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TRIBAL RADIO

KSUT turns 45, celebrates with classic music

Staff report

KSUT

KSUT is celebrating 45 years on the air. The Southern Ute Tribe was one of the earliest pioneers of Native American radio. When KSUT signed on for the first time on June 14, 1976, it was one of only eight tribal stations in the country.

Long time board member and station volunteer Eddie Box, Jr. reflects back on 45 years: The station came to life as a communications service for tribal members. Originally, the signal covered Ignacio and part of the Pine River Valley. Programming was mostly in the Ute language and included cultural affairs, community news, personal messages, traditional Native American music, and rock and popular music.

A growing demand for public radio in the Four Corners presented KSUT with an opportunity. In 1984 the station’s board of directors voted to expand the station’s broadcast appeal and area. It became an affiliate of both National Public Radio and American Public Radio and added a variety of diverse music programming to the lineup.

While the station’s success as a regional public radio service was apparent, it still needed to serve its original mission as a tribal radio service.

In June of 1998, KSUT returned to its roots by splitting into two signals and launching Southern Ute Tribal Radio. It offers Na-



courtesy KSUT

KSUT went on the air June 14, 1976, one of the first eight tribal radio stations in the United States. KSUT had only a 10 watt signal that could be heard for about 20 miles, and broadcast only four hours a day. Lillian Seibel, KSUT’s first station manager, recalls: “People appreciated [KSUT] right from the beginning. It was exciting for them to hear native music.”

tive American programming daily, and simulcasts the other signal, Four Corners Public Radio the remainder of the time. Programming, like the days of its roots, includes culture, news, and both Native American and popular music, as well as special tribal meetings, Ignacio High School sports, and other events. Recent new projects include storytelling initiatives Native Lens, and Native Braids. Tribal Radio is an affiliate of NativeVoice.

Tribal Radio is heard at 91.3 FM in Southwest Colorado serving Southern Ute and Jicarilla Apache Tribal Lands; and at 89.7 FM serving Northwest New Mexico and Navajo Tribal Lands; and 100.9 Towaoc, serving the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

Four Corners Public Radio serves 14 communities in the Four Corners, includ-

ing: Durango, Silverton, Cortez, Mancos, and Pagosa Springs — Colorado; Aztec, Bloomfield and Farmington — New Mexico; and parts of northeast Arizona and southeast Utah. The station airs news, eclectic music, entertainment, storytelling, and documentary programming, and is an affiliate of NPR, the BBC, American Public Media, and Public Radio International. KSUT is the Four Corners’ home for popular public radio programs such as Morning Edition, All Things Considered, Fresh Air, Wait, Wait Don’t Tell Me!, This American Life, and others.

The station broadcasts from its new studios in the Eddie Box, Jr. Media Center in Ignacio, Colo.

To hear the full interview with Eddie Box Jr., slideshow of vintage photos, visit [www.KSUT.org](http://www.KSUT.org).



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

State-of-the-art heat sensing infrared cameras have been installed to monitor guests and employees entering into the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The new cameras are just one of the many protocols in place throughout the Casino – from mandatory temperature checks to hand sanitizing stations – to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

CASINO

Sky Ute Casino Resort expanding services, hiring staff

By Jeremy Wade Shockley

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Sky Ute Casino Resort reopened its doors in April, following a yearlong shutdown. While still not operating at full capacity, the list of expanded services and venues are opening up quickly. Meanwhile the Casino is racing to fill employment positions left vacant by the pandemic closures.

“If you’re a tribal member interested in getting into the Casino – as a career path – this is the time to do it,” emphasized the Casino’s Assistant General Manager in Training, Andrea Taylor, although employment opportunities are not limited to tribal members. The RV Park and hotel rooms opened to the general public in mid-May. The Casino floor opened with a planned phased re-opening for the tribal membership mid-April, a VIP guest list followed, then the general public. The Rolling Thunder bowling lanes opened May 19.

“We have two private banquets scheduled at the events center, Music in the Mountains and the Safari Club,” Taylor said. “Those are the first two we are going to have on the books.

The energy is starting to pick up, we are getting more and more customers. I know that we are looking to open up Seven Rivers [Restaurant] soon and the table games.”

“Technically we could open the hotel to 100%, we are authorized by the IMT, but we lack the staff to fully open,” Taylor said.

The Casino has 30 different departments to work in, such as: AV, Food & Beverage, Marketing, Maintenance, Hotel Operations, Purchasing, Accounting, Slot Floor, and Sportsbook.

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McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Lexy Young and Kalynn Weaver trace outlines of faces and names that are etched into the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall. Southern Ute Drum Reporter/Photographer, McKayla Lee earned Second Place for Best Photo Essay – “Students stay Close Up in D.C.”

MEDIA AWARDS

Drum staff earns top honors from CPA & SPJ

Recognized for excellence in ‘Photography & Design’

By Jeremy Wade Shockley

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Each spring the Colorado Press Association (CPA) and the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) recognize newspapers, editors and journalists for their hard work and dedication over the previous year’s news cycle. While the pandemic upended most newsrooms, pa-

pers shifted the focus to bring coronavirus coverage to our communities in the year 2020, notable journalism emerged out of it all — for many the news cycle became more paramount than ever before. Social media channels brought grass roots coverage to communities, while in depth reporting in Colorado touched on everything from mental health to

wolf reintroduction – while staying on top of coronavirus news and information.

The Southern Ute Drum earned a total of 12 media awards combined from the SPJ and CPA media competitions. Additionally, the Colorado Press Association contest judges recognized the Southern Ute Drum for

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FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Southern Ute Reservation Initiates Stage I Fire Restrictions

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE BIA FIRE OFFICE

Due to the current high temperatures, dry fuel conditions and the occurrence of recent wildland fires, Stage I fire restrictions have been implemented for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Everyone on reservation land is asked to be very cautious and use common sense with fire this time of year.

Stage I Fire Restrictions prohibits acts for the general public, commercial operators and industrial oil and gas operators performing work on the Southern Ute Reservation.

The following acts are prohibited for the general

public on reservation lands:

- 1. OPEN BURNING.** Burning of trash and/or yard waste is prohibited.
- 2. AGRICULTURAL BURNING.** Burning of crop land, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning are prohibited.
- 3. CAMP FIRES.** Building, maintaining or using a warming fire or campfire outside of officially designated or developed camp sites is prohibited. The fire restrictions do not include charcoal fires (in suitable containers) for barbeques or fires for sweat ceremonies,

however, such fires are not to be left unattended and are to be fully extinguished after use.

- 4. FIREWORKS.** Possession, discharging or use of any type of fireworks is prohibited.

Commercial and Industrial restrictions can be obtained from the BIA Fire Office at 575 County Road 517 or by calling 970-563-4571.

Anyone violating the provisions of this fire ban may be subject to prosecution outlined in the Southern Ute Indian Criminal Code.

The Restrictions will become effective at 6 a.m., June 16, 2021, and will remain until conditions improve.

SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT



Fire Conditions are:

VERY HIGH

PREVENT WILDFIRES ON OUR RESERVATION





courtesy Justin Gilbert

Justin Gilbert, owner of Kuvua Design.

## STRATIGIC PLANNING Tribal member small business spotlight: Justin Gilbert

*Kuvua Design: Tempe, Ariz.*

By Trae Seibel  
SMALL BUSINESS SPECIALIST

### What is your name and who are your parents?

My name is Justin Gilbert and I am the son of Karen Gilbert and Daniel Gilbert.

### What is your small business? (Name, services, industry)

My business name is Kuvua Design which helps Native American business owners and tribes build an identity for their businesses and help with design. Designing graphics for logos, packaging, letterheads, business cards, layout design, typography and color theory.

### What inspired you to start your own small business?

I think what inspired me to make my own business is that I wanted to give back. I feel that our tribe has really done so much to help me build the skills I have today and in turn I want to help other people and businesses be the best they can be. I may not be home all the time, but I really want to elevate our people and I feel I can do that through design.

### What have been some of the challenges you've encountered in building your business?



Designing seems like the easier part of my business. It's finding out all the other areas that are the most difficult. Like learning about taxes and licenses and what type of business to open up.

### What is your vision for your business and how would you like to see it grow?

I would like to see my business designing for tribes across the nation. Not only designing for tribes but representing our tribe in established companies like Nike. Maybe someday having our own clothing line.

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

Having a CPA who might be able to give advice on taxes and payroll related questions.

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

Don't wait – just start it. It seems like when you get the wheels rolling it helps you keep going.

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

You can support my business by coming to visit my website at [www.kuvuadesign.com](http://www.kuvuadesign.com). I have shirts and stickers available for sale or if you could please share my Instagram and Facebook with our sister tribes. I would like to reach them as well.



## Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Southern Ute tribal member and heritage dancer Alexandra Roubideaux walks off the tarmac at the Durango-La Plata County Airport in the company of her father, Michael, following a dance performance in honor of American Airline's inaugural flight into town on Thursday, June 9. The airline now offers direct flights to and from Dallas. This photo was first published in the June 17, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Shay Phillips, Shaniqua Owens, Sapphire Burch, Hailey Herrera and Tasha Herrera listen as La Titia Taylor explains some of the characteristics of mushrooms and how to recognize whether they're poisonous. Shelia Ryder of Environmental Programs observes. This photo was published in the June 15, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Mike Olguin and Alden Naranjo (above) of the Wildlife Conservation Department teamed up to defeat representatives from 47 other tribes at a National Shoot-Out Competition in Bar Harbor, Maine. Olguin and Naranjo, along with Larson Panzy and John Lucero of the Jicarilla Apache Tribe and Jackie House of the Ute Mountain Tribe, competed at the ninth annual Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Conference on May 20. They represented the Southwest Regional Team. This was Olguin's third year in a row to participate on a championship team. "We were confident even before the competition that we'd do well," he said. This photo was published in the June 14, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

Grand Champion Marilyn Lindley of Alamogordo, N.M., took first place in the Ignacio Ol' Time Fiddling Contest held June 13 at the Community Center. This photo was published in the June 19, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

TREASURER'S  
PANA-QARU 'URU  
APAGHARU



Tribal Council Treasurer Marjorie Barry has shared the Pana-qaru 'uru 'apagharu "Money Talks" Quarterly Report on the Tribal Member Portal.

A hard copy version will be mailed to every tribal member household. To request a digital version, please contact Tribal Council Communication Specialist, Ms. Lindsay J. Box at 970.563.2313 or via email at [lbox@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbox@southernute-nsn.gov).



Photo Credit | Jeremy Wade Shockley, Southern Ute Drum





courtesy History Colorado

The San Andres Avelino Church in Archuleta County, part of a 2019 grant for Hispano Settlements along the San Juan River. Photo: Ruth Lambert; Chimney Rock National Monument in the San Juan National Forest, part of a 2016 grant for an ethnographic research project with 17 Native American tribes.

## HISTORY COLORADO

# More than \$3M in preservation grants offered by State Historical Fund

*New grants encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion*

### Staff report

#### HISTORY COLORADO

The application period for the next round of funding from the nation's largest historic preservation program of its kind is now underway in Colorado. The History Colorado State Historical Fund (SHF) awards grants funded by limited-stakes gaming to foster historic preservation and support vibrant communities in all 64 counties of the Centennial State. The SHF estimates it will award at least \$3 million to state-wide projects in the current grant round, with individual grant amounts totaling up to \$250,000. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to view important dates and guidelines for this grant round, learn how to submit a Letter of Intent, and apply for grants before the August 1 deadline via [historycolorado.org/state-historical-fund](https://historycolorado.org/state-historical-fund).

Following a teamwide effort to better align the grant-making process with History Colorado's Grounding Virtues, new considerations for diversity, equity, and inclusion now inform the application and evaluation process for all SHF grants. A new section of the SHF application asks applicants to discuss how their prospective grant project was created with, by, and for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. Projects serving these communities can benefit from new, lower cash-match requirements, reducing or eliminating additional fundraising burdens for those seeking grants.

These improvements take place amid stark inequities in historic preservation in Colorado and beyond. As of 2020, only eight percent of the properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places relate to underrepresented communities and/or women nationwide, according to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Only two percent relate explicitly to Black history. Here in Colorado, of the approximately 1,500 properties in this state listed by the National Register, less than five percent are directly related to the history of women and underrepresented communities.

History Colorado will publish its federally mandated 2030 Historic Preservation Plan this year. Its next decade of service will build beyond a dynamic his-



courtesy History Colorado

Surrounded by the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Chimney Rock National Monument is the site of a 1,000-year-old Ancestral Puebloan settlement. Anthropological Research LLC received a \$178,391 grant in 2016 for an ethnographic research project with 17 Native American tribes with historic connections to the area.



courtesy Ruth Lambert

These church ruins are part of a grant for Hispano Settlements along the San Juan River. San Juan Mountains Association received a grant for \$34,941 in 2019.

tory of economic impact to seek new heights of social and environmental accountability. The plan sets a bold vision for an equitable and just preservation ethic where all of Colorado's voices help drive the conversation about what is significant and preserved through the stories and places they care about.

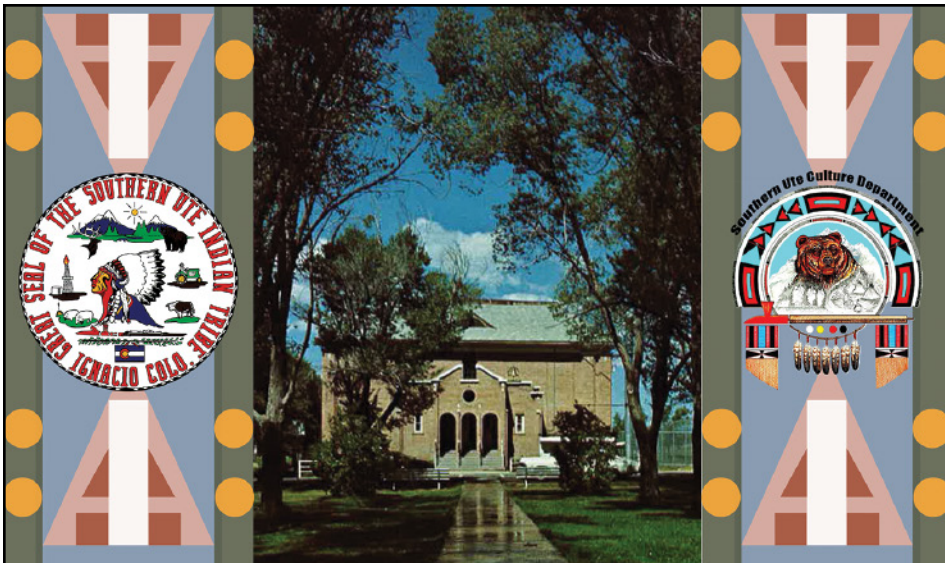
"Looking back at more than \$2 billion of economic impact on our state generated by the State Historical Fund over 30 years, we see the power that historic preservation plays in stimulating the economies of Colorado's communities," said Chris Bowles, Director of Preservation Incentives Programs and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer. "Unfortunately, we can also see that these benefits have been unequally distributed. As we continuously strive to be honorable stewards of public money, it is essential that we address the imbalance from here on out by working to repair historic inequalities and improve the vitality of as many communities as possible in Colorado. We are eager to achieve this through new adjustments to our grant process, and also through conversations with communities to generate locally meaningful projects and help us reimagine what caring for treasured places

should look like."

SHF awarded more than 100 grants statewide in 2020 amid 244 active projects in 55 Colorado counties at year's end. The fund also launched a new series of non-competitive grants and a new SHF guidebook this year, available on the SHF website.

A yearlong 30th-anniversary exhibit, titled State Historical Fund Retrospective, opened at the History Colorado Center this spring and remains on view through April 30, 2022. Featured projects include Dearfield in Weld County, which is a farm community founded in 1910 that is the only remaining Colorado example of the national African American colonization movement inspired by Booker T. Washington, and the Granada Relocation Center in southeast Colorado – which is better known by its postal designation, "Amache" – where Japanese American citizens and Japanese Nationals living in the United States were incarcerated during World War II.

Currently the subject of legislation that would make it part of the National Park System, Amache has received more than a dozen grants from the State Historical Fund for physical restoration and reconstruction of the site over the last two decades.



