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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Agriculture and livestock producers across the Southern Ute Reservation depend heavily on the irrigation water delivered each spring; insufficient snowpack and persistent drought will once again leave Southwest Colo. in a state of Exceptional Drought with the onset of summer.

AGRICULTURE

Impacts of severe drought on crop and livestock producers

By Kevin Mallow

SU AGRICULTURE DIVISION

Drought is the word of the day. Irrigation season is in full swing, and the crops need water now. Drought conditions for the area are at the D4 category. D4 is the worst drought category, and it means that we are in exceptional drought. This may equate to a shortened irrigation duration this summer.

Tribal member hay producers in the Pine River Valley could still see opportunities even though irrigation water may be at below average levels. The Tribe has irrigation water supplied from storage in Vallecito Reservoir. Even though less water may be available, producers will receive approximately 60% of the irrigation water that they get in a normal season. That is enough water to produce more than half of the crop that would be produced on a normal year. Hay will most likely be selling for a higher price. If you produce 1,000

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COMMUNICATIONS

SunUte Call Center begins transition of services

By McKayla Lee

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Call Center line (970) 563-0214 remains active, but will be transitioning back as the service line for SunUte Community Center as the tribal government phases back into operation. All general questions or information will continue to be carried out by the tribal government's main switchboard to expedite requests and/or services that are provided by tribal departments.

As the Southern Ute Incident Management Team (IMT) continues to work with the tribal government and its entities, the Call Center has begun to work with service providers to reinstitute reliable communication as the tribal departments phase back into normal operation.

The Call Center and tribal departments who have been teaming up together for the last year during the Coronavirus pandemic are currently in the planning stages to transition communication back to their respective departments. As updates develop and as the Tribe continues to evaluate the government's ability to operate safely – communication will be put out via The Southern Ute Drum newspaper, KSUT, social media posts and the tribal member website portal.

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Back to the fun of field day!



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Field Days return for the Ignacio Elementary School ... kinda. Absent was the hordes of students and families on the field at one time, parents and spectators were limited to viewing and supporting their students from the bleachers this year, under Covid-19 restrictions. Each class had a different time slot throughout this year's two-day day field day, Monday, May 10 and Thursday, May 13. The usual events were organized by Elementary P.E. teachers, Oscar Cosio and Cindy Valdez.

See more Field Day photos on page 7.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Hickenlooper meets with Southern and Ute Mtn. Tribes



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

UMU Tribal Chairman Manuel Heart and Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker stand with Senator Hickenlooper during his visit to Southwest Colorado.

By Lindsay J. Box

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker, Vice Chairman Bruce Valdez, and Council Members Dr. Stacey Oberly and Vanessa Torres traveled over the mountain to the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation to join UMU Tribal Chairman Manuel Heart and Council Members Archie House, Jr., Lyndreth Wall, and Darwin Whiteman, Jr. to meet with Senator John Hickenlooper. The tribal leadership met with Hickenlooper and his staff to discuss land use issues – as May 15, 2021 is Colorado Public Lands Day.

Tribal leaders shared issues such as the reduction of the Brunot Treaty lands which have been reduced and impacted by illegal land use sales, housing development and land designations. The Brunot Treaty was passed in 1874 and guaranteed the tribes hunting and gathering rights on approximately 3.8 million acres off Reservation. Both tribes thanked Senator Hickenlooper on the Core Act which protected public lands in Colorado, however the two tribes also both agree that the tribal lands should not be considered public lands.

Other topics included: Land desecration due to wild horses and outdoor recreation which damaged petroglyphs, the vital needs for broadband infrastructure in both tribal communities, and the need for BIA to be appropriately funded. Leaders from the only two tribes in the State of Col-

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BEHAVIOR HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Spring brings wellness to all

By Precious Collins

NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

SPRING 2021



The wind is blowing. The clouds move in and out of the area. Spring showers are back. And the baby animals are hoping around. Like the bears, our bodies and minds are awakening to the change of seasons. People are preparing for Bear Dance and powwows and our youth will be turning the page to new adventures in their lives. There's a lot we go through leading up to and entering this season and we might be skipping or overlooking some important things that might help us have a positive experience.

Some things we might overlook could be recognizing and appreciating ourselves for welcoming this new season into our life, giving appreciation and prayers to everything around us as things come back to life, and healing from what has happened in the prior seasons. Spring is a beautiful time of the year and a time for many of us to participate in our cultural ceremonies and practice the traditions handed down to us by our ancestors. Holding on to past mistakes and bad feelings is not good for us. We learn to grieve, we find comfort and medicine with our family and community, and we learn to heal. That is resiliency that lies within all of us and sometimes you must tap into that to not only survive, but to thrive.

Mental wellness is the key. Mental wellness or mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being, and mental illnesses are common and treatable. So much of what we do physically can impact us mentally. It is important to pay attention to both your physical health and your mental health, helping you achieve overall wellness and setting you on a path to recovery.

This month, the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division is expanding its focus and raising awareness about the connection between spiritual health, physical health, and mental health, through the theme #4Mind4Body. We are exploring the topics of animal companionship, spirituality and religion, humor, work-life balance, and recreation and social connections as ways to boost mental health and general wellness. A healthy lifestyle can help to prevent the onset or worsening of mental health conditions, as well as chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. It can also help people recover from these conditions.

For those dealing with a chronic health condition, and for the people who care for them, it can be especially important to focus on mental health. When dealing with more than one diagnosis, focusing on both physical and mental health concerns can be daunting but it is critically important in achieving overall wellness.

There are things you can do that may help. Finding a reason to laugh, going for a walk with a friend, meditating, playing with a pet, or working from home once a week can go a long way in making you both physically and mentally healthy. The company of animals, whether as pets or service animals, can have a profound impact on a person's quality of life and ability to recover from illnesses. A pet (even a red dog, aye!) can be a source of comfort and can help us to live mentally healthier lives. And whether you go to church, meditate daily, or simply find time to enjoy that cup of tea each morning while checking in with yourself – it is important to connect with your spiritual side in order to find that

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Polis, in-person visit to Tribe



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Colorado Governor Jared Polis visited the Southern Ute Reservation on Saturday, May 15, to meet with Tribal Council. The quick discussion included the State of Colorado and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and covered broadband, challenges with law enforcement, substance abuse, and lack of resources for treatment. Tribal leaders also shared concerns with the language loss and mental health. "We share some of the same challenges, and will continue to work together to find solutions," Polis expressed.

The largest agenda item was regarding the current drought and delivery of water to tribal and non-tribal water users. "The current drought is highly concerning to farmers, but also due to the threat of catastrophic wildfires on the Reservation," said Chairman Melvin J. Baker.



Many Moons Ago



Robert Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Eleanor Frost (left), Southern Ute tribal member and museum technician, assists Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Sage Rohde (center) and other Southern Ute Royalty members in cutting the ribbon to officially open the Southern Ute Community Center & Museum's doors to the tribal membership during the "Circle of Life" dedication ceremony held in the courtyard on May 14, 2011.

This photo was first published in the May 20, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Oolcu Buckskin/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The Ignacio Elementary school held their annual Field Day event on May 9, 2001. Students from grades 1-6 participated in such activities as a three-legged race, relay races, a "human" obstacle course, and a tug-o-war match.

This photo was published in the May 18, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Rikki Santistevan and Snowbird Frost eye the camera before they perform in Denver at the Western American Indian Trade Show and International Exposition. Rikki and Snowbird were among an entourage of Southern Ute tribal members who made the journey to the State Capitol for the event which was held in the 16th Street Mall in downtown Denver.

This photo was published in the May 17, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

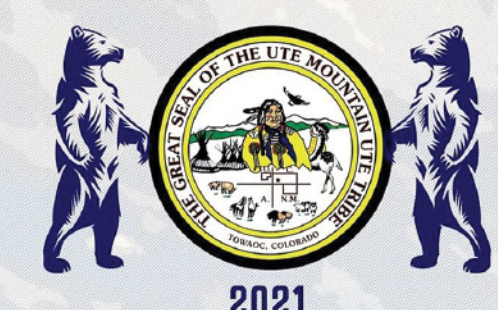


SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Chairman Leonard C. Burch, gave a brief speech along with John Baker, Sr., who was the main speaker for the recent Southern Ute Graduate Banquet hosted at the Strater Hotel. Pictured is graduate Williamette Thompson receiving her award and Mrs. Irene Burch in the background.

This photo was published in the May 22, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



2021
UTE MOUNTAIN UTE 132ND ANNUAL BEAR DANCE
JUNE 4-7, 2021

FRIDAY | JUNE 4
Blessing of Bear Dance Grounds
Bear Dance Celebration Opening 10:00am

SATURDAY | JUNE 5
Bear Dance All Day

SUNDAY | JUNE 6
Bear Dance All Day


MONDAY | JUNE 7
Bear Dance All Day
Community Feast
(Elder/Chief Feast Service south of Bear Dance Corral)
(General Public Feast Service Area north of Head Start building)

BEAR DANCE CHIEFS

Terry Knight, Sr	Farley Ketchum, Sr.
Terry Knight, Jr.	Austin Jacket
Mark Wing	

HONORARY BEAR DANCE CHIEFS

Charley Knight	Ira Cuthair
John Wing, Jr	Carl Cuthair
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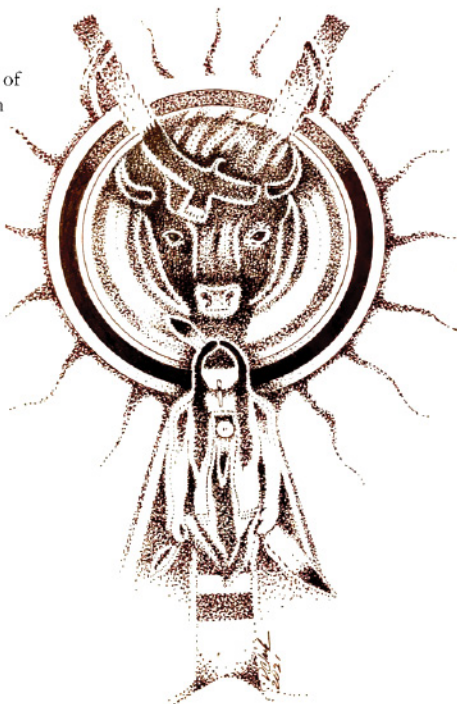
Open to Northern Ute Tribe & Southern Ute Tribe and White Mesa Community ONLY!
Must show tribal ID & COVID vaccination card
Ladies wear dresses for this event
This is a drug & alcohol free event
CDC guidelines apply during the event
Mask required, social distancing and hand washing.
Line dancing allowed with social distancing.

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe will not be responsible for injuries, accidents, divorces or thefts during this community-based event.
Contact Terry Knight, Bear Dance Chief at 970.565.3751, Ext. 731 or Mark Wing, Bear Dance Chief at 970.238.6018

Ute Mountain Ute Sun Dance Towaoc, Co June 25 – 28, 2021

We ask that all be respectful of the spiritual ceremony which follows by some important rules.

- No ATV's or motorbikes
- Camera's, tapes\Video recorders and cellphones are not allowed around the medicine lodge.
- Women who are on their menstrual cycles will not be allowed near or around the medicine lodge.
- No loud music
- No alcohol, No drugs
- No fighting
- No fireworks



Ute Mountain Ute Tribe will not be liable for any accidents or thefts of any kind.

ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINKS AROUND THE SUN DANCE LODGE!!

Please observe all speed limits and traffic warning signs!

For more information please call:

SunDance Chief – Boyd Lopez (970) 317-8986

SunDance Sub Chief – Farley Ketchum Sr (970) 394-4777



CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Prioritizing the Ute language

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM



The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Cultural Preservation and Education Departments were awarded a grant in 2020 from the Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. The Administration for Native Americans (ANA), Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance grant will help promote the teaching and preservation of the Ute language.

"Both Departments recognize the consequence of losing our language and are determined to create more Ute language teachers to keep the language thriving," explained Cultural Department Director Shelly Thompson.

The grant provides two

objectives around the Ute language: 1) create the Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute (SILDI); and 2) certify at least 15, community members, as Ute language teachers. Throughout the preparation and creations of SILDI, Fort Lewis College decided to participate in the certification and now the certification will be from both the Southern Ute Tribe and Fort Lewis College, making it a state certification.

The ten-course program begins Tuesday, June 1. The Foundations in Educational Linguistics will be the first class followed by Ute Sounds System, Native American Linguistics, and Media for Teaching and Classroom Management. The classes will continue throughout the next two years.

The classes are made up of 37 students from Southern Ute, Ute Mountain, and Ute Tribe, descendants, and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy staff. Classes will be a mixture of virtual and in-person, as some are required in-person. A group of community members called the Mentor's Circle will provide encouragement and support to the students to further their success in learning and to help boost their confidence in speaking Ute.



Donovan Quintero/Navajo Times

Shaandiin Parrish, Miss Navajo Nation, takes a brief pause while distributing food to Ganado community members. A political science graduate from Arizona State University, Parrish was selected as Miss Navajo Nation in September 2019. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, she has been traveling across the Navajo Nation distributing food to Diné families. Parrish was selected because of her embodiment of the Navajo values imparted to her during her Kinaaldá, or coming-of-age ceremony, as well as for her academic accomplishments. She may continue holding the Miss Navajo Nation title into 2022 if the annual contest continues to be postponed because of the pandemic.

SMITHSONIAN

‘Developing Stories: Native Photographers in the Field’

Work of photojournalist Donovan Quintero featured

Staff report
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE
AMERICAN INDIAN

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian is releasing the third installment of its online exhibition series "Developing Stories: Native Photographers in the Field," May 18.

"The COVID-19 Outbreak in the Navajo Nation" is a series of 44 images created by photojournalist Donovan Quintero (Navajo). The photo essay explores how the pandemic affected the everyday lives of the Diné over the course of a year. The images highlight the resilience of the Diné and the critical roles played by tribal council members, police, healthcare workers and other unsung heroes of the pandemic. The essay concludes with the rollout of the vaccines and Diné prayers for the future.

The photo essay also features an audio interview between Quintero and Cécile Ganteaume, the exhibition's curator.

