BATS/CLASSIC M&W SOFTBALLS ONLY

Lewann Edwards (970) 612-8828
 Mike Pope (970) 622-5710

Youth Games

Cash Prizes

September 13th, 2019
4:00 P.M.
Multi-Purpose Field
Open to Tribal Member and Direct Descendants Only!

Contests:
Sack Race, Cracker Eating, Watermelon Eating, Softball Toss, Egg Toss, Foot Race, & Three Legged Race.

Categories by ages: 2-3 years; 4-6 years; 10-12 years; 13-15 years; 16-18 years.
Male & female divisions.

For more information contact Sarah Russell at (970) 563-5280

Sam Burch Memorial Horsemanship

Sat., Sept 14
Sky Ute Fairgrounds • 1 pm
Supervisor: Judy Lansing 970-749-7116

19th annual JALAPENO EATING CONTEST

MEN & WOMEN DIVISIONS
GRAND PRIZE \$300
1ST - 3RD CASH

SAT., SEPT. 14, 2019
LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED
CONTEST @ 2 PM • SIGN IN @ 1 PM
OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Coordinator/Info: Robert Ortiz 970-903-0346

The Southern Ute Tribe/Culture Dept., Event Coordinator, or Venue and Staff are not liable for injuries, illnesses, pain or suffering resulting in participation in contest.
 Youth 15-18 years old must have parent/guardian signature to participate.
 ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK - MUST READ WAIVER & SIGN-IN BEFORE COMPETING - NO EXCEPTIONS

99th Annual Southern Ute Fair

Kids Open Co-Ed Tug-O-War

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN A WAIVER

Saturday, September 14, 2019
At 5 P.M.
Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Infield)
Winner Takes All- Cash Award

Categories: 6-10 Years; 11-13 years; 14-17 years
6 Member team 3 Girls & 3 Boys.

For More Information Contact Events Coordinator Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2985

99th Annual Southern Ute Fair

Open Co-Ed Tug-O-War

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN A WAIVER

Saturday, September 14, 2019
At 5 P.M.
Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Infield)
Categories: 6 Member team 3 Women & 3 Men.

Cash Prizes 1st, 2nd, 3rd

For More Information Contact Events Coordinator Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2985



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



SEPTEMBER 15TH
8 A.M. TO 11 A.M.
SPONSORED BY
IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL



\$5

MENU
PANCAKE
EGGS
SAUSAGE
COFFEE
ORANGE JUICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
JUSTA WHITT 970 749 2480

2019 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Theme:

Love All Creations

99th Annual Southern Ute Fair

3D Archery Shoot

Sunday, September 15th
Registration starts at 8:00am

SunUte Archery Range

Start Time: 8:30 AM
Youth Compound: Ages 6-12, 13-17
Youth Traditional: Ages 6-12, 13-17
Hunter Class: 18 & Over
Senior Hunter Class: 50+
Prizes for each division

For more information call SunUte Recreation Department 970-563-0214
Virgil x2652 Kelsey x2660 Mandy x2664 Deja x2655



FRYBREAD CONTEST

September 15, 11 a.m.
Sky Ute Fairgrounds-North of Main Parking Lot
Singles Category: 15-17 years; 18 and older.
2-team Category: 14 years & younger.
Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place (TBD).
Frybread Contest Rules:
Open to all Native Americans.

- Flour, salt, baking powder, shortening, water will be provided.
- Must bring own utensils, bowls, potholders, etc.
- NO PRE-MADE DOUGH WILL BE ALLOWED!
- Each Contestant will be provided with (3) matches to start fire.
- No paper to be used to start fire, no outside help.
- Frybread will be judged on color, texture & taste.
- NO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES!
- JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL!
- **20-minute time limit**
- Build a fire
- Prepare dough
- Fry two (2) frybreads to be judged, (swap two (2) of your best within 20 min. if needed).

For information contact Lisa Burch, at (970) 799-2056

All Native American Chicken Pull

Sunday, Sept. 15th, 1:00 p.m.
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Horse Track
Categories: 18 & Older Only
OPEN TO ALL NATIVE AMERICANS & UTE TRIBAL MEMBER SPOUSES
CASH PRIZE: \$2,000.00 WINNER TAKES ALL
Enter at your own risk!!!

1. No teams/Individual on horse only
2. All Contestant will line up in a single line to take turns trying to pull the buried bag.
3. Each Contestant will get one attempt until the buried bag is successfully pulled out of the ground.
4. After the bag has been successfully pulled out, all Contestants may attempt to steal the bag from rider who has retrieved it. The Contestants must be on the horse at all times, anything goes.
5. The Contestant must then make one lap around the race track with the bag.
6. The Contestant who has the bag at the finish line is the Winner.
7. If the Contestant falls off the horse at any time they are eliminated.

For more Information Contact: Event Coordinator, Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2985

All Native American Bare Back Watermelon Horse Race

Sunday, Sept. 15th, 4:00 p.m.
Sky Ute Fairgrounds Horse Track
Categories: 18 & older

OPEN TO ALL NATIVE AMERICANS!
CASH PRIZE: \$500.00 WINNER TAKES ALL
Enter at your own risk!!!
ALL PARTICIPATES MUST SIGN A WAIVER

Race Rules

1. No teams/Individual only. No hand off.
2. All Contestants will line up at the starting line, the Rider is allowed to have a watermelon handler to hand them the watermelon, the Rider will receive the watermelon and GO!
3. Contestant must make one lap around the race track with their watermelon.
4. If the Contestant drops the watermelon or falls off their horse, they are disqualified.
5. The Individual who has the watermelon at the finish line is the Winner.

For more Information Contact: Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2985

All Native Best Hand Painted Horse

Sunday Sept. 15th, 3:00 P.M.
Sky Ute Fairgrounds Horse Track
Adult: 18 - Over, Teen: 13-17, & Junior: 12 - Under
Prizes: 1st: \$350, 2nd: \$200, 3rd: \$100

All Decisions are Final!
Must Provide Your own Paint



For More Information Contact: Event Coordinator Tara Vigil (970) 563-2985



Youth Stick Horse Event

Sunday Sept. 15th, 3:30 P.M.
Sky Ute Fairgrounds Horse Track
10 & Under
Prizes: All participants will receive a prize.
Must Provide your own stick horse.