## 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.

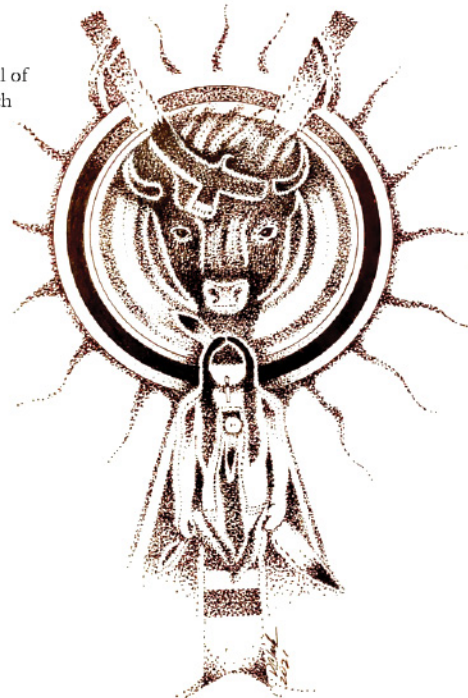
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**Deadline to complete the final survey will be  
Monday, June 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

### 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

### The Southern Ute TAGU-WUNI ~ SUN DANCE



**Ignacio, CO • July 9-10-11-12 2021**

Sun Dance Chief: Byron Frost  
**All Drums and Dancers are welcome!**

Because of the sacred nature and solemnity of the Sun Dance, the following rules of good manners and decorum should be observed by all:

1. The entrance of the medicine lodge should have a clear passage at all times. Children should not be allowed to play around the medicine lodge.
2. Women on their menstrual cycle are not permitted near the medicine lodge, due to the sacredness of the Ceremony.
3. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the Sun Dance grounds.
4. Cameras, tape-recorders, food and water are not allowed in the area of the medicine lodge.
5. No metal chairs allowed inside the medicine lodge.
6. No CELL PHONES allowed inside or near the medicine lodge.
7. Masks are encouraged at campsites and medicine lodge.
8. Please social distance at the medicine lodge.

**NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS OR LOSS OF PROPERTY**

For more information please contact:

Sun Dance Chief Byron Frost at (970) 946-4061





## HEALTHY RECIPES

### Try these healthy fresh summer vegetable dips

*Lisa Smith, RDN*  
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS

It makes eating those amazing veggies easy for everyone and they only take five minutes to prepare! You can also experiment with different herbs and spices as well as other ingredients to make you own special dip, too.

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



courtesy Forks Over Knives

#### Homemade Hummus

- 1 15 oz. can garbanzo beans (chickpeas), drained
- 1-2 tablespoons tahini (optional but good!)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/2 easpoon salt
- 2-3 tablespoons warm water

Place all ingredients in a food processor and puree until smooth. Add warm water as needed for desired consistency. Adjust to taste. Makes 2 cups

#### Yogurt-Tahini Dip

- 1/2 cup Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 Tbs. tahini

- 2 Tbs. fresh lemon juice
  - 1 small clove garlic, finely minced
  - 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- Whisk all ingredients together in a small bowl. Adjust to taste. Makes 1 cup

#### Summer Dill-Veggie Dip

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
  - 1/2 cup Greek yogurt
  - 1 teaspoon dried dill (1T fresh dill)
  - 1 teaspoon dried parsley (1T fresh parsley)
  - 1 teaspoon onion powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon lemon juice
  - 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- Place all ingredients in a bowl and whisk until smooth. Adjust to taste. Makes 1 cup

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### BEE HEARD: Healthy social media habits

*By Precious Collins*  
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

#### Socially Connected

Some may remember when we used to pass notes in school or call our friends from the land line to stay connected. A lot has changed since those days and there have been some negative side effects resulting from our heavy reliance on social media to keep us connected these days. There have been countless studies that show how social media without limits negatively affects our mental wellness. People have experienced an increase in stress, anxiety, depression and even FOMO! Which means “fear of missing out” who those like myself had to ask a younger person for clarification.

It’s important to understand how social media is or has affected our lives, especially our mental wellness. First, we need to be honest about what apps we use, how much of our day we’re on them, and how we interact with people while we’re on them. Maybe ask yourself, “why am I on social media? Am I connecting positively with others?”

#### Social Media and Your Brain

According to Majid Fotuhi’s, “What Social Media Does to Your Brain”, too much time on social media may just seem like a bad habit, but it is also important to recognize that excess time spent on social media can change the structure of the brain.

Research shows that cognitive function, or how your brain works, can be negatively impacted by overuse of social media. Part of the design of popular social media platforms such as Instagram, Twitter, Tick Tock, etc. is that there is always new content to discover. At the hit of your refresh button



you can see the newest post every second when someone you follow updates their profile with a new photo or video. This is activating the reward part of your brain that releases dopamine (a.k.a. the feel-good neurotransmitter). This is like how the brain works with other forms of addiction as well, i.e. gambling, substance use, etc. (Fotuhi, 2020). The makers of these platforms know this, and strategically use it to keep you invested.

Not only can social media become addictive, but it can also decrease your attention span (by shrinking part of the brain that associated with maintaining focus), ability to perform on tests, and memory (Fotuhi, 2020).

There are many positive things that come from social media, but just like most things a good rule of thumb is “everything in moderation,” particularly when it comes to how this impacts our brain and in turn our mental health.

#### Yes, social media can be addictive!

Just like some experience addictions with alcohol, marijuana, nicotine, or even gambling, social media can also be addictive. We don’t realize the psychological hold social media and apps can have on our ability to stay focused, stay asleep, or even concentrate at work or school.

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division encourages you to re-evaluate your social media habits and

think about spending one hour less every day on social media, or take a “social media” break, or set time limits on your phone. To fill your non-social media time, think about maybe spending time with friends offline or learn a new hands-on skill, or just spend some time solely dedicated to you. Whatever you choose, just know that you are breaking the hold that social media has on you and your mental wellbeing.

Feel free to contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division for more tips or mental health services at 970-563-5700. We would love to talk to you and your family about staying mentally healthy.

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

### Bayfield seeking volunteers and parade entries

The Town of Bayfield is seeking volunteer and parade entries along food and merchandise vendors for the 114th Fourth of July celebration, on Sunday, July 4, 2021. Three-hour volunteer shifts are available for a variety of jobs. Parade and vendor entry forms are available at Bayfield Town Hall, 1199 Bayfield Parkway. To volunteer or receive a parade or vendor form, email: events@bayfieldgov.org. Questions can be directed to 970-884-9544 ext. 103.



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**

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## 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.

### 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.

- **SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER (CLINIC):** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Closed 12 to 1 p.m. (Lunch).
  - **COVID-19 TESTING:** Mon. to Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - **LAB HOURS:** Mon. to Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - **PHARMACY:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Only window service will be offered. No Pharmacy access from inside the clinic.
  - **NURSING VISITS:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Appointment only. NO WALK-INS!
  - **DENTAL:** Mon., – Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 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.

## 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.
- **Join the We R Native:** Join the movement by liking them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/weRnative) , signing up for the text messaging service (text NATIVE to 24587).

## UPCOMING TRAINING OR EVENTS

### Native Men’s Wellness Training

A virtual training presented by the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division and the Native Wellness Institute for Native American men. Please join us on Tuesday, June 22 at 2 p.m. for two hours to discuss what wellness means and looks like for Native American men. Open to all Native American men. For more information, please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division 970-563-5700.

### Unveiling of the Ute Resilience Youth Art Mural

We welcome you to come by the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building between noon – 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 24 to celebrate the completion of the Rise Above Youth Resilience Project “Ute Resilience.” Light snacks will be provided. The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building is located at: 4101 CR 222, Durango, Colo. (old sand and gravel building). See you there! Call us at 970-563-5700 if you need directions.







DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY

StrongHearts Native Helpline releases ‘Chat Advocacy’ app report

**Staff report**  
**STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE**

In May 2020, StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) introduced online chat advocacy. The service was precipitated by an urgent need that StrongHearts noted as victim-survivors of domestic, dating and sexual violence were having to shelter-in-place with their abusive partners during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Chat advocacy users connect with a highly-trained advocate in a free, anonymous and confidential one-on-one chat session. There is no need to download an app or any software to use it. Users simply click the Chat Now icon on the StrongHearts website. Chat advocacy also increased accessibility for individuals who may be hearing impaired or those who may be uncomfortable or unable to vocalize a call for support. In 2021, the service became available 24/7.

“I so appreciated this chat feature,” noted one chat user. “It looks like I’m

texting a friend so I feel safe to do it.”

Based on chats documented during the first 12 months of chat advocacy from May 18, 2020 to May 16, 2021, StrongHearts Native Helpline answered a total of 942 chats from across the United States. Chat users are primarily working age Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) victim-survivors seeking help during the day when they may be away from their abusive partner and have more access to a computer or smartphone. Eighty-one

percent of chat users found StrongHearts through a search engine, such as Google or social media.

“This report reflects only data that was self-disclosed by chat users and does not necessarily represent every contact to StrongHearts Native Helpline,” said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). “However, our report strongly indicates that chat advocacy is a much-needed service for our Native American and Alaska Native relatives.”

Additional report findings

Who is using chat advocacy?

- 62% are IPV victim-survivors
- 26% are sexual violence victim-survivors
- 12% are non-IPV victim-survivors

What are chat users’ ages?

- 41% are aged 34-51
- 37% are aged 22-33
- 18% are aged 13-21
- 4% are ages 52+

What do Native victim-survivor chat users need?

- 70% peer support
- 30% shelter
- 28% legal advocacy

MENTAL HEALTH

My experience with gaslighting

**By Diane Pavlat**  
**STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE**

I was pregnant with our first child when I drove him to the doctor’s office. He said that he broke his ankle when he jumped down from the back of his truck and rolled his foot. The nurse came in and examined his ankle. She explained that the break likely occurred when the other man in the altercation kicked him. Tears rushing to my eyes, the nurse looked at me and said, “Don’t worry, he’s going to be fine.”

My tears were not for his well-being and he knew it. They were for the instant betrayal I felt when I realized he had lied to me. Little did I know the extent to which his lies would permeate every aspect of our lives.

What is Gaslighting?

A common technique of abusers, dictators, narcissists and cult leaders alike, “gaslighting” is an abuse tactic in which a person gains power by making a victim question reality. Abusers refuse responsibility for any wrongdoing and instead blame their victim. It is often difficult for victims to recognize the abuse.

ADHD and Gaslighting

I live with ADHD or Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder which is a neurodevelopmental disorder that causes the person to have trouble paying attention (to details) and controlling impulsive behaviors like shopping. A person with ADHD often forgets or loses things. They have a hard time resisting temptation and tend to take unnecessary risks. I’ve learned, these traits are exploitable.

According to Dr. Stephanie Sarkis - people suffering this disorder are especially vulnerable to a person with a narcissistic personality - one who tends to be selfish with a sense of entitlement. A narcissist has an inflated ego with a deep need for attention and admiration. Dr. Sarkis describes the gaslighter as a constant liar and master of deception.



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Native Helpline  
1-844-7NATIVE

They deny wrongdoing and use what is near and dear to you as ammunition.

In my case, my abuser became excessively jealous of our son. He treated him poorly and at times, put him in harm’s way. He did it to spite me, to scare me and to show me that in his household, he was in control. He even admitted when our son was just six months old that he was starting to hate him because I loved him so much. He said it was unfair that his own mother didn’t love him like I loved our son. At the time, I was busy being a mom and didn’t see it as a manipulation meant to garner my attention.

They Called Me Crazy

Gaslighters are masters at manipulation and finding the people they know will stand by them no matter what, such as a parent. They turn people against you. You may start to doubt who to trust and that’s exactly what the gaslighter wants because isolating you gives them more control.

They tell you and/or others that you are crazy. This is one of the most effective tools of the gaslighter. The gaslighter knows if they question your sanity, people will not believe you when you tell them the gaslighter is abusive. I didn’t know that his family called me, “Crazy,” but in retrospect, it was crazy to love a man who could in one breath make me feel like no else mattered and in the next like I wasn’t worth a dime. (Read more about Project-lying and Cheating, Love

Bombing and Devaluing in the full story at [strongheartshelpline.org](https://strongheartshelpline.org))

Food For The Soul and Recovery

Over time, a victim of gaslighting may start to believe that they cannot trust themselves, or that they have a mental health disorder. They may have anxiety, depression, isolation, confusion and psychological trauma. The long-term impact on someone’s mental health and self-esteem is often devastating, but there are ways to cope.

Recovering from gaslighting takes time. Victims should never blame themselves. You are not responsible for the abusive behavior.

For me, my healing takes place when I travel to distant places and see beautiful things. I call it food for the soul. I find peace in my visits to the Redwoods in northern California. The trees have lived for more than a thousand years. My ancestors – who were once free to roam the continent – saw these very same trees. I feel whole when standing among the Redwoods of Stout Grove.

Find food for your soul. Practice listening to your thoughts, feelings. Learn to trust your instincts again. To read the full story, visit StrongHearts Native Helpline’s website at [strongheartshelpline.org](https://strongheartshelpline.org). Advocates are available 24/7 to chat online or call/text 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483).

There is more to this story. Read it here: <https://strongheartshelpline.org/stories/my-experience-with-gaslighting>

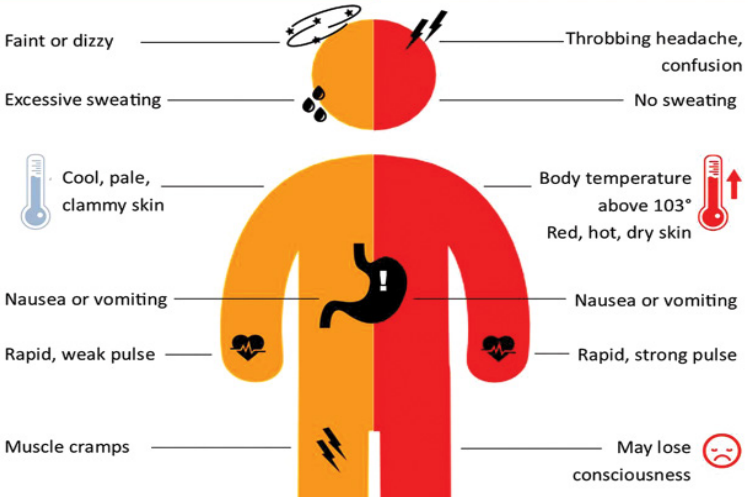
# KNOW THE SIGNS

AND STAY SAFE DURING EXTREME HEAT

HEAT EXHAUSTION

OR

HEAT STROKE



- Faint or dizzy
- Excessive sweating
- Cool, pale, clammy skin
- Nausea or vomiting
- Rapid, weak pulse
- Muscle cramps


- Throbbing headache, confusion
- No sweating
- Body temperature above 103°
- Red, hot, dry skin
- Nausea or vomiting
- Rapid, strong pulse
- May lose consciousness

- Get to a cooler, air conditioned place
- Drink water if fully conscious
- Take a cool shower or use cold compresses

## CALL 9-1-1

- Move person to cooler place
- Cool using cool cloths or bath
- Do not give anything to drink

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Audio Conference Number: 1-415-655-0003  
Audio Access Code\*: 145 935 5686

\*Event Registration is REQUIRED to verify Tribal Membership status.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT THE SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION  
970.563.5700 OR EMAIL: [PRCOLLINS@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV](mailto:PRCOLLINS@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV)

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# Program begins August 23

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**Bethany Powell at 970.385.2098**

**Pueblo Southwest Community College**

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. To make a request, please notify the PCC Disability Resources Center at (719) 549-3446 or [Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu) at least five (5) working days before the event.





## 114th Bayfield Fourth of July Celebration, July 4

Parade and vendor applications are now available for the 114th Bayfield Fourth of July celebration, Sun., July 4. Pick up applications in-person at Town Hall, Mon. – Thur., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and on Fri., from 9 a.m. – noon. On-line applications at <https://townofbayfield.colorado.gov/>. Parade entries, \$30. Food vendor permits begin at \$75. Merchandise vendors, \$50. All permits need to be returned on or before 4 p.m., Thur., June 24. No refunds will be available. Parade will begin at noon. Public advised to arrive early for parking and shuttles. Portions of the Buck Highway and Bayfield Parkway will be closed 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mill Street will be closed the entire day.