Quintero was born and raised on the Navajo Nation reservation. Since 2005, he has worked for the Navajo Times covering news, sports and feature stories. He served in the U.S. Navy and traveled widely before returning to his roots. Quintero got his start in journalism at the Gallup Independent and the Farmington Daily Times, both in New Mexico. He has covered the pandemic since it first struck the reservation in March 2020.

In addition to Quintero's work, "Developing Stories: Native Photographers in the Field" includes the photo essays "The Genízaro Pueblo of Abiquiú" by Russel Albert Daniels (Diné descent and Ho-Chunk descent) and "Reservation Mathematics: Navigating Love in Native America" by Tailyr Irvine (Salish and Kootenai).

THE EXHIBITION

"Developing Stories: Native Photographers in the Field" is a series of photo es-

says created by Native photojournalists in collaboration with the National Museum of the American Indian. Each photographer explores an issue that is of deep personal interest and touches the lives of Native people in a specific community. The essays feature poignant and compelling photography and together provide thought-provoking insights into contemporary Native life and nuanced perspectives on an American experience that is largely invisible to mainstream society.

"Developing Stories: Native Photographers in the Field" is curated by Cécile R. Ganteaume. Collaborators Tristan Ahtone (Kiowa), editor-in-chief at the Texas Observer, and John Smock, director of photojournalism at the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at the City University of New York, provided editorial and technical expertise to the museum and photographers throughout the development of each photo essay.

SOUTHERN UTE JUNE 18-21, 2021 BEAR DANCE



BEAR DANCE CORRAL BLESSING: 10:30 a.m., Fri., June 18
BEAR DANCE FEAST: 12 p.m., Mon., June 21
BEAR DANCE CHIEF: Matthew J. Box

BEAR DANCE RULES:

- Proof of vaccination will expedite entry into the Bear Dance, all other participants will be subject to COVID-19 screening protocol.
- No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing.
- Photography, Video & Audio Recording is prohibited; except by members of the Ute Tribes.
- The Southern Ute Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft.
- The Pine River is RESTRICTED.

BEAR DANCE and/or FEAST ARE SUBJECT TO CANCEL DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS.
Bear Dance information contact: Bear Dance Chief - Matthew J. Box, 970-759-7038.
Vending information contact: 970-563-2983.

Southern Ute Sun Dance

Let Us be in Unity in Prayers to Heal and Protect All People in the World who need help from the Creator



Curfew will be enforced: 12AM to 4AM

July 9 -12, 2021

MANDATORY:

- ALL Dancers, Singers & Fire People will need to take a COVID-19 test, Drum Groups will be responsible for their Singers to abide by this requirement
- Families are encouraged to wear Face Coverings at Campsites
- Drummers are allowed to sit in the Corral. Nobody else is allowed to sit inside the Corral
- ALL Campers and Visitors must wear Face Coverings at the Corral
- You must stop at the SUPD Checkpoint before entering the Sun Dance Grounds Please be respectful
- Social Distancing of 6 feet at the Corral

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC EXCEPT FOR THE INVITED GUESTS

- Invited Guest are Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribe
- Spouses of Ute people are welcome to attend the Sun Dance Ceremony

- All Families must do their own Shadehouses, a map for brush will be mailed to Head of Households

- There will be a Feast on the last day-Food pick up ONLY

Safer at Home Order Still In Effect

**For more information please contact:
Sun Dance Chief Byron Frost at (970) 946-4061**



2021 SOUTHERN UTE BEARDANCE POWWOW

CANCELED

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Southern Ute Powwow committee has decided to not host a Beardance powwow this year.

We want to be able to celebrate powwow season with all our relations, and until we are able to do so safely, we believe this is the safest choice for our tribal nations.

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Quinoa: What is it?

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN

SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Have you been wondering what quinoa is and how to cook it? Maybe you have made it, but it didn't have much flavor and no one like it? First, let's find out what quinoa is and why you would want to put it into your diet rotation.

Quinoa is an ancient grain originating from South America. It is actually a "pseudo-grain" due to it being a seed rather than growing on a grass like wheat or rice. It is considered a whole grain, though. What makes it such a great choice vs. using other side-dish starches such as rice or pasta?

Quinoa is quite nutrient rich. It is a complete protein, meaning this is a food that can be used for those who are vegetarians or as an addition to a meatless meal. It is high in fiber and is gluten free. It is rich in minerals such as iron, magnesium, manganese and zinc. Quinoa may also reduce blood sugars, triglycerides and cholesterol.



courtesy The Spruce Eats

Quinoa is cooked much like rice in a 1:2 ratio of 1 cup quinoa to 2 cups water. It can be rinsed in cold water before cooking to wash off the saponins which may make it somewhat bitter, but it is not necessary. Seasonings can be as simple as butter, salt and pepper or you can add olive oil, onions, garlic and herbs. I hope you will consider trying this superfood and perhaps add it to your repertoire!

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

Quinoa and Pinto Beans

Ingredients:

- 1 cup quinoa
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 onion, diced
- 1 can pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1-2 tablespoon fresh (or dried) parsley, coarsely chopped
- 2 Chopped green onions

Directions:

1. In a medium pot cook quinoa according to package directions.
2. In a large skillet over medium, sauté onions in 2 teaspoons of olive oil

for approximately 10 minutes or until translucent and beginning to caramelize.

3. Add beans, garlic, salt, pepper and parsley and continue to sauté for another 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. Add finished quinoa and remaining olive oil to skillet and sauté on medium-low for an additional 5 minutes.
5. Garnish with chopped green onion and serve along with your favorite protein and green vegetable.

You can also try various herbs, spices and additions to create your own recipe!

Serves 6. Nutrition per serving: 196 Calories, 6.4g Fat, 30g Carbohydrates, 6.3g Fiber, 7.7g Protein

SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services calls for more foster care families in Ignacio

By Beth Santistevan
SU DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

According to the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) children are overrepresented in the child welfare system, especially in foster care. The month of May is National Foster Care month and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Social Services would like to renew their commitment to the youth in our community and acknowledge those who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes and connections.

Morgan Olsson, Foster Care Coordinator for the Division of Social Services is committed to raising awareness for the urgent need for foster care families here in the community. According to NICWA there is support-

ed research regarding the importance of the extended family, community, and cultural context for the wellbeing of AI/AN children and youth, "Every day in Colorado, approximately 11 youth/teens enter the foster care system," said Olsson. This number does not always stay the same here on the Southern Ute reservation, and sometimes those number vary greatly. Olsson added, "It's important that we have enough tribal members licensed as foster families to keep the child(ren) in the community with a family who create a sense of comfort with the cultural traditions in which they are accustomed." Along with culture it is important to keep the children in the community so the family can work on parental visitation while obtaining the skills needed for reunification.

According to research, it is advantageous for AI/AN youth to be raised with a distinct cultural identity. Culture is a protective factor in mental health for Native adults and adolescents. Historical trauma, genocide and forced assimilation policies are unique circumstances that set AI/AN apart from other ethnic groups, therefore these types of traumas resonate in genes across generations. An essential component to alleviate this trauma is through helping Native youth identify with their cultural background and feel pride in belonging to that group.

The Southern Ute Division of Social Services is putting out a call to members of the community during Foster Care Month to become involved in the

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mind-body connection.

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division wants everyone to know that mental illnesses are real, and recovery is always the goal. Living a healthy lifestyle may not be easy but can be achieved by gradually making small changes and building on those successes. Finding the balance between work and play, the ups and downs of life, physical health, and mental health, can help you on an overall healthy path - #4Mind4Body. For more information, visit www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may or call us at 970-563-5700. Reach out for more information or for help.

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division offers a variety of services and people who can answer your questions and provide information about the dangers of alcohol or other substances. We can also talk about recovery and support systems. Please reach out to us and let's work together to create

a healthy community for our present and our future.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Southern Ute Tribal Membership Meeting: Accessing Mental Health Services.

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division, the Southern Ute Tribal Benefits, and Southern Ute Employee Benefits are teaming up to present information about how to access mental health services and assistance on Thursday, June 17 at 3 p.m. This meeting is for Southern Ute tribal members only and will be recorded for tribal members to access later on the tribal member portal. WebEx information and flyer will be in the next Drum issue, please be on the lookout.

In the meantime, come out and take a walk with us for the "Walk for Mental Health" walking event on Thursday, May 27 at 12:10 p.m. at SunUte Park put on by the SunUte Community Center and the Southern Ute

Behavioral Health Division. There will be a 50 people maximum, social distancing and masks will be required. See you there!

We are looking for community members and youth to join the Prevention Coalition tasked to reduce youth substance usage, eliminate mental health stigma, and start the discussion around suicide and prevention.

We have monthly coalition meetings and workshops to help our community understand the real story behind alcohol, meth, opioids, vaping, marijuana, and other drugs in our community. We need your help! All meeting is held virtually.

For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-5700 or email prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov

UPCOMING TRAINING OR EVENTS:

FREE online Suicide Prevention Training

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) for Southern Ute Tribe Employees, and Southern Ute Tribal Members. Let's all learn the warning signs and what to do if someone is experiencing a crisis.

For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-5700 or email prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov

Native American Youth Talking Circles

A virtual space for youth to meet, talk, and share challenges and accomplishments. Peer support system for Native American Youth in 9-12 grade.

Please contact Stephanie Garcia at 970-563-5700 or email sgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov OR Lisa Pratchett at lpratchett@southernute-nsn.gov to sign up.

You are ready to help create a drug-free community? Want to help and be a part of the change?



Local Resources

- **Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division:** NEW LOCATION AND PHONE NUMBER! 4101 CR 222 Durango, CO 970-563-5700. For local Native Americans. We are here to support mental health, substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Please call to schedule an appointment to talk to someone.
- **Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-2331 for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **24/7 Axis Health System Care Hotline:** Durango, CO You're not alone. With our 24/7 crisis services, help is on the way. Your health... We're in this together. 970-247-5245
- **St Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4241.
- **Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave, Ignacio, CO 970-759-3633
- **Second Wind Fund of the Four Corners:** Believes that every child and youth at risk of suicide should have access to the mental health treatment they need. We match children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities, 720-962-0706.
- **Women's Resource Center:** Creates personal, social and professional growth opportunities for all women in La Plata County, 970-247-1242.

24/7 State or National Resources

- **Colorado Crisis Line:** 844-493-8255 or Text "TALK" to 38255. You'll immediately be put in contact with a trained counselor, ready to text with you about anything.
- **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Has both an online chat and 24/7 phone line at 1-800-273-8255 if you are thinking of suicide or need help for a loved one.
- **The Trevor Project:** Which seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.
- **We R Native:** Join by liking them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/weRnative), signing up for the text messaging service (text NATIVE to 24587).



I continue to do my part for all our people.



EMS
at PCC Southwest

Take a look at a career as an EMT

If you enjoy helping others, apply for the EMS program starting this fall at PCC Southwest's Bayfield site. The EMS program will prepare you to enter the field of emergency medicine. Trained EMS providers may work for an ambulance service, fire department, in tactical EMS, critical care transport, or as an emergency department technician.

If you graduate with an associate degree, you'll have additional career opportunities in administration and management in the pre-hospital field.



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foster care system. To date, the Southern Ute Tribe is in desperate need of foster care families for Tribal youth of all ages, “there are many options for individuals and families interested in foster care and we work with the individual or family to see what the best fit for them will be,” said Olsson.

Emergency foster care, respite foster care and traditional foster care are some of the options available to people through the division. Emergency foster parents provide a safe place for the child(ren) while DSS works to find relatives or tradition-

al foster families. These traditional foster families are available to care for the child(ren) for the duration of the case. Respite foster care provides short term care for other foster families when they need a break or have something come up where they are unavailable to care for the foster children.

There are implications for our youth if there are not enough foster care families in our community. If extended families are not an appropriate placement, the division will look outside of the community and county for other licensed foster care

homes. “This can disrupt the frequency of visitation with parents as well as the child’s ties to their traditional values and community which provides a sense of security,” said Olsson. Studies show that identification with a particular cultural background and a secure sense of cultural identity is associated with higher self-esteem and better educational attainment.

Olsson disclosed that people don’t need to be perfect to be a perfect foster parent, “while foster care can be challenging at times, the reward of providing a safe, stable and nurturing home environment to a child in need far outweighs the challenges.”

One foster care family agreed to speak under anonymity for this article regarding their experience in the foster care system for the Division of Social Services. “The time we had with our foster child was healing, it seemed like connecting with them healed a part of me I didn’t even know I needed. None of my experiences have been the same but that’s the best part, being able to make that child’s life a little better with love my family gives is amazing.” Finding out the number of licensed foster care families in the community was so low has made her family overwhelmingly sad for our tribal youth, “we live in a such a small community that people do not see the major trauma our youth still face on a day-to-day basis... we do not take the time to emotionally connect with each other anymore.”

Olsson is asking that interested people reach out to her to discuss the certification process and learn about the one-one-one support provided to foster parents. If you would like more information on how you can help our tribal youth by becoming a foster caregiver, please contact Ms. Olsson at the Southern Ute Division of Social Services at 970-563-2330.



MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

This month, and always, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Division of Social Services wishes to express our gratitude to all tribal and community members who generously open their hearts and homes to our Tribal children in need of support and love.

HELP US KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

HELP US KEEP OUR PEOPLE STRONG

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT!

- Restore hope and trust to children in need
- Help children maintain cultural values
- Receive training and ongoing support from your DSS Foster Care Coordinator
- Help keep brothers and sisters together

Call 970-563-2330 for more information!

UPDATED HEALTH CENTER HOURS

NOTICE: Beginning June 1, 2021 the Southern Ute Health Center, including Pharmacy, Nursing and Dental will resume full work-day hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Health Center will be closed for lunch break from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Due to the evolving Covid 19 Outbreak the Southern Ute Health Center has updated all operational hours, until further notice.

ALL PATIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CALL AHEAD FOR APPOINTMENTS 970-563-4581.

