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Sister tribes gather for Bear Dance



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Adorned with brightly colored shawls, women lined the Bear Dance corral in a circular fashion – dancing for an Honor Song in recognition of Father’s Day. The Southern Ute Bear Dance was held in Ignacio, Friday, June 18 – Monday, June 21. The Tribe screened visitors upon entry, checking temperatures and vaccination cards of participants and spectators throughout the long weekend. Record heat did not deter dancers from participating in the four-day spring ceremony, which was closed to the public in the spring of 2020 due to the pandemic. Health and safety remain a top priority for the Tribe, while still upholding culturally important Ute ceremonies such as the Bear Dance and upcoming Sundance.

See more Southern Ute Bear Dance photos on page 11



courtesy Durango Interagency Coordinating Group

As a reminder, Stage 1 fire restrictions were enacted for Southern Ute Indian Reservation on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 and will remain in effect until conditions improve. Stage I Fire Restrictions prohibits acts for the general public, commercial operators and industrial oil and gas operators performing work on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

BIA FIRE MANAGEMENT

Fire season underway on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Eighteen separate fires broke out on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in recent weeks; dubbed the North Cinder Butte Area Fires – located throughout the west side of the reservation. The cause of the North Cinder

Butte Area Fires was the result of the recent lightning storms throughout the region. Fire crews responded to quickly prioritize the multiple fires. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Agency Fire Management and Los Piños Fire Protection Dis-

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YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

‘I Rise Above’ youth mural unveiled

By McKayla Lee

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In partnership with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and Rise Above Colorado the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division is now featuring a new “Ute Resilience” mural in their building. The “Ute Resilience” youth art mural was unveiled at the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building in Durango, Colo. on Thursday, June 24. The event was limited to the first 50 people and masks were required. This mural was part of a new five-county art campaign that started in Pagosa Springs, Colo. and is aimed at empowering teens to lead a drug-free lifestyle, it will also educate adults on teen drug use.

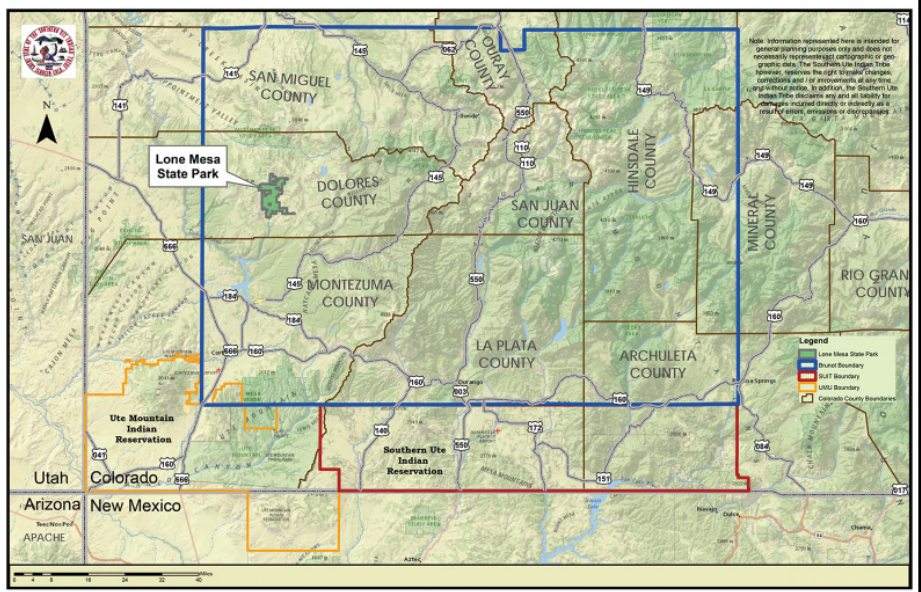
For more than a decade now, Rise Above Colorado has helped communities build connections through public art projects. Each project is driven by youth. Over 20 communities so far have showcased Colorado

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McKayla Lee/Special to the Drum

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage shares her gratitude and appreciation to the departments and youth who were involved in completing the mural that is currently housed in the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division.



courtesy SU Wildlife Division

The State Park is encompassed entirely within the Brunot Treaty Area and features incredibly scenic lands ranging in elevation from about 7,200 feet to just over 9,000 feet.

WILDLIFE

Treaty hunting now available at Lone Mesa State Park

Tribe, State create MOU honoring Ute treaty rights


By Jeremy Wade Shockley

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is pleased to announce that interested tribal member hunters can now access Lone Mesa State Park for treaty hunting using access permits issued by the Tribe. A limited number of permits will be available each year, free of charge, beginning with the 2021 hunting season.

Lone Mesa State Park encompasses close to 12,000 acres, owned by the State of Colorado; which is specially managed just for hunting in the fall. The state is focused on low density, in an effort to provide a quality hunting experience by keeping it open to a very limited number of hunters.

In September of 2019, Southern Ute tribal member Raymond Baker was turned away from the State Park because he didn’t go through the State’s appli-



courtesy Elmer Rock

Deer and elk permits will be available to Southern Ute tribal members for the 2021 hunting season.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Seibel steps up as Small Business Specialist

By McKayla Lee

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Tribe’s Small Business Development Center welcomed tribal member, Trae Seibel as the Small Business Specialist in November of 2020. His position falls under the economic development program, within the small business center. The center was created to support and encourage tribal member en-

trepreneurship on and off the reservation.

Seibel is no stranger to the community, he went to school and graduated from the Ignacio School District in 2010. Then continued his education at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., where he received his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. He then moved on to Adams State University in Alamosa, Colo., to obtain his master’s

degree in Education. He is currently working to receive his Doctorate of Education.

For the past two years Seibel has worked as a part time physical education teacher for the Community Christian Academy. Seibel has also worked on the Growth Fund Management Committee, and before that he worked alongside the director of the Southern Ute Education De-

Small business page 8

Totem pole graces Durango



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Councilwoman, Linda Baker introduces herself and offers prayers for the totem pole from Lummi Nation out of Washington State, on Saturday, June 29. The event took place in Durango, Colo. at Fort Lewis College. The “Red Road to D.C. Totem Pole Journey” has made its way from Washington D.C. to the West Coast making various stops en route.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The totem pole, which is said to carry the spirit of the lands, and power and prayer from Lummi Nation, made its second stop in Colorado at Fort Lewis College. Southern Ute Council Members, Linda Baker and Dr. Stacey Oberly were invited to attend and speak at the event. Participants were able to engage with Lummi Nation leaders and hear stories about how this totem pole came about and the meaning behind each piece of art.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Great Old Broads for the Wilderness and Fort Lewis College hosted the House of Tears Carvers from the Lummi Nation for the “Red Road to D.C. Totem Pole Journey.” The red hands on this sacred totem pole represent the missing and murdered Indigenous women, intended to bring awareness at each stop with stories and empowering messages from tribal leaders.

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FIRE RESTRICTIONS – STAGE I General Public

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- 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.

For more information on the North Cinder Butte Area Fires, please visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe website, and follow the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on social media.

To report fires contact:

DURANGO ZONE DISPATCH: 970-385-1324

For more info or to report Fire Restriction Violations contact: BIA Fire Management 970-563-4571 OR Southern Ute Police Department 970-563-4401

tion on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 and will remain in effect until conditions improve. Stage I Fire Restrictions prohibits acts for the gener-

al public, commercial operators and industrial oil and gas operators performing work on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute Chairman Pearl E. Casias presents Orion Watts, a 2011 Ignacio High School graduate, with a personalized Pendleton blanket during the Southern Ute Education Department’s Education Banquet on Friday, 24, at the Multi-Purpose Facility as Vice-chairman Mike Olguin looks on. Nearly 50 students were honored for academic achievements.

This photo was first published in the July 1, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

20 years ago

One of the purposes of Heritage Night is to familiarize our young ones with powwow etiquette and get them accustomed to dancing in front of people. Here, we see some of our young ladies: Sage Rodhe, Springwind Frost, Allie Seibel (partially hidden), Felicia Woodhull, Serena Fournier, Nicole Woodhull, and Cloe Seibel (partially hidden), who is dancing with her mom, Melanie Seibel.

This photo was published in the June 29, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Tour guide Raymond Tom (upper right) explains Anasazi architectural skills to 63 tribal employees at the Ute Mountain Tribal Park. Old corncobs, animal bones, tools and pottery pieces were still visible from the trail, as well as fingerprints in the mortar. The day-long field trip in Lion Canyon was organized by the Wildlife Department.