For More Information Contact: Events Coordinator Tara Vigil (970) 563-2985

Sunday, Sept. 15 • Events/Contests

Men & Co-Ed Softball Tourney Patrick Silva Fields 8 am	Grease Pole Climb Sky Ute Fairgrounds 11 am	Jalapeno Eating Contest "Drum Group Special" Sky Ute Casino Tent Afternoon session	Duck Race Pine River 3 pm
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SOUTHERN UTE BBQ COOK OFF

PRIZES 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD

Open To Southern Ute Tribal Members

Early Registration Call (970) 563-2985
Or Saturday, Sept. 14th, 1-3 p.m.
Sky Ute Fair Grounds (Infield)

Blind Judging: September 15; starts at 2:00 p.m.

Best Brisket

Special Category: Best Jalapeno popper

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EVENTS COORDINATOR TARA VIGIL AT (970) 563-2985

baby contest

Sunday, Sept. 15th, 12 P.M.
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn

Categories: Girls & Boys
Open To All Native Americans
Contestants can ONLY ENTER IN ONE CATEGORY
Age Groups: Infants: 0 to 6 months
Crawlers: 7 months to 1 year
Toddlers: 2 to 3 years


Prizes: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners

Judging: children will be judge on: Best Native Regalia; Best Western Wear; Best Formal Wear.

For more information Contact:
Edward Box III
970-563-2984



Men Tug-O-War & Women Tug-O-War



**Cash Prize
1st, 2nd, 3rd**

All Participants Must sign A Wavier

Sunday, September 15, 2019

At 5:00 P.M.

**Sky Ute Fairgrounds
Infield**

Categories: 6 Member Team

**For more information contact Events Coordinator
Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2985**



COMMUNITY GREETINGS



Velasquez Congratulations

Elberta Thompson would like to highlight and congratulate her daughter Loretta Velasquez the SUIT Small Business Specialist on her accomplishments in her new role. Loretta is dedicated to this new adventure in the creation of Small Business Development that is a direct benefit to all Tribal Members and the community. The SUIT is now a “certified Small Business community,” Colorado state governor Polis visit announced the grant that was awarded to the Small Business development program that will assist in launching a co-work space for upcoming and existing entrepreneurs. Thank you for your dedication and your passion. Congratulations daughter!

Elberta Thompson

Youth venture to Comic-Con



Mandy Dodge/SunUte Community Center

Southern Ute tribal members Aspen Naranjo, Leandra Litz, and Christen Heart pose with costumed characters at the 2019 Albuquerque Comic-Con, Saturday, Aug. 17, during a SunUte Recreation sponsored field trip to New Mexico. Recreation staff works hard to create activities and field trips that cater to a variety of interests that the youth have, going beyond athletics. This is the third year in a row that they have toured the Comic-Con events in Albuquerque.

Dr. Oberly celebrates birthday



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Dr. Stacey Oberly cuts her birthday cake as son, John Jr. Oberly, supervises and advises her to cut bigger pieces, Thursday, Aug. 22 in the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. Family and friends were on hand to celebrate Oberly's birthday with traditional songs and dancing.

Notice of Draft Title V Operating Permit and Request For Comment

Notice is hereby given that renewal applications have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, for the following sources of air pollution:

- **Applicant: BP America Production Co.** Facility: Dry Creek Central Delivery Point Section 5U, T34N R7W, 6.8 miles north of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility.
- **Applicant: BP America Production Co.** Facility: Treating Site #1 Compressor Station Section 13, T32N R8W, 7.0 miles south of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a central natural gas facility.
- **Applicant: BP America Production Co.** Facility: Treating Site #2 Compressor Station Section 20, R32N R8W, 9.5 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a central natural gas facility.
- **Applicant: BP America Production Co.** Facility: Treating Site #4 Compressor Station Section 24, T32N R9W, 11.0 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a central natural gas facility.
- **Applicant: Catamount Energy Partners, LLC** Facility: Ignacio Gas Treating Plant Section 13, T33N R9W, 7.7 miles west of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compressor station facility.
- **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.** Facility: Pump Canyon Compressor Station

Section 11, T32N R8W, 6.7 miles south of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas production facility.

- **Applicant: Red Willow Production Co.** Facility: Howard Salt Water Disposal Facility Section 19, T34N R6W, 6.5 miles northeast of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a salt water disposal facility.

The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicants. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permits and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov. Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice (August 9, 2019).

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

This is the month to amplify your agenda VIRGO. A bright and shining SUN joins MERCURY, VENUS, and MARS in your sign. Working together as a group they encourage your personal progress. VIRGO people are known for helping others, but this month you may be the recipient of favorable recognition. You have certainly earned it by using your savvy intellect, and your practical no-nonsense manner. These qualities always support your intentions. Have a HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIRGO!

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

Long holiday weekends make it more difficult to slip back into a productive routine. Progress might be slow to arrive. There's no need to rush into anything. A seesaw situation between VENUS and NEPTUNE on the 4th doesn't offer much help. Its up and down motion just delays activity. Next up on the 7th, MERCURY connects with King NEPTUNE and adds confusion to your day. That's not all LIBRA, on the 10th, the SUN and NEPTUNE oppose each other. Might as well relax, confusion thrives.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

When a SCORPIO takes up a cause nothing can deter them from a goal. September has many favors. There is an array of planets moving through a section of your Horoscope that is related to future plans and wishes. Dreamy NEPTUNIAN ideas flow easily to the forefront of your mind. You have a knack for choosing exactly what you need to get to your desired objective. In spite of the SUN's opposition to NEPTUNE the 10th may be a fortuitous day to initiate your new ideas. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Finally one of the outer planets (Saturn) awakens from its summertime slumber on the 18th. Use your best judgment regarding finances. Opt in favor of a more conservative plan. SATURN requires practical and stable solutions. Have patience SAGGIES. SATURN is currently transiting in its own sign of Capricorn. The planets seem to manifest their most positive qualities when they rotate through their individual signs. Your job is to just put one foot in front of the other and go forward. Like magic you've made progress.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

Favorable planetary patterns form a winning combination this month. All three earth signs (Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn) should benefit from this productive activity. You'll receive a wink from MERCURY on the 5th, a nod from the SUN on the 6th, and a smile from MARS on the 8th. They all contribute to a prolific forward drive. Your natural aptitude for work, keeps you busy. New business enterprises may speed up after the 18th when SATURN awakens from its summer retrograde nap.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