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## Basic Computer Skills Classes

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Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm  
June 15 - July 8

Call or email for details and registration:

970-385-4354

[info@durangoadulted.org](mailto:info@durangoadulted.org)

Classes will be held at the  
Durango Adult Education Center  
701 Camino del Rio, Suite 301  
Durango  
(Commons Building next to Albertsons)

Live "virtual" classes at  
Pagosa Springs Library &  
Bayfield PCC  
(no evening class in Bayfield)



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## Multi-Purpose Facility Tribal Member June Craft Project



**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**

**Call to request your kit: 970-563-2641**  
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**Kits will be available on Monday June 7, 2021**  
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## SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI ACADEMY

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### 2021-2022 School Calendar

275 Mouache Circle, P.O. Box 737 ms52  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
Phone: (970) 563-0253 Fax: (970) 563-3695

Aug 16	Staff Returns
Aug 26	Back to School - Open House
Aug 30	1st Day for Students
Sep 6	Labor Day - No School
Sep 11	So. Ute Tribal Fair Parade
Oct 25-28	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct 29	No School - (in lieu of P/T Conferences)
Nov 11-12	Veterans Day - No School
Nov 17	End of First Trimester
Nov 17	Thanksgiving Meal
Nov 22-26	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 1	Progress Reports Sent Home
Dec 10	LCB Day - No School
Dec 11	Tribal Christmas Program
Dec 20-31	Christmas Break
Jan 3	Students and Staff Return
Jan 17	MLK Jr. Day - No School
Feb 14-17	Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb 18	No School - (in lieu of P/T Conferences)
Feb 21	Presidents Day - No School
Mar 2	End of Second Trimester
Mar 14	Progress Reports Sent Home
Mar 21-25	Spring Break
Apr 22	PDD Day - No School for Students
May 26	End of Third Trimester
May 26	Transition Ceremony
May 27	Bear Dance - 1/2 Day for Students
Jun 1	Last Day for Staff
Jun 1	Progress Reports Sent Home

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\* PAG and Family Nights to be scheduled along with several additional school activities

No School  
Early Release

PDD (Professional Development Day) No School  
Transitional Ceremony

Parent Teacher Conferences  
First & Last Day of School

## Join us and learn American Sign Language at PCC Southwest

Learn ASL from the comfort of your home **Thursday nights from 6-8 pm.** Remote learning is ideal for community members.

You can work with our instructor individually and with classmates, just as if you were in a traditional classroom setting.

Note: Students must have a computer, camera, and Internet to attend PCC remote classes.

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Remote learning class: ASL 101 60H, Thursdays from 6-8 pm  
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TEEN EMPOWERMENT

# Celebrating youth resilience in Southwest Colorado

Staff report  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

A new five-county public art campaign kicked off in Pagosa Springs, aims to empower teens to lead a drug-free lifestyle and educate adults on teen drug use. San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is pleased to partner with Rise Above Colorado, an organization collaborating with public health leaders in five counties in Southwest Colorado to elevate youth voices and behavioral health through public art. Rise Above Colorado is a state-wide drug-prevention organization providing Colorado’s teens with information, resources, and healthy lifestyle alternatives to help them choose a life free of drug abuse.

Funded through a grant provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s (CDPHE) Office of Public Health Practice, Planning, and Local Partnerships, this is a first of its kind initiative involving teens in five Southwest Colorado counties.

The initiative works with public health departments and local partners to paint murals connected by the theme of ‘resilience’ and the ‘#IRiseAbove’ hashtag that celebrates the positive healthy choices youth make. This work coincides with Rise Above Colorado’s ‘Fill Your World with Good’ campaign, which highlights research showing that most Colorado teens aren’t using drugs and are choosing instead to embrace things like art and community building.

The campaign’s inaugural event took place in Pagosa Springs on Tuesday, June 8, in partnership with SJBPH.

Followed by the remaining four counties listed here:

- **Ignacio:** June 12-15



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Shayne White Thunder adds color to the mural in the new Behavioral Health Building on Tuesday, June 15.

- in partnership with SJBPH and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- **Montezuma County:** June 18-21 in partnership with Montezuma County Public Health
  - **Dolores County:** June 22-25 in partnership with Dolores County Public Health
  - **Silverton:** June 28-July 1 in partnership with San Juan County Public Health

“The people that live in Southwest Colorado are incredibly resilient, whether facing challenges like drought or a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic,” said Adrian Uzunian, SJBPH’s Director of Public Health Innovation. “After a challenging year, we hope these murals provide an outlet for youth to interpret what resilience means to them and

to give them the space to remind community members where our strength lies.”

The ominous news cycles of the last year have been hard on everyone but particularly on young people. Painting murals with the theme of resilience highlights a positive characteristic of our region and gives local teens an outlet to express themselves through art. The content and themes that will be depicted in the murals come directly from local youth who will be active participants in the painting of each piece of art.

To learn more about Rise Above Colorado, please visit <https://www.riseaboveco.org/>. Rise Above Colorado will be releasing more details about the unveiling of the murals and its ‘Fill Your World with Good’ campaign as additional community events are announced on social media (@riseaboveco).



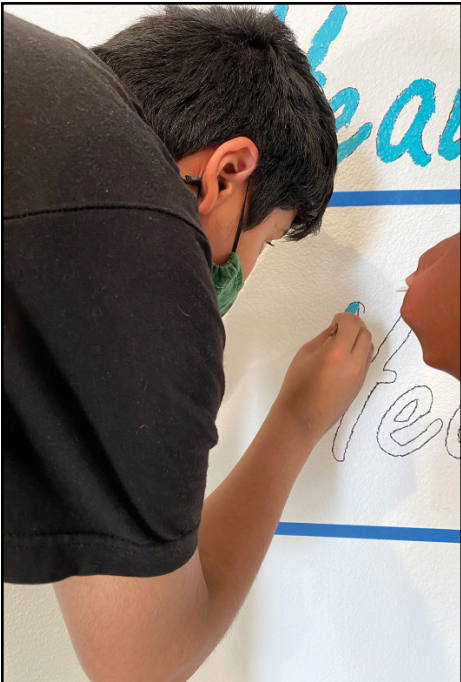
courtesy Johnathan Judge

Elisia Cruz, Serifina Chakee, Cyrus Naranjo and Andre Bluestar-Baker proudly stand in front of the finished mural. An official unveiling will be held in Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building, Thursday, June 24 between noon - 2 p.m. (See flyer below for more information.)



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Johnathan Judge, of Denver, sharpens the outlines of the mural. Judge is also the Director of Youth Engagement at Rise Above Colorado.



courtesy Johnathan Judge

Vincent Naranjo, with a steady hand, paints the lettering portion of the mural “Healthy Minds, Healthy Choices, Healthy Utes.”



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Aeden Valdez-Baker adds his own touches of earth tones to the mural.



courtesy Johnathan Judge

Front to back: Cyrus Naranjo, Vincent Naranjo, Elisia Cruz and John James Knight apply the first layers of color to the mural.

UTE RESILIENCE

THE SOUTHERN UTE NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM, RISE ABOVE COLORADO AND THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENT TO YOU THE "UTE RESILIENCE" YOUTH ART MURAL!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME SEE THE FINISHED YOUTH ART MURAL

Thurs. June 24 between 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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At the NEW Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building located at (old sand & gravel): 4101 CR 222 Durango, Co 81303

native CONNECTIONS

RISE ABOVE COLORADO



## KSUT's first live performance



courtesy KSUT

As the official first in-studio performance in KSUT's Eddie Box Jr. Media Center, A Song Writer's Circle featuring Thom Chacon, Anthony D'Amato, and Daniel Rodriguez, in the new KSUT performance studio. Stay-tuned for more live music and in-studio performances from KSUT!



## did you know?

The summer solstice will occur on June 20, 2021 and is the longest day of the year.



Source: [https://www.weather.gov/abq/clifeatures\\_summersolstice](https://www.weather.gov/abq/clifeatures_summersolstice)

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division General Assistance Program Manager, Jeff Seebach at 970-563-2272 or [jseebach@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jseebach@southernute-nsn.gov) with any questions, comments or concerns.

Scholarships are available for the 2021-2022 academic year

## Southern Ute Scholarship Program

Certificate, Associate, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is 5:00 PM July 1st 2021
- Part-time scholarships are also available-Due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Scholarship applications are now on-line
- Find it on the Tribal Website in the Education Department

Southern Ute Education Department  
330 Burns Ave. Ignacio, CO 81137



For more information: Michael Kirsch-  
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## PERMANENT FUND

# Monte enters retirement after years of service

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Former Southern Ute Payroll Specialist, Stephanie Monte retired from her position with the Payroll Department on Friday, May 21. Monte has worked for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe since the early 1970's, her first job was at the old Casino as a lifeguard. Most recently she has worked in the Finance and Payroll Departments, handling tribal disbursements and employee paychecks.

Monte was born and raised in Ignacio, Colo. "I went to school in Ignacio, from kindergarten to high school and eventually made my way into business school in Colorado Springs," Monte said. After returning from

business school she started working in Durango, Colo. at a local bank where she met her late husband Victor Monte. They married in 1977 and started their family together on the Southern Ute Reservation.

"Everybody has been so supportive of my decision to retire - I do miss all my fellow employees already but we stay in contact," Monte stated. "I eventually want to return to work but who knows when that will be, for now I am going to take care of my family and home."

Monte has spent the early part of her retirement getting her field ready for irrigation. "I now have the time to grow some hay - I have some high expectations for myself, but a day's work is a day's work and I am just

trying to keep busy."

"We were all so close in that building (Leonard C. Burch Administration Building) and it was hard for me to make the decision to leave, but I don't regret it. Sometimes you have to do what's good for you even if it's difficult," Monte reflected.

Now that Monte is no longer with the payroll department, all payroll related questions and concerns are currently being directed to Tina Velasquez, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis.

"Stephanie has been such a valuable and integral part of the Payroll team and she will be sorely missed - we are all genuinely thankful to have had the opportunity to work with Stephanie, and know her as a friend," Velasquez shared.

## CASINO EXPANDS SERVICES • FROM PAGE 1

Casino full time positions all include 401K, health benefits, life insurance, paid time off (PTO), and opportunities for career advancement. Job listings are available on the Sky Ute Casino Resort webpage, as well as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's home page.

"Tribal member training is available if they call Human Resources Dept," Taylor explained. "Tribal members can be trained as they go. Day shifts are available, weekend work is incentivized by tips. [There are] great opportunities for tribal members right now. We offer competitive wages with other casinos in the Four Corners region," she added. "Incentives include bonuses for room attendants if they go above and beyond."

The Sky Ute Casino Resort has implemented state-of-the-art technology to ensure that both guests and employees are thoroughly screened for Covid-19 symptoms to ensure that the Casino is a safe, risk free environment. Thermal imaging cameras have been installed at the main entrance, scanning body temperature

of guests as they arrive. Individual temperature checks and hand sanitization is required at the door.

"We have an 85% vaccination rate among employees, and new protocols in place [throughout the casino]," Taylor said. "We've instituted every covid cleaning protocol possible. Employees, vendors and guests all go through the same thorough screening process."

The Casino has also implemented software to help enable social distancing on the large gaming floor, where patrons are allowed to move about freely. "We have a system on the gaming floor that automatically shuts down the games nearby - to facilitate social distancing," Casino Assistant General Manager (AGM) Travis Garlick explained. "It's called 'In the Clear' and it's set up to automate social distancing. Table games and bingo are a bit more challenging due to social distancing," he said.

"It's week by week. Travel and tourism are definitely up," Garlick said "We are just ecstatic in being open to the southern Ute tribal mem-

bership. But also, the general public at large - and excited for the future."

"We added [Sky Ute] SportsBook, that's something new and exciting here at the Casino," Taylor added. "You can use the kiosk downstairs to bet instead of the phone app - if you want that one-on-one interaction. We have someone there to help get you acquainted with the app if you have any questions, or if you're a first-time user - we can get you started." Placing bets on the Smartphone app is available 24/7. Kiosks are open 9am-midnight for the time being.

Breakfast at Willow's is available seven days a week, the Rolling Thunder Grill and the Coffee Bistro are also open. The swimming and fitness center is now open for resort guests, by reservation.

There are no "trainee" positions open at this time; however, if a Southern Ute tribal member is interested in working at the Casino, they can call Human Resources at 970-563-1311 to get more info on available training opportunities.

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kid-friendly food.  
May 26th-August 19th

Pine River Shares also provides  
family food bags at ELHI on  
Saturdays, 11AM-1PM

CALL 884-6040 FOR INFO  
ALL KIDS 0-19  
NO SIGN UP REQUIRED

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## THE BETS ARE BACK

## Cashier's Window OPEN!

Sky Ute Casino Resort Cage - 9 am to midnight  
Effective June 10, 2021 the Cage will now cash  
Southern Ute tribal member checks only with Tribal ID!

**Sky Ute** CASINO RESORT  
AWAKEN YOUR ADVENTURE

## THE BETS ARE BACK

## Strikes are Back!

Rolling Thunder Lanes  
NOW OPEN Wednesday through Sunday 1 to 9 pm  
For more information call 970.563.1707!

**Sky Ute** CASINO RESORT  
AWAKEN YOUR ADVENTURE





DRUM STAFF EARNS TOP HONORS • FROM PAGE 1

overall “Excellence in Photography & Design” for our printed newspaper. The Southern Ute Drum won six awards in the 2020 Colorado Better News Media Contest – competing in a Class 5 circulation category against other newspapers throughout Colorado.

The Southern Ute Drum’s Composition Technician/Designer Robert L. Ortiz earned First Place for Best News or Feature Photograph for “Saluting our Veterans.” Southern Ute Drum Admin Assistant and Public Relations Coordinator, Trennie Collins won Second Place in Best News or Feature Photograph for “Walking for those who can’t.” Collins also earned a First Place win for Best Health Feature Story for her article, “Easing mental health in the face of COVID-19” and Second Place for Place Best Health Feature Story, “Mental Health: Giacci helps us heal from our past.”

Southern Ute Drum Editor and Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley took home a First Place win for Best Photo Essay – “Bear Dance: Honoring the bear, upholding tradition.” Southern Ute Drum Reporter/Photographer McKayla Lee earned Second Place for Best Photo Essay – “Students stay Close Up in D.C.”

The Society of Professional Journalists also awarded the Drum with six awards for our 2020 coverage in the annual Top of the Rockies newspaper competition, competing against regional newspapers across the West. Ortiz won Third Place



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Maylon Newton stands tall while holding a Missing Native Women sign prior to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous walk. Southern Ute Drum Admin Assistant and Public Relations Coordinator, Trennie Collins won Second Place in Best News or Feature Photograph for “Walking for those who can’t.”

in Feature Page Design for “The Southern Ute Drum Presents: 2019 Year in Review.” Lee garnered Third Place in Sports Photography/Videography for “Cross-court action.” Collins took Second Place in Sports Photography/Videography for “Rockin’ the courts.”

Shockley brought home a total of three SPJ awards for his 2020 news coverage; earning Second Place in AG and Environment: News for an ar-

ticle titled: “Wolf reintroduction reaches state ballot,” Second Place in Pandemic Photography/Videography for “Tribe rolls out mass testing events in response to coronavirus” and Third Place in Spot News Photography for – “The ‘Chief’ draws controversy.”

The Southern Ute Drum is honored to receive these honors on behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and the tribal community whose lives and events we cover.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Aislinn Ryder and Jakob Box dance together in an otherwise empty corral during the spring Bear Dance celebration ceremony held by the Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box in June of 2020. Southern Ute Drum Editor and Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley took home a First Place win for Best Photo Essay – “Bear Dance: Honoring the bear, upholding tradition.”



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio Elementary and Middle School choirs sang, “Freedom Song,” as the finale to the “A Salute to Our Veterans” performance; Holly Begay directed the choir. Southern Ute Drum Designer, Robert L. Ortiz earned First Place for Best News or Feature Photograph for this image titled, “Saluting our Veterans.”

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES  
CHSAA 2021 Season D Playoff  
Information Release

Pandemic year finishes June 26 with state events

Staff report

COLO. HIGH SCHOOL  
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

The following are the playoff formats and sites for CHSAA Season D sports as the Association wraps up the 2020-2021 school year. State titles are slated to be awarded in girls’ tennis, boys’ and girls’ lacrosse, boys’ swimming and diving, boys’ and girls’ track and field, girls’ soccer, and baseball. Finally, boys’ volleyball will crown its first ever CHSAA state champion on June 26.