This photo was published in the July 1, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

A group of Southern Ute tribal members and the home extension agent traveled to Las Cruces, N.M., to attend the Homemakers College held at New Mexico State University. Those that attended the event were Gerald and Deni Howe, Bertha Groves, Connie Baker, Jessie T. Jefferson, Eva Cook, Terry Box, Eileen Wasserbach and Sharon Cloud. Sarah Baker and Effie Monte (above) stand with other homemakers graduates at the banquet on Friday, June 19, 1983.

This photo was published in the July 3, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



courtesy Christina Jackson & Eric Stephenson

During the initial curatorial consultation, John Lukavic, Andrew W. Mellon curator of Native arts, and Dakota Hoska, assistant curator of Native arts, joined Sarah Melching, Allison McCloskey, and Marina Hays from the Denver Art Museum conservation department to examine a selection of the Acoma Pueblo Textiles that will receive conservation treatment.

CONSERVATION

Denver Art Museum to conserve Acoma Pueblo textiles

Karen Mason
KJM COMMUNICATIONS

In an effort to preserve artistic traditions and support the Acoma Pueblo community, the Denver Museum of Art (DAM) is restoring one of its most culturally significant collections, the Acoma Pueblo Textiles. Through the 2021 Bank of America Art Conservation Project (ACP), the Denver Art Museum will conserve 12 mantas (or shawls), made by Acoma Pueblo artists between 1850 and 1935. The textiles were acquired either by purchase or by request between 1936 and 1983.

The textiles exhibit a range of condition issues that significantly impact their appearance, prevent their safe display, and threaten their long-term preservation. If not addressed, their damage and soiling will contribute to fiber degradation and increase the risk of pest activity. The conserva-



courtesy Christina Jackson & Eric Stephenson

(From left to right) John Lukavic, Andrew W. Mellon curator of Native arts, Dakota Hoska, assistant curator of Native arts, and Marina Hays, Mellon Textile Conservation Fellow, closely examine an Acoma Pueblo shawl.

tion project will take place between August 2021 and May 2022 and work will be conducted on site at DAM.

The private sector has a role to play in keeping the arts thriving in our communities, especially after the challenges faced by museums over the past year with closures and severely limited in-person visitor options. Through the ACP program,

the bank provides grants to nonprofit museums across the world to conserve historically or culturally significant works of art that are in danger of deterioration. Acoma Pueblo Textiles are one of a select group of 23 Art Conservation Projects announced this year by Bank of America. Recipients are based in 13 countries and nine U.S. cities.

NATIVE JOURNALISM

NAJA releases Indigenous Media Guides for reporting on First Nations

Staff report
NATIVE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) releases three new guides, in three languages, with support from the Canadian Commission for UNESCO

in coordination with National Indigenous Peoples Day 2021 in Canada. NAJA released the three Indigenous Media Guides for reporting on First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities.

With support from the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (CCUNESCO) and in partnership with APTN News, the guides have been published in English, Spanish and French. Each guide, hosted here, is unique and recognizes the importance of including Indigenous culture, language and historical contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada in ethical coverage of those communities.

The Indigenous Media Guides also feature First Nations, Inuit and Métis artwork.

As part of its mission, NAJA recognizes Indigenous people as distinct and

grounded in tradition and culture. In this spirit, NAJA encourages both mainstream and tribal media to attain the highest standards of professionalism, ethics and responsibility when reporting on Indigenous issues.

The Indigenous Media Guides will help reporters meet these standards by providing a context checklist to consider when reporting on First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. No two tribal nations are the same and reporting on them effectively requires an understanding of the government, economy, geography, treaties, people and culture.

Additional reporting resources are available at www.naja.com.

Native American Journalists Association

The Native American Journalists Association serves more than 850 members, including media pro-

fessionals working in tribal, freelance, independent and mainstream news outlets, as well as academia and students covering Indigenous communities and representing tribal nations from across North America.

Canadian Commission for UNESCO

The Canadian Commission for UNESCO (CCUNESCO) is committed both to supporting reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, and to freedom of expression. CCUNESCO serves as a bridge between Canadians and the vital work of UNESCO – the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Through its networks and partners, the Commission promotes UNESCO's values, priorities and programs in Canada and brings the voices of Canadian experts to the international stage.



Celebrating our Ute people



courtesy Curtis Cesspooch

Veterans lead Saturday's Grand Entry of the Ute Indian Tribe's Social Powwow, in Fort Duchesne, Utah on June 26, 2021. Pictured left to right, Staff Carrier – Charlie Denny, Staff Carrier – Eagle Chief Ridley (Army), Benjamin Murray (Army), Darrel Shavanaux (USMC), Jon Don Reed (Army), Northern Ute Council Member Christopher Tabbee, and carrying the U.S. Flag, Adelbert Tavashutz (Army). The outdoor, three-day powwow hosted Jingle, Fancy, Traditional and Grass dance categories.

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.

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Try this simple summer salad

Lisa Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS

Did you buy a large watermelon and have some extra? Try this very simple salad. It’s refreshing and colorful and perfect on a hot day!

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



courtesy Meats, Leaves and Rootss

Watermelon and Feta Salad

- Ingredients**
- 6 cups cold watermelon, cubed
 - 1/2 red onion, sliced and cut in quarters
 - 1/2 cup feta cheese, cubed
 - 1/3 cup fresh mint, chopped
 - 2-4 tablespoons balsamic vinegar or balsamic glaze

- Directions**
- Place all ingredients in a large bowl and stir to combine! Serve cold.

Serves 8
Nutrition Information: 64 Calories, 2.2g fat, 10g carbohydrates, 1g fiber, 2.2g protein

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Safety during a violent encounter

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE
HELPLINE

Be aware that in an abusive relationship, violence is used as a tactic for the abuser to maintain power and control over the victim-survivor. The violence will continue and may escalate in intensity and frequency.

Safety planning is an individualized process where a practical plan is created that includes ways to remain safe while in an abusive relationship. An advocate can help you produce a plan and discuss your options with you.

If a violent encounter seems imminent and unavoidable, there are a few options to consider to keep you safe. These tips cannot guarantee your safety, but by using your experience and intuition, along with these tips, you may be safer. You are the best person to judge your safety.

- Try to control your breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth so you can continue to think clearly.
- Say or do whatever you can to de-escalate the situation.
- Avoid rooms or areas without an easy escape.
 - o Stay on the ground floor if possible.
 - o For example, a basement with stairs and one point of entry will be difficult to escape from during a violent attack.
- Mentally plan how you might escape from each room in advance.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Think about what you could use to shield yourself when your partner becomes abusive.
- Avoid getting into a vehicle.
- Avoid areas where weapons are easily accessible.
 - o Kitchens are dangerous because of the access to knives. Bathrooms are dangerous because of slipping and the many hard surfaces in a small area. Garages or sheds can also be dangerous

because of access to tools and other heavy equipment.

- o Avoid any areas where firearms are stored or kept, even if they are locked securely.
- Remove necklaces and scarves if possible as these could be used to strangle you. Remove earrings.
- Move away from any children in the area.
- Consider safe places to go after escaping.
- Choose a code word or signal that would let children, relatives or neighbors know they should call for help.
- Hide spare keys and money in a safe place or ask a safe person to hold onto them for you in case you need to flee unexpectedly.
- If you are unable to get away from the abuser and are being assaulted, try to make yourself as small as possible to minimize any injuries. Get into a corner or put your back to a wall, bring your knees to your chest and use your arms to cover your neck.
- You have the right to protect yourself and that includes calling the police.

After the Violence

After a violent encounter, it can be difficult to process what has happened, take time for yourself to recover and reconnect with yourself. Seek medical attention if needed and is safe to do so. Consider documenting the violence and abuse. Take pictures and write descriptions of the abuse in a journal or open an email account and email them to

yourself. If there are any medical or police reports documenting the abuse, keep the records. Make sure your information is kept in a safe place. Keeping documentation will allow you to have an option to pursue legal action in the future.

Participating in self-care activities like exercise, eating healthy, counseling, journaling, knowing when and how to emotionally check out during times of duress could be helpful. Be gentle with yourself mentally and physically. Practice your spirituality by smudging, praying or sitting with your traditional medicines if this helps heal your spirit. “Immediate safety is important and long-term safety planning should be considered when you are in or exiting an abusive relationship,” said StrongHearts Services Manager Joy Samuelson (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe). “Our advocates can help you plan for your safety, no matter what your current situation is.”