This month, before you set your plans into motion tune into money matters. Financial transactions might get confused. Have a clear idea in mind. We have a NEPTUNIAN influence at work all month. It spreads a dreamy, foggy aura over daily routines, and clouds your judgment. If you have travel plans it might be better to wait until after the 14th to leave. Both MERCURY and VENUS will be in an area related to journeys. If they are near or far, these two planets add to your enjoyment. Adventure awaits you.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Cooperation from close relationships or partners might be thorny this month. The SUN and three planets have gathered in your opposite sign of VIRGO. NEPTUNE'S retrograde influence tends to confuse matters. Help arrives on the 13th with a FULL MOON in your sign. It chases lingering doubts and promotes enlightenment. The planets are encouraging opportunities. Take stock of what the relationship means to you. What you like, or don't like. You'll be able to see the picture more clearly. Think PISCES.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Cheerful planetary placements launch your month in a positive way. A stimulating connection between MERCURY and URANUS, might light a fire of ambition in your mind. Fresh ideas may begin to swirl around. Newer work related projects could also motivate you. Hold on ARIES, VENUS and SATURN practically push you off your chair to get you started. A fine connection between the SUN and your fiery red planet MARS on the 2nd speeds things up considerably. Yours is the action sign, so GO and DO.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Step outside on the night of the 13th. If it's clear you will see a beautiful harvest MOON rising. Put your creative goals at the top of your to do list. A compatible group of planets in the sign of VIRGO this month contribute to your creativity. Be joyful, this month September's planetary array promotes your artistic talents. You might also be surprised by the imaginative and creative abilities of some of the younger family members. Give them guidance and love TAURUS, then watch them flourish and grow.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

A disruptive domestic matter might intensify on the 10th when MERCURY, VENUS, MARS and the SUN take an obstinate stand against your sign. Confusion may arise over a simple household misunderstanding. The best solution is to get to the heart of the matter as quickly as possible. Honesty plays a very large role. It will help to get rid of all the tension, and restore peace and harmony. JUPITER'S influence favors truth and decency. It helps the healing process, and promotes thoughtfulness.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

A planetary posse in “take charge” VIRGO steers your thoughts to practical matters. Yes, MOON KIDS we still have the free will to do as we please. No need to stubbornly resist making some healthy changes with the foods you eat. The planets are in your favor and will help to make the process easier, and satisfying. Old habits die hard. The FULL MOON on the 13th is a good time to start, as the MOON begins to wane so will the old habits. Be diligent, and be your own best friend. Treat yourself royally.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Listen up LIONS, the SUN our bright and shining star links with SATURN on the 6th and favors you with the opportunity to work on a project you may have been putting off. Until the 22nd the SUN shines in the sign of VIRGO. It's a great time period to accomplish tasks or clean out a closet. The 23rd ushers in the Autumnal Equinox. We'll be celebrating the return of equal days and equal nights. A refreshing breeze gently blows in with a taste of things to come. Your best bet is to go with the flow. Start rowing LEO.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

REQUEST FOR BID

Asphalt/Sealcoat Contractors for Labor and Material to Sealcoat, Crack Seal and Restripe Utilities Parking Lot

Southern Ute Utilities is requesting bids from qualified asphalt/sealcoat contractors for labor and material to sealcoat, crack seal and restripe the parking lot at the Southern Ute Utilities' Office, located at 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, Co 81137 and sealcoat and crack seal the asphalt area at the Southern Ute Water Treatment Plant, located at 981 County Road 518 Bayfield, Colorado 81122. Please contact Utilities Manager Hayes Briskey at 970-563-5502 for bid information. Thank you for your time and consideration with this matter. The Southern Ute Indian Tribes Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) establishes a preference for contracting and subcontracting with certified Native American-owned businesses. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified with TERO. For more information on certification contact TERO at 970-563-0117.

Correction

In an article published in the Aug. 16 issue of the Drum, the Museum uses Ethafoam, not styrofoam for displaying it's exhibits.

Drum Deadline

Next issue
Sept. 13

Deadline
Sept. 9

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State Of Colorado
Environmental Commission Vacancy

Closing 9/30/19 – Tribe-Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. Closing: 5:00 p.m. (MST) September 30, 2019 **Commission Purpose:** Establish rules and regulations applicable to the Reservation Air Program; and Review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe. **Summary of Commission Duties:** Determine air programs that should apply to the Reservation; Promulgate rules and regulations necessary for proper implementation and administration of air programs that apply to the Reservation, including determining which administrative actions are appealable to the Commission; Establish procedures for the Commission to follow in promulgating rules and regulations and review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe; Review and approve the long-term plan; Monitor relationships among State and tribal environmental protection agencies; Review administrative actions by the Tribe; Approve and adopt fees for permits and other regulatory services conducted by the Tribe or the State; Ensure consistency and adherence to applicable standards and resolve disputes involving third parties; Review emission inventories developed by the Tribe and State; Conduct public hearings pertaining to adoption of rules and regulations or review of appealable administrative actions, and issue subsequent orders. Request administrative or clerical assistance from tribal staff when necessary to issue orders and conduct Commission business; and Any other duties necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. **Commission Member Appointment Terms and Conditions:** Commission members are appointed by the Tribal Council. Commission members serve three year terms and are not subject to term limits. Commission meetings are generally held twice per year but more frequent meetings are possible. Stakeholder meetings occur on an as-needed basis.Failure to attend two consecutive Commission or Stakeholder meetings or demonstrated unethical conduct may result in appointment removal by Tribal Council. Compensation is \$100 per half-day meeting for Commission members who are not employees of the Tribe. **Meeting Location:** Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, EPD Large Conference Room, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 **How to Apply:** Send letter of interest to the: Air Quality Program Office, C/O Marlene Scott-Jewett, PO Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, CO 81137; Or Hand deliver to: Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, Air Quality Program, Marlene Scott-Jewett, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137; Or Email: airquality@southernute-nsn.gov

Notice of Draft Revised Liquor Code and
Request for Comments

At the direction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, the Tribe’s Liquor Code Committee is seeking comments on a draft revised Liquor Code. A copy can be seen here:

Essential Information:

- The Tribe must have a Liquor Code if alcohol is going to be sold on theReservation.
- Federal law prohibits selling, serving, manufacturing, etc., alcohol on a Reservation unless the activity complies with both tribal and state liquor laws.
- The Liquor Code requires a person or establishment to have a license before they can sell alcohol. This applies to liquor stores, restaurants, bars, fairgrounds, event centers, and gaming taverns, for example. There are currently three establishments that have tribal liquor licenses: the Casino, Thriftway, and the Sky UteFairgrounds.
- The Liquor Code also applies to people who are drinking, buying, or possessing alcohol on trustland. For example, the Liquor Code establishes a minimum drinking age, prohibits open container, prohibits people from buying alcohol for a minor, and prohibits a person from buying alcohol from an unlicensed vendor.
- The Liquor Code establishes who can sell alcohol, and how, when, and where they can do it and to whom they can sell it. For example, the Code establishes legal selling hours. It prohibits a licensee from selling alcohol to a minor or a visibly intoxicated person. It restricts where a licensee can sell alcohol. Alcohol can only be sold on licensedpremises.

Summary of Draft Revised Code: The revised Code has seven sections: (1) General Provisions and Purpose; (2) Licensing and Enforcement Authority; (3) Classes of License; (4) Licensing Process; (5) Unlawful Acts; (6) Exemptions; and (7) Civil Liability. The Department of Justice and Regulatory (J&R) is the Tribal Licensing Authority, with authority to approve, deny, suspend, or revoke licenses; conduct background investigations on applicants for licenses; conduct hearings; and draft regulations.License types include retail liquor store, hotel and restaurant, tavern, gaming tavern, lodging and entertainment, racetrack and fairgrounds, optional premises, and special events. Licenses must be renewed each year. The licensing process includes submitting an application, paying a fee, and undergoing an extensive background check. In deciding whether to approve or renew a license application, the Tribal Licensing Authority considers a number of factors, including among others, the neighborhood, the opinion of neighborhood residents, the applicant’s background, the applicant’s compliance history, and cultural and traditional factors. The Licensing Authority holds a public hearing for all new licenses. An applicant may appeal the Licensing Authority’s decision to Tribal Court. The Code has an extensive list of requirements and prohibitions. For example, a person may not sell, serve, or give alcohol to a visibly intoxicated person or a person who is less than 21 years old. A person must be 21 years old to buy, possess, or drink alcohol. A person may not have an open container of alcohol in public. In order to sell alcohol in sealed containers, an establishment must be a licensed retail liquor store. A person may not remove an alcoholic beverage from a licensed premise, unless the alcohol is sealed and the licensed premise is a retail liquor store. A person may not manufacture or sell alcohol without a license. Licensees must check identification before selling or serving alcohol. Licensees may only sell alcohol during certain hours of the day. Licensees must display warning signs about the lawful drinkingage. Violations of the Liquor Code are civil violations, and violators may be punished with civil penalties up to \$5,000.00. In addition, licensees who violate the code may have their license suspended or revoked. The Code does not apply tothe sale or distribution of sacramental winefor religious purposes or home-made beer or wine as long as the production of the beer or wine conforms with federal law.

Summary of Changes: In 1988, Tribal Council enacted the current Liquor Code. It has not been amended since then. The major differences between the existing Liquor Code and the revised Liquor Code are as follows:

1. **Tribal Licensing Authority** – Under the existing Code, Tribal Council is the body that approves,denies,suspends,orrevokeslicenses.UnderthedraftrevisedCode,theTribalCouncil delegates its authority to J&R. J&R, rather than Tribal Council, would consider license applications, approve license applications, and hold hearings. This change is intended to make the licensing

process more efficient and to leave this largely administrative task tostaff.

2. **License Types** – There are two additional license categories in the revised Code. Those are gaming tavern licenses and lodging & entertainment licenses, which would allow those establishments to sell alcohol. There aren’t currently any businesses in those categories, but the categories were added to allow for future economic development. In addition, the current racetrack license has been changed to a racetrack & fairgrounds license to more accurately reflect the use of the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.
 3. **Enforcement** – Under the existing Code, violations are handled through the criminal system. The proposed revision would make Code violations civil, rather than criminal. Thereas on for this revision is because it expands jurisdiction and changes against whom the Code can be enforced. Tribal courts do not have criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians. That means that a Native American could be charged criminally with a Code violation while a non-Indian would not be charged and would not even receive a civil citation. Enforcing the Code civilly, rather than criminally, ensures that everyone – Native or Non-Native – is treated the same. In the proposed revisions however, there are still two offenses (underage drinking and open container)that can be charged criminally if circumstances warrant. In those instances, non-Indians could be charged through the State system.
 4. **Dates and Hours of Sale** – The existing Code has more restrictive dates and hours of sale. The proposed revisions expand those. Under the revised Code, for example, licensees may sell alcohol on Election Day, retail liquor stores may be open on Sunday, and the hours of sale are the same every day of the week. The revisions are intended to remove confusing provisions and outdated restrictions in the existing Code.
 5. **Wine Take-home** – A restaurant patron may bring home an unfinished bottle of wine that he or she purchased at the restaurant, as long as the restaurant reseals the bottle for the patron before the patron leaves the premises. The thought behind this provision is that if people buy a bottle of wine at a restaurant, they may feel pressure to finish it so it doesn’t go to waste. That can lead to people drinking more than they should before they drive. If they can take the sealed bottle home, they’re less likely to over-imbe. This optionis only for wine. It does not include beers or mixed drinks.
 6. **3.2% Beer** – The revised Code no longer has separate sections addressing 3.2% beer. Starting the first of the year, grocery and convenience stores in Colorado were allowed to sell full-strength beer. The Tribe’s existing Liquor Code includes licenses for 3.2% beer because there could have been licensees who weren’t allowed to sell full-strength beer. With the change in Colorado law, there was no more need for the 3.2% license category.
- Code Committee:** The Liquor Code Committee is comprised of tribal members, tribal attorneys, and representatives from the Department of Justice & Regulatory and the Casino.
- For further information contact:** Lorelyn Hall or Jamie Rivera, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone number (970) 563-2311 or 563-2141; e-mail lhall@southernute-nsn.gov or jrivera@southernute-nsn.gov.
- Deadline for submission of comments:** Please provide any comments on the draft code by September 16, 2019. After the comment period, Tribal Council will consider the comments, make necessary revisions, and finalize the code. Please submit your comments to the Committee by one of the following methods:
- E-mail:comments@southernute-nsn.gov
 - Mail: Liquor Code Committee, c/o Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado,81137.
 - Hand delivery: Legal Department, Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137
 - Phone: 970-563-4705; select the first option to comment on the Liquor Code.
 - Tribal Member Portal:<https://members.southernute-nsn.gov>