“We are excited to culminate all 31 CHSAA sanctioned activities and athletics for 2020-2021 competitive year with Season D championships,” said CHSAA Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green.

Member schools and CHSAA staff face a short turnaround, as the 2021-2022 season starts in August, kicking off the school year August 3-4 with its annual New Administrators and All-School Summit.

For detailed information on all sports, click on www.CHSAANow.com. Playoff schedule for the final season of the year looks like:

BASEBALL

Class 1A

- Districts Completed – June 12
- Seeding Meeting – June 13
- Regional Tournaments – June 19
- Semifinals/Finals – June 23 – University High School, Greeley

Format: 12 teams to regionals; top two from each district and the remaining two by RPI (Districts champions will be seeded by RPI 1-5, with the top 4 serving as regional hosts. The fifth district champion will be seeded 5th. The remaining teams will be seeded in RPI order, avoiding first round district matchups.)

Class 2A

- Regular Season Ends – June 12
- Seeding Meeting – June 13
- Regional Tournaments – June 15
- Quarterfinals/Semifinals – June 19 – Runyon Complex, Pueblo
- Championship Game – June 26 – Runyon Complex, Pueblo

Format: 24 teams to regionals based on RPI. Single elimination.

Class 3A-4A

- Regular Season Ends – June 12
- Seeding Meeting – June 13
- Regional Tournaments – June 14
- 3A Games 1-11 – June 18-19 – Site 1 – Frederick High School/Site 2 – Niwot High School
- 3A Games 12-15 – June 25-26 – Frederick High School
- 4A Games 1-6 – June 18 – Runyon Baseball Complex, Pueblo
- 4A Games 7-11 – June 19 – Rawlings Field, CSU-Pueblo
- 4A Games 12-15 – June 25-26 – Runyon Baseball Complex, Pueblo

Class 5A

- Regular Season Ends – June 12
- Seeding Meeting – June 13
- Regional Tournaments – June 14
- Games 1-11 – June 18-19 – Site 1 Cherry Creek High School/Site 2 – Eaglecrest High School
- Games 12-15 – June 24-25 – Keli MacGregor Field @ Coca-Cola All-Star Park, Lakewood

3A, 4A, 5A Format: 24 teams to regionals based on RPI with eight regional winners advancing to double elimination.

GIRLS’ SOCCER

- June 12 – Season Completed
- June 13 – State pairings/seedings announced
- June 15 – 5A First Round Games (@higher seed)
- June 16 – 3A/4A First Round Games (@higher seed)
- June 18 – 5A Quarterfinal Games (@higher seed)
- June 19 – 2A, 3A, 4A Quarterfinal Games (@higher seed)
- June 23 – Semifinal Games
- 2A – Home Sites
- 3A – Stutler Bowl, Aurora
- 4A – Frederick High School

**SUIT COVID-19 Call Center Closure**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's COVID-19 Call Center was the area's first call center to open at the onset of the pandemic.

Effective Monday, May 31, 2021 the Call Center will be CLOSED. Tribal Members are encouraged to call the front desk at 970.563.0100 and/or the appropriate department directly.

Thank you to the tribal staff who volunteered during the pandemic to assist our tribal membership!

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

**Great News!**

**SunUte will be opening to SUIT Employees on Monday, June 14th!**

Please call the SunUte Front Desk at (970)563-0214, so that we can update your membership information.

You will also receive instructions on how to make reservations for the Fitness Floor, Group Exercise, Active Kid Care and Pool.

**Active Kid Care is OPEN!**

We are happy to announce that Active Kid Care is now open!

Please register your children online.

Morning Hours: Monday-Friday 8:25am-11:30am

Evening Hours: Monday-Wednesday 5pm-6:30pm

If you have any questions, please call the Front Desk at (970)563-0214

(If registering on line is challenging, please call the front desk and we will help!)





COLORADO STATE

Ahead of wildfire season, Senators urge Biden to boost disaster funding

**Staff report**  
**OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET**

U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet joined senators from Western states to urge President Biden to provide additional relief to states struggling with the impact of extreme drought and wildfires.

Nearly half of Colorado is currently in some state of drought and the National Weather Service has issued an “extremely critical” fire warning for North-western Colorado, the first such warning in 15 years.

“We write to urge you to provide relief to states that are struggling with the im-pact of extreme drought

and wildfire this summer and uncompensated dam-age from past wildfires, hurricanes, floods, and storms. We urge you to re-quest additional funding to meet those needs,” Hickenlooper, Bennet, and the senators wrote.

“According to the Drought Monitor, over half of the United States is expe-riencing a historic drought. Over 95% of the West is now either abnormally dry or in a drought, which is among the highest percent-ages in the past 20 years. In addition, over 800,000 acres of forests and range-lands have been burned by wildfire over the past year. The scale and nature of the problem is quickly outpac-ing the availability of fund-

ing and authorities of feder-al agencies.”

In addition to Hicken-looper and Bennet, the letter was signed by Senators Jeff Merkley, Ron Wyden, Alex Padilla, Dianne Feinstein, Kyrsten Sinema, Catherine Cortez Masto, Mark Kelly, and Jacky Rosen.

The senators’ letter also emphasized that communi-ties are still grappling with the effects of last year’s drought and wildfires, in part because they never re-ceived supplemental relief for these disasters. While the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FE-MA) has offered substan-tial support, the scale of natural disasters that oc-curred in 2020 necessitates a disaster supplemental.

TRANSPORTATION

CDOT reminds motorists ‘The Heat Is On’ this summer

**Staff report**  
**COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION**

The first official day of summer is almost here, and heat is in the forecast. Start-ing Friday, the Colorado De-partment of Transportation, Colorado State Patrol and lo-cal law enforcement agen-cies will unite for Summer Blitz DUI Enforcement with the goal of removing im-paired drivers from the road. Increased law enforcement will be in effect through Monday, June 21. Last year, 407 impaired drivers were arrested during the same en-forcement period.

There were 20 im-paired-driving fatalities in Colorado last June. So far this year, 69 traffic fatali-ties statewide have involved an impaired driver, which is 31% of all traffic deaths.

“Summer is the sea-son for barbeques, camp-ing, and family vacation. It’s also the time when we see a rise in impaired driv-ers,” said Chief Matthew C. Packard, Colorado State Pa-trol. “Don’t let your good time turn into dangerous, risk-taking behaviors. Make sure that you are sober, dis-traction-free, and buckled up every time you get be-hind the wheel.”

During the recent Mem-orial Day DUI enforcement, 209 impaired drivers were arrested. This is a decrease from last year’s 232 arrests during the same enfor-ce-ment period. The Colorado Springs Police Department (24 arrests), Denver Police Department (18 arrests), and the El Paso County’s Sheriff’s Office (16 arrests) recorded the highest num-


ber of arrests during the en-forcement. The Colorado State Patrol made 18 arrests.

“We want Colorado res-idents and visitors to trav-el safely and arrive at their summer destinations with-out incident,” said CDOT’s Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. “Impaired drivers pose an entirely preventable threat to our transportation system. This makes DUI enforcement and education truly critical as we aim to reduce deaths, injuries and crashes on Colorado roads.”

For yearly impaired-driv-ing crash and fatality da-ta in Colorado, visit <https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety/crash-data-management/fatal-crash-data>. Information about DUI laws in Colorado can be found at NoDUIColorado.org.

**Veterans Annual River Float & Picnic**

Mountain Waters Rafting & Adventures, the Durango VFW, American Legion and Elks Lodge are pleased to announce the 4th annual picnic and FREE raft trips to honor Veterans & their Families. Sunday, June 27 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Durango VFW. Raft trip registration starts at 10:30. Cuevas Tacos lunch special free for Veterans and \$10 for all others. Information available at Mountain Waters Rafting Community Web-page or Info@DurangoRafting.com



**LAWN SERVICES**

**Tribal Elder & Disabled**

Lawn maintenance services are available to Tribal Elders through the TERO office on Monday THROUGH Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

To arrange for this service, please call the TERO office at 970.563.2291





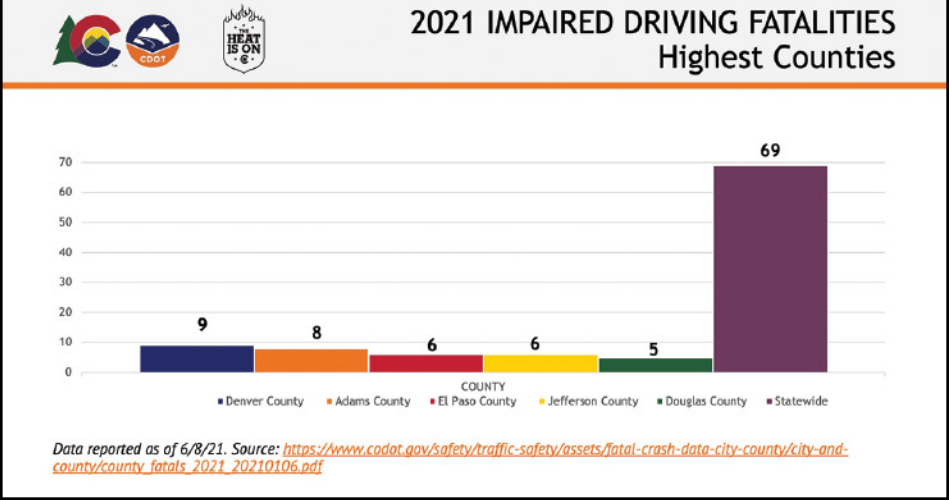
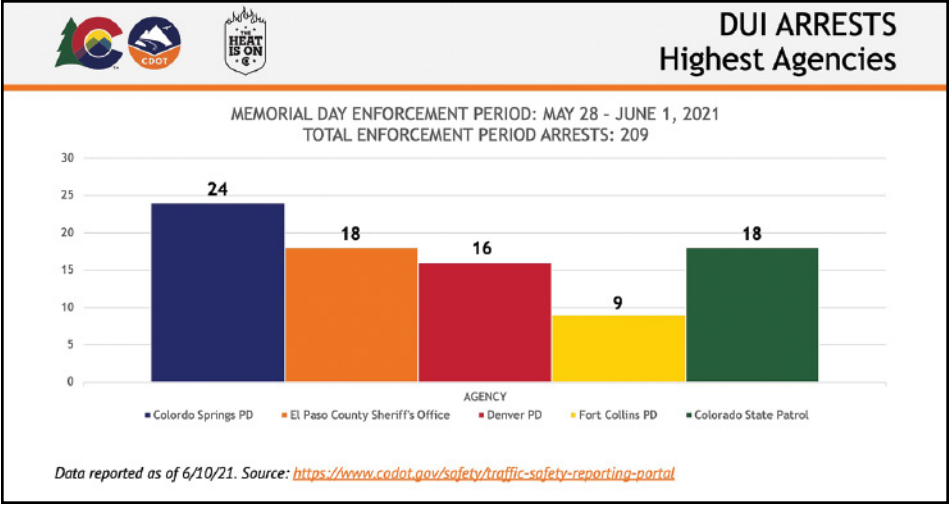


**Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council**  
Contact Information

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Members are working in office and remote while in Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 2. Tribal offices remain closed, reopening information will be forthcoming. Council is still available for questions via phone and email.

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**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

**COMMUNITY SURVEY**

What are the important issues affecting your community today?

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**



**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

**ENCUESTA COMUNITARIA**

¿Qué cuestiones importantes están afectando tu comunidad?

**¡QUEREMOS ESCUCHARLO DE TI!**





# Community recognizes ‘Fatherhood is Sacred’



Southern Ute Growth Fund Landman, Nathan Strong Elk and SunUte Community Center Fitness Director, Abel Velasquez lead the walkers in the Fatherhood is Sacred event.



Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Melvin Baker reads the “Native American Responsible Father's Day” proclamation ahead of the start of the Fatherhood is Sacred Walk.



O'hozhoni Larry, Sinaav Larry and Sibrya Larry walk alongside their mom Oolcu Buckskin in the Fatherhood is Sacred Walk.

**The Fatherhood is sacred walk, hosted by the division of social services was held at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal administrative building on Wednesday, June 16. The walk took participants on a one mile trek passing the old casino parking lot, the Multi-Purpose Building and went behind SunUte Community Center. Before the first walk began Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin Baker read the “Native American Responsible Father’s Day” proclamation in honor of all father figures who will celebrate Father’s Day this weekend.**

Photos by McKayla Lee  
The Southern Ute Drum



Amber Petersen, Social Services Division Head welcomes all participants, tribal employees and families to the Fatherhood is Sacred Walk.



Southern Ute Councilwoman, Ramona Eagle walks the one mile route for the Fatherhood is Sacred event.



Southern Ute Tribal Councilwoman, Linda Baker and SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth walk together past tribal buildings during the walk to honor Native American men.



Southern Ute Royalty, Autumn Sage, Jazmin Carmenoros and Shayne White Thunder walk together during the Fatherhood is Sacred Walk.





## 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.



#### POWWOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Poster design by So. Ute Powwow Committee

Bear artwork by Kree Lopez

## SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE JUNE 18-21, 2021



**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.



## SunUte will be open

## 6/21/21 from 7am-12pm

**Group Ex**

**BodyStep 8:30am-9:00am**

**BodyPump 9:05-9:40am**

**NO noon or evening classes**

**ACK Hours**

**8:25am-11:30am**

If you have any questions please contact SunUte at 970-563-0214

Ute Indian Tribe Celebration Pow-wow  
Fort Duchesne, Utah

*Celebrating Our Ute People*

**SOCIAL POW-WOW**  
**JUNE 24, 25, 26, 2021**

**LOCAL HOST DRUM PICKED DAILY**

**Grand Entry Times at 6 pm Daily**

**Thursday, June 24, 2021**

**Friday, June 25, 2021**

**Saturday, June 26, 2021**

\*\*\*All categories for Jingle, Fancy, Traditional, and Grass\*\*\*

For more information, call:

**Bruce Pargeets, Pow-wow Chair 435-828-7032**

**Leroy Cesspooch, Pow-wow Vice Chair 435-828-7046**

FOR VENDOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL RONEE K AT 435-823-1139

### Camp Creative at Dancing Spirit

School is out for the summer and Dancing Spirit is excited to be gearing up for Camp Creative!

A week long, in-person Art Camp with daily games, activities, arts & crafts and of course, a lunch break to visit with friends. From 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Session 2: July 12 – 16; Session 3: August 9 – 13 at 115 Ute Street (ELHI Community Center), Room 21. The cost is \$120 per session (If you sign up for all three sessions, total cost will \$300. Payment due on/before the first class). Each student needs to bring a water bottle and a sack lunch each day. Please be aware that we will be spending time outside each day, so jackets are required and sunscreen is recommended. Info on COVID Safety Requirements, visit us online. For more information or to register, please call us at 970-563-4600 or visit us online at [www.dancingspiritcommunityartscenter.org](http://www.dancingspiritcommunityartscenter.org).