StrongHearts Native Helpline Can Help

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. Call or text 1-844-762-8483 or click on the chat icon at strongheartshelpline.org to connect with an advocate.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a project of the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline. *Tips adapted from The National Domestic Violence Hotline.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Deconstructing the myths about victims

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE
HELPLINE

Historical Bias

The oppressive nature of European ideas about civilized societies, acceptable cultural practices and religious beliefs accompanied the colonizers to the “New World” in the 16th century. Native peoples felt the immediate brunt of racial discrimination, which continues today. Those who were not “white” were seen as dirty, savage and unworthy of justice. These biases and misconceptions permeate the legal system and when it comes to evidence of innocence and guilt – prosecutors use a filtration system seemingly dictated by the media.

The Myth of The Perfect Victim

The “perfect or ideal victim” narrative is a widespread phenomenon that not only potentially prevents a victim from reporting assaults, it almost always ensures that a defense attorney will use appearance, behavior and reputation to refute a criminal case in a court of law. Unfortunately, the media often portrays the perfect victim as a Snow White fairytale innocent.

According to Jason B. Whiting, Ph.D., LMFT, whose research delves into deception, communication and abuse in relationships, the “ideal victim” profile consists of five traits in which the victim must be:

- weak/vulnerable
- involved in a respectable activity at the time of victimization
- blameless in all aspects of the interaction
- victimized by an obvious offender
- someone who doesn’t know the offender



These socially accepted victim traits may contribute to why male victims are less likely to report an assault; and these assumptions often result in victims and perpetrators being painted with a very narrow brush involving social biases about age, gender, sexual orientation, social class and race.

The Unseen Victim

This “perfect victim” could be a contributing factor as to why the judicial system ignores the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives crisis that has plagued Native communities. We know from years of generational trauma that Native peoples are often ignored because they are not portrayed as victims of colonization and oppression. In stark contrast, the media often portrays Native Americans as lazy, drunk or looking for a handout. Not only are the stories of Native Americans more likely to be questioned and/or doubted – they are easily forgotten.

The Myth That Only Women Can Be Abused

Media and socialization may lead you to believe that only women can be abused but the truth is anyone can be a victim of domestic violence. National Institute of Justice statistics show that

there is an increased rate of violence among intimate partners in Indian Country including; one in three men has endured physical violence by an intimate partner and nearly three in four men have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner and one in four men has experienced sexual violence.

When it comes to domestic, dating and sexual violence, men who reported abuse indicated that were they sexually assaulted both as a child and as an adult and that they continue to struggle with intimate partner violence as victims and/or perpetrators.

StrongHearts Native Helpline Can Help

The reality is that physical abuse is almost always accompanied by other types of abuse. Abuse is not okay and it’s not okay to live in fear. If you think you are being abused, StrongHearts can help.

StrongHearts advocates take a Native-centered, empowerment-based approach to every contact. Services are completely free, anonymous and confidential. Call or text 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or visit StrongHearts online at strongheartshelpline.org for one-on-one chat advocacy 24/7.

UPDATED HEALTH CENTER HOURS

NOTICE: As of 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.

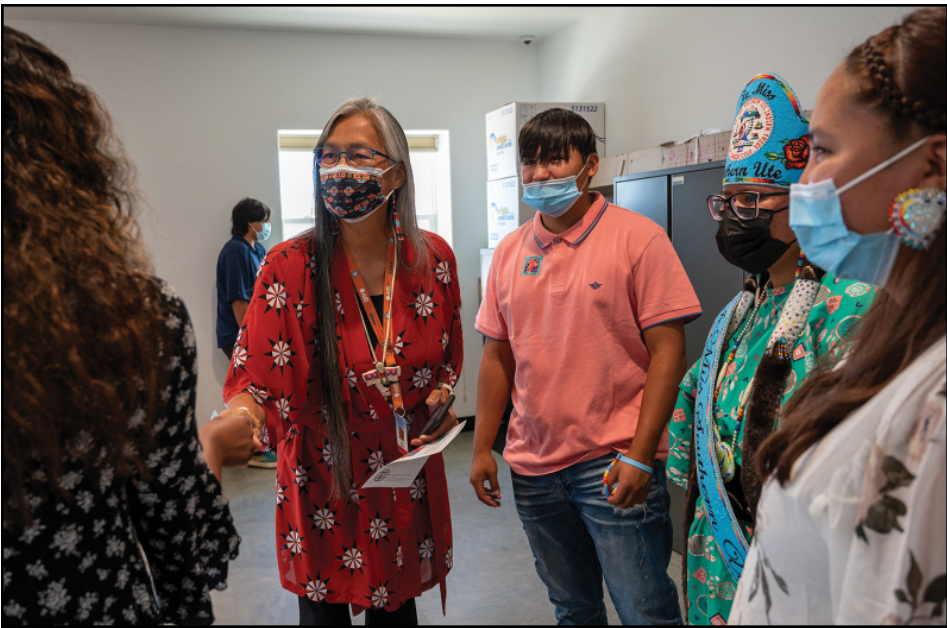
The Southern Ute Health Center has updated all operational hours, until further notice.

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.



I RISE ABOVE MURAL • FROM PAGE 1



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Councilmember, Linda Baker greets the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council at the unveiling of the “Healthy Minds, Healthy Choices, Healthy Utes” mural at the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building on Thursday, June 24.

young people’s strength and resilience through chosen themes that they have identified in their hometowns. Rise Above’s team alongside other public health leaders in Southwest Colorado are helping these visions come to fruition.

“It’s an honor to present this mural to you all and to the community – the youth played a big part in this project,” Native Connections Coordinator, Precious Collins shared. “We wanted this mural to highlight what resilience means to the youth, to understand what they were thinking, and what was helping them through this pandemic.”

During the planning stages of the mural design, the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council was asked to help. Together they decided to honor their elders, that is exactly what the mural depicts. An older person connecting with a young one, sharing knowledge, strength and wisdom.

“See this image and think about the youth and this year and how strong they came through it because this is a mark to their success; a mark to say we made it through this pandemic, we made it through social distancing – we made it through all of it,” expressed Collins.

The mural was funded by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s (CDPHE) Office of Public Health Practice, Planning and Local Partnerships. It is the first initiative of its kind to involve teens from



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Precious Collins, the Native Connections Coordinator for the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division welcomes community members, tribal leaders and youth to the unveiling of the Rise Above Colorado mural initiative that celebrates youth resilience in Southwest Colorado.

Southwest Colorado. By working with public health departments and local partners to paint these murals, the initiative connects to a theme of “resilience” and uses the #IRiseAbove hashtag to celebrate all the positive and healthy choices Colorado youth are making. This work directly coincides with Rise Above Colorado’s “Fill your world with good” campaign. Both campaigns are researching teen drug use in Colorado, but are also highlighting the fact that most teens aren’t choosing drugs – but are instead embracing art and participating in community building projects.

“You young ones might be parents one day, so I hope that this [mural] is still here for your little ones – always remember that healthy minds and choices are created by us and that we can create good for our families,” Collins said.

COVID-19 not only impacted families and com-

munities, but it took a toll on the youth. School closures and social distancing kept the young people from developing friendships and being active, last year was hard for everyone, but together communities can rise above again. Painting these murals not only highlights the positive characteristics of resilience but it gives local teens an opportunity to express themselves through art. The content and themes that are depicted in the murals come directly from local youth who have been active participants in the art and painting process.

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 platforms.

MENTAL HEALTH

NextFifty Initiative supports LGBTQ+ older adults

Staff report
JKD & COMPANY, INC.

Only 52 years ago, members of the LGBTQ+ community were violently attacked, harassed and discriminated against as the New York City police raided the gay club, the Stonewall Inn. In the early hours of June 28, 1969, the course of history for LGBTQ+ rights were forever changed as bar patrons and neighborhood activists fought for gay liberation and equality following the raid. This invasion led to a six-day protest that acted as a catalyst for the LGBTQ+ rights movement in the United States.

Now, the U.S. celebrates the LGBTQ+ community during June, Pride Month, to acknowledge the long and hard-fought battle for equality. Pride Month is the promotion of equal opportunity, visibility and freedom to be yourself. It celebrates the events that have shaped the modern gay rights movement.

For individuals in the U.S. older than 50, they have witnessed changes after the 1969 riot, such as the design of the rainbow flag in 1978 and marriage equality in all 50 states in 2015. Despite the immense progress, nearly 70% of LGBTQ+ older adults have been discriminated against, assaulted or harassed at least once in their lifetime, according to the National Center of Elder Abuse.