Boards, Committees & Commission Vacancies

GAMING COMMISSION –
REGULAR / ALTERNATE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking one (1) Southern Ute Tribal Member, term will be for three (3) years to serve on the Gaming Commission. One (1) Southern Ute Tribal Member, term three (3) years to serve on the Gaming Commission for alternate seats. 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 by 5:00 PM, Tuesday Sept 3, 2019. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Closing 9/27/19 – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. 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 1 priority event and 1 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 bleaire@southernute-nsn.gov

nute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, 2019.

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair and Rodeo Queens to serve on the Royalty Committee. Two positions are open for two former royalty members. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Dept. at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137.

YOUTH TRIBAL MEMBER
NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE
ADVISORY BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year Tribal Member only position – between the ages of 14 and 18 – 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. 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. Information? Call Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

House for Sale

3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, Cedar Point, Sagebrush Ave., Ignacio, CO. Asking price \$174,000. Living room has laminate wood floor, carpet in bedrooms, back yard fenced, one shed with electric hook up, sprinkler system works for front yard. Serious inquires only, leave message 970-563-3161.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
Of The Southern Ute Utilities Division
Notice Of Increase For Utility Rates

August 12, 2019 – The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council approved the following rate increases per Resolution Numbers 2019-102 (October 1, 2019 - October 1, 2021) for water and waste water and 2004-93 for Natural Gas. Tribal Council also approved the long-term rate structure for Hauled Water and Trash on August 24, 2009. All other rates and fees will increase annually on October 1 by the change in the June value from the previous year to the June value in the current year of the CPI-U, Housing, Water and Sewer and Trash Collection Expenditure Category. This year, the CPI-U increased by 3.3%.

WATER RATES

Standard minimum rate per 6,000 gallons or less:			\$ 47.80
Standard rate per each additional 1,000 gallons:			\$ 5.00
Tribal minimum rate per 6,000 gallons or less:			\$ 39.80
Tribal rate per each additional 1,000 gallons:			\$ 4.00
Coin Operated Station rate per 1,000 gallons:	from \$8.20	to	\$ 8.40
Commercial Truck Station rate per 1,000 gallons:	from \$9.84	to	\$ 10.08

WATER PIF – TAP FEES

5/8 x ¾ tap:	from \$ 7,496	to	\$ 7,742
¾ x ¾ tap:	from \$ 10,672	to	\$ 11,024
1” tap:	from \$ 13,341	to	\$ 13,781
1-1/2” tap:	from \$ 30,019	to	\$ 31,009
2” tap:	from \$ 53,371	to	\$ 55,132
3” tap:	from \$ 119,997	to	\$ 123,957
4” or larger tap:	negotiable		

HAULED WATER RATE

(Tribal Members only)
Monthly fee: from \$348.85 to **\$360.36**

WASTEWATER RATES

Standard rate per 6,000 Gallons:	\$87.09
Tribal rate per 6,000 Gallons:	\$84.27

WASTEWATER PIF

TOTAL:	from \$8,999	to	\$9,296
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NATURAL GAS

Monthly Natural gas rates are calculated by Meter Fees, Cost of Gas, plus Distribution Cost. There is **no change** in the rate determination method.

NATURAL GAS PIF

Residential (R275):	from \$ 914	to	\$ 944
Commercial 1 (R275):	from \$1,815	to	\$1,875
Commercial 2 (415):	from \$2,270	to	\$2,345
Commercial 3 (750):	from \$2,721	to	\$2,811
Commercial 4 (Turbine):	from \$3,632	to	\$3,752

TRASH

Tribal Residential polycart:	from \$31.36	to	\$32.40
Non-Tribal Residential polycart:	from \$39.13	to	\$40.42

COMMERCIAL

Polycart: from \$42.29	to	\$43.68
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COMMERCIAL DUMPSTERS

2 Yard:	from \$141.70	to	\$146.37
3 Yard:	from \$182.28	to	\$188.29
4 Yard:	from \$246.30	to	\$254.42
6 Yard:	from \$317.99	to	\$328.48
8 Yard:	from \$394.67	to	\$407.69

Questions concerning this notice, call Southern Ute Utilities Division Office: 970-563-5500



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Aquatics Coordinator

Closing date 8/30/19 – Under supervision of Fitness Director, management and supervision of aquatics facility, to include day-to-day operations of facility, in-service training, pool maintenance, supervision of lifeguards, performing lifeguard duties, and set high expectations of safety. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Contracts & Grants Manager Apprentice

Closing date 9/3/19 – Southern Ute tribal member only. Under the mentorship of the current Contracts and Grants Manager, employed in this apprentice position which is designed to provide training and work experience for a Southern Ute Tribal Member in performing the work duties of the Contracts and Grants Manager as outlined in the curriculum. Eligible for quarterly increase based upon satisfactory work performance as outlined in performance evaluations. Duration of this program is designed to last 12 months and may be extended if necessary. Upon successful completion of the apprentice curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the position of Contracts & Grants Manager. Begins at \$23.80/hour, which is 20% below a grade 22.

Custodian

Closing date 9/10/19 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Paygrade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Detention Officer

Closing date 9/2/19 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Family Practice Physician

Closing date 9/9/19 – Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Home Health Care Aide

Closing date 9/9/19 – Under general supervision of the Home and Community Health Services Manager, provides activities and care to elders who require care and home base services, resources and living assistance in their homes. Provides and coordinates individualized care and resources to elders, disabled and others so that they may continue to live in their homes and in the community. Home Care may include transportation, house cleaning, personal hygiene, providing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Patrol Officer

Closing date 8/30/19 – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Receptionist/Mail Clerk

Closing date 9/10/19 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Tribal Attorney / Prosecutor

Closing date 9/3/19 – Under the supervision of the Legal Department Director, attorney will serve as a member of the Tribe's Legal Department, with principal responsibility for the effective, efficient, and fair prosecution of violations of the Tribal Code to include criminal, gaming, and wildlife cases. Will represent the Tribe in other matters that require the Legal Department's attention, including code review and drafting, civil litigation, contract review, employment matters, and the consideration of social services cases.