- **S.U. HEALTH CENTER (CLINIC):** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Daily. **Covid-19 Testing:** Mon. & Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tue., Wed., Thur., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; **Lab hours:** Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **PHARMACY:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Only window service will be offered. No Pharmacy access from inside the clinic.
- **NURSING VISITS:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Appointment only. **NO WALK-INS!**
- **DENTAL:** Mon., – Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **OPTOMETRY:** Mon., and Wed. only, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **PSYCHIATRY:** Visits are no longer being offered; Patients will be treated via tele-medicine.
- All **SPECIALTY MEDICINE:** All appointments will take place via tele-medicine. SUHC staff will be calling patients to make arrangements for service.
- All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:** Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Medicare: What do I have and what do I need?

Staff report
SU TRIBAL MEMBER HEALTH BENEFITS

Turning 65 soon. It may be time to sign up for Medicare. Around your 65th birthday, you will have a seven-month window of time when you can sign up for Medicare. There is a penalty if you don’t sign up when you became eligible. Have ESRD/ Kidney Disease or a qualifying disability? You may be eligible for benefits.

Even though you have

benefits through the Tribal Member Health Benefit Plan, all tribal members are required to apply for any benefits to which they may be entitled. Proof that other coverage has been denied is required by Federal Law prior to using Indian Health benefits. Your Tribal Member Health Benefit is the payer of last resort. Other payers may include Workers Compensation, Employee Benefits, Medicaid, Medicare or Veterans Benefits. Payment for care may

be denied if the tribal member is non-compliant with this process. A letter was mailed out to all Southern Ute tribal members in January of 2020 regarding your enhanced benefits as well as the requirement to apply for alternate benefits.

If you have any questions regarding your benefits, please contact Tribal Member Health Benefits at 970- 563-4742. You may also contact Erika Kososik at 970-563-2211 or Cindy Gallegos at 970-563-2203.

COME OUT AND TAKE A WALK WITH US!

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WALK FOR MENTAL WELLNESS

Thursday, May 27th
Walk starts at 12:10pm
At SunUte Park

50 people max
Social Distancing & masks will be required.

Brought to you by the SunUte Community Center and Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division.

Needing more information about access to behavioral health services for anxiety, depression, loss of a loved one, or substance use? Feel free to call the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division for more information 970-563-5700.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

You are a gift from the Creator, and you are not alone. We are in this together. There are resources available and people who are willing to help, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you, or someone you know, is experiencing stress, anxiety, fear, and/or depression, share the resources below.

- + **Southern Ute Health Center**
Mary Trujillo-Young & Jennifer Goodtracks, 970.563.4581, Monday through Friday
- + **Local 24-hr Crisis Hotline**
970.247.5245
- + **Colorado Crisis Services**
1.844.483.TALK(8255) or text “Talk” to 38255
- + **National Suicide Prevention**
1.800.273.TALK(8255)
- + **National Suicide Prevention**
Text “HOME” to 741741

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KIYAGWAY! “GO OUTSIDE & PLAY”

NU-’APAGHA-U “TALK TO ME”

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McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Ignacio School District Superintendent, Rocco Fuschetto was presented the Demont Award on Friday, May 7. This award is given to educational administrators who, “leave their school district better than they found it.”

IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fuschetto recognized for years of service to School District

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Ignacio School District Superintendent, Dr. Rocco Fuschetto was the recipient of the 20th Demont Award for the State of Colorado. It is an award that was established to recognize educators and administrators who will “leave it better than they found it” in school districts of fewer than 1500 students. Due to COVID-19, the regular presentation of the award was put on hold until 2021 when small group gatherings were allowed, Fuschetto was recognized in a small ceremony that the Colorado BOCES put on Friday, May 7 to honor retiring superintendents in the area. “I was surprised to receive the award, it was completely unexpected,” Fuschetto expressed. “It is such a great honor to be recognized!”

The award was originally created by Colorado Representative Jim Wilson in 2002. He himself is a former teacher, principal and superintendent, the award is intended to help show appreciation and acknowledge those who have positively impacted their own districts.

Each year a panel of three members, including Representative Wilson, get to hand select one Colorado administrator from a rural school district to receive the award. The applica-

tion process for the award includes securing a letter of nomination and gathering letters of recommendation (from staff, students and a community member). Fuschetto’s letters of recommendation came from Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Department of Education Director, La Titia Taylor, Ignacio School District Technology Director, Brian Crane and Ignacio High School Senior Student, Jayden Brunson.

Fuschetto has worked as the superintendent for the last 11 years, his dedication to the district is not only shown through his relationships in the community, but also through the time he commits to making improvements in the area. By working with the Southern Ute Education Department, Fuschetto has helped make the Ute language a recognized foreign language credit that can be used towards a high school diploma. “We are fortunate and blessed to have Dr. Rocco Fuschetto as the Ignacio School District superintendent,” Taylor stated. “His leadership, drive and compassion for the Ignacio schools, community and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe makes him deserving of this award.”

He was one of the driving forces to help the district secure a bond that paid for three brand new school buildings, new athletic

fields and a new administrative building. This not only gave the community a brand-new look but has helped students succeed academically and athletically.

Dr. Fuschetto has held high expectations, not only for himself, but also for all his staff and students. He has rebuilt the curriculum in every subject at each school to align with the state standards and has helped introduce technology as a way for students to learn and master new skills. Not only has he focused on his student’s work, but he has helped his teachers improve their own planning by using early release days for training, extra time for teacher preparations and sometimes team building exercises.

Entering his last year of working for the district has left Fuschetto reminiscing on a decade of work “I am so proud of all my students past and present. I did the best I could for them.” Fuschetto noted. He plans on traveling more and spending more time with family once he enters retirement.

“Thank you for your years of service, your dedication to students and your unwavering quest for excellence,” Jim Wilson stated. “The Demont Award requires high moral character, compassion for children and positive contributions to education, you have excelled in all three areas.”



courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA's Character Counts banners hang from the schoolyard fence.

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

THANK YOU!

by Mari Jo, Principal
SU INDIAN MONTESSORI
ACADEMY

What a year this has been! Looking back to our first day, Aug. 24, 2020, I can recall the fear, apprehension, excitement, wonder, and relief as the year began.

With every Eagle’s Nest article, I updated our community on what we were doing, how we were teaching, and the many awesome things that were happening at our school. I provided information on things to do at home as the parents were our co-guides and teachers.

As SUIMA delivered lessons through remote, online learning only, we were able to help keep our students safe from, and limited their exposure to, COVID-19. This helped the families continue to be healthy and safe.

When I reflect on this year, the first thank you goes to the parents. As we all followed the Stay-At-Home order, parents were thrust into becoming teachers overnight. Last school year was like your “intern” year, this year was your full-on, totally a teacher/guide year. It was amazing to see all that you did. With anxiousness, which turned into a drive to help your child, many of you reached out to the school for technical support. Some of you called to vent your frustration. Several of you called me with your worries. Together we all persevered and made it.

YOU – the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and everyone in between – YOU WORKED WONDERS – THANK YOU!

After the parents I want to thank the SUIMA guides and teachers. None of you gave up. No one left when it got hard. Everyone stepped up and did what needed to be done – what we were able to do, what we got to do, and what we ended up creating. Your rooms were turned into assembly lines to make materials, put together binders, send home anything and everything the students needed to be successful – YOU, the guides and teachers of SUIMA – YOU MADE IT – THANK YOU!

To the SUIMA support staff – kitchen crew, specialists, education assistants, administration, ASP leader, and everyone in between – you were fantastic and were there each step of the way. Without you, this year could have looked a lot different – THANK YOU!



courtesy SUIMA



courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA elementary students were approved to be on campus via a deviation request, to play games and end the year with some fun “in person” interaction with their peers.

My appreciation and a huge thank you to all of these departments and staff:

The SU Tribal Council – you provided direction so that we knew what our year was going to look like. The health and safety of the students, staff, tribal membership, and community was in the forefront of the decisions you made;

The Incident Management Team – you ensured that we could give lessons from our classrooms as we followed the COVID-19 protocols and approved or denied any deviation requests that were submitted; the Executive Officer – you gave guidance when I called or emailed for information;

LaTitia Taylor, our Education Department Director, – you supported the school by making sure every “T” was crossed and every “I” was dotted when it came to making sure the school was running safely, efficiently, and effectively. You listened to my worries and concerns and said, “It will be alright.”

Andrew Gallegos and his Grounds Maintenance crew – you never hesitated if there were issues that needed to be taken care considering the school grounds had been closed and knowing that grass still grows;

Jess Baidwan and his Clean Team – you provided us with a cleaning device which ensured that the materials going home to the students were disinfected and sanitized.

Gerard Gallegos and his Building Maintenance crew – you began installing a

plastic backer board on our walls for easy clean up and sanitizing in the event that the students would return; SUSS – you were at our beck and call as we worked with many online platforms.

Robin Duffy-Wirth and the SunUte staff – you provided training to the SUIMA staff to help them stay positive, energized, and focused;

Rocco Fuschetto and the Ignacio School District – you provided hot spots, N95 masks, and technical support.

Thank you to many others (the Parent Advisory Group, Dancing Spirit, Ignacio Community Library, SUIT Natural Resources, Warren Dixon, our school nurse, the Southern Ute Drum, and anyone else I may have missed) – you reached out to support the school in any way you could.

And last, but definitely not least, to the students. You worked hard on your lessons and never gave up. You joined your Zooms, you checked Google classroom, you spoke up when your computer wasn’t working well. You sent back your artwork, your classroom assignments, and your questions. With social distancing, you bounced into the office when your parents came to pick up your work just to show off your mask – YOU ARE AMAZING!!!

It was a long year, but you did it!!! Whether you are a year old or 12-years-old, you should be proud of yourself, because I sure am!

THANK YOU!

Attention Southern Ute & JOM Graduating Seniors

Your 2021 Senior photo is needed for The Southern Ute Drum!

As part of an annual Special Feature of Graduating Seniors, The Southern Ute Drum publishes photos of 1) Southern Ute tribal members AND 2) Johnson O’Malley* (JOM) students who are graduating from High School in 2021. Southern Ute tribal members who are graduating off the Southern Ute Indian Reservation are also encouraged to submit a photo to be included in the Drum’s annual feature, to be published June 4, 2021.

Please submit a high-resolution photo via email to rortiz@southernute-nsn.gov

DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MONDAY, MAY 31 BY 5 P.M.

Photos need to be at least 4”x 6” at 300 dpi, or 1200 x 1800 pixels at 300 dpi. Photos can be scanned if brought to the Drum offices, by contacting Fabian Martinez at 970-563-2274 and scheduling an appointment. (Covid restrictions apply. Tribal buildings are closed.)

If taking a photo with cellphone, please set camera to “Fine” (Large) image. Please note: Photos may be cropped for sizing and space.

Please include Student’s Name; Name of School; and Town and State. (i.e. Jane Doe, Ignacio High School, Ignacio, Colo.)

* Native American students enrolled in a Federally recognized Tribe, that will be graduating from either Ignacio or Bayfield schools qualify as Johnson O’Malley (JOM) students.

Congratulations Class of 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2021 GRADUATES!
From the staff of The Southern Ute Drum



Fun filled days of field events



First grader, Ivan Watts leads the pack in the 50-yard dash.



Ms. Stephens class raise their hands in victory after defeating Mr. Atkinson and Mrs. Wyatt's classes to take home the traveling trophy as 2021 fifth grade tug-o-war champions,



The kindergarten class trek to the Ignacio High School athletic field for their field day.



Kinder, Charles Alston throws his foam javelin with all that he has.



Kindergartener, Jazlynn Price is all smiles during the potato sack race. The Kinders competed on Monday, May 10.



Ignacio Elementary P.E. teachers, Cindy Valdez and Oscar Cosio certainly had to communicate effectively during the field day events which spanned two-days this year.



Maximus Growler, Somer Cloud and Emarie Keesic pull with all their might as their fourth-grade teacher, Ms. Cheetah cheers them on.

The Ignacio Elementary school held their Field Day events over the course of two-days. The kindergarten class competed on Monday, May 10 and first through fifth grade classes competed in different time slots on Thursday, May 13, at the Ignacio High School athletic field. Due to Covid-19 restrictions parents and spectators cheered from the stands during their student's time slot.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Second graders, Ivan Joseph (left) and Archer Konkol – with a steady hand, and nerves of steel balance their eggs on a spoon, as they compete in the egg race. If the egg is dropped, the student has to do five jumping jacks, replace the egg and continue the race.



Third graders, Charley Melrose and Neveah Sandoval team up for the three-legged race.



Fifth Graders, Amiyah Martinez (in blue), Jordin Richards (in purple) and Jade Howell, with batons in hand race to their teammates in the relay race.

HICKENLOOPER MEETS TRIBES • FROM PAGE 1

orado, shared the frustration around water resources, the appropriate allocations that are not reaching tribal lands and membership, but also the inadequate water delivery infrastructure. Chairman Baker addressed the current drought situation and its impacts on tribal lands as it relates to healthy land management. Both the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribal leadership stressed the importance of meaningful and early tribal consultation.

“I agree with you that the patriarchal relationship with tribes and the denial of consultation is unnecessary. I will get to work on the challenges each of you shared with me today,” Senator Hickenlooper said.

“This ethnic group is the most regulated of any other ethnic group in this history. Although we are the first ones in this country, there needs to be greater education on the challenges we face,” said Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Manuel Heart. “This is a good step forward in the right direction.”



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribal leadership met with Senator John Hickenlooper and his staff to discuss land use issues, Friday, May 14 – in recognition of Colorado Public Lands Day.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Council member Dr. Stacey Oberly expresses her concerns during a joint meeting between Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute tribal leadership and the State of Colorado in Towaoc, Colorado, Friday, May 14.

STRATIC PLANNING

Tribal member small business spotlight: Amber Baker-Valdez

Mi Hitos: Ignacio, Colo.

What is your name and who are your parents?

My name is Amber Dawn SnowBird Baker-Valdez. I am the daughter of Dorene Baker and Vincent Grove, but I raised by my mother, Dorene.

What is your small business (name, services, industry)?

Mi Hitos, LLC.

What inspired you to start your business?

An opportunity came up, so I convinced my husband that we could do it because we all loved his food and it was something we could do as a family. We wanted to offer food that children would love so families could go out to eat and enjoy their meal without having to have their kids be unhappy with the food.