NextFifty Initiative supports the LGBTQ+ older adult community by funding organizations to

help transform these statistics. Specifically, programs focused on supporting the physical and mental health, economic security and social integration of LGBTQ+ older adults. NextFifty Initiative has awarded grants to several projects focused on providing meaningful strategies to increase socialization, education, conversation and overall health among LGBTQ+ older adults.

LGBTQ+ older adults are twice as likely to be single and live alone, four times less likely to have children to support them and nearly three times more likely to live in poverty than older adult heterosexuals, according to Services and Advocacy for GLBTQ Elders (SAGE). Lacking family or spousal support, many LGBTQ+ older adults are forced into long-term care living. However, approximately 80% of LGBTQ+ older adults feel increasingly vulnerable in these facilities and hide their sexual orientation or gender identity, according to SAGE.

SAGE of the Rockies program, Social Support and Remote Programming for Older LGBTQ+ Adults and Allies During COVID-19, works to increase social connection among older LGBTQ+ adults to provide access to resources they need to thrive independently. Programs include cooking, art and yoga classes and opportunities to socialize with other LGBTQ+ older adults over coffee or lunch. NextFifty Initiative has

funded programs to elevate acceptance and understanding of LGBTQ+ challenges. Healthcare is one of those challenges. LGBTQ+ older adults need to feel comfortable and safe to express their gender identity or sexual orientation in doctors’ offices or long-term care facilities.

LGBTQ+ older adults have a greater rate of disability, depression, alcoholism and drug abuse than older adult heterosexuals, according to the Association of Health Care Journalists. This poses major public health concern as these disparities reflect the social environment and historical framework of their lives. Their health and willingness to seek support can be jeopardized by this adversity and fear of intolerance, according to a professor at the University of Washington’s School of Social Work.

It is critical for LGBTQ+ older adults to feel safe and thrive whether it is in the doctor’s office, workplace, long-term care facility or independently. NextFifty Initiative supports the LGBTQ+ community and funds programs that support the physical, mental and emotional health and social integration of LGBTQ+ older adults.

NextFifty Initiative’s Flexible Support funding opportunity provides funding to organizations seeking to serve older adults and is now accepting applications through July 16, 2021. For more information on NextFifty Initiative and the grantees, visit <https://www.next50initiative.org/>.



I continue to do my part for all our people.

Uninsured Enrollment Period

Shop by August 15, 2021.

Health Coverage Guide: 970.335.2028



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CREATE YOUR FUTURE

Become a CNA

PCC Southwest in Bayfield offers a Certified Nurse Aide certificate program.

Program begins August 23

Classes held Monday through Fridays from 4:00 - 8:30 pm at the Bayfield site, 110 E. South St.

For more info or to apply, call:
Bethany Powell at
970.385.2098

Pueblo Southwest Community College

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Camp Creative at Dancing Spirit

A week long, in-person Art Camp with daily games, activities, arts & crafts and of course, a lunch break to visit with friends.

Times: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Session 2: July 12 – 16; Session 3: August 9 – 13

115 Ute Street (ELHI Community Center), Room 21.

The cost is \$120 per session. 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.

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-
Academic Advisor
970-563-2783
E-mail: mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

2021 IN PERSON SUMMER CLUB

July 12 – August 20

Summer Fees

\$30/week for 1st child

\$20/week for 2nd child

\$10/week each additional child

\$10/week for Southern Ute

Tribal Members/First

Descendants Child

* For scholarship information, call
(970)563-2666

Ages 6-18

Limited Space Available

Attendance to ONE meeting is mandatory. All meetings will be held at SunUTE Community Center. Be prepared to pay when you attend for a guaranteed spot. A waitlist will be created once our summer weeks become full.

Meeting Dates

Southern Ute Tribal Members
WITHOUT home childcare option

6/28/2021 @ 12PM

6/28/2021 @ 5:30PM

SUIT Employees **WITHOUT** home
childcare option

6/29/2021 @ 12PM

6/29/2021 @ 5:30PM

Others **WITHOUT** home childcare
option

6/30/2021 @ 12PM

6/30/2021 @ 5:30PM



For any questions, contact us at (970)563-4753 or
bgcstaff@southernute-nsn.gov

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FREE

SUMMER FOOD

For Kids!

WEDNESDAYS

@ ELHI CENTER
IN IGNACIO, 10-2

THURSDAYS

@ PINE RIVER SHARES
IN BAYFIELD, 10-2

Pick up a FREE bag of
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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SUIMA REGISTRATION

Open enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year if August 1-10, 2021, at which time, SUIMA's enrollment packet will be placed on the website. All current students will need updated information prior to the start of school. For more information, please call 970-563-0253.

Continue to stay safe and healthy as you enjoy your summer.
Keep reading!

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 22-28	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	PDD (Professional Development Day) No School	Parent Teacher Conferences
Early Release	Transitional Ceremony	First & Last Day of School

"...our plan is to be open in a safe and healthy manner, following the guidelines that are in place at the time." – Executive Officer, James M. Olguin



AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY

AT PCC SOUTHWEST

Our program meets the highest national standards for technical training in the automotive service industry. Students are prepared to become entry level technicians with skill sets in general maintenance, and diagnostic and repair skills for numerous automotive systems, including electrical, engine, transmission, suspension, brake, ignition, charging, and heating/air conditioning systems.

Fall classes start **August 16.**
Visit pueblocc.edu/Programs/ASE/



Call **970.564.6201** for more information

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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.

Or, you can attend our ASL class **in person on the Mancos campus, Friday afternoons from 1-3:30 pm.**

For more information or to register, call **970.564.6201**

Remote learning class: ASL 101 60H, Thursdays from 6-8 pm
Mancos campus class: ASL 101 VD1, Fridays from 1-3:30 pm





Bridge The Gap

Free for all 6yrs-11yrs old

Open to Southern Ute Tribal Members and Descendants first

Bring your lunch, swimsuit, towel, water bottle & sunscreen.

Masks are required when indoors

Session 1
June 29th - July 1st
9am-4pm
15 Spots Open

Session 2
July 6th - 8th
9am-4pm
15 Spots Open

Call SunUte Recreation Department @ 970-563-0214
Virgil #2652, Tara #2667, Daphne #2655

SunUte Update!



Starting Saturday, June 19th SunUte will no longer require reservations to use the facility!

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday: 7am-7pm (pool is 8a-5p until July 7th)

EXCEPT from 11am to 11:30am and 3:30pm to 4pm to clean and disinfect.*

Saturday and Sunday: 8am-5pm (pool is 10a-5p until July 7th)

EXCEPT from 12pm to 12:30pm to clean and disinfect.*

*The building will be closed for cleaning and disinfecting.

Please plan your time at SunUte around these closures. (you can always come back in!)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at (970)563-0214.

SunUte Update!



Starting July 6th, SunUte will be open to the community, no reservations required!

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday: 7am-7pm.

EXCEPT from 11am to 11:30am and 3:30pm to 4pm to clean and disinfect.*

Saturday and Sunday: 8am-5pm.

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CYBER SECURITY

Security Tips: URLs are only half the story

Staff report
KNOWBE4 SECURITY TEAM

If you've taken security awareness training, you have probably been taught to hover your cursor over a link to view the destination URL. Checking the URL for things like misspellings, unofficial domain names, and sneaky subdomains is a great way to protect yourself against phishing links. But the URL could appear legitimate and still lead you to something malicious. Cybercriminals can use hijacked websites, websites that appear safe, or services like Dropbox or Google Drive to spread their phishing attacks.

While you should definitely make a habit of checking links before clicking on them, it is important to know the other red flags to look for in a suspicious email. Try examining the email by asking yourself some of the following questions:

- Is the body of the email specifically addressed to you?
- If the email starts with "Dear User"

or any other vague term instead of your name, this could indicate that the email is a phishing attack that was sent to a number of other people.

- Are there obvious spelling or grammatical errors?
 - o Nowadays, spell checking is built into most email clients and mobile keyboards. Obvious spelling and grammatical errors could indicate that the message has been poorly translated from one language to another.
- Was the email received at a strange time?
 - o If the email was not sent during business hours or at a reasonable time in relation to your location, this could indicate that the sender is in another country.
- Were you expecting this email?
 - o For example, if the email says you have a delivery ready for pick up, think about whether or not you made a recent purchase.