## IGNACIO'S FRIDAY NIGHT MARKET

**THE ELHI COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Starting Friday, June 25 @ 5pm**

FARMERS  
+  
ARTISANS



FOOD  
TRUCKS



LIVE  
MUSIC



**shop local + celebrate**

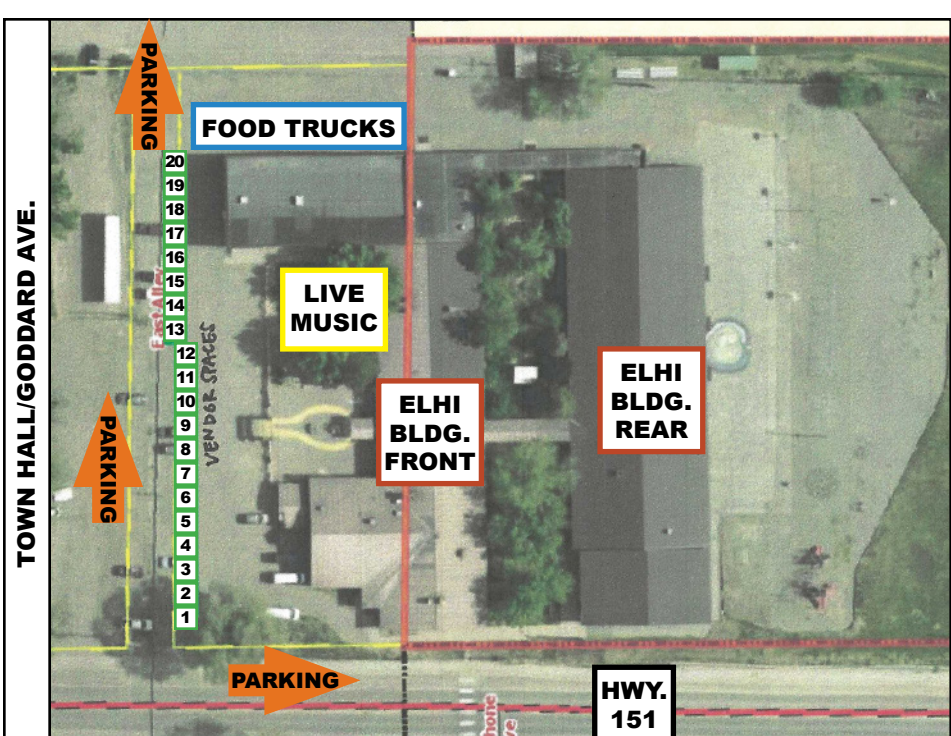
**JOIN US THE 2ND & 4TH FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

- Free entry & family fun
- Bring your own outdoor chairs / blankets



#### Vendors:

Sign-up info at  
[theelhignacio.org/fridaymarket](http://theelhignacio.org/fridaymarket)  
or 970-563-4100







**Lake Capote is Now Open to the General Public**  
**Thursday-Sunday**  
**Sunup to Sundown**  
**For more information, please call 970-883-2273 or visit our website**  
**at <https://www.lakecapote.com>**

**In search of tribal members with irrigated assignment land**

Due to current and upcoming expected drought conditions, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Range Division is looking for Southern Ute tribal members who have irrigated assignment land and would be willing to lease out on a short-term basis. If you are interested, please call the Southern Ute Range Division at 970-563-4780 ext. 2912.



**CUSTOM FARM**

If you're looking to get your land in the right condition for the upcoming hay season, we offer a wide range of assistance, if you need scheduling for any services listed below, see our current rates for this year's hay season. Give me a call at 970-563-2900, our team will get the job done.

Micco Wesley, Custom Farm Supervisor – Mvto (Thank you)

Aeration.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Brush Hogging/Rotor Tilling.....	\$ 30.00	/Hr
Corrugating/Culti-Pak.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Disking/Disk-plowing.....	\$ 30.00	/Hr
Ditching/Ditch Cleaning.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Fertilizer Application.....	\$ 30.00	/Hr
Harrowing.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Land Leveling.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Planting.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Plowing: 3 Bottom Plow.....	\$ 30.00	/Hr
Plowing: 4-5 Bottom Plow.....	\$ 46.00	/Hr
Post Hole Digging/Pounding.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
V-Ripper.....	\$ 38.00	/Hr
Swathing.....	\$ 48.00	/Hr
Raking.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Baling: Large Round.....	\$ 10.00	/Bale
Baling: Large Square.....	\$ 15.00	/Bale
Baling: Small Square.....	\$ 0.50	/Bale
Stacking: ≤ 5 miles Hauling.....	\$ 0.40	/Bale
≥5.01-15 miles Hauling.....	\$ 0.60	/Bale
Stacking Lg. Round.....	\$ 4.00	/+RTM**
Stacking Lg. Square.....	\$ 5.00	/+RTM**
Hauling Livestock --- (Round Trip)...	\$ 0.50	/Mile
Snow Plowing for Livestock.....	\$ 35.00	/Hr
One-Way Mileage Per Day.....	\$ 0.35	/Mile

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**SHRED Act introduced to keep ski fees local, support winter recreation**

*Staff report*  
**OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET**

U.S. Senators Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) introduced the Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development (SHRED) Act to invest in outdoor recreation in mountain communities. This bicameral, bipartisan legislation would ensure National Forests retain a portion of the annual fees that ski areas operating within their boundaries pay to support local recreation and community priorities. U.S. Representatives Annie Kuster (D-N.H.), John Curtis (R-Utah), Joe Neguse (D-Colo.), and Doug LaMalfa (R-Calif.) introduced a companion bill.

“Skiing is a vital component of Colorado’s outdoor recreation industry, creating jobs and boosting local economies,” said Ben-

net. “The partnership between ski areas, the Forest Service, and mountain communities is critical — especially in areas like the White River National Forest. This bill will rightfully keep funds where they are generated and help local communities tackle their own priorities, like making trailhead improvements or increasing staffing. I look forward to working with my colleagues to get this done for mountain communities in Colorado and across the country.”

“Wyoming is home to world class skiing. The resorts in the Jackson area and across the state are critical to our economy,” said Barrasso. “Right now, Wyoming ski communities are sending money to Washington but not receiving the full benefits from those fees. Our legislation will help make the Forest Service a better partner. By cre-

ating a specific dedicated account for these fees, Wyoming skiing communities will get more bang for their buck. They will be able to provide an even better experience for visitors by improving their facilities, protecting the forests, and supporting the local economy.”

In exchange for using some of America’s most stunning forestlands, the 122 ski areas operating on Forest Service lands across the country pay fees to the Forest Service that average \$39 million annually. The SHRED Act would establish a framework for local National Forests to retain a portion of ski fees to offset increased recreational use and support local ski permit and program administration. The SHRED Act also provides the Forest Service with flexibility to direct resources where they are needed the most.

**Southern Ute Stream Fishing is Now Open to Non-Member Permit Holders.**

For more information call the Southern Ute Wildlife Office  
**(970) 563-0130**

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FROM WATER RESOURCE DIVISION**

**Drought Conditions on the Reservation**

**The 2020-21 winter snowpack was below average across Southwestern Colorado and severe drought conditions will persist throughout the region.**

**Pine River Indian Irrigation Project (PRIIP) Water Supply:** Vallecito Reservoir is not forecasted to fill to full capacity this year. Irrigators on the PRIIP will NOT have a full supply of water for the 2021 irrigation season. A small number of PRIIP irrigators that rely on non-BIA ditches/private ditches for delivery of PRIIP water may have difficulty receiving water if that ditch exhausts its water allotment. A majority of the ditches on the PRIIP are now on and water is available for irrigation purposes by PRIIP irrigators. Current projections indicate a 60-65% supply of irrigation water, and ditches will run at 80-85% of normal flow to extend the season. Irrigation water is expected to only last until mid-August if conditions do not improve.

**Florida River Irrigation Water Supply:** Lemon Reservoir is not forecasted to fill to full capacity this year. Irrigators supplied by the Florida Project and Florida River can expect a 35% supply of irrigation water this irrigation season. If conditions do not improve, the Florida Project will likely exhaust water supplies by the beginning of July, ending the irrigation season. The project is on and irrigators are able to call for their water.

**Range Land Conditions:** The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Range division is finding precipitation amounts on the range are at approximately 30 percent below normal for this time of year. This, along with a very dry fall have reduced the forage amount on the range to approximately 45 percent below normal production. The Range division is limiting the 2021 grazing to two months on Tribal Range lands to offset the drought conditions and to leave enough forage for wildlife. Tribal permittee’s will have to use their base property for their cows this year after the two-month grazing season is over. Permittee’s will be looking for irrigated pasture this year as well. The Range division will be using this time to clean ponds and fix fence in anticipation of good precipitation and hopefully a full grazing season next year.

**Agricultural Expectations:** The Agriculture Division is working a full schedule. We are expecting approximately 40% reduction in produced hay but are expecting a 40% increase to hay values. Even though production will be lower total value may make for the lost production. Focus on best management practices for irrigation is essential. Irrigators should be using every ounce of water that is available to them. Diligent irrigation will maintain forages and the crop that is produced will have a greater value because drought conditions have increased the demand for hay.

**Wildlife Impacts:** Prolonged drought conditions can impact wildlife in several ways, but most significantly through the reduction or elimination of suitable plant food sources. In response, drought-stressed animals will move greater and greater distances in search of food, sometimes bringing them into conflict with people. To avoid potentially dangerous encounters, residents should diligently remove or secure any potential food sources that may attract wildlife, such as loose garbage and refuse, trash bins, pet food, and barbecue grills. With artificial foods eliminated, animals will generally move on to suitable natural food sources and conflict will be avoided. However, if an animal remains in an area and presents a risk to people or property, or you observe an animal that appears sick or disoriented, DO NOT approach the animal. Please contact Tribal Dispatch (970-563-4401) or the Wildlife Division (970-563-0130) so that the situation can be evaluated and appropriate measures taken.

**For questions, contact the respective Dept. of Natural Resources Divisions:**  
**Water Resources: 563-9482**  
**Range: 970-563-4780**  
**Agriculture: 970-563-0220**  
**Wildlife: 970-563-0130**

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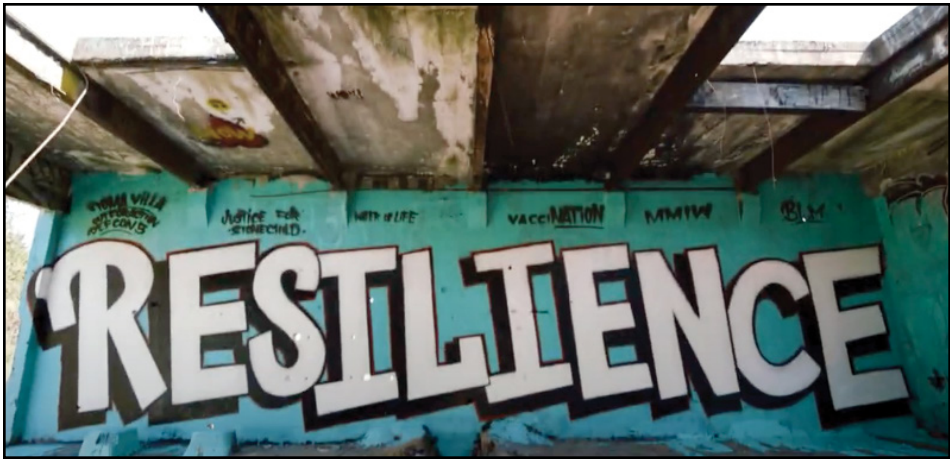
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CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 messaging campaign  
honors the resilience of  
Indigenous communities



“RESILIENCE” from a screenshot of the YouTube video. The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board: “Thank you for protecting our culture, our community, and our way of life. This is our love letter to you, our community. Through the uncertainty, through the rapid change, and through the many ups and downs this past year has brought our way, YOU remained resilient.”

Staff report  
PR NEWSWIRE

On June 2, 2021, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) and Oregon Health and Science University’s North-west Native American Center of Excellence (NNA-CoE) produced and released a Public Service Announcement recognizing the efforts of Northwest tribal communities in combatting COVID-19. Early data suggests AI/AN communities are being vaccinated at a higher rate than other ethnic populations.

Tribal partnerships highlight the need for improved public health resources to some of the most under-served communities in the nation through digital and mainstream media campaigns. Entitled “Resilience,” the PSA features tribal artists, skateboarders, youth wearing masks, and those getting vaccinated, identifying preservation at the intersection between modern and traditional activities. American Indian and

Alaska Native communities are familiar with the far-reaching impacts of pandemics; COVID-19 serves as a sad reminder of the ancestors lost to diseases of the past. In order to address the disparate impact of COVID-19 on tribal communities, it is imperative that we prevent, prepare, and respond in ways that meet the unique needs of urban and rural AI/AN communities.

Tribally directed community messaging strategies offers ideas for adapting within one’s culture, while protecting their family and their community during the pandemic. While many forms of information have been offered in the digital media and telehealth space, few reflect the nuances of AI/AN culture or portray AI/AN subjects.

Together, in partnership with A Twilight Dawn Productions, Buffalo Nickel Creative and local Tribal communities, NPAIHB and NNACoE are producing COVID-19 PSAs on highest priority topics. You can find additional PSAs created under the partnership here:

der the partnership here:

- Mask Up: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wXW-S80ifz4>
- Protecting ourselves and our communities through vaccination: <https://youtu.be/Xe-vITkHlzXQ>
- Protecting our children through vaccination: [https://youtu.be/uSG\\_h7UGVxs](https://youtu.be/uSG_h7UGVxs)
- Staying connected while being physically distant: <https://youtu.be/TunV6AUFs-g>
- Exercising safely: [https://youtu.be/Dr8E-JUZ\\_c1M](https://youtu.be/Dr8E-JUZ_c1M)

You can watch the full 60-second version here: RESILIENCE ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vaj\\_Xvo6SLc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vaj_Xvo6SLc))

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB or the Board) is a non-profit tribal advisory organization serving the forty-three federally recognized tribes of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

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](mailto: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\*

Approved by: SUIT IMT 5/11/2021



TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19  
“TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19”  
CHALLENGE

The Tribe is in Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 3. Please continue to follow the appropriate COVID-19 restrictions and current public health order regarding face coverings. Together, we can fight COVID-19 and keep our community and future safe!

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](mailto: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.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE TRIBAL WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Designed & Published by Lindsay J. Box

Safer at Home Activities			Low Risk
Unvaccinated Individuals		Vaccinated Individuals *mask encouraged	Caution*
	Outdoor		High Risk*
	Outdoor activities with your household		
	A small outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends		
	A small outdoor gathering with 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		
	An indoor personal gathering of up to 25 fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals from multiple households.		
	All public transportation; Road Runner, bus, airplane, and carpool		
	Any indoor establishment; Casino, restaurant, business (Please adhere to business requirements which might vary from current public health order.)		

Approved by: SUIT IMT 6/16/2021

Even if you have been vaccinated please be respectful of others who continue to protect our people by wearing face coverings, practicing basic hygiene, and maintaining a safe distance from others when necessary. Healthcare Professionals and individuals with high risk health conditions are advised to continue the use of face coverings. To schedule your vaccine please call the Southern Ute Health Center at: (970)563-4581.


CONTINUED CORONAVIRUS COVERAGE

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

- www.southernute-nsn.gov
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- CDC at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)







## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

### PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 1 CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council approved Resolution 2021-082, amending the adopted key metrics and restrictions for various phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. The graphic below explains the changes in restrictions.

**Effective June 17, 2021**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will move to "Safer at Home", Level 1

#### What has changed with the amended restrictions?

##### Older Restrictions

###### Restrictions in Phase II, Level 2

Personal Gathering	
No greater than 15	
Indoor Capacity	Outdoor Capacity
25% 75 Max	50% 100 Max

##### New Amended Restrictions


###### Restrictions in Phase II, Level 1

Personal Gathering	
No greater than 30	
Indoor Capacity	Outdoor Capacity
75% 175 Max	75% 200 Max

Individuals are required to wear a face covering when traveling by mass transportation such as (airports, planes, buses and trains, etc.) and when working or visiting a congregate care setting such as hospitals, nursing homes, shelters, detention centers, and assisted living facilities.