What have been some of the challenges you’ve encountered in building your business? Wow,

this is a really loaded question with so many answers. In short, in the beginning it was finding customers who would be willing to let the food speak for itself. Then it was how to be successful in such a small building.



Lol. Now, it’s trying to learn all the legality of this industry within our limitations all while trying to succeed so this can be our only source of providing for my family.

What is your vision for your business (how would you like to see it grow)?

I wish for my little shop to one day be a full-service restaurant. I want it to be somewhere families can go so parents can enjoy their meals knowing that their children will too.

What support would you like to see offered by the Tribe to its small business owners or prospective entrepreneurs?

I would like for the Tribe to help others learn how to file their business with

the state and federal government instead of hiring someone. I would like to see more information being available about taxes and what benefits there are for tribally owned businesses.

What short advice could you provide to an aspiring tribal entrepreneur?

Be brave and even though at times it may seem like an uphill battle, keep going!

How can tribal members and members of the community support your small business?

Come and give us a try. Do not come because of who I am or what family I come from. Let the food speak for itself. We just want to offer food that everyone can enjoy.

Correction

In the article “Packing with awareness and prevention,” published in the May 7, 2021 issue of the Drum, the correct office number for Social Services is 970-563-2332.

Head Start Building Survey

Tribal Council requests tribal member input on Ute history!

The Head Start building is considered to be one of the last salvageable Indian Boarding School era structures in the State of Colorado. The building contains a mural, by artist Sam Ray, which depicts traditional Ute life. Tribal Council and the Cultural Preservation Department encourage enrolled Southern Ute tribal members to complete the survey which will assist in determining whether to rehabilitate and repurpose the Head Start building or if the building should be demolished. Your feedback is important.

The survey can be completed in the following ways:

Tribal Members can complete the final survey by going to the Tribal Member Portal to find the Survey Monkey link, hard copies can be delivered to the drop box placed at the entrance of the Southern Ute Museum round-a-bout, or by calling the Tribal Council Comment Line at 970.563.4705, extension 7902.

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Deadline to complete the final survey will be Monday, June 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits (up to an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to \$100 on their initial installation charges) if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be on either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1.800.201.4099 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



Tribal Members are encouraged to register for the CodeRED emergency notification system. This service is FREE and will send you voice or text alerts of an emergency situation near your location.

SIGN UP ONLINE AT
onsolve.com/landing/sign-up-for-codered-emergency-alerts/

DOWNLOAD THE APP ON THE APP STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY



CALL CENTER TRANSITION • FROM PAGE 1

It has been an extremely important and a key priority for the Call Center volunteer staff and managers to provide factual and consistent information to the tribal membership and community callers on the status of the government and COVID-19 guidance, events, and communication recommended by the Southern Ute Incident Management Team and adopted by tribal leadership. The Call Center has been tasked with providing and knowing the operating status of tribal government and general operation of its entities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The relationship with the government and its entities has also been a key factor during the pandemic as processes were implemented on how the Call Center would be sharing various medias of information. There have been valuable lessons learned and key points noted as the center continue to streamline communication as a team, on behalf of the Southern Ute tribal membership, its community and the people who the Call Center serves.

“Without the Call Center being established during the early months of this pandemic, the Tribe was taking the chance of communication not being a key factor in the forefront of this emergency health crisis,” stated the IMT’s Public Information Officer, Amy Barry. “Today, as the Incident Management Team, we can say, we did our best to keep the tribal membership and its communities informed with the information we believed to be crucial and imperative to follow as it developed. To provide the same consistent message to the people was a priority for the Southern Ute Incident Management Team and Call Center.”

As the Southern Ute Indian Tribe continues to evaluate the government and its services, the Call Center continues to work with service providing departments such as Tribal Health and its CHR program, Tribal Services and the Elders Services Division, and the Tribal Information Services to ensure a smooth transition as the tribal departments continue to transition back into their respective services that have been impacted by modifications in place to ensure safety for government staff and the people they serve.

Please continue to call the Southern Ute Tribe’s main switchboard line at 970-563-0100 or the tribal department’s main line as listed the 2020 Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Service Guide for inquiries related to any tribal services currently provided by the Tribe.

If you are unsure of a department extension or name, please dial 0, to be connected to a receptionist who can expedite your request.

Yoga for mindfulness



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Rebecca Flinders and Danielle Burns follow SunUte Fitness Trainer Sage Frane’s lead while taking the Yoga and Breath work group exercise course at the SunUte Park on Friday, May 7. Mental health activities and events are planned for the rest of the month to highlight May as Mental Health Awareness Month.



SunUte’s Group Exercise Fitness Trainer, Sage Frane leads a set of Yoga and Breath work on Friday, May 7 at the SunUte Park. In collaboration with the Native Health connections, SunUte helped highlight Mental Health Awareness Month.

TEAM RIVER RUNNER



Annual BIPOC Paddling Clinic

August 12-16, 2021

American River, Sierra Nevada, CA

Free Paddling-Camping Trip for Active Duty/Military Veterans

Native Veterans please join service members and veterans for a week of healing, camaraderie, paddling and camping along the American River in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. Indigenous, Black, People of Color, and Two Spirit veterans/active duty welcome to apply, including disabled veterans with adaptive paddling needs. All expenses paid by Veterans Affairs Adaptive Sports Grant and TRR, an all volunteer veteran-run 501(c)(3).

Contact: Carmen Skarlupka, Coordinator, Four Corners-NM, Team River Runner, email: carmen.skarlupka@teamriverrunner.org or call text: (970) 880-1257. Carmen is a Navy Veteran living in Ignacio.

Warriors on the River to Recovery



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-FREE COMMUNITY EVENT-

Rally and Round Dance for MMIR



Tisa Bernally-Russell of Farmington, N.M. raises her fist in support for the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives, during the Walk in Solidarity on Main Street in Durango, Colo.



Edward Box III presented Jade and Denise with a blanket for winning the Ribbon Skirt contest in the MMIR category.



A round dance was held in Buckley Park.



Randolph Scott, owner of "Sagebrush to Table" provided the fresh mutton and goat stews to feed those in attendance. The sheep and goats were raised on his farm.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Tirzah Camacho, Trennie Collins, and Edward Box III, along with Precious Collins helped organize the MMIR event.

A round dance and rally for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) was held in Buckley Park in Durango, Colo. Saturday, May 8. The all-day event not only brought awareness to the MMIR, but also presented powerful speakers, Gina Lopez, Kelsey Lansing and Zhaida Wilbanks advocating against violence towards indigenous people and included a Walk in Solidarity along Main Street.



Helaina Taylor and Trisha Taylor enjoy the songs and round dance with others in Buckley Park in Durango, Colo.



Carlita Armstrong, Takota Armstrong, Cassandra Naranjo and Sherryl Pinnecoose after the Walk in Solidarity.



Iron Bear from Shiprock, New Mexico sang round dance songs during the MMIR event.

UTE INDIAN MUSEUM COMMUNITY APPRECIATION FESTIVAL

MAY 29

9 am-4 pm

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STEM Exhibit Opening
Garden Tours
Kids Activities
Drum Music
Native Vendors & More

Ute Indian Museum
17253 Chipeta Road
Montrose, CO 81401

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

9 AM - 4 PM Opening of Stem Exhibit
9 AM Peace Pole Dedication
9 AM - 12 PM Community Tipi Painting
1 AM / 12 PM / 2 PM
Ethnobotany in the Garden Tours
10 AM - 12 PM Native Films
10 AM Wickiup Investigation Documentary
11 AM Ute Wisdom Language and Creation (Kids Film)
12 PM Original Coloradans (Ute) Documentary
11 AM - 2 PM Kids Activities (On-Going)
Tipi Making and Painting
Petroglyph Carving
12 PM Free Fudgsicles and Popsicles
1 PM Naturescape Ground Breaking
2 PM Tipi Demonstration
3 PM Silent Auction Closes



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ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Colorado extends LEAP heating assistance to May 31

Staff report
LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Colorado Department of Human Services Low-Income Energy Assistance Program has extended its application period through May 31, 2021.

“We know low-income families, individuals, older adults on limited incomes and those with disabilities have faced inordinate challenges during the pandemic,” said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager. “The extension of LEAP’s services will hopefully help to alleviate some of the burden and allow our program to help even more Colorado residents.”

The program normally runs November 1 through April 30, but the current state of affairs has created unusual circumstances, resulting in the extended application period.

Individuals and families are encouraged to submit applications through the end of the month, as appli-



cations will be processed as long as funding is available.

To access the LEAP application, visit: www.colorado.gov/cdhs/LEAP or call the HEAT HELP Hotline at 1-866-HEAT HELP (1-866-432-8435). Resources are consolidated through the CO PEAK system for online application submissions.

Nearly 103,000 applications have been processed during the regular LEAP season throughout Colorado’s 64 counties with an average benefit of \$350.

LEAP, which is federally funded, provides one-time heating assistance to individuals, families and older adults to help cover the cost of utility bills. Residents

with an annual income up to 60% of the State Median Income and an individual household monthly income not exceeding \$2619/month or \$5038/month for a family of four may be eligible for benefits.

For program eligibility, candidates must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord as part of their rent, meet the gross income limits, be residents of Colorado and contain at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S in the household.

For more information visit the website: www.colorado.gov/cdhs/LEAP or call 1-866-HEAT HELP (1-866-432-8435).



Denee Bex/Special to the Drum

Bok choy is a great fast-growing leafy green that’s tasty in stir fries. I started this bok choy indoors in March, transplanted at the end of April and harvested just this past weekend. If you plant now, try to give it some shade as it may get too hot.

GARDENING

Planting season is now!

By Denee Bex
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The weather has warmed up and I have definitely been spending more time outdoors taking care of my garden. So, what can be planted now? Plants that thrive in warm weather should be planted right about now until mid-June or early July. Warm weather plants love warmer soil, warm days and nights that are at least in the 40s. Here are some things to keep in mind as you think about your garden.

Warm weather plants include tomatoes, summer and winter squash, peppers, eggplants, cucumbers, potatoes, beans, corn, melons and pumpkins. Keep in mind that although these plants are warm weather, each grows at different rates and not all will grow from seed in time for a harvest. For example, you should not plant eggplants, tomatoes and peppers from seed in ground because those take at least five months to mature and produce fruit, so these should be transplanted from a small transplant.

Pretty much anything that is not an eggplant, tomato or pepper (aka the solanaceae/ nightshade family) can be planted from seed in the ground. You can purchase seedlings from a local nursery if you haven’t start-

ed yours at home. The rest can be planted from seed in the ground.

Depending where you live, you may already have had warm weather conditions for a few weeks now. For me, I live in an area that acts as a cold sink along a mountain range and it takes a tiny bit longer to warm up enough for my plants.

I have a thermometer outside and for the past month I’ve been checking the temperature in the early mornings and as much as I looked, it didn’t warm up fast enough for me! So, keep in mind that although your general last frost date may be about now, there may be a microclimate that has cold conditions. Keep a thermometer outside to check on your nightly conditions to help guide your planting decisions.

Hopefully, you’ll have already worked some compost into your soil in the spring, but if not, no worries. Grab some compost and work it into the soil before planting your warm weather plants. This will provide your plants with added nutrition and make your soil healthier. Healthier soil and a healthier plant will be more resistant to pests, disease and stress. You can definitely purchase compost, but it can get pretty expensive, so think about starting a compost pile or bin this

year. That way you’ll be on your way to creating homemade compost and a healthier soil.

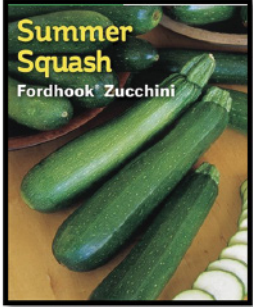
Finally, if this is your first year planting or you still consider yourself a beginner, don’t try to plant everything as it might get overwhelming. Gardening is an art and it takes patience. I would suggest starting out small because there is a long list of what you can plant right now. Focus on one or two plants and over the years you can add on newer plants as you get more comfortable in the dirt.

This year will be my first year planting potatoes after at least 10 years of gardening and I’m a bit nervous, but that is the awesome thing about gardening; There is always something to learn! I am optimistic about my potatoes and if they don’t turn out a success, there’s always next year and I’ll be one year wiser.

Your garden wants to give back to you! If this past year has inspired you and your family to garden, right now is the best time to get out there and get started on a beautiful garden. Good luck and have fun!

Denee Bex is a Registered Dietitian and advocate for healthy traditional diets and home-grown foods in Native American communities. She can be reached at Denee.Bex@gmail.com.

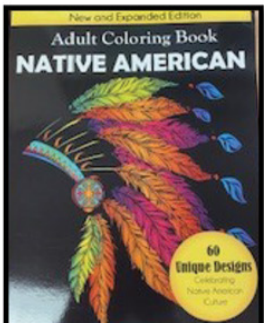
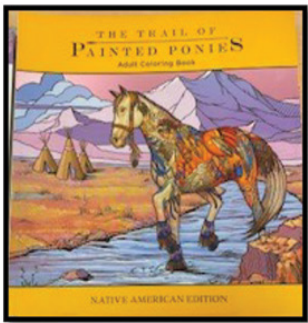
Multi-Purpose Facility
April Elder at Home Activity



Available to Tribal Member Elders

Call the MPF to request a kit at 970-563-2641
or e-mail eredd@southernute-nsn.gov
Kit will be mailed or delivered.
Available April 9, 2021

Multi-Purpose Facility
Elder Activity



Available to Tribal Member Elders
Adult Coloring Books are once again available.

Call the MPF to request a Book at 970-563-2641
or e-mail eredd@southernute-nsn.gov
Books will be mailed or delivered.
Available May 24, 2021

Multi-Purpose Facility
Elder Activity



Available to Tribal Member Elders

The MPF staff wants to
make your stay at home enjoyable

Call the MPF to request a cross stitch kit at 970-563-2641
or e-mail eredd@southernute-nsn.gov
Kits will be mailed May 10, 2021



Abeyta retires from SUDC



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

After 18 years of dedicated service to the Southern Ute Detention Center, Angie Abeyta retired as a Programs Sergeant. Abeyta said she is very proud of her job with the detention center and enjoyed working with the inmates. Abeyta organized various programs and classes, such as AA meetings for the inmates to utilize. Abeyta said about working with the inmates, “I feel that if they want to turn their life around with the opportunities we provide – they can turn their life around. It’s up to them [inmates] to want to turn their life around, and I was there to guide them and be someone they can talk to.” Abeyta continued by adding, “I try to help them, I hope they take my advice, and hope they want what’s right.”