- Is there a sense of urgency in the email?
 - o Cybercriminals love creating a sense of urgency to trick you into impulsively clicking on a link or opening an attachment. Consider phrases like "ACTION NEEDED" to be a red flag.
- Are you being asked to do something that isn't typically part of your role?
 - o For example, if you are in customer service you wouldn't typically be asked to provide information about the organization's financial statements.

If you still struggle to determine the legitimacy of an email, try looking outside of your inbox. For example, if you receive a notification email from a service you use, open your browser and navigate to the official website. Then, log in to your account to verify the legitimacy of the notification email. Or, if you are contacted by an individual, call the sender to confirm that the email really came from that person.

New Pool Hours!!!



Starting Tuesday, June 22nd the pool hours will be:

Monday-Friday: 7am-7pm.

EXCEPT from 11am to 11:30am and 3:30pm to 4pm to clean and disinfect.

Saturday and Sunday: 8am-4:30pm.

EXCEPT from 12pm to 12:30pm to clean and disinfect.

Reservations are no longer required to use the facility!

The building will be closed for cleaning and disinfecting: please plan your time at SunUte around the closures. (You can always come back in!)

Please remember to bring your towels.

THANK YOU and come have a splash!!!

Multi-Purpose Facility

Attention Tribal Members

We are taking reservations following the Southern Ute Tribe COVID-19 limitations



Multi-Purpose Facility Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Weekly reservation deadline is Wednesday at 5:00 PM

Weekend and evening reservations are available no later than 8:00 PM

Reservations can be made via e-mail or in person

Telephone: 563-2640

e-mail: multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

forms can be found at: <https://mpf-chapel.sunute.com/>

SUNUTE HOLIDAY HOURS

SunUte Community Center will be closed on Sunday July 4, 2021.

SunUte pool, gym and weight area will be open on Monday, July 5, 2021 from 8:00 am—12:00 pm.

For further information please call the Front Desk at 970-563-0214.

HAVE A WONDERFUL & SAFE HOLIDAY!



courtesy Pine River Shares

The 33' geodesic dome greenhouse being raised in The People's Garden at Pine River Shares campus in downtown Bayfield, Wednesday, June 30.

FOOD SECURITY

Pine River Shares erects a growing dome in Bayfield

Staff report
PINE RIVER SHARES

The 33' geodesic dome will grow healthy food to help eradicate food insecurity in the Pine River Valley. Pine River Shares will build a large geodesic dome greenhouse at its downtown Bayfield campus located in the 'old primary school' at 658 S. East Street beginning on Tuesday, June 29 through Saturday, July 3, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The dome-raising will culminate with an open house and free community cook out on Saturday, July 3 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., serving hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments. The public is invited to attend.

The 33' geodesic dome greenhouse will make it possible for Pine River Shares to grow food year-round and provide healthy produce for food insecure residents of the Pine River Valley. The greenhouse, crafted by Pagosa Springs-based Growing Spaces, is the newest addition to the "People's Garden" that includes a recently planted 20-tree apple orchard and over 1900 square feet of fully planted in-ground garden beds.

The "People's Garden" supports key components of the Field to Fork (F2F) Project Plan whose mission is to grow a healthy, independent food system in the Pine River Valley to meet the food and nutrition needs of its 15,000 residents. The Project accomplishes this by mobilizing



courtesy Pine River Shares

Pine River Shares members Jimi Hendricks (left) and Pam Willhoite (right) sharing some gratitude during the second day of the dome raising project, Wednesday, June 30.

residents and communities to produce, buy and consume healthy food grown in the Pine River Valley.

In its fourth year of success, the project grew out of extensive community conversations with over 200 residents from every community in the Pine River Valley. This long-range food security plan guides the work of F2F. A key theme of the long-range plan is to promote home-stead food production and teach skills to people who want to grow food in their own yards. The plan intends to further revive agricultural practices in the valley where there was once a vibrant and self-sustaining food system comprised of family farms, grain mills, and dairies.

The greenhouse will grow produce for the organization's Food Share program that distributes healthy food to over 200 households in Bayfield, Ignacio, Tiffany, Allison, Arboles, and Sam Brito com-

munities every week. Food is delivered to these communities through a volunteer courier service.

The greenhouse was purchased entirely through donations from community members. The Moniker Foundation provided grant funding to support some of the installation costs and AmeriCorps NCCC is providing volunteers for the build during the week. More information about the Field to Fork Project and Food Share programs can be found at <http://www.pinerivershares.org>.

PINE RIVER SHARES

A 501(c)(3), constituent-led and community-based leadership project, brings together the knowledge, skills and resources of people in the Pine River Valley to increase their collective power and bring about positive social change resulting in healthy, thriving Pine River Valley communities.

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Curiosity, tinkering, and making

Marcia Vining

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

One of my favorite things about libraries and the Ignacio Community Library (ICL) in particular is how they encourage these three skills. You might not think of curiosity or tinkering as skills, but I think that is exactly what they are. And in a time when so much is done on a screen, these are important skills for kids and adults alike to develop. It used to be that we got creative when we got bored. But most of us now don't ever reach that point of boredom. So how does a library foster these skills?

We display so many items at the library, including our current display of fossils from former Ignacio's teacher Burt Baldwin. We have art, books, and fish for folks to gaze at and consider. Having these types of items on display, I believe, fosters a sense of wonder or curiosity in our patrons. You'll notice I didn't say in our children. The library is a place for people of every age to explore new ideas, try out different activ-



ities and engage with others who have differing thoughts and opinions.

It is so good to see families at our summer reading programs and to see the kids asking questions about how and why things happen. But it's even better to see parents or grandparents engaging with those children to ask those same questions. The library staff has loved seeing people watching our emerging butterflies. And hearing those why and how questions arise.

In the IdeaLab it is remarkable to see what peo-

ple are creating. Some of these projects have an end goal in sight. A rocket to launch or a Lego build. But sometimes the skill itself is the end goal. What a treat to watch someone become proficient in video editing, or to see the sense of pride when an item is created on the 3D printer. At ICL we are all committed to the philosophy that curiosity is powerful, that tinkering has value, and that making is a real-life, real-time skill. We hope to help our community foster these skills and have fun along the way.

SMALL BUSINESS SPECIALIST • FROM PAGE 1

partment in an apprenticeship capacity.

"This position is brand new, not only to me, but as a whole," Seibel said. "Right now, I am focused on interviewing tribal entrepreneurs and those who want to start a business, as well as those who already operate their own business." He is gathering information from each interview to find out the needs of tribal members. "What do they need from the Tribe? What do they need to be successful? How can the Tribe support them?" These are all questions that he asks and then reports back to his supervisors and Tribal Council during regular update meetings.

"I'm currently working on writing a business plan to create the Southern Ute Entrepreneurial Resource Center (SUERC)," Seibel explained. The center will serve tribal members both on and off the reservation and will include a virtual component as well as a physical component, which will be known as the Artisan Center. Virtually entrepreneurs will have access to a guide — sort of a "how to start your business" guide that will help start and direct members to the first steps of business management. The Artisan Center will be used as a space for business owners to use to create and take their business to the next level.

"We want to be able to provide a shared workspace for tribal members to come



Trae Seibel

Small Business Specialist
So. Ute Strategic Planning

and work and gain direction," Seibel emphasized. "I have always had a passion for entrepreneurship and I'm a people person, so I love being able to talk to these businesses and help them with whatever they may need."

The Tribe has economic influence, both on and off the reservation, small businesses can and will help the local economy. There is a lot that goes into building a business and the Tribe's small business center hopes to help with that process — from start to finish.

"Four years ago, when we completed the comprehensive economic development strategy, we thought there would maybe be five tribal members who would be interested in having a small business — today we have 45 clients who we currently serve through the Southern Ute Entrepreneurial Resource Center," stated Eric Thayer, Southern Ute Strategic Planning Director.

"There is a clear need that we want to fill to help tribal members become successful entrepreneurs."

These goals may be realized by utilizing the opportunities offered through the small business center. The center will create a framework to ensure that networks exist between local resources and entrepreneurs. By using regional entities such as: Region 9, the Southwest Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Fort Lewis, the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), in addition to the numerous programs offered through local colleges. The small business center can be the perfect connection for local entrepreneur resources, offering everything from startup funding to long term business solutions.

"Trae's background and experience in education and business sets him up to be the optimal resource for tribal members seeking to either build their capabilities or enhance the resources available to them and their small businesses," Thayer said. "Having him as our small business specialists is an integral part of completing our mission."

Southern Ute tribal members with interests in small business or entrepreneurial questions can now contact Small Business Specialist, Trae Seibel directly via email trseibel@southern-ute-nsn.gov or by phone at 970-553-0416.