Water Resources Division Head

Closing date 9/11/19 – Works under the direction of the Director, Department of Natural Resources, and is responsible for management/oversight of all Water Resource Division operations including water resource planning, irrigation activities, soil conservation activities, and the Tribe's Weed Management Program. The program promotes the appropriate use, development, and conservation of the Tribe's water and soil resources in accordance with all Tribal policies and any applicable State, Federal, or other regulations. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

Active Kid Care Leader (Part-time)

Open until filled – Provides childcare and physical activities for the Active Kid Care program to meet the needs of children ages toddler through 6 years. Pay grade 10; \$9.01/hour.

Air Enforcement Coordinator

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager prepares, coordinates and tracks air quality enforcement order packages and provides subject matter expertise on technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Title V Operating Permit Program. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Chief Medical Officer (Full-time)

Open until filled – Organizing and supervising the Medical Component of Southern Ute Health Dept. clinical programs which are presently the Health Center, Detention, Home & Community Services, to ensure that effective clinical services are provided, and quality standards are met. Day-to-day oversight and coordination of all Physicians, Mid-Levels and other licensed independent providers and overall leadership of these clinical providers to ensure compliance with all appropriate policies, regulations and accreditations standards. With the Chief Nursing Officer constitute the clinical leadership of the Health Department. Provide both direct patient care services as well as required administrative oversight of providers.

Clinical Supervisor

Open until filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 17; \$61,872/year.

Physical Therapist

Open until filled – Works in the tribal health center with diabetes-specific patients, and provides homecare for Southern Ute Tribal Members. Expected to assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open until filled – A professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of physical therapy services. Pay grade 17; \$23.51/hour.

Speech/Language Therapist (P/T w/benefits)

Open until filled – A professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services. Pay grade 17; \$23.51/hour.

TEAM Worker (Part-time/Full-time temp.)

Open until filled – Southern Ute tribal member only. The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Part-time and full-time temporary positions.

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

Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • All Positions Open Until Filled

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.

*Banquet Chef (Full-time)

To consistently provide the highest quality of food, presentation, training, professionalism, and customer service that the position requires. Assisting in the preparation of A La Carte, Buffet, and Banquet food items as per established menus and specials. Supervises food handling and preparation for Banquets. Supervises kitchen staff related to banquets; assists in hiring, writing schedules, and initiates/supervises disciplinary actions. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be at least 21 years old. Minimum of three (3) years kitchen management experience in a high volume Casino/Restaurant and Banquet production environment. Demonstrated knowledge of cost controls and expense management required. Must be able to do ordering and large volume production. Serve safe certification required. Must have extensive knowledge of food production including Garde Manger, Saucier, Bakery and fine dining.

*Bell Person (Full-time)

Assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Assistance may include; but not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport and assisting with phones as needed. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma or equivalent. Must have at least three (3) months of prior customer service. Six (6) months of prior hotel/motel (front of house) operations preferred. Must have valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have general knowledge of basic customer service skills and be fluent in oral and written English. Must be able to work any shift including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have knowledge of local establishments, businesses and the surrounding community in general.

Cafe 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 any and all foods necessary for the Cafe kitchen. Prepares ala carte food products from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Must be at least 16 years old. Must be able to count money and make change. Cash register experience preferred. Food service/preparation experience preferred. Must be able to work at a fast pace and multi-task in a fast paced environment.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. Must be at least 21 years old. High School diploma or equivalent preferred. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred. Must possess good communication skills. Must be available to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have excellent attendance.

*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

Retrieves, counts and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. It is the job of the Count Team to pull the containers, and count or verify the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Exchanges containers (i.e. boxes, buckets, bags and envelopes) that hold a variety of items of monetary value. Handles large amounts of verified and unverified cash and cash equivalents. Performs kiosk count using computer equipment. Rolls coin using a coin sorter. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma or equivalent. Must have cash handling experience. Must have computer and calculator experience. Must be able to lift and move up to 75 pounds frequently throughout shift. Must have good mental math skills. Must be able to

work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays, and have reliable transportation.

*Executive Chef (Full-time)

Oversee all functions of the main kitchen, including production, food safety, staff training and development and product management. Plans all meals and menus for the restaurants and catered events. Supervises food preparation to include methods, portion control, garnishing and ensures consistency of presentations. Maintains and updates all food specifications, considers cross utilization of products, documents and updates recipes and pictures periodically for profitability. Supervises food and dining room staff; assists in hiring, coordinates terminations with Human Resources, initiates/supervises disciplinary actions, conducts performance evaluations and plans employee development. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a minimum of three (3) years experience in an Executive Chef position. Must have kitchen management experience in restaurant and banquet production, and demonstrated knowledge of cost controls and expense management required. Culinary Arts Degree preferred. Must be able to work in a high stress environment. Must be able to work long hours and/or split shifts.

Host/Hostess (Full-time)

Welcomes and greets all guests in a friendly, professional manor and provides an exceptional dining experience by ensuring timely and appropriate seating of guests. Answering phone calls and tracking reservations. Will assist with meal and beverage service as well as clean up services when needed. Must be at least 18 years old, have a High School diploma or equivalent and have 1 year previous host/cashier experience. Must be able to lift up to 30 lbs, work with minimal supervision, and must be able to multi task. Must be able to sit, stand, bend, squat, kneel etc. extensively throughout shift.

Hotel Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning (20) hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Requires the ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. Must be at least 18 years of age. High School diploma or equivalent preferred. One year previous experience preferred in hotel or hospitality business. Must be able to perform repetitive physically demanding routine tasks.

Line Cook (Full-time)

Preparation of the A La Carte menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Requires on to be an excellent team player and trustworthy. High School diploma or equivalent is preferred. Must be 17 years old. Must have at least 1 year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 4 months in-house training or presently attending school. Must demonstrate cooperation, support skills and willingness to learn. Must have knowledge of standards of food preparation, serving, and kitchen procedures.