Stay Home & Isolate

Wear your mask



Practice social distancing

Wash your hands

For more information or updates visit: [www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov) or Official Facebook

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-082

## Resolution of the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

WHEREAS, authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council by the Constitution adopted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and approved November 4, 1936, and amended October 1, 1975, and August 27, 1991, to act for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, under Article I of the Constitution, the Tribe's jurisdiction, "through its general council, its tribal council and courts, shall extend to all the territory within the exterior boundaries of the reservation, and to such other lands as may be added ..."; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Tribal Council exercises "The inherent powers of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe ... subject only to limitations imposed by the Constitution and Statutes of the United States, by the regulations of the Department of Interior and by this Constitution"; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 1(e) of the Constitution, the Tribal Council has the power to enact ordinances and codes to protect the peace, safety, property, health and general welfare of the members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 1(n) of the Constitution, the Tribal Council has the power, "To protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the tribe, and to regulate the conduct of trade and the use and disposition of tribal property upon the reservation"; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the spread of the COVID-19 virus as a global pandemic due to the rate of spread and severity of illness, which together posed a serious public health risk; and

WHEREAS, in response to the threat of COVID-19, Tribal Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-025 on February 18, 2020, which authorized the continuation of a local state of emergency that was originally declared by the Tribal Chairman on February 6, 2020, for the purposes of protecting life, property, and the environment by ensuring prevention, preparation, and response measures were being put in place; and

WHEREAS, in further response, the Tribal Council activated the Southern Ute Community Emergency Operations Plan (Operations Plan), approved in Resolution No. 2004-225, which establishes key operational actions for response, mitigation, and recovery in connection with a disaster event; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Operations Plan, the Tribe began mitigating the effects of COVID-19 through the activation of its Incident Management Team (IMT) and carrying out the Tribe's Communicable Disease Response Plan as approved by the Tribal Council on February 28, 2020, and March 10, 2020, in Resolutions Nos. 2020-031 and 2020-039, respectively; and

WHEREAS, based on its delegated authority and responsibility, the IMT established a COVID-19 Recovery Task Force (Recovery Task Force) to plan for recovery, including short term priorities, such as reopening governmental and business operations, and long-term priorities, such as addressing the psychological fear or trauma that tribal members and employees may have experienced, among other actions to facilitate recovery from the direct and indirect consequences of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Recovery Task Force includes representatives from the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, Sky Ute Casino Resort, and Southern Ute Shared Services; and

WHEREAS, the Recovery Task Force prepared a COVID-19 Tribe-Wide Recovery Plan (Recovery Plan), approved by the Tribal Council in Resolution No. 2020-053, which provides for a unified coordination of the Tribe's recovery efforts among all tribal entities, and which incorporates an Appendix A: Tribe Wide Reopening Plan (Appendix A) outlining a phased approach to the reopening of the Tribe's governmental and business operations after pandemic related closures; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2020-053 contemplated that the Recovery Plan would require periodic updates as new information, assumptions, considerations, or feedback became available from stakeholders, including the tribal membership, tribal entity leadership, employees, community members, and others who work or interact with the Tribe, and directed that such updates be periodically presented to Tribal Council for review and adoption; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 2021-032, Tribal Council approved updates to Appendix A of the Recovery Plan to clarify the metrics to be evaluated in each of the phases and levels of pandemic management; and

WHEREAS, the IMT and Recovery Task Force have further considered the metrics and criteria for moving through the phases and levels of pandemic management and have determined that it is appropriate to adjust the previously-established capacity limits to allow increased staffing and capacity levels given the high percentage of staff and community who have been fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council has reviewed the proposed updates to Appendix A, which adjust the previously-established capacity levels, and believes that the adoption of the revised Appendix A is in the best interests of the Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hereby approves the revised Appendix A: Tribe Wide Reopening Plan, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit I, and the revised Appendix A attached hereto will supersede and replace the version of Appendix A approved in Resolution No. 2021-032 as of the effective date of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in the course of the Tribe's continued response to pandemic conditions, the IMT is authorized to approve changes from one level to another within a phase (such as from Phase 2-Level 2 "Concern" to Phase 2 -Level 1 "Cautious" or from Phase 1 "Severe Risk" to Phase 1 "Extreme Risk") in accordance with the metrics set forth in the attached Appendix A; however, Tribal Council approval will be required for any change from one phase to another (such as a move from Phase 1 "Stay-at-Home" to Phase 2 "Safer at Home") in accordance with the metrics shown in the attached Appendix A, and will also be required for any material change to the content, interpretation, or implementation of the Recovery Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council or, in his absence, the Vice Chairman, or, in the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, a duly appointed Acting Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the necessary documents and take all necessary actions to carry out the intent of this resolution.


This resolution was duly adopted on the 16th day of June, 2021.

Mr. Melvin J. Baker  
Chairman  
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that there were ( 7 ) of the regularly elected Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council members present at the above meeting, at which ( 6 ) voted for, and ( 0 ) against, it being a quorum and the above resolution was passed, the Chairman not being permitted to vote in this instance due to a Constitutional provision.

Ms. Josephine Jack  
Recording Secretary  
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council



## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of June 16, 2021)

### Southern Ute Health Center Cases

242	Positives
170	Recovered
9645	Total Tests

### SUHC Vaccination Update

#### Upcoming 1st Dose Clinics & Availability

6/24 (Pfizer)	4
6/29 (Moderna)	1
7/7 (Pfizer)	5
7/8 (Moderna)	4


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

Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

### Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

95	Positives
65	Recovered
3	Deaths

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



## SUHC VACCINE UPDATE

As of June 16, 2021

### Vaccines Administered

SU Tribal Members	634
SU Household	316
IHS Beneficiaries	1878
IHS Household	285
Tribal Staff	1151
Insured Dependents	384
Educators (FLC/11/17)	247
Other (Ages 65+ & Non-Eligible Persons)	2075


### Dose by Eligible Group

Group	Count	Percentage
Other	2385	(34%)
SU Tribal Members & Household	950	(14%)
Tribal Staff & Insured Dependents	1535	(22%)
IHS Beneficiaries & Household	2163	(31%)

### Percent Fully Vaccinated

Group	1st Dose	2nd Dose
SU Tribal Members	59%	41%
Tribal Staff	57%	43%

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## 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-YANI COVID-19 "Together, we will fight COVID-19"**

The Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center is now closed. Effective May 31, 2021 the Call Center will be closed. Tribal Members are encouraged to call the Front Desk at 970-563-0100 and/or the appropriate department directly.



## EFFECTIVE TODAY, THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021

### THE TRIBE MOVES TO PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 1

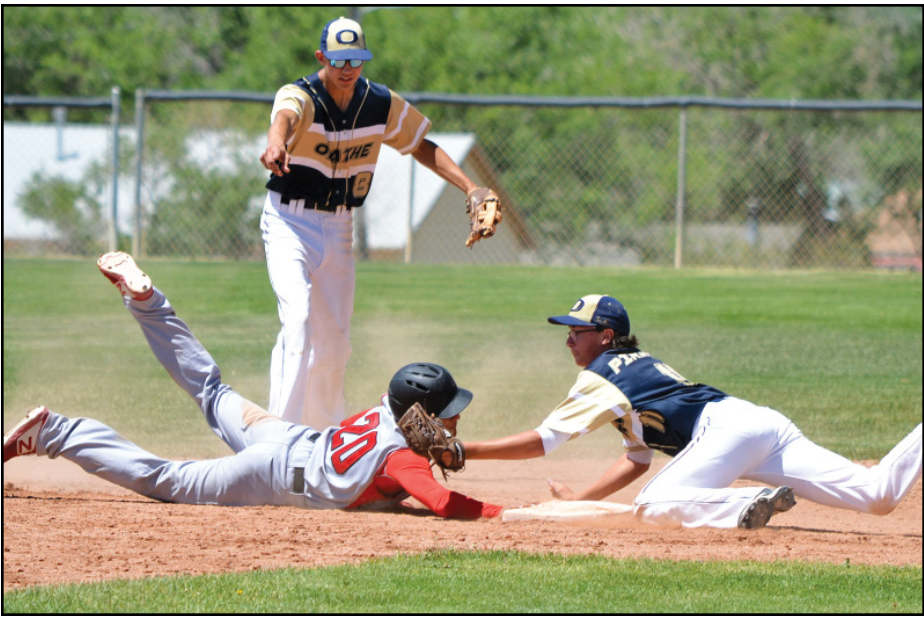
#### Restrictions in Phase II, Level 1

Personal Gathering	Indoor Capacity	Outdoor Capacity
No greater than 30	75% 175 Max	75% 200 Max

To find a list of the approved activities, please go to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website, Tribal Council social media, and the Southern Ute Drum.

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

After initially sliding past the bag on a successful steal attempt, Ignacio's Lawrence Toledo (20) just gets underneath the tag of Olathe's Bryson Inda (11) while stretching back to second base during the first game of a June 12 road doubleheader at the Pirates' Hubbard Field.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

Bobcats sign off splitting pair with Pirates

Lefty hurlers Tucson, House solid in Olathe

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Clearly excited to be back in uniform after returning from a by-invitation basketball camp at Concordia (Neb.) University, it was tough to tell – if one was wearing an Olathe baseball uniform Saturday morning, June 12 – whether Ignacio junior Gabe Tucson had or hadn't performed well at the out-of-state event.

If things had gone well, Tucson was going to be all the more motivated to work atop the pitcher's mound; if things hadn't, well ... someone – the hometown Pirates in this case – would have to face his hard-throwing wrath. Which showed itself relatively quickly in the form of the home-plate umpire losing a layer of skin off his right forearm when a fastball during the home half of the first inning bypassed both OHS batter Ian Schenck as well as IHS catcher Lawrence Toledo.

"When we'd played Cedaredge, they'd have a pitcher Trey (Geyer) ... he throws heaters too, and we struggled against them," recalled Olathe leadoff man Dimitri Prisbrey, who'd already struck out looking (Schenck would then do likewise). "Usually everyone struggles with a fast pitcher because they don't know what to do. And when I say my key word – patience – that ain't going to work! You've got to go ... quick to the ball!"

"They'd informed me about what happened," Tucson said, referring to the Bobcats' 14-2 home loss four days earlier to 2A/1A San Juan Basin League power Nucla and power pitcher Tyler Wytulka, who fanned 13 in five innings, "and I decided that I really needed to step up and help the team."

"And I felt really good. I felt energetic; I really wanted to win the game."

Firing from Hubbard Field's hill as though Ignacio still could reach the Class 2A State Tournament's initial 24-team regional phase (going in, the 'Cats stood 29th in CHSAA's RPI calculations; Olathe was 34th), Tucson would do precisely that.

Allowing just two singles to Pirate second baseman Brandon Nicolas and scattering five walks, Tucson totaled 12 strikeouts and allowed just two runs (one earned) during his 6-2/3 in-

nings, before rightfielder Phillip Quintana came in to get Prisbrey to fly out to center – marooning Nicolas at third and Juan Carlos Enrique at first – and secure a 6-2 victory.

Highlighted by consecutive RBI-singles by Eppie and Phillip Quintana, scoring senior Clint Talamante-Benavidez (2-4, R) and then Tucson, a four-run second against OHS senior Wyatt Mansker (L, CG; 7 IP, 7 H, 6 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 3 K) proved the difference. Eppie Quintana (2-3, 2B, 2 R, also reached via error) would later swat an RBI-double during the visitors' sixth, plating Tucson (0-3, BB, reached via error, 2 R), and would soon score himself via a Rylan Maez infield single.

"The pitchers ... were just huckin' it and neither team could find their bats," Nicolas said. "The other team obviously did a little better and that was the difference."

"We just kept stressing to be aggressive at the plate, take (the game) out of the hands of the umpire," IHS head coach Don Hayes said. "If we focus before each pitch, what we're supposed to do with it, good things happen. So maybe that sunk in – I believe it did."

In Game 2, however, the Pirates answered Bobcat Jacob Gallegos' ice-breaking run with a 4-spot of their own triggered by a Prisbrey lead-off triple to center away from Tucson, replacing an unavailable Devante Montoya. Schenck then knocked Prisbrey in with a single to right, and Gavin Hall then reached first via a Tucson error.

IHS lefty Adam House then appeared to settle into a groove; the breaking-ball specialist got both Mansker and Austin Arnold swinging before plunking Nicolas to load the bases. One of a very few non-seniors on Olathe's roster, freshman shortstop Bryson Inda (2-3) then belted a triple to deep left, driving in all three of his 'mates, before House got Raquel Lovato to bounce back to the mound for an easy toss to Talamante-Benavidez at first.

"We had seven seniors on the field today, and we wanted to finish off strong," said Nicolas (0-2, HBP), one of that bunch. "And that's just what happened."

"After the first game, everyone was upset," Prisbrey said. "We were hop-

ing ... like, 'There's going to be a new pitcher, it's a new game, we're going to start from here.'"

But House all but put a rapid end to any plans the Pirates may have been pondering. Able to whiff four hitters in a row during one stretch, House would close out a defiant complete-game effort retiring the final seven batters he'd face.

"Took me a minute to get going, but after the first I was just cruising," he said afterwards. "I felt really good out there on the mound. Everybody was ready to play; we haven't been on the road much this year."

Prisbrey, too, would end his own prep career going the distance on the bump and earned the 'W' in shining fashion.

Having surrendered just an unearned Toledo third inning run after Gallegos' game-opening run – resulting from a wild pitch to Talamante-Benavidez – Prisbrey would at last give up another run in the sixth as Phillip Quintana doubled to left, took third base via a Marcus Maez sacrifice bunt, and then crossed the plate via a wild pitch to Jace Carmenoros.

Able to halt the potential rally by getting Carmenoros to ground out to third, Prisbrey had to regroup mentally after watching House (L; 6 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, HB, 8 K) sit down Nicolas, Inda and Lovato pinch-hitter Warren Wagner in OHS' sixth.

"I was looking up in the stands, seen my family up there, and I appreciated them to come because ... . Usually my dad works, doesn't come, so it was really nice that he was here," said Prisbrey, who went 2-3 offensively with his triple plus a fielder's choice. "And I know a lot of people are working, but they made time."

"I was like, 'I'm a senior, this is my last time here,' and I knew the umpire was liking the outside strike," he continued. "So it was like, 'That's going to be my spot.' I started throwing there and finished the season strong."

And targeting that location, Prisbrey (7 IP, H, 3 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, HB, 8 K) froze in succession Gallegos (0-2, 2 BB, R), House pinch-hitter Rylan Maez, and Toledo (0-4, reached via error, R) with called third strikes.

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BOBCATS SOCCER

Lady 'Cats log last-week home win

Pontine hat trick helps drub Del Norte

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

You wouldn't have realized it then, but Ignacio Girls' Soccer actually did Crested Butte a solid Saturday, June 5.

Revisiting the teams' May 25 meeting up in Gunnison County meant that fourth-ranked [CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, 6/1] CBCS, denied outright the 2A Southwestern title by a 4-2 home loss to league-leading, No. 2 Telluride the previous evening, actually ended up the circuit's sole side to actually play all ten of its scheduled league matches during a SWL-only 2021.

But even with kickoff at IHS Field pushed back from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in order to accommodate the guests' rest/travel itinerary, the Lady Titans offered little charity on the pitch in dealing the Lady Bobcats a season-ending 9-0 defeat.

Too long removed from the high of hammering Del Norte 7-1 on the synthetic surface four days earlier, and understandably bummed over not traveling on the 4th out to Center – which had burgled a 4-3 win



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Autumn Sage (23) prepares to blast a free kick back into play, and out of the Lady Bobcats' defensive end during June 1 action versus Del Norte. The Lady Bobcats prevailed 7-1 in their second-to-last match of the 2021 season.

in Ignacio back on May 15, but later elected to end their season early, foregoing no fewer than three matches – for a second showdown, the

Lady 'Cats surrendered five goals in the first half and four in the second.

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BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

IHS girls grab third, boys fifth at SJBLs

Lady 'Cats collect four titles in Mancos

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Sophomore-to-be Moriah Ashley won't forget her first San Juan Basin League Track & Field Championships.

Entered in the June 8 meet's two most grueling events, Ignacio's young distance runner impressed with her second place showing in the 1,600-meter run – her 7:05.37 ranked behind only Mancos graduated senior Grace Manning's 6:41.12 – but starred with a victory in the 3,200. Clocking 15 minutes, 44.70 seconds, Ashley finished nearly 1:20 ahead of MHS junior Aspen Bumgarner in earning IHS ten team points towards an eventual third-place total of 75.

Amassing 95 points, Telluride left MHS with the girls' team title, while Manning, Bumgarner and the meet-hosting Lady Jays had to settle for being runners-up with 89. Dove Creek (66) and Ouray (42) rounded out the standings' top five.

IHS senior-to-be Lexy Young captured a SJBL title in the 100-meter dash, clocking 13.86 seconds and beating Mancos junior Desi Dainty-Guilfoyle by 0.17. Repeating the feat in the 200, Young outran Dainty-Guilfoyle 28.37 to 28.67, and Young would also earn fourth in the 400 (1:08.10) with Laci Brunson (1:09.38) taking fifth.

With her own freshman campaign also starting to wind down, Lauren deKay finished the 1,600 in a fifth place 7:29.51. In the 800 meters, Ashley ran a tenth place 3:13.62 and deKay an 11th-place 3:18.23; Manning paced all with her 2:38.21. Ignacio's 800m sprint medley relay placed

third in 2:13.42.

Springtime dual-sport (soccer/track) junior Alex is Pontine won the discus with a best throw of 97 feet, 8 inches – an effort nearly nine feet farther than the best of Dolores' Samantha Castillo, and well over 14 feet farther than that of Norwood's Claire Jacobs. Pontine placed a surprise sixth in the 200, recording a time of 32.34 seconds, and Trinity Strohl just missed earning the Lady 'Cats another team point in the sprint with her ninth-place 33.60.