Acting Detention Division Head, DeWayne Todd presented Sergeant Angie Abeyta with a shadow box, containing her badge, name tag, patches and insignia. Abeyta said she will be traveling, “now that I’m retired, I will be visiting family and friends in California and Oregon.”

Justice and Regulatory Director, Chris Mimmack gifted Sergeant Angie Abeyta with a Pendleton blanket as a token of appreciation for her dedicated service.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Engman selected to lead Southern Ute Shared Services

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe named Jeff Engman the Chief Information Officer for the Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS) in early April 2021. Prior to joining the Tribe, Engman served as the Regional IT Director for Alterra Mountain Company. His career also includes technical and managerial positions at ConocoPhillips for over 20 years, including 12 years spent working in large scale oil and gas business units. He was also employed for six years as the IT Director for San Juan Business Unit in Farmington, N.M. and another six years as an IT Manager/Director working in Dubai U.A.E. for Dubai Petroleum Company, operated by Conoco Inc. Engman also worked for Intel Corporation for over 10



Jeff Engman
Chief Information Officer
Southern Ute Shared Services

years with the bulk of his tenure leading the www.intel.com infrastructure hosting organization. “The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is excited to welcome Mr. Engman to the tribal organization. The immense experience that he brings to the organization will be extremely beneficial toward the goals set forth by the

leadership,” stated Chairman Melvin J. Baker. Engman’s initial goals for SUSS are to get to know all the employees and stakeholders, progress the Reservation-wide Broadband Modernization project, assess IT Security and Operation efforts, and get up to speed on key application development initiatives. Engman graduated from Durango High School and received his bachelor’s degree in computer information systems from Fort Lewis College. “My wife (Loretta) and I are really happy to be back living and working in Southern Colorado and I am honored that I was selected to lead SUSS. We consider this area our home. I am looking forward leading SUSS to do great things for the Tribe as our dependency on IT in the digital world continues to grow.”



The ideal police officer is physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually fit. They are critical thinkers able to dissect complex situations rapidly. They are deeply committed to serving their communities in the spirit of Guardianship.

If this speaks to you, join us.

Applications for the Law Enforcement Academy in Mancos are open until Monday, August 9

Our staff includes 30 instructors that are active police officers representing nine local agencies in southwest Colorado. Currently, instructors range in rank from street officers to chiefs of police. All lead skills instructors meet or exceed POST requirements for instruction in their skills area.

For more information, contact:
Doug Parker, Coordinator
33057 Highway 160, Mancos, CO 81328
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did you know?



A total lunar eclipse will occur on May 26, 2021 at 5:11 a.m.

Source: <https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/4906>
Please contact the Environmental Programs Division General Assistance Program Manager, Jeff Seebach at 970-563-2272 or jseebach@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions, comments or concerns.



BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS

3 BIG HORN SHEEP
2 MOUNTAIN GOAT
2 MOOSE

The Wildlife Division will be accepting Brunot Rare Game Applications the month of MAY. The drawing will be held in June.

- How to apply:
1. Call the Wildlife Office at (970) 563-0130 to pick up an application/or
 2. Go to the Southern Ute Hunting website below and download the application.
Mail- SUIT Wildlife Division or Email: npearson@southernute-nsn.gov
ATTN: Rare Game Application
PO BOX 737, Ignacio, 81137

<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/natural-resources/wildlife-resource-management/hunting/>



Tribal Council Approved 2021 Spring Turkey Hunting

Season Dates: March 30th, 2021- May 30th, 2021

Permits Issued: Beginning March 30th, 2021

Bag Limit:

- Southern Ute Indian Reservation: 2 bearded turkeys. No beard length restrictions, but a harvested bird must have a beard naturally attached.
- Brunot Treaty Area: 1 bearded turkey. No beard length restrictions, but a harvested bird must have a beard naturally attached.

Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member 12 years old or older.

Hunters under the age of 21 must possess a hunter safety card and must present it at the time permits are picked up.

For more information please call the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130





Janssen vaccine event



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The Watts family arrive the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center together to receive the Janssen Vaccine on Friday, May 14.

Heather Frost checks the temperature of the individuals who wish to receive the Janssen Vaccine on Friday, May 14 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.



CORONAVIRUS

Recommendation to use Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for age 12 and older

Staff report
CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

On Wednesday, May 12, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, I adopted CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that endorsed the safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and its use in 12- through 15-year-old adolescents. CDC now recommends that this vaccine be used among this population, and providers may begin vaccinating them right away.

Though most children with COVID-19 have mild or no symptoms, some children can get severely ill and require hospitalization. There have also been rare, tragic cases of children dying from COVID-19 and its effects, including multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children, or MIS-C.

This official CDC recommendation follows Monday's FDA decision to authorize emergency use of this vaccine in 12- through 15-year-old adolescents

and is another important step to getting out of the COVID-19 pandemic, and closer to normalcy.

For vaccination to do its job, we must do our critical part. That means vaccinating as many people as possible who are eligible. This official CDC action opens vaccination to approximately 17 million adolescents in the United States and strengthens our nation's efforts to protect even more people from the effects of COVID-19. Getting adolescents vaccinated means their faster return to social activities and can provide parents and caregivers peace of mind knowing their family is protected.

Some parents have already made plans for their adolescents to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Understandably, some parents want more information before their children receive a vaccine. I encourage parents with questions to talk to your child's healthcare provider or your family doctor to learn more about the vaccine. And if your adolescent is behind on routinely recommend-

ed vaccines due to the pandemic or for other reasons, now would be a good time to work with your child's nurse or doctor to make sure they get caught up.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is faster and more convenient than ever. About nine out of 10 Americans live within five miles of a COVID-19 vaccination site. In the coming weeks, two popular ride-sharing services will offer free rides to vaccination appointments until July 4. To find the site closest to you, visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov); text your ZIP code to 438829 (GETVAX); or call 1-800-232-0233.

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

CDC works 24/7 protecting America's health, safety and security. Whether diseases start at home or abroad, are curable or preventable, chronic or acute, or from human activity or deliberate attack, CDC responds to America's most pressing health threats. CDC is headquartered in Atlanta and has experts located throughout the United States and the world.




TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19


"TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"

The Tribe is in Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 3. The public health order remains in effect. The order requires the use of face coverings indoors at all times and outdoors when social distancing measures are not possible. Together, we can fight COVID-19 and keep our community and future safe!

SOUTHERN UTE COVID-19 CALL CENTER - 970.563.0214, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe




Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 Call Center

Memorial Day Holiday Hours

In observance of federal holiday, Memorial Day, the Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center will be CLOSED on Monday, May 31, 2021. Modified Tribal Operation will resume Tuesday, May 31, 2021. If you need assistance during the closure, please call the SUPD Non-Emergent Dispatch at 970.563.4401.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of May 19, 2021)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases

237	Positives
167	Recovered
9260	Total Tests

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

92	Positives
65	Recovered
3	Deaths

SUHC Vaccination Update

Upcoming 1st Dose Clinics & Availability


5/21 (Moderna)	19
5/26 (Pfizer)	5

Vaccine Eligibility: Anyone 18 years of age and older (12 years and older for Pfizer).

Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

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SUHC VACCINE UPDATE

As of May 19, 2021

Vaccines Administered

SU Tribal Members	634
SU Household	316
IHS Beneficiaries	1757
IHS Household	281
Tribal Staff	1143
Insured Dependents	380
Educators (FLC/11/17)	247
Other (Ages 65+ & Non-Eligible Persons)	2054

Dose by Eligible Group

Other	2347 (34%)
SU Tribal Members & Household	950 (14%)
Tribal Staff & Insured Dependents	1523 (22%)
IHS Beneficiaries & Household	2038 (30%)


Percent Fully Vaccinated

59% 1st Dose	58% 1st Dose
41% 2nd Dose	42% 2nd Dose

SU Tribal Members Tribal Staff

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN THE TRIBE MOVES TO PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 3

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council approved Resolution 2021-032, adopting key metrics and restrictions for various phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. The graphic below explains key metrics and restrictions for each of the phases.

Monday, March 29, 2021

the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will move to Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 3

Phase II "Safer at Home" Order Level 3 - What would this mean?

ALLOWED

- Go to the grocery store
- Pick up medications
- Go to medical appointments
- Go to a restaurant provided all protective measures of the establishment are followed
- Visit and take care of a family member or friend
- Spend time outdoors to enjoy activities such as walking, hiking, playing or picnicking at a park, etc.
- Exercise indoors or outdoors provided capacity restrictions and protective measures are in place
- Take your pets to veterinarian appointments
- Assist family members and friends with tasks
- Go to school
- Go to work provided capacity restrictions and protective measures are in place.

Telecommuting should still be maximized whenever possible


NOT ALLOWED

- Do not go to work if you are part of the vulnerable population
- Do not leave your home or visit with family members and friends if you are sick
- Do not maintain less than 6 feet of distance between you and non-household members when you go out
- Do not visit loved ones who are not non-household members in the hospital, nursing home or other residential care facility
- Do not stop using a face mask or covering when leaving your home


Restrictions in Phase II, Level 3

Personal Gathering	Indoor Capacity	Outdoor Capacity
5 or less	25% 25 Max	25% 50 Max


Stay Home & Isolate




Wear your mask




Practice social distancing



Wash your hands



For more info or updates visit: www.southernute-nsn.gov or Official Facebook



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

All tribal buildings on the tribal campus are

CLOSED

to all visitors in accordance with the "Stay at Home" Order issued on March 25, 2020 which remains in effect until further notice.

Tribal members who require entry to conduct business with a tribal department must call ahead to schedule an appointment with tribal staff. If you have arrived for your scheduled appointment, please call the tribal department or staff to notify them of your arrival. Tribal staff will allow access only under these circumstances. All visitors and staff are expected to comply with the tribal public health order requiring the use of appropriate face covering while inside the building. Please practice social distancing and other public health guidelines.

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19

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The Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center is available from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. by dialing 970.563.0214.



Southern Ute Tribal Members Protecting our Past, Present & Future

The strength to overcome obstacles is demonstrated throughout the history of our people. Today, we are faced with new challenges that require us to come together to keep each other safe. The pandemic has lasted more than a year, which means a year without our ceremonies, social gatherings, and a year without being able to spend time with our loved ones that allow us to do the very things that define us as Ute people. We must continue our safe practices so that we can overcome these obstacles to continue our culture and traditions in the safest ways that we can. Help us encourage and protect our people, by educating the importance of becoming vaccinated. Your personal perspective can help explain how vaccinations ultimately protect our culture and afford us an opportunity to continue our traditions. The Southern Ute Incident Management's Communication Team will accept video, recorded and written testimonials encouraging the safe health practices, getting vaccinated & tested, or any encouraging message to promote a positive and healthy mental and physical environment to our tribal membership and surrounding communities.

WHO: Southern Ute Tribal Members, tribal staff, and Community members.

WHAT: Testimonials and feedback: safety practices, consistent testing and why vaccination is important to you or why you choose to remain unvaccinated.

WHERE: Submit written testimonials to the TIS Department email: tis@southernute-nsn.gov. Submit video or recorded testimonials to Ms. Lindsay Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist via text at (970) 553-0287.

Please continue to protect our people by wearing face coverings, practicing basic hygiene, and maintaining a safe distance from others. For more information please call the TIS Department at: (970) 563-2281.

Tawi Nuuchu na-gukwi-vani Covid-19 "Together, we can fight COVID-19."

All testimonials will be shared to the Tribe's social sites unless otherwise stated upon submission

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Face Coverings Remain in Effect

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Face Covering Public Health Order remains in effect. It is important to continue to take precautions for those who remain vulnerable in our community. The Incident Management Team (IMT) and Tribal Council continue to monitor data in order to keep our members and communities safe. Thank you for your continued efforts to protect our past, present, and future.

Safer at Home Activities			Low Risk
Unvaccinated Individuals		Vaccinated Individuals	Caution
Outdoor			High Risk
	Outdoor activities with your household		
	An outdoor gathering of up to 50 fully vaccinated family and friends		
	An outdoor gathering of up to 50 fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals		
	Visiting the SunUte Skate park and community parks		
	Dining outdoors with individuals from multiple households		
	Attend a crowded, outdoor event; Bear Dance, Sun Dance, Community events, and prayers.		
Indoor			
	Tribal Member appointments on Tribal Campus; tribal staff interacting with others		
	Grocery and other indoor shopping		
	All public transportation; Road Runner, bus, airplane, carpool		
	An indoor gathering of up to 25 fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals from multiple households		
	Any indoor establishment; Casino, restaurant, business		

Approved by SUT IMT

Even if you have been vaccinated please continue to protect those around you by wearing face coverings, practicing basic hygiene, and maintaining a safe distance from others. To schedule your vaccine please call the Southern Ute Health Center at: (970)563-4581.



TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19
"TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"

CHALLENGE

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WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

Win a Tawi Nuuchu Na-gukwi-vani COVID-19 shirt by submitting your photo wearing a face covering. Stopping the spread of COVID-19 takes each one of us to do our part to keep our community safe! We want to feature our community in this campaign. Individuals who submit their photo(s) will receive a long sleeve shirt in the mail to help spread awareness to wear your face covering. Submit photos to Tribal Council Communication Specialist at 970.553.0287 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov. A limited number of shirts are available and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Challenge is open to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members & tribal staff.

WIN ME!

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CONTINUED CORONAVIRUS COVERAGE

Stay up to date with the Coronavirus news, updates and the Southern Ute Tribe, check online:

- www.southernute-nsn.gov
- Facebook at www.facebook.com/southernute
- CDC at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

And of course the Southern Ute Drum newspaper
• Online at www.sudrum.com

NOTICE: ALTHOUGH THE SKATE PARK & OTHER SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL PARKS ARE NOW OPEN



MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED BY THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE.