Server (Full-time)

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Must have the ability to describe all menu items, prices and methods of preparation. Must have knowledge of food and beverage preparations, service standards, guest relations and etiquette. Must have a high school diploma or equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have a minimum one (1) year waitress/waiter experience and one (1) year of cashing and food service experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

**21 years of age or older.*

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2019-PR-0084

Antonio Monte, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **October 8, 2019 at 3:30 PM**. 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 23rd of August, 2019
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2019-PR-0099

Ruben Kyle Vigil Sr., Deceased

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Dated this 23rd of August, 2019
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

Hay for Sale to Tribal Members

The Southern Ute Tribe's Agriculture Division has a limited amount of hay for sale to Tribal members. The hay is about 50% alfalfa mixed with grass. Small-square bales weighing approximately 60 pounds each. Approximately 500 small square bales from the first cutting, 1,000 small square and 60 4x4x8 large square bales available the second cutting. Price is \$6/bale for the first cutting, \$7/bale second cutting and \$100/bale for the 4x4x8 large square bales. Each Tribal member will be limited to no more than 160 small square bales and 8 large square bales. Small lots of less than 30 bales can be picked up at the Ag. Division. Larger lots may be delivered by Division staff within a 15-mile radius of Ignacio. Hay is available to Tribal members only and on first come first served basis. Contact Agriculture Division at 970-563-2900 to purchase.



BOBCAT GRIDDERS KICKING OFF • FROM PAGE 6

casual prep-football fans would have figured was par for the course.

What most may have missed was that IHS put, more or less, a winning team on the field.

And with a little luck, and a lot more bodies, Bobcat Football would have officially had its first winning season under the ever-optimistic Garcia and first since Lupe Huerta's 2013ers went 6-3 overall and 3-2 in the 1A Southern Peaks Conference.

Had former SPC member Walsenburg John Mall not pulled off a fourth-quarter escape for the ages, and had revived SoPeaks rival Center not swiped an overtime win, Garcia's group would have ended up 5-4, 2-2 last fall rather than 3-6, 1-3.

However, with only Dustin Sanchez, Lucas Roderrick and Mike Archuleta lost to graduation back in May, virtually all of last year's 'Cats will return in 2019 – ready to make a winning season a reality.

"I just love the commitment. Twenty-six have come in, and they keep coming," said Garcia, 10-26 overall and 4-14 in conference since taking over for Huerta in 2015. "And as coaches we try to get even more excitement because it's football time! They've been coming every day, going through all the ... torture we're giving them, you know, so that says something just for the kids to come day in and day out."

"That's what we're preaching right now: Stay with what we're doing. You've committed to something, so stay positive," he added.

And on paper, it would be hard for the team not to be upbeat about their chances to help the program climb above the .500 mark, as most skill-position regulars are back in the fold. Quarterback Ian Weinreich returns for his senior season and second as IHS' No. 1 option under center, while juniors Lawrence Toledo and Dylan Labarthe again will offer rush/receive production out of the backfield. Ditto for junior Joe Garcia, eager to make up for lost time after a nasty leg injury cost him the last six

games of '18.

Back from an off-field shoulder injury which also caused him to miss much of last season, senior receiver Colten Jackson returns as the Bobcats' primary deep-ball threat, with sophomore Shawn Campbell ready to follow up on a promising debut year.

Senior Clay Campbell and sophomore Jeremy Roderrick will again be counted upon to control action in the trenches, particularly with holes left by the elder Roderrick, Archuleta and Sanchez (whose ball-carrying ability will also be missed).

"Without linemen you don't have a football squad; it doesn't matter who it is. Everybody thinks the quarterback and running backs are your studs ... Well, to me your studs are your front five; they're the ones that dictate the game," said Ponch Garcia, proud to show off at least ten such players at one preseason practice.

"And when you have ten kids out there, it's beautiful! Last year we only had four or five; we had ... to grab a wide receiver and say, 'Today you're a lineman!'"

"Quarterback ... obviously Ian is the veteran. He knows the offense very well, and again ... it's just the beginning. We've got Gabe [Tucson], and we also have Teagan Roukema, so the competition is really good. They're going to be the future, obviously; one of those kids is going to take over for him," the boss continued. "And I'll be honest, it's really nice to have a backup – two backups! – because before ... we only had one, and it was really tough."

"Colten has been here since I've been here, so he understands what I'm expecting of him. And same thing with L.T.; they showed up all summer to lift weights, and that shows big, big leadership on their part."

Sophomore Tyler Barnes and newcomer John Riepel should provide extra backfield legs, along with promising addition Mekhi Miranda – one of a few unknowns already catching the skipper's eye.

"It's really good to see

the freshmen coming in and older kids adopting them," said Garcia. "The nucleus is awesome."

After hosting BHS, Ignacio will then welcome 2A Newcomb, N.M., to town on Sept. 6, then travel north to Leadville a week later to battle 1A Foothills member Lake County – which IHS blanked 41-0 in 2018. A Sept. 20 trip to JMHS then awaits Ignacio, with an Oct. 5 visit from (and special 2 p.m. start time against) 1A Tri-Peaks reps Colorado Springs Christian wrapping up non-conference play before the 'Cats invade Center on Oct. 11.

"We're probably one of the smallest teams in our conference – not because of numbers, but size-wise, you know?" said Garcia. "I think ... most of our games we can compete in, and that's the idea – try to put your kids where they can compete, feel good about themselves."

"Our schedule told us last year we can – we got blown up in a couple games, and had to forfeit our last game because of numbers, like when we played Crownpoint," he continued. "We competed with Newcomb, at the beginning, and we competed with John Mall, Lake County ... We're at that level right now, and I think we'll be able to compete with those teams."

"But again ... we've got to fix the wrinkles. And the commitment these kids are giving ... so far it's been good."

SEEKING OPPOSITION

Garcia also mentioned that IHS is in the process of seeking to fill a vacancy in the schedule between the aforementioned road date at John Mall and home game versus CSCS.

"I've been going through Utah," said Garcia. "I went to Whitehorse, Monument Valley – I was determined to find us a game, and Whitehorse only had six games. So when we called them...I guess we called a day too late. I was e-mailing principals, ADs, I didn't care; I just want these kids to play. And we don't care who it is; right now, it's just like, 'Let's play!'"