Brunson took fourth in the long jump, with a peak leap covering 14 feet, 1.75 inches.

On the boys' side of things, a 2-3-4 performance in the long jump helped the Ignacio boys rack up 43 team points and ultimately place fifth behind DHS (50), DCHS (63), Ouray (141) and Mancos (171).

Freshman Camron Cooper took second in the specialty with a 17'1" max, with graduated senior Jawaadin Corona (16'11.5") and sophomore John Riepel (16'9.5") finishing right behind him. Riepel would take ninth in the 100 meters and junior Tyler Barnes 11th, in respective times of 12.90 and 13.21 seconds, with Corona (13.51) finishing 13th. Barnes would also place

fifth in the 200 with a 26.77.

Fourth place in the 800 with a 2:20.78, Cooper's 5:14.20 in the 1,600 was good for another fourth, while freshman Trajan Garcia earned eighth with his 8:06.81 ... after finishing eighth in the 800 with a 2:45.48 (for comparison, OHS sophomore Paton Edwards won in 2:00.68; MHS junior Edgar Hernandez took the 1,600 in 4:48.78).

Garcia would also attempt the 3,200 and placed third (14:02.80) out of three finishers (Hernandez won in 11:29.08).

In the discus, freshman Kyle Rima placed ninth with a best throw of 80 feet even, but neither Jeremy Roderick nor fellow junior Alric Hudson managed to mark. In the shot put, Hudson managed to take seventh place (33'10.5") and Rima ninth (31'6"), but Roderick did not register a distance.

Next on the schedule for Ignacio was to be the June 17-18 Grand Junction Tiger Invitational, with action inside Ralph Stocker Stadium beginning at 9 a.m. each day, but results were unavailable at press time. The 2021 CHSAA State Track & Field Championships – spanning all classifications – are set for June 24-26 at Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood.

2021 SJBL Track & Field Championships

Boys' Standings	Girls' Standings
1. Mancos 171	1. Telluride 95
2. Ouray 141	2. Mancos 89
3. Dove Creek 63	3. IGNACIO 75
4. Dolores 50	4. Dove Creek 66
5. IGNACIO 43	5. Ouray 42
6. Telluride 29	6. Nucla 35
7. Norwood 5	7. Tie, Dolores/Norwood 24
8. Nucla 3	





## Southern Ute Utilities Payment Options

**The Southern Ute Utilities Division would like to send a friendly reminder on payment options for utilities customers.**

Customers enrolled in the automatic deduction should contact Tribal Finance to verify your deduction reflects the newly adjusted rate. Please contact Ms. Edith Muniz at 970-563-5501 or Ms. Wahleah Frost at 970-563-5506.

Payments can be processed in the following ways:

1. Online at <https://www.suitutil.com/pay-my-bill/>
2. Over the phone with a credit/debit card
3. Via Wells Fargo Bill Pay at the Ignacio branch.
4. Tribal Deduction through the Finance Department.
5. COVID-19 Relief Grant Program is available to the tribal membership who require assistance due to COVID-19. Please contact the Finance Department or visit the Tribal Member Portal for more information on the grant program.

The Utilities Division office and Transfer Station is currently operating under the Modified Hours. Hours of operation have been modified due to the coronavirus pandemic. Modified hours while under the tribal "Safer at Home" Order are:

1. **Drive Up Window:** The Drive-up Window has officially reopened for customers to make utility payments. The hours of operation for the drive-up window coincide with the current Utilities Division office hours, which are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.
2. **Transfer Station:**
  - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.
  - Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
  - Closed on Sundays

**The Utilities Office can be reached by dialing 970-563-5500.**

## 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 within the exterior boundaries 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, via email or postal mail.**

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



## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Carolyn Rose Washington, Civil Subject  
Case No.: 2021-0061-CV-NC**

Notice is hereby given that Carolyn Rose Washington has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Carolyn Grey Eagle. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **JULY 9, 2021**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change

Dated this 4th day of June, 2021.

BY THE COURT,  
Marlene Price, Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Jawadia Anthony Corona, Civil Subject  
Case No.: 2021-0062-CV-NC**

Notice is hereby given that Jawadia Anthony Corona has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jawadin Anthony Corona. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **July 9, 2021**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 4th day of June, 2021.

BY THE COURT,  
Marlene Price, Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2021-0054-CV-PR  
Arlene Ann Millich, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JULY 13, 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 27th of May, 2021.

Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2021-0058-CV-PR  
Deanna Beth Frost, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JULY 20, 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 27th of May, 2021.

Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2021-0059-CV-PR  
Suzette Dee Humpy, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **AUGUST 2, 2021 at 2:00 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 28th of May, 2021

Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

## TRIBAL OBITUARIES



**FROST** – Lillie Frost passed away Thursday, June 3, 2021, at Mercy Hospice House. She was 93 years old. A wake will be held at her home on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. and a funeral service will be held Monday, June 7, 2021, at 8 am, at St. Ignatius Catholic

Church. Cremation will follow.

Lillie was born February 28, 1928, to Mamie Frost in Ignacio, Colorado. She grew up in Ignacio and attended school at the Allen Day School.

She enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening, canning and all things that made her house a home. She was active in Tribal events and ceremonies and a Pow Wow goer. She also enjoyed the horse racing during the Fiesta Days. She was a dorm mother at the Southern Ute BIA Dormitory and connected with many students as a mother. Everyone called her "Auntie" as she was truly family to everyone.

She is survived by her traditional adopted son: Roger Sulcer; siblings: Judy Lansing, Raymond Frost, Sr.; nieces and nephews: Tamera Reynolds, Sam Burch, Xavier Reynolds, Nikko Burch and Nicol Lansing.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents and parents; adopted father: Samuel Burch; brothers: Everett Burch, and Harvey Frost, Sr.



**HERRERA** – Carlos Chano Herrera was born on August 15, 1972 at 11:35 a.m. at Mercy Medical Hospital in Durango. He was born to Felix and Leona Herrera.

Carlos attended elementary school, middle school, and high school in Ignacio, Colorado and also completed part of his high school education in Tubac City, Arizona. He is an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and grew up on a small ranch with his brothers: Steven, Richard, and Marvin. Carlos knew a farmer's life as he spent most of his younger years in the fields irrigating, cutting hay and riding tractors. In his free time, he evolved over the years from tuning and racing bicycles to skateboarding. He was blessed to have a loving uncle in Gerald Howe who introduced him to the Ute culture and our Native American customs. Carlos became a fancy dancer in the Southern Ute Youth Group during its formation. He was invited to dance for events and outings in the local area as well as the surrounding communities. As he grew older, he turned his focus toward ceremonies within our tribe and in other tribes. Carlos spent many years as a Sun Dancer

who danced locally and as far as North Dakota. He participated in healing practices with various tribes and was effective as an apprentice in the healing ways.

After High School, Carlos met and married Daphne Washington. They lived together for many years and were blessed to have three beautiful children named Carlos, Angela, and Christina. Now, his children are grown and making their own paths in this world, but Carlos always speaks highly of them and his ongoing love for his family. Like many of the Ute children in Ignacio, Carlos started working at young age through the J.T.P.A. summer youth program. He worked for the HIP crew at Construction Services. He worked for the wood yard. Carlos became a sergeant for the Southern Ute Detention Center.

Carlos enjoyed listening to loud music and "jamming out." His early influences were Metallica, Ozzy Osbourne, Kiss, and AC/DC. He expanded his appreciation of music into Reggae and Heavy Metal. He liked to fish and to just watch nature. It was easy to watch him "watch nothing" and wonder what he was thinking. He also enjoyed going to concerts and traveling to see various places.

In his later years, Carlos met Rebecca Rael and they became inseparable. They shared a love and understanding that was strong and lasting. They took care of the farm and enjoyed taking time to themselves to appreciate the little things in life, but most of all to enjoy each other's company.

Carlos left this earth on June 5, 2021. He leaves behind his significant other: Rebecca Rael, his 2 daughters: Angela and Christina, his son: Carlos, sisters: Felicia Herrera and Dorene Baker, and brothers: Felix Herrera and Marvin Pinnecoose. He is preceded in death by his brothers Steven Herrera and Richard Herrera.

Services for Carlos were held on Wednesday June 16, 2021 at Hood Mortuary, Durango.

### STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT REMAINS POSTPONED WHILE IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME" LEVEL 2.

**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 TOWAC AT 100.9, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT [KSUT.ORG](http://KSUT.ORG)

## Drum Deadline

Next issue

**July 2**

Deadline

**June 28**

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

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## Grazing Short Term Standard Lease

Red Willow Production, LLC is offering to all Tribal membership, the opportunity to enter a submission for a grazing short term standard lease form contract ("Lease"). There will be a lottery selection for the right to the Lease due to the level of interest. The person who is drawn is required to sign the Lease and pay a \$5,000 dollar payment to Red Willow Production, LLC within 10 days after being drawn. The Lease is a standard lease form and will allow for a maximum of 100 head of cattle for a 3 month period to graze. The Lease boundaries are below:



**Section: 5 Township: 32 Range: 7 NW/4, NW/4 NE/4 & N3/4 N/2 SW/4**  
**Section: 6 Township: 32 Range: 7 NE/4, E/2 NW/4 & NE/4 SE/4**

Being 501.256 acres more or less; La Plata, County, Colorado  
La Plata County Parcel Number: 616505200128

The submission deadline closes Friday, June 18, 2021 at 5 p.m. All submissions must be made in writing and mailed or emailed to: Red Willow Production, LLC, ATTN: James Crittenden, 14933 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-442-1046, jcrittenden@rwpc.us Please contact James Crittenden with any questions you may have at the contact information provided above.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS Southern Ute Indian Tribe Plant Collection

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified botanist to collect culturally significant plant species for future heavy metals analysis and preservation. A recent ethnographic and ethnobotanical study identified 21 species of significance within the Bonita Peaks Mining District Superfund site and traditional Ute lands. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Attn: Alexandra Ratcliff, Environmental Programs Manager, PO Box 737 MS #81, Ignacio, CO 81137

Email: aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov  
Proposals will be received through July 15, 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 information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS Southern Ute Indian Tribe PRV Station Replacement Project

Owner: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT)  
Utilities Division  
PO Box 1137  
16360 Hwy 172  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-563-5500

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the SUIT UTILITIES DIVISION Sky Ute Fairgrounds PRV Station Replacement Project will be received by the Owner at the offices of the SUIT Utilities Division, until 3:00 p.m. (M.D.S.T.), Thursday, July 22 2021. The bids shall be reviewed by the Utilities Division and all Contractors shall be notified of the qualified low bidder.

**Bid security:** A Bid security, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashiers Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance and Payment Bonds as security for the faithful performance of the Contract.

**Description of Work:** Project requires installation of Owner furnished PRV vault, plumbed connection to existing water distribution system, and removal and disposal of existing PRV vault.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be

given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prospective BIDDERS are REQUIRED to attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 10 A.M. at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds Project Site, located at 200 County Road 151, Ignacio, CO 81137.

THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location:

- **GOFF Engineering & Surveying, Inc.:** 126 Rock Point Drive, Suite A, Durango, Colorado 81301. 970-247-1705
- **The Southern Ute Indian Tribe:** Utilities Division, 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137. 970-563-5500

A \$50 (fifty dollars), non-refundable deposit will be required for each printed set. Digital (PDF) plans are available by sending an email request to HUlglasco@goffengineering.com or written request to the above address.

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

### ELECTION BOARD

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. The closing date is Friday, July 16, 2021 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe-Election Board P. O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

### 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.

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

### 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. 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 Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

## 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.

## SOUTHERN UTE ELECTION BOARD OFFICE HOURS

Office will be closed February 15, 2021 thru July 06, 2021, if need to contact a board member during this time please contact Sunshine Whyte at ext. 2319.

The Election Board will return back to the office in July 07, 2021 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 am to 2 pm.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week.  
\*\*Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors distribution is 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

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| • Distribution, Friday, Oct. 29:    | NOON, Monday, Oct. 25, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 10: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 5, 2021  |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 24: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Thursday Dec. 9:    | NOON, Monday, Dec. 6, 2021  |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 20:  | NOON, Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 |

## Southern Ute Membership Only – For Rent

60 Shadow Spirit East, Ignacio, Colorado: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) has a Two-Story (3) Bedroom, (2 1/2) Bathroom(s) Townhome unit available for rent. For more information and an application, go to [www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/cedar-point-townhomes/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/cedar-point-townhomes/)  
Or contact Tribal Housing at (970) 563-4710 to make an appointment to pick up an application. Applications can be emailed to: [tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov) or hand-delivered to our drop box located at 285 Lakin St. Ignacio, CO.  
Applications will be accepted until 5 pm, June 25, 2021.





Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

**Senior Environmental, Health and Safety Specialist – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 7/9/21 – Develops, implements and maintains various environmental, health and safety (EHS) programs and services in a manner which minimizes or eliminates worker safety and EHS regulatory risks to Red Willow Production Company. Provides safety leadership throughout the organization to increase safety awareness and build a strong safety culture. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in environmental science, earth science, life science, occupational health and safety, engineering or related discipline and nine years’ work experience in EHS or closely related capacity; OR a Master’s degree in environmental science, occupational health and safety, engineering or related discipline and seven years’ work experience in EHS or closely related capacity is required. Must have a minimum of five years’ work experience in oil and gas and/or other energy industry fields. Must have excellent command of federal and state rules and regulations. Must have experience with EHS audits and inspections. Must have proficient technical writing skills to prepare reports, standard operating procedures and other highly technical documents. Must have the ability to maintain database systems for tracking compliance related, permits, documents, monitoring reports and audits. Must have experience in computer software programs within the MS Windows environment including Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Project. Must have strong communication skills. Must be able to work in a team environment and able to share responsibility and accountability. Must be able to work with and take direction from others. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and lead in a productive team-oriented environment. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

**Royalty Auditor – Department Of Energy (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closing 7/6/21 – Performs audits of Southern Ute Tribal oil and gas royalties. Minimum qualifications: BA/BS degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or appropriately related area is required. Two years accounting/auditing experience is required. Two years oil and gas accounting/auditing experience is preferred. Must have computer experience in word processing and spreadsheet software applications. Must have knowledge of industry practices related to the reporting and disbursement of royalties. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and a criminal history background investigation. Must be bondable. Must successfully pass the federal background investigation required under the Tribe’s Cooperative Agreement with the Office of Natural Resources Revenue. Must have a valid Driver’s License for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.southernute.com/careers](http://www.southernute.com/careers) for full job details and to apply online.  
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.  
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**Vice President Applications Development – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closes 6/25/21 – Primary responsibilities include strategic direction, development and implementation of IT applications, and applications systems analysis and programming activities that enable the organization’s business processes. Includes the internal application development of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM), Finance and Supply Chain Management (FSCM), , Business Intelligence, Business Analytics, Budgeting Planning and Consolidation, Web Development, Geographic Information Systems, Microsoft 365, Microsoft Azure and all other enterprise applications where necessary. Manages IT professionals who design/adapt application software. Application development may include both systems analysis and custom programming and configuration of packaged products created by third parties. Minimum Qualifications: A Bachelor’s degree in MIS, Computer Science or a related field is required. Must have fifteen years software development management experience. Must have fifteen years business systems experience coming up through the application development ranks with full software development lifecycle experience. Must have seven years of enterprise software development and project management experience including milestones, tasks, issues, risks and budget responsibilities. Must have three years managing the implementation and support of Microsoft 365, Microsoft Azure, and Microsoft Power Platform solutions. Must possess strong troubleshooting skills. Must be able to obtain a Southern Ute Indian Tribe Gaming Support License, Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) certification, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) Certification. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable by the Growth Fund vehicle insurance carrier. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

Attention: We prefer all applications by email [Carla.Cuthair@utemountain.org](mailto:Carla.Cuthair@utemountain.org) or [ceyetoo@utemountain.org](mailto:ceyetoo@utemountain.org) or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

Job Openings as of June 14, 2021

- Public Safety, Full-time – Security – Closes 6/21/21
- Tribal Parks, Part-time – Maintenance Worker – Closes 6/21/21
- Sunrise Youth Shelter, Full-time – House Parent – Closes 6/21/21
- Echo, Full-time – Journalist – Closes 6/25/21
- Child Development Center, Family Service Manager – Closes 6/25/21
- Kwiyyagat Community Academy, Program Specialist – Closes 6/25/21
- Brunot Wildlife, Ranger – Closes 6/25/21

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221  
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)

Ignacio School District has openings for Volleyball, Girls Basketball and Football assistant coaches. Positions are open until filled.