MASK UP & SKATE!

PHOTO: VINNIE MORGAN/SUNUTE



BOBCATS BASEBALL

Endurance Test : IHS beats Meeker in 11

13-12 win follows regulation-length 11-5 ‘W’

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As a pitcher, Ignacio junior Gabe Tucson didn’t factor in the decision; but as a batter facing Meeker in the second game of a marathon May 8 doubleheader at IHS Field, he certainly did ... and right when it mattered most.

Slashing to the opposite field a two-out, full-count Ryan Sullivan pitch in the bottom of the 11th inning, Tucson and the rest of the Bobcats were beyond elated to see the ball take a high hop in front of two charging Cowboy outfielders, buying baserunner Clint Talamante-Benavidez, who’d drawn a walk, all the extra time he’d need to sprint towards home plate and cross it with a headfirst slide – unaware he’d beaten the incoming throw by quite some distance – to secure a 13-12 win.

“I mean, it took a lot longer than I expected; I thought we were going to close it out in the seventh



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Lawrence Toledo (20) speeds past Meeker catcher Peter Hanks, completing an inside-the-park home run during Game 1 of the Bobcats’ two-game sweep of the visiting Cowboys on Saturday, May 8.

inning, but it didn’t quite happen,” said senior Dylan Labarthe, touched for four seventh-inning runs in closing out an otherwise-effective relief stretch after taking the ball from Tucson (ND; 3.1 IP, 6 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 6 BB, 5 K).

“And we just go four innings longer – that’s okay! It happens sometimes.”

“It was crazy, it was exhausting,” senior catch-

er Lawrence Toledo said. “Caught 18 innings ... I went through (a total of) five different pitchers, and everybody was exhausted, wanted to go home. But nobody wanted to lose! So it was cool.”

After losing a 7-4 lead constructed during the first three innings of what ended up an epic lasting well

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BOBCATS BASEBALL

Bobcats prove problematic to No. 5 Bruins

Mistakes cost IHS dearly in doubleheader

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

For the Ignacio Bobcats Saturday afternoon, May 15, it was a case of different verses, same song.

Which, unfortunately, wasn’t the previous weekend’s twice-triumphant tune.

Despite battling, if not so well with the bat then usually with the glove – particularly atop the pitching mound – vaunted Western Slope Leaguers Cedaredge in both ends of a doubleheader at IHS Field, brief lapses in concentration more than anything denied Don Hayes’ bunch victory as CHS prevailed 7-0 behind a 7-run sixth inning, and then 11-8 thanks to a 6-run seventh.

“I mean, this team was undefeated, they hadn’t even seen a seventh inning yet, and we battled them,” said IHS senior pitcher/first baseman Adam House. “I thought we played really good.”

And certainly, tougher than the fifth-ranked [CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, 5/10] Bruins would have expected – even as senior Trey Geyer, a four-time State Wrestling Championships finalist and two-time State Champion, cruised through his Game 1 start. Striking out five consecutive ‘Cats during one stretch, the right-hander totaled an impressive 13 Ks while walking just two and surrendering but one hit – an Eppie Quintana flare over shortstop in the bottom of the third – in 6-2/3 innings.

However, against House (L; 5 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 3 BB, 2 K) CHS’ own sticks went silent; the lefty stranded six Bruins through five frames, keeping the game scoreless. But in the top of the sixth disorder ensued.

Cedaredge’s Isaac Blair led off doubling to left, and Ty Walck was then intentionally walked, setting up a potential double play. CHS



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Jace Carmenoros (5) lines an opposite-field, sixth-inning RBI-single to right during Game 2 of the Bobcats’ May 15 home doubleheader versus Cedaredge.

catcher Conner Brooks then tapped a pitch back to House, who aggressively attempted to force Blair at third. Bobcat third baseman Clint Talamante-Benavidez couldn’t make the squeeze, Blair then scored as the ball went into foul territory, while Walck strolled in to third and Brooks into second on the fielder’s choice-slash-error miscue.

Designated hitter Derek Sanchez then singled to right, plating both Walck and Brooks, and would himself score two hitters later via 9-hole bat Jackson Cooper’s single off relief pitcher Phillip Quintana, summoned after Sanchez’s knock. Geyer then singled to right, scoring Jory Hoerr, and Cooper came in when Colby Rupp bounced a Dylan Labarthe – who replaced Quintana after Geyer’s hit – delivery into a perfectly-turned 4-6-3 DP.

A 4-6-3 hit into by Eppie Quintana all but iced IHS in the bottom of the sixth, and nothing came of Phillip Quintana’s two-out single off Blair, who then managed to get Lawrence Toledo to pop up to short.

Able to overcome Cedaredge’s quick three-run start to Game 2 and eventually tie at 5-5 in the home half of the sixth via Jace Carmenoros’ two-out single off Walck – facing his first batter in relief of starter Ja-

cob Brown (ND; 5.2 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 4 BB, 9 K) – scoring Jacob Gallegos, Ignacio’s shot at salvaging a split were effectively dashed in the guests’ seventh.

With junior lefty Gabe Tucson (ND; 4.2 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 6 BB, 11 K) off the hook as the Bobcats’ pitcher-of-record, Eppie Quintana, starting his second full inning in relief, first faced Brooks, who attempted to bunt his way on. Toledo had no problem breaking out of his catcher’s crouch and scrambling to the ball. Unable to control it while scooping it into his throwing hand, Brooks reached on the E-2 ... then hustled to second base on a secondary E-2 when Toledo’s hurried toss missed House.

A wild pitch to Sanchez gifted Brooks third, and Sanchez then brought him in with a single to left. Hoerr then grounded to Talamante-Benavidez, but his try at starting a ‘round-the-horn DP missed second base and both Bruins were safe. Lucas Hoerr then fanned for a fourth time, but Geyer was intentionally walked to pack the sacks.

Brown then popped up to House for a huge second out, but Rupp drew a bases-loaded walk, scoring Sanchez’s courtesy runner Cooper. Having walloped an RBI-triple to right-cen-

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BOCATS SOCCER

Late stall vs. Center scuttles Lady ‘Cats

Ignacio falls 4-3 on last-minute goal

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Senior Caitlyn Chapman scored two goals and Darlyn Lechuga-Mendoza one, but in the end such production still wasn’t enough to subdue 2A Southwestern League arch-nemesis Center upon sun-soaked IHS Field Saturday, May 15.

Lady Viking Giselle Molina’s 78th-minute strike through traffic in front of Lady Bobcat goalkeeper Emily Cundiff was the visitors’

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Darlyn Lechuga-Mendoza (10) glances on the fly for an open teammate to whom she can pass, while effectively fending off Center’s Jaelin Padilla (11) during 2A Southwestern League action Saturday, May 15, at IHS Field.

BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

High Altitude Challenge tests IHS tracksters

Barnes, Young lead ‘Cats in Alamosa

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

If young Ignacio Bobcat Trajan Garcia ever wondered what it would be like to essentially never stop running between the fall cross-country season and the springtime track-and-field season, he saw it up close and personal Friday evening, May 14, at the Alamosa-hosted 2021 High Altitude Challenge.

Looking to find his distance legs again, the freshman took 21st in the 800-meter run, clocking 2 minutes, 59 seconds, and finished 22nd in the 1,600 with a 6:20.12. Placing 1-2 in each event, meanwhile, were south-central Colorado XC stars Micah Zeller (1:59.04 in the 800, 4:27.07 in the 1,600) of Westcliffe-based Custer County and AHS’ own Josh Medina (2:02.84 and 4:28.43), with Zeller – a shoo-in for Athlete-of-the-Meet if such an award was actually given – even winning the 3,200m run in 10:08.13, or almost a full minute ahead of Durango’s Nathaniel Ellis.

Ellis, however, did help the Demons rack up a first-place 122 team points – well clear of runners-up La Jara Centauri’s 85 – while IHS, paced by Tyler Barnes in the pole vault, managed to accumulate 8.5 and place 16th.

Barnes’ third-place clearance of 8 feet, 6 inches ended up good enough for third place in the specialty and a half-dozen team points; DHS’ Levi Tichi topped out at a winning 11’6”, while Leadville-based Lake County’s Jace Peters took second (9’0”). Ignacio’s John Riepel managed to clear 7’6”, tying Gunnison’s Jonathan Pierce for eighth place and halving a team point.

Bobcat thrower Alric Hudson earned two points in the shot put with a seventh place best of 35’0.75”, and Jeremy Roderick also placed top-20 with his 19th-place 30’7”. Hudson took 14th in the discus (91’8”) and Roderick 16th (89’9”).

Riepel was a top-20 finisher in both short sprints, taking 18th in both the 100 (12.65 seconds) and 200 (26.72) meters. 29th in the 100 with a time of 13.19 seconds, Jawadin Corona earned 15th in the long jump with a 16’1” effort. Barnes finished 32nd in the 200, clocking 28.92, while a 4x400 relay squad took ninth in 4:17.98.

Expected to perform well this spring for the Lady ‘Cats, Lexy Young grabbed five – of IHS’ seven total – team points in the short sprints. Her sixth-place 13.97 in the 100 was less than a second off the winning 13.19 posted in the

same sixth – and final – heat by Alamosa’s Aani Hardesty, while Young’s seventh-place 29.76 in the 200 trailed Center Lady Viking Alexis Taffoy’s winning 27.56.

Overall, the Lady ‘Cats placed 17th, while Durango’s 145.5 points blew away second-place AHS’ 72.

Laci Brunson was IHS’ No. 2 behind Young in the 100, clocking a 21st-place 15.03; Trinity Strohl was 30th in the 200 with a 34.30. Brunson also took 14th in the 400 meters with a 1:11.95, while Strohl placed 23rd in 1:21.34. Lauren deKay took 23rd in the 800 with a 3:31.85, while Moriah Ashley was 17th in the 1,600 (7:20.15), deKay 24th (7:47.40) and Rachel Sanburg 26th (7:58.03). Rediscovering along with Ashley their own cross-country legs, deKay also finished 13th in the 3,200-meter run with a 17:24.52.

Ignacio’s 800m sprint medley relay earned two points with a seventh place 2:28.81.

In the field, Brunson tied Bayfield’s Elissa Mars for ninth in the long jump with a 13’4” best, while Ashley ranked 32nd with an 8’11”.

Up next on the schedule, IHS is slated to compete Saturday, May 22, in Bayfield at the Pine River Invite (start time 9 a.m.), then travel to Mancos the following Saturday (also a 9 a.m. start).

Attention

SunUte Community Center Staff will be collecting updated information by calling the primary membership holder in each household. The following information will help SunUte better serve you when a date is made available to re-open.

UPDATED INFORMATION NEEDED

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL
- ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Please be patient as we will be calling all SunUte Members, beginning with Southern Ute Tribal Members, followed by SUIT employees then community members.

The SunUte Staff looks forward to seeing all your beautiful faces!

Please be advised the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is operating under the “Safer at Home” order.



COMMUNITY GREETINGS



Southern Ute Veterans Association
Memorial Day 2021
 Day of Remembrance Program
 IS
CANCELED

**The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority
 has received a fund called the
 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP)**

**This funding will help with ANY person renting withing the exterior
 boundries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.**

To be eligible, the Housing Authority will need to determine the following:

- **That one or more individuals within the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or experiences other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19**
- **That one or more individuals with the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.**
- **The household has a household income at or below 80 percent of the are median income.**

**To get an application, you can pick one up at the
 Housing Authority office, vie email or postal mail.**

**For information, contact Jennifer Salazar or
 Cutke Edwards at 970-563-4575.**



Jazmin A. Carmenoros, 2021 Graduate!
 CONGRATULATIONS to YOU my Great Great Niece!! You are officially done with High School!!!! No more staying up late doing your homework.

You have come a long way from K-12. I am very proud of you, and I know that your brother Jace is too, as well as your Mom Angel, Grandpa Dennis and all your other Grandma's, Grandpa's, Aunties & Uncles, near and far. Now is the time to prepare for the world out there, and I know that you will accomplish what you will set out to do for yourself, because of the Faith, Trust and Perseverance you have. Always remember to Pray to the Creator FIRST & FOREMOST daily in your life & all that you do. I look back to all the things that you did in your life and it makes me so proud & happy in what YOU have accomplished. I will always be here for you & to guide you whenever you need help or have questions. Everyone will help you along the way. Stay humble Niece and WE LOVE YOU.

Auntie – Darlene Frost

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 It was just yesterday when you were a baby in our arms. We looked at your precious face and wondered where life will take you. Today we look at the person you've become ... STRONG, INDEPENDANT, kind, thoughtful and caring ... and we realized that the dreams we held in our heart for you are alive in your beautiful spirit. We are so proud of you. And we live you with all of our heart.

Love Mom & Dad



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Kits will be mailed, and are available on Monday May 10, 2021

There is a limited supply of kits to distribute.

If you have received a kit
 in the past and haven't sent
 a picture of your completed project,
 please send before requesting this kit



STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT REMAINS POSTPONED WHILE IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME" LEVEL 3.
STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF COUNCIL CONNECT. SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE COVID-19 UPDATES, CHANGES ON TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS THAT IMPACT TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

**WEDNESDAY
 AFTERNOON**

**Tribal Council Updates
 will be posted to social
 media platforms.**

**FRIDAY
 MORNING**

**Chairman Baker or Vice Chairman
 Valdez will provide updates on KSUT
 Tribal Radio every Friday at 9:00 A.M.**

TUNE IN ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION AT 91.3 FM. IN TOWOAC AT 100.9, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT KSUT.ORG

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Internal Audit Services For The Sky Ute Casino & Resort Southern Ute Indian Tribe Fiscal Years 2022, 2023 And 2024

Requested By: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Division of Gaming
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: Proposals due no later than Friday, June 4, 2021

PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIRED INFORMATION

In order to facilitate the review process and obtain the maximum degree of comparison, the proposal should include the following information presented in the order and format shown in the following: **COST PROPOSAL:** Include a detailed itemized cost statement showing various classes of staff hours and related rate. **NOTE:** There is a TERO fee of 4%. **EVALUATION CRITERIA:** Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria: **GENERAL CRITERIA:** Responsiveness of the proposal in clearly stating an understanding of the work to be performed. Ability to perform required review. **Technical Approach:** Appropriateness of approach and methodology for implementing the statement of work. **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE FIRM:** Experience of firm in reviewing compliance with NIGC MICS. The total firm resources assigned to the review. **QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE OF THE STAFF TO BE ASSIGNED:** Qualifications of team, including experience with NIGC MICS. Supervision to be exercised over the team by firm's management.

DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this RFP is to obtain the services of an independent Certified Public Accounting firm (Consultant) to review the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT), Sky Ute Casino Resort's (Casino) compliance with gaming procedures as set forth in 25 CFR 543.23 and the Internal Audit MICS Compliance Reporting Guidelines issued by the National Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC") in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the requirements of SUIT's Gaming Code, the ICMPs, and the NIGC. **BACKGROUND:** The Southern Ute Division of Gaming ("Division") has adopted Internal Control Minimum Procedures (the "ICMPs"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and Consultant shall utilize, analyze and review the ICMPs as set forth below in the scope of work. The Consultant shall utilize the Division's ICMP Checklist form, Exhibit B, in the review of the ICMP's. **SCOPE OF WORK:** Review all applicable procedures of 25 CFR 543.23 as they relate to internal audit requirements of SUIT, all of which shall be performed in accordance with the applicable federal regulations and the requirements of the Internal Audit MICS Compliance Reporting Guidelines, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C, and in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the requirements of SUIT's Gaming Code, the ICMPs, and the NIGC. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPs related to table games, including but not limited to, fill and credit procedures, pit credit play procedures, rim credit procedures, drop and count procedures and the subsequent transfer of funds, unannounced testing of count room currency counters and/or currency interface, location and control over sensitive keys, the tracing of source documents to summarized documentation and accounting records, and reconciliation to restricted copies. Review Casino compliance with all Rules and ICMP's related to sports betting, including but not limited to sports book operations, online sports gaming, online esports gaming, credit play procedures, transfer of funds, age verification procedures and pay out procedures. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPs related to gaming machines, including but not limited to, jackpot payout and gaming machine fill procedures, gaming machine drop and count and transfer of funds, unannounced testing of weigh scale and weigh scale interface, where applicable, unannounced testing of count room currency counters and/or currency interface, gaming machine drop cabinet access,

tracing of source documents to summarized documentation and accounting records, reconciliation to restricted copies, location and control over sensitive keys, compliance with EPROM duplication procedures, and compliance with ICMPs for gaming machines that accept currency or coin and issue cash-out tickets or gaming machines that do not accept currency or coin and do not return currency or coin. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPs related to bingo, including but not limited to, bingo card control, payout procedures, and the cash reconciliation process. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPs related to cash and credit procedures including all cage, credit, and collection procedures, and the reconciliation of trial balances to physical instruments on a sample basis and reconciliation of the cage accountability to the general ledger. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPs related to information technology functions, including but not limited to, system access and control and annual system testing requirements. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPs related to the accounting function, including, but not limited to, documentation criteria, system overrides, required reviews and approvals, allowable forms and documents, procedures over the various gaming departments and other standards. Review Casino compliance with 31 CFR Part 103 and other Bank Secrecy Act regulations specific to reporting of income recognition transactions. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPs related to complimentary services and items, including but not limited to, procedures whereby complimentary services and items are issued, authorized, and redeemed. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPs related to surveillance functions, including but not limited to, surveillance equipment, requirements for surveillance of cashier cages, coin and count rooms, bingo, table games, gaming machines and review of digital system and other standards. Perform follow-up observations and examinations to verify that corrective action has been taken regarding all instances of noncompliance noted by Consultant during previous visits. Whenever possible, cash counts and observations that Consultant performs in completing the procedures specified above shall be performed on an unannounced basis (i.e., without Casino employees being forewarned that their activities will be observed).

- Mail Delivery: Southern-Ute Indian Tribe, Division of Gaming, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, ATTN: Jackie Budd
- Hand Delivery: Southern-Ute Indian Tribe, Division of Gaming, 398 Ouray, Ignacio, CO 81137, ATTN: Jackie Budd

RFP SCHEDULE

- May 3, 2021: Notice of RFP sent to potential firms.
- June 4, 2021: Proposal due date
- June 7-11, 2021: RFP Evaluation
- June 11, 2021: Notification to proposers
- June 14, 2021: Contract Award

SUIT TERO REQUIREMENTS & NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) Code, which is to be observed by all businesses operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This RFP is an unrestricted solicitation; however, Indian preference will be given to qualified Indian Owned economic enterprises and Indian Organizations. Firms desiring Native American preference for selection must be certified through the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO Office as an Indian-Owned Business. For those firms seeking Native American preference, this is a mandatory requirement, regardless of any other registration or certification that may exist with other tribal TERO offices, agencies, or affiliations. The firm awarded the contract to provide the services will be responsible for paying a 4% TERO fee at the end of the project, which will amount to 4% of the final contract amount. For more information about TERO contact Hilda Burch at: Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO Office, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-0117

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Building Inspection Service

Qualified Building Inspection contractors are hereby notified and invited to submit proposals for this project located within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Scope of Work requires a detailed professional building inspection assessment with sufficient experience, staff, equipment, and scheduling availability to complete assessments and provide a thorough written report. Desired services include assessment of interior and exterior structures, foundations, roofing, plumbing, and electrical systems. Reliable scheduling, guaranteed availability, adherence to COVID guidelines, and insurance coverage are required. Contracting Preference for Indian Owned Businesses and Indian preference in hiring for all companies, in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code will apply. Inquiries to Stacy Toppin, Southern Ute Growth Fund-Facilities Dept.; by phone: 970-749-1798, or e-mail: stoppin@sugf.com. Bid Proposal Response due no later than 10 AM on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Snow removal from walkways and roofs order of priority is: members. In general, roof snow will be removed if the snow depth accumulates to a level where safety concerns are evident or potential damage to roof or structures may occur. If you believe you should be included in one of the categories, please contact Forestry Fuels 563-4780.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Lilly Price, Deceased
Case No: 2021-0020-CV-PR**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing

before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JUNE 28, 2021 at 3:00 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 17th of May, 2021
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

SU TRIBAL MEMBERS WANTED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Closing 7/30/31 – The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill THREE seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. As a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For information, contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, July 30, 2021.

APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has three (3) vacancies. The Committee shall include employees of the Tribe who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of tribal member mentoring and employment to make a positive contribution to both the committee and to the objectives of the program. At large members for the Committee can also be considered. A majority of the Committee shall be tribal members. Members serve on a voluntary basis. It is the policy and intent of the Tribe that the Apprentice Program Committee be appointed to administer an Apprenticeship program that provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible tribal members. All interested Southern Ute tribal members, who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Human Resources Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or in person at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCY

Open until filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill a **ONE-TIME** Member-at-Large, to fulfill one special case. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Dept. of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open until filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking a 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 one priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the www.bgcsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking (2) Full time and (1) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full-time Gaming Commission position term is 2 years 6 months. Second Full Time Gaming Commission position 11 month term. One Alternate Gaming position is a 3 year term. 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. These positions are open until filled. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY Seeking School Board Candidates

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking five (5) interested candidates to sit on their school board. Interested persons must be over the age of 18. Are you interested in helping shape the future? What about serving children and your community? The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking members for its school board. Being on a school board can be a rewarding experience when you realize you are helping ensure a good education for the tribal member youth in our community. If you are interested in working with a team of like-minded individuals who wish to bring excellence to academics, then being a SUIMA School Board member is for you. With Resolution 2020-142, signed on Oct. 13, 2020, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy has been given permission to form their own School Board Separate from Tribal Council. With the majority of the Board being tribal members, the School Board will uphold SUIMA's mission as it provides a strong educational foundation to preserve and share the Southern Ute Indian culture and language within a Montessori environment. The purpose of the SUIMA School Board is to work with the Tribal Council to ensure that SUIMA has sufficient resources; helps oversee SUIMA's operations and administration; and regularly updates the Tribal Council. Interested parties may submit a letter of interest to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, PO Box 737 #52, Ignacio, CO 81137; or by bringing the letter of interest to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy office; or by emailing the letter of interest to the SUIMA Principal at mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Project Management and Construction Services for Environmental Remediation

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to provide Project Management and Construction Services for Environment Remediation of two separate units located on the Southern Ute Reservation for the Tribal Housing Department. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Tribal Housing Department:

- **Mail Delivery:** Southern-Ute Indian Tribe, Tribal Housing Department, Attn: Garry Fulks PO Box 737-24, Ignacio, CO 81137, gfulks@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Hand Delivery:** Southern-Ute Indian Tribe, Tribal Housing Department (Dropbox only) 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, CO 81137
- **Proposals will be received through June 1, 2021.**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian-owned businesses. For certification information, contact TERO at 970-563-0117.

Lots for Sale

Two 1.06ac. and 1.03 ac. lots for sale in Arboles 2 min. from Navajo lake water and electric included, posts on each corner for fencing. lot cleared for a 1000 sq. foot house. 35k each.

Medline home-care bed for sale

Medline long term care bed (model 1100) for sale. Excellent condition! \$1,500 OBO. Including mattress. Call Brenda at 970-880-2737



Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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

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

Closing 5/31/21 – Performing data analysis, develops reports in Microsoft Power BI and SSRS, and contributes to the design and deployment of data models and assists in administration of the Microsoft BI infrastructure including Power BI Report Server and SQL Server environments. Minimum Qualifications: A high school diploma and four years full time relevant software, data analysis or reporting experience; OR an Associate Degree and two years full time relevant software, data analysis or reporting experience; OR a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science, Engineering or Business/Finance; is required. Must have knowledge of at least one major coding language including Java, C#, C++, Python or Ruby; knowledge of data base structures and SQL programming; and an understanding of Software Development Lifecycle is required. Must have strong verbal and written communication skills; must have or be able to obtain, Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) certification, Southern Ute Indian Tribe Gaming Support license, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) certification, and any other licenses or certifications required or requested by Southern Ute Shared Services within the first 6 months of hire; a valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable through the Company vehicle insurance policy; and must pass a criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Job Openings as of May 17, 2021

- Child Development Center, Full-time Day Care Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Full-time Paraprofessional – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, WM-CNA/Health Technician – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Grants & Contracts, Project Coordinator – Closing 5/28/21
- Higher Education, Adult Edu-cation Coordinator – Open Until Filled
- Higher Education, Wrap-Around Service Coordinator – Open Until Filled
- Kwiyyagat Community Academy, Kindergarten Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Kwiyyagat Community Academy, First Grade Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Mineral Auditor, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- Planning & Development, Transportation Specialist – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Full-time White Mesa Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B IV – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter/EMT-P – Open Until Filled
- Recreation Center, Gym Coordinator – Closing 5/28/21
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Director – Open Until Filled
- Tribal Parks, Part-time Maintenance Worker – Closing 5/28/21
- Tribal Parks, Secretary – Closing 5/28/21
- Tribal Parks, Visitor Center Attendant – Closing 5/28/21
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open Until Filled
- WM Recreation Center, Part-time Assistant Director – Open Until Filled

Discounted Broadband Bills

The Federal Communications Commission’s Emergency Broadband Benefit Program provides discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. There is also an enhanced tribal benefit qualifications for tribal households on tribal lands. These households can receive:

- Up to a \$75/month discount on your broadband service and associated equipment rentals, and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

You can find more information at the links below:

<https://cssrc.colorado.gov/news-article/emergency-broadband-benefit-program-fcc-program> and <https://getemergencybroadband.org/do-i-qualify/tribal-benefit/>

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

Air Quality Scientist

Closes 5/31/21 – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Position starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Distance Learning Specialist

Closes 5/24/21 – Works in coordination with Tribal Organizations, Universities, Colleges, local schools, and community members to provide long distance telecommunications educational resource information and classes for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and assists the Academic Advisor in supporting associate degree students. Position starts at \$41,456.65/year.

Family Court Case Manager

Closes 5/31/21 – Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Position is both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full time status is contingent on grant funding. Position starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Lifeguard (Full-time)

Closes 6/1/21 – Lifeguard activities at the SunUte Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Position starts at \$12.54/hour.

Loan Coordinator

Closes 6/1/21 – Provides clerical, secretarial, and client support to the Tribal Credit Division as needed. Presents positive and professional image to Tribal employees and the public. Position starts at \$15.61/hour

Tribal Information Services Director (So. Ute Members Only)

Closes 5/26/21 – A professional management position with overall responsibility for the management and supervision of a variety of information and human service-related programs providing services for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members. Position starts at \$70,613.56/year.

Air Quality Analyst II

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, provides oversight and management of the Air Quality Monitoring Program and technical assistance to the Air Quality Planning and Assessment team within the Tribal Air Quality Program. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on renewed funding. Position starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal Members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Position starts at \$15.61/hour.

Construction Project Manager

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Housing Department Director, incumbent assists in the management and coordination of all functions and activities required to initiate and manage all phases of construction projects through completion. After a period of no more than 2 years, this employee will train and mentor a Tribal member as a Project Manager “Trainee” or Apprentice type position. Position starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Construction Services Repairman

Open Until Filled – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Position starts at \$14.48/hour.

Detention Officer

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

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position starts at \$18.32/hour.

Events/Heritage Coordinator (So. Ute Members Only)

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

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. Position may require an employee to be placed on a winter furlough

period of at least two months per year, but not more than four months. Position starts at \$16.88/hour.

Health Center Support Services Manager

Open Until Filled – Supervision and management of front office operations within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records and referral services within the Health Center. A key focus will be to establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support at all times. Position starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Language & Culture Educator (Part-time) – (So., Ute Mtn., or No. Ute members Only)

Open Until Filled – Assists Tribal Members, staff, clients, and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Cultural Preservation Department. Teaching the Ute history, culture, and folklore through the language and culture curriculum and instruction.

Medical AR Technician

Open Until Filled – Performs accounts receivable activities including receiving and posting payments into the tribal health accounts receivable software package, following up on unpaid claims, and recommending third party billing enhancements to improve billing efficiency and effectiveness. Position starts at \$16.88/hour.