RELEASE THE BEASTS • FROM PAGE 6

ingly forgetting to switch sides at the 12-minute mark of play. "Our serving is by far our best attribute," Cano said. "We have a lot of work to do on our hitting errors ... And we'll need a little polishing on serve-receive, a little on our setting ... And we're going to be a force to be reckoned with this year."

Ignacio's first official action is slated for Saturday, August 31, with a non-league triangular bringing both MVHS and Del Norte – ranked No. 7 in the pre-season CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll after finishing 2018 a State-qualifying 24-4 overall (Monte Vista, however, struggled and went just 1-21) – to town for a 10 a.m. start. The team will then begin league work Sept. 5 at Ridgway, then continue with a Sept. 12 visit to MHS before welcoming Ouray two days later.

"The Scrimmages ...

really gave me a great understanding of our team dynamic and which direction we need to go. The girls performed amazing," stated Cano. "The team unity, the bonding ... is amazing. With this team I really need to manage them very well; I haven't had this much talent in a long time."

"I've been putting pencil to paper ... as a coach, and that's going to be my biggest challenge: Balancing this team and having it peak at the right time."

Additional dates highlighting this fall's schedule are a Sept. 26 test at 3A Pagosa Springs, a journey to the Sept. 28 Simla Invitational, an Oct. 22 visit from SJBL nemesis Dolores (IHS visits DHS, 18-4 in '18, first on Sept. 24), and an Oct. 29 home finale versus 3A Montezuma-Cortez – preceding a trip to the Nov. 1-2 Rye Invite and conclusion

of regular-season action.

Senior Makayla Howell (named Second Team All-SJBL last season) led the varsity at the Scrimmages, and was joined on the day's roster by juniors Marisa Carmenoros, Charli Valdez, Ebonee Gomez (Honorable Mention All-SJBL), as well as sophomores Alexis Pontine and Lexy Young, plus freshman Grace Gonzales. A few other varsity or varsity/JV 'swing' players saw court time in Pagosa with assistant coach Shasta Pontine's successful JV side.

Valdez and Young will be attempting to also represent Ignacio in cross-country as well this season, putting extra conditioning mileage on their legs as the Volleycat spikers focus on supplanting Dolores atop the SJBL standings and ultimately earning a trip to the State Championships in Denver.

Request for use of Southern Ute Veterans Park

In compliance with the Tribal Council Resolution #2005-272. Any Department wishing to use the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park must request approval by the Southern Ute Veterans Association. This request needs to be in writing and received by the Commander of the Association a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. The Southern Ute Veterans Associations recommends use of the park for the following types of activities: family events, small weddings, tribal/blessing ceremonies, and memorial services. Departments requesting use of the Veterans Park will be notified of the approval or denial of request in writing.

Sincerely – Howard Richards Sr., Commander

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 FedEx cargo
- 5 Metric measures
- 8 "That explains it"
- 9 Creator of Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy
- 12 Turn climate around for cutback
- 14 Source of PIN money?
- 15 "Awesome!"
- 16 Smallest member of Pooh's crowd
- 17 The Mouache concluded the Brunot Agreement here
- 19 Hindu nobles
- 22 --- Woman (Caddo tradition)
- 23 Slaughterhouse
- 25 Atmospheric airport curse
- 26 Tolkien brute
- 27 Hi in Hidalgo
- 30 Administration of a country by the UN
- 33 Stops running unexpectedly
- 34 Shelter in the Southern Ute Museum?
- 35 Bread or booze
- 36 Whispers lovingly

Down

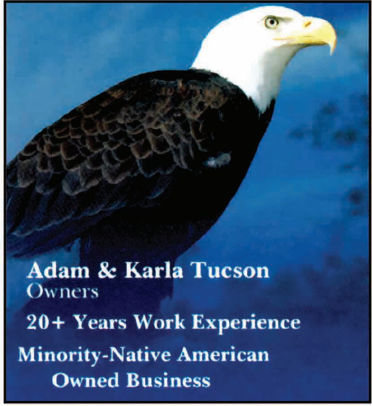
- 1 12-point type
- 2 Ignacio station
- 3 Beginnings
- 4 Become firm
- 5 Utterly unapproachable
- 6 Silent
- 7 Jagged mountain range
- 9 "The Grey" star Neeson
- 10 It can be dismissively cocked
- 11 Make amends
- 13 Tutor to Alexander the Great
- 17 Nine-stranded whip
- 18 Time off
- 19 Huckleberry Finn got about on one of these
- 20 Terminate at a premature stage
- 21 Largest American cat
- 24 Such as galena, bauxite, cinnabar etc.
- 27 Largest Mississippi tributary
- 28 Cosmetic suction starter
- 29 Egyptian bull deity
- 31 Willy
- 32 "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" author's monogram

Answers for this crossword will appear in September 13 issue of the Drum.

Answers for Aug. 16 crossword puzzle

Across: 1 Oats, 5 Scapa, 10 VCRs, 11 Power, 12 Ural, 13 Omerta, 15 Men, 16 Mom, 17 Sis, 18 Skokomish, 21 Clan, 22 Drat, 23 Shawsheen, 25 Gut, 26 OAS, 27 GPM, 30 Triton, 32 Curb, 33 Round, 34 Flop, 35 Antsy, 36 Offs
Down: 1 Ovum, 2 Acre, 3 Translation, 4 SSL, 5 Spook, 6 Commodes, 7 Awe, 8 Persian Gulf, 9 Artist, 14 Ash, 16 Monsoons, 19 Kaw, 20 MRE, 21 Churra, 23 Sgt, 24 Handy, 28 Prof, 29 MBPS, 31 Tut, 32 CFO

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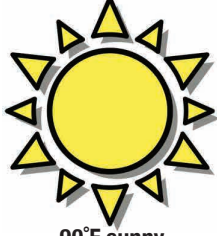
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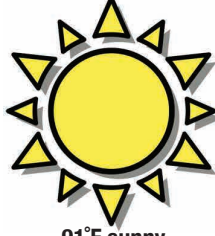
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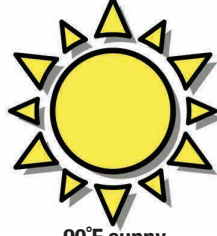
90°F sunny
Light winds in afternoon

Saturday, Aug. 31



91°F sunny
Calm winds in afternoon

Sunday, Sept. 1



90°F sunny

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