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

ENJOY
YOUR
OWN
STAY-
CATION

Casino Linen Sale!

Beginning June 28, 2021 - Sky Ute Casino Resort Hotel Linen Sale
Queen Sheet Sets (\$10), King Sheet Sets (\$15), Down Alternative Comforters (\$20), and Saddle Blankets (\$10) will be for sale to the tribal membership. Pick up at the Casino Gift Shop. For more information, call 970.563.3000.

Sky Ute CASINO RESORT
AWAKEN YOUR ADVENTURE



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Hickenlooper, Whitehouse Introduce RECHARGE Act

Encourages states to promote affordable EV charging

Staff report
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR
HICKENLOOPER

On June 28, 2021, U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper and Sheldon Whitehouse introduced legislation to lower costs for electric vehicle (EV) drivers. The Responsibly and Equitably Change How Auto-charging Rates Get Evaluated (RECHARGE) Act makes it more affordable to drive an electric vehicle by having states review utility rates for EV charging. A version of the bill is included in infrastructure legislation under consideration by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

"Colorado created one of the largest electric vehicle charging networks in the country," said Hickenlooper, a member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "The next step is making electric vehicles affordable and competitive. That's why we are fo-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

cusing on how utilities bill charging stations.

"Congress is poised to make big investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure. We need to make sure that using those charging stations is affordable for motorists across the country," said Whitehouse. "I'm pleased to support this legislation to encourage more affordable charging rates for the new electric vehicles set to hit our roads."

In many states, EV charging stations are currently treated like factories that put a constant strain on the power grid, which can lead to artificially high prices for EV owners. The RE-

CHARGE Act would facilitate voluntary solutions at the state level by asking states to consider rate designs that:

- Promote affordable and equitable EV charging.
- Improve customer experience including through faster EV charging for all vehicles.
- Accelerate investment in EV charging stations.
- Appropriately recover marginal costs.

The bill is supported by Electrify America, the Environmental Defense Fund, U.S. PIRG, Colorado PIRG, Environment America, and Environment Colorado.

Baker attends bill signing



courtesy Senator Jessie Danielson

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker attended a bill signing ceremony at the Denver Indian Center on Monday, June 28. Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed three bills into law: HB21-1289 Funding for Broadband Development, SB21-116 Prohibit American Indian Mascots, and SB21-029 Colorado American Indian Tribes In-State Tuition all of which positively impact the Tribe.

Bill SB21-116 prohibits the use of American Indian Mascots in Colorado Schools. Schools that belong to the two Ute tribes are exempt from this, however schools that wish to keep their mascot are required to consult with tribal nations. Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Manuel Heart and Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker both attended the bill signing in Denver, Colo.



courtesy Senator Jessie Danielson

Contact information for:
VANESSA P. TORRES
Southern Ute Tribal Council Member

- Office: 970-563-2404
- Mobile: 970-553-0388
- Fax: 970-563-0396
- Email: vtorres@southernute-nsn.gov

"We are all in this together."

So. Ute Food Distribution CARES ACT Food Distribution

- July 7
- July 23

From 1 – 4:15 p.m.

740 Goddard Ave
Ignacio, Colo.

Info: Kela Hernandez
970-563-2530

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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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	FRIDAY MORNING
Tribal Council Updates will be posted to social media platforms.	Chairman Baker or Vice Chairman Valdez will provide updates on KSUT Tribal Radio every Friday at 9:00 A.M.

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

TREASURER'S
PANA-QARU 'URU
APAGHARU

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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.

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TRIBAL MEMBER PORTAL EXPERIENCE FOCUS GROUP

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HAVE YOU HAD TROUBLE GETTING ON THE TRIBAL MEMBER PORTAL? IS IT DIFFICULT TO FIND THINGS? HELP US IMPROVE THE TRIBAL MEMBER PORTAL EXPERIENCE!

Volunteer for the Tribal Member Portal Experience Focus Group to help improve the Portal and provide constructive feedback on the following topics:

Accessibility	Security
Navigation	Notifications
User-friendliness	Design
Aesthetic	Microsoft License

The volunteer focus group will be limited to 8 persons ages 18 years and older. We encourage participation from various demographics including Tribal Elders, younger adult tribal members, Off-Reservation, mobile users, and new Portal users etc.

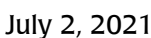
Deadline is July 21, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.

Southern Ute Shared Services, Tribal Council Affairs, and Tribal Information Services are working to update and create a more user-friendly Tribal Member Portal. We would like to recruit a diverse group of tribal members to participate in a focus group to provide feedback on the upgraded portal. The volunteer focus group will have 8 positions and filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are interested, please contact Tribal Council Communication Specialist, Ms. Lindsay Box at 970.563.2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov.

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 26/27, 2021

The work group will meet in two smaller groups on July 26 or 27, 2021 at a location to be determined. Individuals can also participate virtually, however those meeting in-person must adhere to current tribal COVID-19 restrictions in place.

Designed & Produced by Lindsay J. Box





Fathers of all ages and backgrounds stepped in unison during a special honor song, sung by the Ute Indian Tribe's Bear Dance singers, Antonio "A.J." and Raffel Kanip in recognition of Father's Day.



Bear Dance singers from Towaoc — Terry Knight Jr., singing alongside his father, Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance Chief Terry Knight Sr. and Lyndreth Wall.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Catman, Marvin Pinnecoose, helped to keep the Bear Dance lines straight during the long, hot weekend in Ignacio.



Young women step forward, eager to pick a new partner. The women wait for the sound of growlers to resonate on metal, at which time they can select a partner for the next dance.

CULTURE

Return of the Bear Dance

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

After holding a small intimate ceremony in the spring of 2020, the Southern Ute Bear Dance came back to Ignacio in full swing, Friday, June 18 – Monday, June 21. The Tribe screened visitors upon entry, fully vaccinated individuals received a light blue bracelet, while unvaccinated visitors were required to check in daily for temperature checks.

The Southwest experienced an unprecedented heat wave in recent weeks, but the warm temps did not deter singers or dancers, eager to celebrate the Bear Dance.

Singers from the Ute sister tribes graced the growler box each day to keep the Bear Dance music going throughout the four-day ceremony. Brightly colored regalia, time honored songs and a strong sense of community filled the Southern Ute Bear Dance corral over the weekend, where friends and family came together to welcome spring in this Ute celebration of yearly renewal. Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box asked dancers to line dance throughout the weekend, breaking into pairs only in the final hours of Monday afternoon.

Traditionally the Southern Ute Bear Dance is held on the last week of May each spring, due to the pandemic those dates were pushed back to June, the weekend of Father's Day. Ute Indian Tribe Bear Dance Chief, Antonio "AJ" Kanip, from Fort Duchesne, Utah, called on all fathers to be recognized on the final day of the Bear Dance with a special honor song.

Dancers of all ages graced the Bear Dance corral over the weekend, stirring up dust and bringing much needed laughter – in true Ute fashion.



Lexy Young and Terry Knight Jr. partner up for a song; at the discretion of Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box, cutting was only allowed by dancers on the final day of the Southern Ute Bear Dance.



Southern Ute tribal members, Hunter Frost (far left) and Jonas Naneato (center) partner up for the line dance.



Romeo Bravo takes his place at the growler box; younger singers will sit in on songs, learning to sing from their elders and relatives in the process.



Summer Music Series

June 11 | July 9 | August 13

Come join us as we do some celebrating this summer with our Summer Music Series! We are offering three free community evenings this Summer where you can come to the library and enjoy music and food!

Our opening night is June 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy our musical guests Reeder & Spencer

As well as some great local food vendors!

Porkys' Smokehouse BBQ
Rita's Burritos
Lady & Bug Frozen Treats
I Dream of Weenie

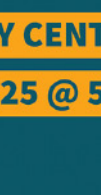
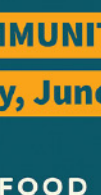
Bayfield, Colorado

4TH OF JULY

Sunday, July 4th, 2021

- ★ **8:00 a.m. Breakfast**
Bayfield Lion's Club pancake breakfast and Calvary Presbyterian Church pie sale and craft fair.
- ★ **10:00 a.m. Fun Run**
Momentum Fitness Fire Cracker Fun Run. Bayfield Primary School.
- ★ **10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Food & Fun in the Park All Day**
Fast Track Communications presents food, vendors and fun in Joe Stephenson Park.
- ★ **11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Beer Garden**
Bayfield Rotary Club beer garden in Joe Stephenson Park.
- ★ **11:45 a.m. Flag Raising**
U.S. flag raising and national anthem.
Pine River Valley Heritage Museum.
- ★ **12:00 noon Parade**
Southwest Ag presents the 2021 Bayfield Fourth of July Parade.
- ★ **1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Live Music**
EIS-LLC presents live music with 3rd and Long in the beer garden.
- ★ **10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Kids Events All Day**
Kids activities with The Power House Science Center and the Alpine Bank strider bike pump track in Joe Stephenson Park.