StrongHearts Native Helpline – Assitant Director

StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) is seeking a full-time Assistant Director. The position will be based at the organization’s national headquarters office in Eagan, Minnesota. The annual salary is negotiable. The Assistant Director reports to the StrongHearts Director and is responsible for the following major tasks: supervision and oversight of StrongHearts Native Helpline operations; providing leadership and aligning staff and resources to fulfill organizational goals and objectives; and providing administration supervision and oversight for the organization. “We are seeking an individual with five years’ experience in direct services to victims of domestic and/or sexual violence or similar human services program with domestic and sexual violence experience preferred, said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). “With that level of experience and knowledge in the field, our new Assistant Director also must be well versed in issues surrounding domestic, dating and sexual violence to capably serve as an organization spokesperson.” “We also would prefer that our new Assistant Director has significant experience living and/or working in Native communities, is deeply rooted in Indigenous thought and culture, and is informed by high-quality research and approaches,” said Jump. For a complete list of essential responsibilities and duties; required minimum knowledge, skills and abilities; and requirements and work conditions, visit: <https://strongheartshelpline.org/about/jobs>.

Lots for Sale

Two 1.06 ac.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 Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part time)

Closes 6/18/21 – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Position starts at \$12.32/hour.

Food Distribution Specialist

Closes 6/24/21 – Provides program management for the Food Distribution Program to include administrative duties, grant monitoring, eligibility determination, inventory control, distribution of commodities, and management of application process. Position starts at \$19.93/hour.

Lifeguard (Part-time)

Closes 6/29/21 – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Position starts at \$12.54/hour.

Maintenance Technician

Closes 6/29/2021 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance and repairs, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Position starts at \$16.88/hour.

Media Archivist (Southern Ute members only)

Closes 6/18/21 – Under general supervision of the Media Manager, organizes, inventories, and implements professional archiving practices to ensure the best preservation methods are used to maintain historic newspapers, photographs, film negatives and other materials under the care of The Southern Ute Drum. Position starts at \$15.61/hour

Receptionist

Closes 6/18/21 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Position starts at \$12.54/hour

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. This position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on renewed funding. Position starts at \$49,517.56/year.

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 \$75,321.13/year/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.

Cultural Education Coordinator (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Design and development of the cultural and language curriculum which shall be used in teaching and instruction to tribal members, staff, clients, and community. Responsible for working with the Ute Language Teachers, Elders, and Southern Ute tribal members on an individual basis, sharing ideas and materials on how to assist in learning and retaining Ute language and culture. Assists tribal members, staff, clients, and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Culture Department. Incorporating the Ute history, culture, and folklore into the language and culture curriculum and instruction. Position starts at \$49,517.56/year.

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.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. 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. Position starts at \$41,456.65/year.

Health Center Support Services Manager

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.

Lands Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provides general information to the Tribal Membership and general public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. Position starts at \$15.61/hour.

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

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.

Lifeguard (Full-time)

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

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.

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.

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.

Summer Youth Employment Workers (So. Ute members & 1st Descendents only)

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Program Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2021, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

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 – 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.





LADY CATS LOG HOME WIN • FROM PAGE 16

Denied this spring only the visit to CHS but credited with a forfeit win, Ignacio ultimately finished 2-8 overall/SWL and snatched fifth place in league away from the nemesis Lady Vikings (1-9, 1-9).

“I’m just so proud that we, one, fielded a team and, two, that we were going to keep that team through a full season,” said head coach Alisha Gullion. “A lot of teams lost their seniors as soon as they graduated; our girls never gave up.” “No subs, and some games we’ve even been down players, but we’ve managed to get back up and keep going, keep running,” said Amanda Henderson, one of three graduated seniors playing their final match. “I’m proud of our team for just that!”

Earning an at-large berth into the Class 2A State Tournament, Crested Butte improved to 8-2, 8-2 and, seeded fourth, drew a June 19 ‘home’ match on Gunnison-based Western Colorado University’s campus versus 5-seed Buena Vista (7-2 overall). THS (10-0, 10-0 SWL), meanwhile, received the No. 1 seed and will host 8-seed Edwards Vail Christian (5-2) the same day; the survivors of each clash will then meet June 23 in one semifinal, with the grand finale set for 9 a.m. Sat., June 26, at Colorado Switchbacks Weidner Field in Colorado Springs.

VICTORY IS OURS

Having lost 8-0 and 7-0 to Telluride less than 24 hours earlier, with the doubleheader played in 20-minute halves rather than regulation 40s, a sense that the Lady ‘Cats held something in reserve was more or less confirmed.

“We wanted to play our hardest, but we were definitely saving it for today,” admitted graduated senior Caitlyn Chapman, one of

Gullion’s first two (Henderson the other) four-year players since becoming the boss. “We knew we had more of a chance.”

And after taking an early Darlyn Lechuga-Mendoza throw-in from near midfield, Chapman dribbled nearly 40 yards unchallenged along the near sideline – past visiting Del Norte’s bench – before angling in to go 1-v-1 with goalie Symphony Dunbar ... and leaving her no chance in netting a fifth-minute, five-hole goal.

Lechuga-Mendoza would convert an Alexis Ortiz feed into a ninth-minute score, and Chapman would boot an intercepted Dunbar goal kick immediately back past the Lady Tigers’ keeper for a 3-0 advantage after just 13 minutes.

One of IHS’ building blocks for the future, Lechuga-Mendoza evaded three DNHS defenders to strike again in the 18th, and Alexis Pontine shot a Henderson assist past Dunbar in the 20th, giving Ignacio a 5-0 halftime lead in the time-condensed contest.

Still to face THS that same afternoon in another 20/20 match, Del Norte avoided being blanked when junior Hannah Trujillo followed up sophomore Kelci Madrid’s 29th-minute free kick and beat Ignacio senior backstop Emily Cundiff. But the enthusiasm was quickly curbed, and DNHS’ hopes all but kicked to the curb when Pontine cashed a Chapman assist in the 30th.

“It felt nice with a good offense,” said Chapman. “We had a lot more people running up this year and ... felt a lot stronger.”

“It was all of the things we’ve been talking about, talking about, and just seeing those things clicking on the field ... . I mean, they were communicating, they were passing – they played like ... an experienced soccer

team today,” Gullion said. “Usually, we look like a team that’s learning – because we are a team that’s learning – and to see them playing like they ... know what they’re doing out there was incredible.”

“For sure,” concurred Henderson. “We did get to see Telluride play, see what a No. 2 in the state looks like – how they play, how they communicate, how they move – and I really do think that played somewhat into today. Even if we did take a loss yesterday, I feel that definitely contributed at least in some degree.”

Making a little bit of Ignacio program history, Pontine managed to complete a rare hat trick not long before the final whistle when she converted a 40th-minute Chapman crossing pass which Dunbar initially deflected.

“We’ve really been working on passing ... and throughout the season we’d been getting better and better. Del Norte was a good game to, like, try it out and really go hard,” Pontine said. “Our passing was really good and we were connecting today. Since I’d get to be on offense – I’m usually playing sweeper – it was a lot of extra motivation.”

“She wanted it so bad,” said Gullion. “I play her back ... because she’s an amazing sweeper, but ... . There’s a running joke on our team: The difference between coming out strong on offense and coming out strong on defense is where we put Pontine!”

Unofficially, the Lady ‘Cats put on frame 16 of 21 total shots taken, and also earned two corner kicks. Dunbar unofficially totaled nine saves in defeat, while Cundiff made six total stops. Later dominated 8-0 by Telluride and set to forfeit a 6/4 visit to Ridgway as well as a slated 6/12 trip to THS, Del Norte ended up a fourth-place 3-7 overall/SWL.

BOBCATS SPLIT PAIR • FROM PAGE 16

“Lawrence is the only one that’s caught for me my whole high-school career,” noted House (0-1, BB, HBP), “so it means a lot to go out with these guys, end it with the people I started it with. I was excited to be back out there playing this year – didn’t get to play last year – and I’m sad it’s over.”

“I mean, it was a competitive game,” he noted, “and we had fun. We’d have like to won it but they played a good game.”

“Yeah, you’d want both of them,” Hayes agreed, “but ... I felt they competed and gave themselves the opportunity to win. It’s disappointing the bats didn’t quite come together with that last pitcher – he has good stuff we couldn’t quite get to – but for the most part I felt they went after it; you can’t ask for any more than that.”

Ignacio finished the 2021 campaign standing 5-9-1 overall (the suspended second game at Rangely has apparently been deemed a tie, though Ignacio had led to end on a high note. After [Covid-19] happened ... . It SJBL schedule – only Dove Creek (3-1 SJBL) played

twice against both NHS (2-1) and IHS – the Bobcats went 5-6-1 against the 2A Western Slope League.

“It’s been a ride,” said Tucson. “Had ups and downs, had our good moments and bad moments, but we pulled through.”

Olathe, meanwhile, ended up 6-10 overall, 4-8 WSL; Hotchkiss (13-2 overall) bagged the league title with an 11-1 mark, with Cedaredge (12-4, 9-3 WSL) finishing second and Meeker (9-5, 7-5) third.

“Everyone’s kind of emotional because, you know, we love the sport,” Prisbrey said. “Junior year, our team felt ... would have been our prime year; we were all starters our sophomore year – the seniors now – and we had a solid team. Then CHSAA was like, ‘You can’t play’ and we were kind of mad; I felt we could have grown so much, and this year could have done better.”

“At the beginning we did pretty good,” said Nicolas. “Then we went through a dry spell, lost to a few good teams ... . I’m glad we got to end on a high note. After [Covid-19] happened ... . It was good just to get together with the guys, and girl!”

ON SENIOR DAY

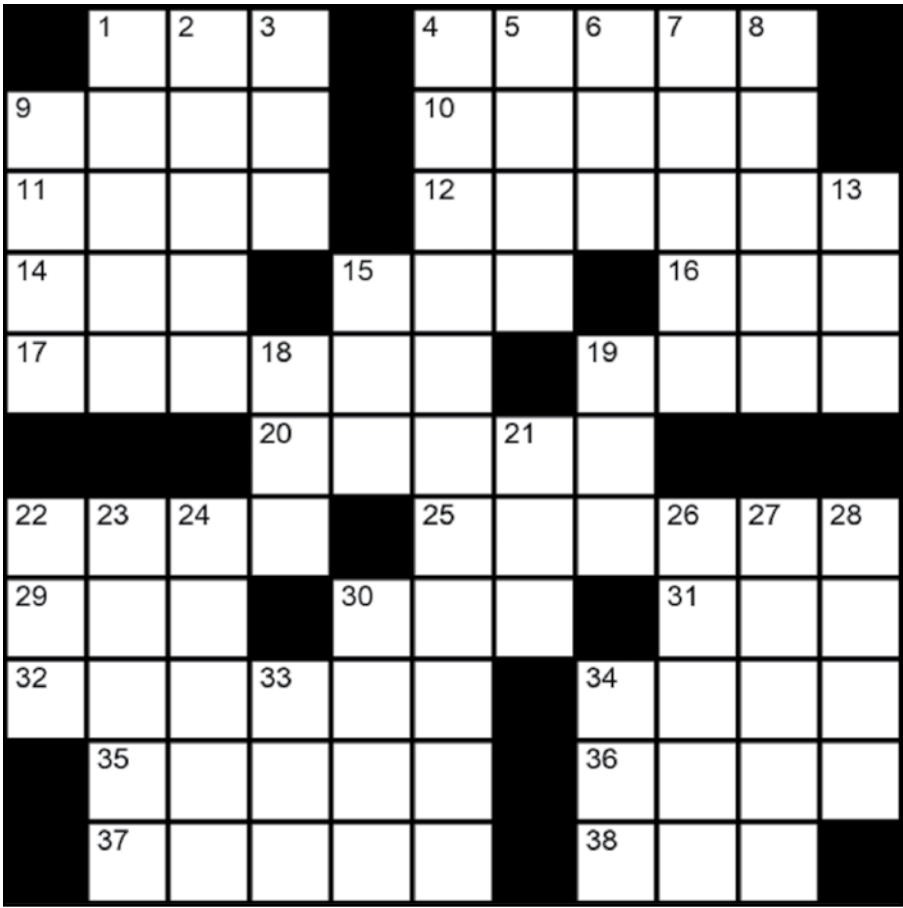
Against 1A Nucla on Tues., June 8, at IHS Field, only Gallegos and Eppie Quintana reached base by bat, with Mustang shortstop P.J. Hulst committing a clear fielding error against each during the first and sixth innings.

Neither man would score, however; Toledo (0-0, 3 BB) and Phillip Quintana (0-2, BB) would each walk and come around against Wytulka – who actually walked seven hitters all told – in the fourth, with the former scoring via a bases-loaded base-on-balls issued to a pinch-hitting Marcus Maez, and the latter via a bases-loaded wild pitch to House.

Denied a shutout, NHS still completed a six-inning combined no-hitter as first baseman Sam Puderbaugh replaced Wytulka (2-3, HR, 2B, INT.BB, BB, R, 2 RBI) and held IHS scoreless in the bottom of the sixth, fanning two and walking one.

Maez would remain in the game and finished a Toledo-like 0-for-0 with two walks; Gallegos and Eppie Quintana each ended up 0-2 with a walk as Ignacio left four runners in scoring position and seven on base overall.

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Army rank with highest body count
- 4 Mild and pleasant
- 9 Butter substitute
- 10 “I am just --- boy...” (Simon and Garfunkel)
- 11 Organization serving those who have already served
- 12 Go-fer
- 14 That guy over there
- 15 The --- Wars, between the Meskwaki and the French
- 16 “Fine and dandy,” in old slang
- 17 Worldwide relief org.
- 19 Take suddenly
- 20 --- Williams (Potsie in “Happy Days”)
- 22 “Dear” advice giver
- 25 Opposable digits
- 29 Soldier’s fare, briefly
- 30 E-mail attachment, for short
- 31 Acknowledgement of debt
- 32 Recaps about a very long way
- 34 Lots of bills
- 35 Follow
- 36 Makes hasty notes
- 37 Fails miserably
- 38 Green-lights

Down

- 1 Restrained pal in a mess
- 2 Italian-born creator of the first nuclear reactor
- 3 Capture
- 4 Coyote’s burden
- 5 Top
- 6 “Salem’s --- “ (Stephen King)
- 7 Power source
- 8 One of the Karuk tribe’s bases
- 9 Island of Hawaii
- 13 “Johnny --- “
- 15 Bog
- 18 Low island
- 19 Ox-like African antelope
- 21 Auto engine feature
- 22 Band aid?
- 23 Benjamin --- of “Law & Order”
- 24 Quotable Yogi
- 26 People with eleven recognised tribes in California
- 27 Dinghies and dories
- 28 Lather
- 30 Montana reservation, Fort ---
- 33 --- Antonio
- 34 Garlic in Guadalajara

Answers for this crossword will appear in July 2 issue of the Drum.

Answers for June 4, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 CPSC, 5 Blanca, 11 Hutu, 12 Refold, 13 iPod, 14 Embryo, 15 Min, 16 Gas, 17 GDP, 18 Plebes, 20 Meet, 21 Botch, 23 A-B Ms, 26 Frosty, 30 Loo, 31 Yet, 32 Kaa, 33 Prague, 35 Firm, 36 Herald, 37 SMTP, 38 Adages, 39 USTA. Down: 1 Chimp, 2 Pupil, 3 Stone, 4 Cud, 5 Breastfeeds, 6 LEMs, 7 AFB, 8 Norge, 9 Clyde, 10 Adopt, 16 Geo, 19 BBs, 20 Mho, 22 C-RT, 23 Alpha, 24 Bored, 25 Moara, 27 Skims, 28 Tartt, 29 Yampa, 31 Yule, 34 Gag, 35 FSU.

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 below:

www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/

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20% chance showers/t-storms in p.m.

Saturday, June 19



93°F mostly sunny  
20% chance showers/t-storms in p.m.

Sunday, June 20



93°F sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