Part-time Dentist (with benefits)

Open Until Filled – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division.

Patrol Officer I

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

Payroll Manager

Open Until Filled – Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures. Position starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Physical Education Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Dept. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child’s progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Physical Education. Position starts at \$38,095.13/year.

Senior Detention Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Position starts at \$21.75/hour.

Social Worker

Open Until Filled – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Position starts at \$54,517.63/year.

TEAM Worker (So. Ute Members Only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Water Attorney

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the Legal Department Director, attorney will serve as a member of the Tribe’s Legal Department, with principal responsibility for representing the Tribe on water matters. Where time allows, the attorney will represent the Tribe in other matters that require the Legal Department’s attention, including code review and drafting, litigation, contract review, and employment matters.

Water Resources Technician

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the Division Head, with day-to-day direction from the Water Resources Specialist, provides technical level support to professional staff to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. Position starts at \$19.93/hour.

Attention Job Seekers

Comfort Keepers and PCC Southwest cordially invite you to a WebEx meeting to learn about career and educational opportunities.

Wednesday, May 26 Noon-1 pm via WebEx

Whether you’re looking to become a CNA, LPN, or RN, PCC has the program that is right for you. Comfort Keepers is recruiting health care professionals, so don’t miss this opportunity to inquire about employment opportunities. Please join the WebEx link to enjoy a presentation by Comfort Keepers and PCC.

Questions? Contact PCC representative Bethany Powell at (970) 385-2098 or Comfort Keepers at (970) 515-7055.





IHS BEATS MEEKER • FROM PAGE 16

over three hours, IHS found themselves needing a run to force extra innings, two to win in regulation as the 8-9-1 spots in Don Hayes’ line-up were due to lead off the home half of the seventh.

Labarthe (ND; 3.2 IP, 2 H, 4 R, 6 BB, 2 K, HB) struck out, but first baseman Adam House reached on an error at shortstop. Pinch-runner Rylan Maez was then sacrifice-bunted ahead to second base by Jace Carmenoros, and a wild Liam Deming delivery to Eppie Quintana gave Maez third. Quintana then bounced a ball down the third-base line, but another error resulted – permitting Maez to score before Talamante-Benavidez struck out.

Neither side managed much in the eighth and ninth innings, though Deming (ND; 4.2 IP, H, 4 R, 4 BB, 10 K, HB as MHS’ third utilized pitcher) did reach third base in the guests’ ninth. He was, however, abruptly retired at the dish for the third out when attempting to sneak a run while Toledo casually tossed the ball back to reliever Phillip Quintana, after Quintana had walked Braydon Garcia.

“I told myself not to get frustrated, not to get fazed in any way,” said Deming, who’d end up 2-for-6 offensively in Game 2, including a walk, ground-rule double and four RBI. “Just cleared my head and went to work. It was tiring but we just kept pushing on through.”

Meeker finally broke through in the tenth, with catcher Peter Hanks drawing a leadoff walk. Lifted for courtesy runner Spud White, the decision paid off after a Josh Murphy sac-bunt and an Ethan Quinn sac-fly brought White around. Hampton Hightower, who’d reached on a dropped fly ball after Hanks’ plate appearance, then scored on a Sullivan single before 1-hole hitter Zach Simonsen (1-7, 2B, R, 2 RBI) struck out a fourth time.

IHS countered in the home half, with Eppie Quintana – who’d ultimately earn the win on the hill as the fourth Bobcat placed atop it – walk-

ing and Talamante-Benavidez plunked by a Deming offering. Garcia was then summoned to pitch, but threw away a pick-off attempt at first, allowing the runners to each advance a base. Tucson struck out, but Phillip Quintana (ND; 3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 3 BB, 2 K) then walked after a wild pitch during his at-bat allowed Eppie Quintana to score.

Garcia (ND; 0.1 IP) was then pulled in favor of Sullivan, who intentionally walked Toledo to put in order a possible double play. The move nearly backfired when Jacob Gallegos drew a bases-loading walk, but Sullivan (L; 1.1 IP, H, R, 3 BB, 3 K) managed to freeze Labarthe for the second out and then got House to ground out to first baseman Hightower.

Eppie Quintana (W; IP, BB) then toed the rubber to face MHS in the top of the 11th, and stranded two Cowboys when Hightower popped out to Gallegos at short. However, Sullivan answered confidently in the bottom half, getting Carmenoros and Eppie Quintana (0-4, 3 BB, 3 R) to each strike out before Talamante-Benavidez (1-3, 2 HBP, 2 BB, 4 R) drew the aforementioned, most crucial free pass with Tucson (3-7, 2 RBI) waiting in the on-deck circle.

“It was nice that ... we got a variety of pitchers in early, and I told them, ‘Just keep battling,’” said Hayes. “Next thing you know, we’ve got the top of the order up in a tied game – in the spot we wanted to be.”

All told, Meeker utilized five pitchers in defeat, with starter Ryan Phelan (1-5, 2 BB, 3 R, 2 RBI) receiving a no-decision after lasting just 1-2/3 innings, giving up four hits, five runs and walking three batters but striking out none.

The visitors sent just Garcia and Murphy to the mound in Game 1, with the former taking the loss after lasting 4-2/3 innings and surrendering three hits and five runs, while walking six Bobcats and fanning seven. House (5 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 4

BB, 3 K) earned the Game 1 win, and was followed atop the bump by Tucson (IP, H, BB, 2 K) and Phillip Quintana (IP, H, 2 R, BB, 2 K).

Capping off IHS’ go-ahead, four-run fifth inning was a two-out, two-run inside-the-park Toledo homer down the right-field line with Phillip Quintana – who’d socked a ground-rule double back in the second – aboard via a walk. “It was kind of funny,” quipped Toledo (1-3, BB, 2 R, 2 RBI). “I was talking to the umpire before, and said I’d never actually hit a home run. Then my next at-bat It was definitely a change of momentum.”

Garcia was then re-positioned, and though Murphy managed to retire the side – by getting House to hit into a fielder’s choice collecting Gallegos at third base – the ‘Cats were just warming up. Meeker went wanting in the top of the sixth and Ignacio seized the opportunity, tallying a decisive six runs – two via a one-out Tucson double – in the home half en route to an 11-5 win.

“I told ‘em ... baseball’s an up-and-down game,” Hayes said. “They’d made progress with Dove Creek; the score didn’t reflect it [the visiting Bulldogs had won the May 4 season-opener 5-0], but it showed them the goods and the bads. Then they came out today, got opportunities to get ahead and held with it.”

Eppie Quintana went 2-4 with a triple, two runs and one batted in, while Phillip Quintana finished the opener 2-3 with a walk, two runs and one batted in. Tucson was 1-4 with a run and two RBI, while Gallegos was 2-3 with a walk, run and RBI.

“It’s something we can build on,” Hayes continued. “I really hope that these kids see that the work we do during the week is going to pay off. I think the kids saw ... that it really does work, and we have things we can fix for next week.”

IHS improved to 2-1 overall prior to welcoming highly rated Cedaredge for a doubleheader Saturday, May 15.

BOBCATS PROVE PROBLEMATIC • FROM PAGE 16

ter his previous time up, Blair then hit a handle shot still too hot to handle for Talamante-Benavidez, allowing Jory Hoerr and Geyer to both score, and Walck followed that by whacking a 2-RBI double to center before Quintana (L; 2.1 IP, 4 H, 7 R, 3 BB, 3 K) got Brooks swinging.

“Our defense showed great things last week, so ... we just let ‘em work,” House said, alluding to the Bobcats’ 11-5, 13-12 sweep of Meeker. “I wasn’t concerned with sitting (the Bruins) down myself. But an error or two here and there ... adds up.”

Rallying in the bottom of

the seventh, IHS scratched out three runs. Talamante-Benavidez (1-3, BB, GR-2B, R, RBI) and Labarthe both walked against Walck (W; 1.1 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 2 BB, 2 K), who then avoided disaster when Blair somehow basket-caught a vicious liner to deep center off the bat of Tucson (1-4, 2B, R).

Phillip Quintana (2-4, R) rekindled the spark with a short single to right, and Toledo (0-2, 2 BB, 2 R) then zinged a bases-loaded ball bobbled at third – plating Talamante-Benavidez and Labarthe and pushing Quintana to third as Toledo took second.

House then grounded out

to first, but a throw intended to double up Quintana at the plate missed its mark, and Toledo alertly took third on yet another Cedaredge error. But in the end, it was not to be; Gallegows fanned for the day’s final out as CHS improved to 5-0 overall.

Up next, Ignacio (2-3) will travel for the first time in ‘21, visiting Rangely for an 11 a.m. twinbill Friday, May 21. The ‘Cats will then have some time off in which to hone for Hotchkiss’ May 29 arrival, with that double-dip slated to start at 10 a.m.

“Just need to clean up a few things defensively,” said House. “That’s really it.”

CENTER SCUTTLES LADY ‘CATS • FROM PAGE 16

third in 11 minutes, since Fani Molinar’s successful 67th-minute follow-up – of a teammate’s shot Cundiff had initially stopped – kicked in to overdrive a comeback from a 3-1 deficit.

Molina would then score in the 73rd, leveling the contest at 3-all, but the outcome of the match ultimately depended on the performance of Center keeper Priscila Zapata, who continued to come under fire even as the clock became IHS’ worst enemy.

Having already put her body at risk earlier in the second half to deny junior Alexis Pontine 1-v-1 (Zapata wisely elected to hold on to not only the ball but Pontine’s foot, preventing any chance Pontine may have had to quickly pry free and cash in a rebound before the officials encouraged the players’ separation), Zapata had to make a decisive move off her line in the 79th.

With Lechuga-Mendo-

za rapidly bearing down on an unclaimed ball deep within CHS’ penalty area, it became a race between the Ignacio freshman seeking to force overtime, and the Center backstop bent on securing victory. Dropping again to her knees and then diving to her left, Zapata made her play on the ball first and was in no hurry to boot it back into the field as the officials began checking their own watches as barely a minute of stoppage time was added after 80 minutes’ regulation time expired.

The Lady Vikings, playing with just ten uniformed players shown on their roster, improved to 1-3 overall, 1-3 SWL, as both Molina and Molinar – who’d followed up a corner kick in the 15th minute for the match’s icebreaker – each scored twice.

Chapman buried a 39th-minute penalty kick to tie the score at 1-1 going into halftime, then took a Pontine pass in the 49th and

beat Zapata five-hole to put the hungry Lady ‘Cats up 2-1. Lechuga-Mendoza then struck in the 57th for a two-goal advantage, but in the end IHS still slipped to 0-3, 0-3 (with a season-opening 5-1 loss May 7 at Del Norte and the next day’s 10-0 loss at Ridgway already on the team’s ledger).

Up next, CHS will host RHS, ranked ninth in the week starting CHSAA Now. com Class 2A poll (released Monday, May 17), at 5 p.m. Friday, May 21, and then No. 6 Crested Butte at 10 a.m. the next morning. Barring any scheduling changes, Ignacio won’t see action again until Tues., May 25, when the Lady ‘Cats are slated to make the long, northerly haul to CBCS, before returning to welcome Ridgway on the 27th.

IHS’ scheduled match Monday afternoon, May 17, at No. 3 Telluride was postponed late that same morning to Tues., June 8, at 11 a.m.

Air Quality in real time!

Friendly reminder – you can visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division Ambient Air Quality Monitoring page to find updates on aiwr quality throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation as well as real-time EPA Air Quality Index health forecasts.

Link to the Tribe’s Air Quality Stations:
www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Did some math, maybe
- 6 Throws out the bait
- 11 Buccaneer Sir Francis ---
- 12 Scrub
- 13 Food fishes
- 14 Gymnast --- Comaneci
- 15 Org. for Colts and Broncos
- 16 “--- Largo”
- 18 A k a B O L O
- 19 Agenda listing
- 21 Defeats
- 23 Doesn’t stand on its own
- 25 So long adrift: gains access
- 28 Change direction, at sea
- 32 Sun ray
- 33 Nav. officer
- 35 “With all --- respect ...”
- 36 Nez ---
- 38 People, in Dakota
- 40 Name of eight popes
- 41 Get weaving
- 42 Author Harriet Beecher ---
- 43 Dueling swords

Down

- 1 --- Stevenson, who wrote “The New America”
- 2 Go with the current
- 3 What a bear taught an ancient Ute hunter to do
- 4 Heart chart
- 5 Work furniture
- 6 --- del Muerto, site of Massacre Cave
- 7 Attorneys’ org.
- 8 Fountain favorites
- 9 Nonsense
- 10 Attempts
- 17 Recklessly led an antelope
- 20 Chemists’ measurements
- 22 Former fast flier
- 24 Epoch of the mammals
- 25 Tubercular disease
- 26 In plain view
- 27 She sought solitude
- 29 Saw
- 30 Adorable one
- 31 Wails in lament
- 34 After-bath attire
- 37 Cornfield cry
- 39 “I reckon”

Answers for this crossword will appear in June 4 issue of the Drum.

Answers for May 7, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Shem, 5 On sea, 10 Atto, 11 Rogers, 12 Geum, 13 Erodes, 14 Add, 15 Kit, 16 GCA, 17 Scenic, 19 Ret’d, 20 Cahto, 22 Hugo, 25 Saying, 29 URL, 30 ATP, 31 Pie, 32 Miasma, 34 Cree, 35 Unclog, 36 Hack, 37 See as, 38 Ayes. Down: 1 Sagas, 2 HTEDC, 3 Etude, 4 Mom, 5 Oort, 6 NGO, 7 Sedge, 8 Erect, 9 Assad, 11 Reichstag, 15 Kia, 18 N-CO, 19 Roy, 21 Tap, 22 Humus, 23 Urine, 24 Glace, 26 I pray, 27 Niece, 28 Geeks, 30 Amos, 33 SLA, 34 Cha.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, May 21



65°F mostly sunny
60% chance showers/thunderstorms

Saturday, May 22



72°F sunny
20% chance showers/thunderstorms

Sunday, May 23



67°F sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