Thank you to our local business community for your support!



Bayfield's 4th of July – Know Before You Go!

- **10 A.M. – 5 P.M.** Mill Street closed to vehicle traffic. Businesses will be open.
- **10 A.M. – 2 P.M.** Bayfield Parkway and Buck Highway CR 521 will be closed.
- **Parking shuttles** will leave from Bayfield High, Middle and Intermediate Schools and drop off in two locations in downtown Bayfield. Visitors are encouraged to park at one of the schools.
- **Handicap accessible parking** is available at Town Hall and vehicles with a handicap placard or plate will be allowed though at 8 Corners up until 11:45 a.m.
- **Consider the heat** and the crowds and **leave your dog at home.**
- **Bring folding chairs, water and sunscreen.**
- **Plan ahead, arrive early**, and most importantly, have fun!

TREATY HUNTING NOW AVAILABLE • FROM PAGE 1

cation process for a park access permit.

Baker approached the Tribe's Wildlife Division soon after, stating that he would like there to be some way for tribal members to hunt Lone Mesa; to exercise Ute treaty rights without going through the state lottery process and drawing for state access permits.

In November of 2019 the Southern Ute Indian Tribe started discussions with the State of Colorado to develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for Southern Ute tribal members to access and utilize the park.

"The MOU we just entered with the state, it ties into the broader Brunot Area agreement with Colorado," explained Southern Ute Wildlife Director, Steve Whiteman. "This specifically addresses access to the smaller parcel of land within the treaty area. This is an enhancement that will allow tribal hunters to enter this very restricted hunting area under tribal rules."

"As of June 15, we now have an agreement

in place," Whiteman said.

"Tribal members can come to the Wildlife office and fill out an application to access the park for hunting deer and elk – there are six permits available this year. It is a large state park, entirely encompassed within the treaty area. Tribal members must have the park access permit, in addition to their regular Brunot deer or elk hunting permit, to hunt within park boundaries. It's a tribal application process – with no fees or charges."

"I think it may evolve over time. We will need to evaluate the level of tribal interest for hunting there," Whiteman explained. Management at the park, tribal interest level, plus data on deer and elk populations in the region, will be important considerations with the number of park access permits made available in future years.

"We are getting 5% of the entries into the park – potentially Ute Mountain Ute will also get 5%, as well, but they would need to work towards their own MOU with

the state."

Lone Mesa State Park, located 23 miles north of the Town of Dolores, is managed by Colorado Parks & Wildlife. The State Park is encompassed entirely within the Brunot Treaty Area and features incredibly scenic lands ranging in elevation from about 7,200 feet to just over 9,000 feet. Access to the park is highly restricted and only allowed for big game hunting each year. State hunters are required to apply for park access permits through a limited-draw lottery process.

The access permits will be available either first-come first-serve, or through a Tribe-administered drawing if there is sufficient interest. Applications for Lone Mesa Access Permits must be received at the Wildlife Division during the month of July and no later than Friday, July 30, 2021.

For more information on huntable big game species, season framework, weapon types, etc., please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

IGNACIO'S FRIDAY NIGHT MARKET

THE ELHI COMMUNITY CENTER

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

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Vendors:

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or 970-563-4100

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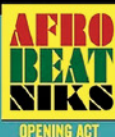
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ONE BIG HAPPY LITTLE BANK



Brunot Treaty Hunting at Lone Mesa State Park Now Available to Southern Ute Hunters



Lone Mesa State Park, located 23 miles north of the Town of Dolores, is an approximate 12,000 acre park managed by Colorado Parks & Wildlife. The park is encompassed entirely within the Brunot Treaty Area and features incredibly scenic lands ranging in elevation from about 7,200 feet to just over 9,000 feet. Access to the park is highly restricted and only allowed for big game hunting each year. State hunters are required to apply for park access permits through a limited-draw lottery process.

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is pleased to announce that interested Tribal Member hunters can now access Lone Mesa State Park for treaty hunting *using access permits issued by the Tribe*. A limited number of permits will be available each year, free-of-charge, beginning with the 2021 hunting season. For more information on huntable big game species, season framework, weapon types, etc., please contact the Wildlife Division.

The access permits will be available either first-come first-serve, or through a Tribe-administered drawing if there is sufficient interest. **Applications for Lone Mesa Access Permits must be received at the Wildlife Division during the month of July and no later than Friday July 30th, 2021.**

Please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563- 0130 for more information.

Pikes Peak Center cuts ribbon



photos courtesy Rocky Mountain Region Forest Service/USDA

The official ribbon cutting for the Pikes Peak Summit Visitor Center and The Broadmoor, Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway was held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. "HUGE thank you goes out to Vice-Chairman Valdez for taking the time to make this event so special," said Susan Johnson, Regional Tribal Relations Program Manager, Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region. "I look forward to collaborating with the Southern Ute Tribe on future engagements. It was a lovely and important day that celebrated the power of collaboration. Finally, I would like to recognize Oscar [Martinez] and Jeff [Hovermale] for their commitment to ensure tribal engagement was part of the project from the beginning."

Pike Peak Summit Marker (pictured) Diana Trujillo, Forest Supervisor, Pike-San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands; Susan Johnson, Regional Tribal Relations Program Manager, Rocky Mountain Region; Jeffrey Hovermale, Lands/ Mineral/Special Uses Program Manager, Pikes Peak RD; Vice-Chairman Bruce Valdez, Southern Ute Tribe; Frank Beum, Rocky Mountain Regional Forester; US Forest Service; Oscar Martinez, Ranger, Pikes Peak RD.



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

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



Celebrate Safely

Remember, even legal fireworks can cause injury if they're not used properly. Follow these rules to celebrate safely:

The American Pyrotechnics Safety & Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization focused on creating fireworks education & safety programs for youth.



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>



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The following acts are prohibited for the general public on reservation lands:



OPEN BURNING

Burning of trash and/or yard waste is prohibited.



AGRICULTURAL BURNING

Burning of crop lands, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning is prohibited.



CAMP FIRES

Building, maintaining or using a warning fire or campfire outside of officially designated or develop campsites is prohibited. The fire restrictions do not include charcoal fires (in suitable containers) for barbecues or fire for sweat ceremonies, however, such fires are not to be left unattended and are to be fully extinguished after use.



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 06:00 AM, June 16, 2021 and will remain until conditions improve.

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CORONAVIRUS

Fast-spreading Delta Covid variant could have different symptoms

Staff Report
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Summer COVID-19 Mass Testing Event

On Monday, July 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Incident Management Team will be offering another mass testing event. Since the emergence of the new Delta Variant, we are concerned that the variant may spread in the unvaccinated and under-vaccinated population in and around Ignacio. Under-vaccinated persons are those that received one dose of a two-dose regime: so only one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. One dose does not provide adequate coverage against the new variant.

As the details of the article below suggest, this variant causes more severe disease and may present different symptoms than the original strain. All positive test results will be sent to the State Public Health lab facility for any variant identification. It is at the state lab where researchers identify the more infectious strains.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Center staff will call all patients with positive test results and any variants that may be identified.

The Delta Variant

The Covid-19 delta variant originally discovered in India is now spreading around the world, becoming the dominant strain in

some countries, such as the U.K., and likely to become so in others, like the U.S. The World Health Organization said the variant had been detected in more than 80 countries and it continues to mutate as it spreads.

The variant now makes up 10% of all new cases in the United States, up from 6% last week. Studies have shown the variant is even more transmissible than other variants.

Scientists have warned that the data suggests the delta variant is around 60% more transmissible than the "alpha" variant (previously known as the U.K. or Kent variant which was itself a much more transmissible than the original version of the virus) and is more likely to lead to hospitalizations, as has been seen in countries like the U.K.

WHO officials said Wednesday there were reports that the delta variant also causes more severe symptoms, but that more research is needed to confirm those conclusions.

Still, there are signs that the delta variant could provoke different symptoms than the ones we've been advised to look out for when it comes to Covid-19.

What to watch out for?

Throughout the pandemic, governments around the world have warned that the main symptoms of Covid-19 are a fever, persistent cough and loss of taste or smell with some domestic variations and ad-

ditions as we've learned more about the virus.

The CDC's updated list of symptoms, for example, includes fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, a sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea as possible symptoms of infection. There are of course the millions of people who have had Covid-19 with no symptoms at all with the extent of asymptomatic transmission still being investigated by scientists.

But the delta variant appears to be provoking a different range of symptoms, according to experts.

"Covid is also acting differently now; it's more like a bad cold in this younger population and people don't realize that and that hasn't come across in any of the government information."

"Since the start of May, we have been looking at the top symptoms in the app users and they are not the same as they were," he said. "The number one symptom is headache, then followed by sore throat, runny nose and fever." More "traditional" Covid symptoms such as a cough and loss of smell were much rarer now, he said, with younger people experiencing much more of a bad cold or "funny off feeling."

Anyone suspecting they may have symptoms associated with COVID-19, please schedule a test at SUHC or come to the testing event on Monday, July 19.

Southern Ute Tribal Members Protecting our Past, Present & Future

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by: SUIT IMT 5/11/2021



Photo Credit: Lindsay J. Box

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



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. 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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

VOLUNTARY DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING

Monday July 19th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

NEW LOCATION: Southern Ute Museum

Voluntary viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and the surrounding tribal community. Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribal Members are also welcome to attend. Face masks are not required, but encouraged if you are experiencing COVID-related symptoms.

Tribal Elders, those who identify as high risk, and their Caretakers have priority from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

ONLY individuals who have received a **positive** result, will be contacted by the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) staff. If you have questions or concerns related to your test results, please contact the SUHC at 970.563.4591.

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19

"TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"

The Tribe is in Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 1. 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!

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

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.

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday
Wednesday
Friday
8am – 12pm

CURBSIDE SERVICES AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Mail run – 10:30 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

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AVAILABLE BY EMAIL/PHONE
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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

25%

75 Max

Outdoor Capacity

50%

100 Max

New Amended Restrictions

Restrictions in Phase II, Level 1

Personal Gathering

No greater than 30

Indoor Capacity

75%

175 Max

Outdoor Capacity

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 or Official Facebook

CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 outbreak identified at Pagosa Springs Walmart

Total of ten employees test positive for virus

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has identified a COVID-19 outbreak at the Pagosa Springs Walmart in Archuleta County. The outbreak was first identified on June 12. As of Tuesday, June 29, 10 employees have tested positive for COVID-19.

An outbreak is defined by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) as five or more cases associated with a single facility in a fourteen-day period. Walmart has confirmed their Pagosa Springs location will be temporarily closed and undergoing deep cleaning. The decision to close the store was made by Walmart.

All positive cases were put on isolation and those identified as unvaccinated close contacts were put on quarantine. The investigation is ongoing and SJBPH will continue to evaluate information regarding this and all cases as received.

"This is one of the largest outbreaks we've investigated to-date in Archuleta County. With the more severe Delta variant spreading, this outbreak should serve as a reminder for unvaccinated residents to get the vaccine and protect themselves and their families as soon as possible," said Liane Jollon, SJBPH Executive Director. "We appreciate all efforts on behalf of local businesses to keep our community safe and Walmart Pagosa Springs has been a strong partner in this work. SJBPH has a public health advisory in effect, and we remind the community that face coverings in public indoor spaces are highly recommended."

COVID-19 is still present and circulating in Archuleta and La Plata counties, including cases of the Delta variant which have been confirmed in both locations. The Delta variant was first detected in India and is considered by public health experts to be one of the most transmissible and severe variants of COVID-19 to-date. Variant sequencing indicates that most new cases of COVID-19 in Colorado are now the Delta variant strain. SJBPH emphasizes that vaccination, especially completion of a vaccine series, is the best means of protection against the Delta variant.

Unvaccinated residents are at higher risk of falling ill with the Delta variant of COVID-19 and are urged to get the vaccine as soon as possible. According to State records, more than 98% of confirmed COVID-19 cases have occurred in the unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated population since January 2021.

SJBPH is urging all community members to maintain their practice of the following critical public health precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Get vaccinated for COVID-19. Vaccine clinics and providers are available on the SJBPH website.
- Stay at home when feeling unwell.
- A local public health advisory is in effect.
 - o Employees and guests are strongly advised to wear a mask in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status.
 - o Physical distancing (staying at least six feet away from another person) is strongly advised while in a public indoor setting unless all individuals present are fully vaccinated. Businesses should err on the side of assuming that some customers entering a business are unvaccinated and should maintain face coverings and physical distancing in indoor settings (i.e., grocery stores, gyms, restaurants).

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- Face coverings must be worn while using public transportation and when travelling by air, train, or bus.
- Practice good hygiene: wash hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes.
- Get tested if you have symptoms or if you are unvaccinated and believe you were exposed through a known contact or community interaction, testing sites are listed on the SJBPH website.

San Juan Basin Public Health Strongly Urges Vaccination and Adherence to Public Health Precautions. The COVID-19 vaccine is now widely available to all residents ages 12 and up. Youth ages 12 to 17 are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. Minors must have a signed parental consent form which can be completed online when registering or at the clinic. Although advance registration is preferred, walk-ins are also welcome at upcoming clinics. The vaccine is free, and no ID is required. Additional clinics and information about the COVID vaccine can be found on SJBPH's website.

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.



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

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.)		

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

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Carmenoros collects All-State status

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Normally held in the fall and often less than a week after the CHSAA State Championships, the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State Volleyball Games unfortunately – “due to COVID-19 and other factors” according to a statement posted to CCGS' website – weren't held at all during the entire 2020-21 academic/athletic year.

But that didn't mean standouts weren't saluted.

With her immediate future plans including relocating to Arizona to attend Glendale Community College for education geared towards exercise science and, with a little luck, continuation – anywhere – of her volleyball career, graduated Ignacio senior setter Marisa Carmenoros received CCGS All-State distinction. One of 20 chosen from the widespread Class 2A realm, she was joined by, amongst others, CHSAA Player-of-the-Year Jenna White and First Team All-2A pick Bre Gilliland – both of State Champion crew Wiggins – as well as fellow 2A/1A San Juan Basin League seniors Akira Edwards and Sydney Smith of Dolores.

SJBL Player-of-the-Year went to DHS junior outside hitter Erin Brown and, representing the league's 1A side, Norwood senior Jenna Baugh (a CCGS All-State 1A pick). Dolores' Gina Hollen was named the loop's overall Coach-of-the-Year, as the Lady Bears finished 10-6 overall, 10-2 against all SJBL opposition, and a first-place 7-1 against the 2A SJBL.

Including First Team All-League (and Second Team All-2A) junior Alexis Pontine, sophomore Second Team selection Grace Gonzales, and Carmenoros – named Honorable Mention All-SJBL – Ignacio went 6-7 overall, 6-5 SJBL, and 3-5 in 2A SJBL action, winning 24 total sets and dropping 22 during the shortened, rescheduled Spring 2021 campaign.

FIRST TEAM ALL-SJBL VOLLEYBALL

Dolores – Brown, Edwards, Smith; Telluride – Emery Berry, Ally Tealdi; **IGNACIO – PONTINE**; Ridgway – none; Mancos – none; Dove Creek – Kobbie Beanland, Grace Hat-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Marisa Carmenoros (5) sets versus Sanford during the 2019 Rye Invitational. Then a junior, her senior season – and year – ended with her being named to the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State, Class 2A roster (though due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, CCGS' actual All-State Games were not held).



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Marisa Carmenoros (center) stands with family while being presented to fans assembled inside IHS Gymnasium for the Volleyscats' Senior Day match versus Dolores. Her senior season – and year – ended with her being named to the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State, Class 2A roster (though due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, CCGS' actual All-State Games were not held).

field, Kalie Gatlin; Nucla – Ashley Steele, Morgan Weimer; Norwood – Baugh; Ouray – none.

SECOND TEAM

Dolores – Kamri Willbanks, Chandler Smith; Telluride – Emma Righetti; **IGNACIO – GONZALES**; Ridgway – Shelby Sisler; Mancos – Tia Imel; Dove Creek – Kylie Gatlin, Trista Barnett; Nucla – Lisa Sutherland, Natalie Flint; Norwood – Paige Franklin; Ouray – Aynsleigh Wood.

HONORABLE MENTION

Dolores – none; Telluride – Kyra Levan; **IGNACIO – CARMENOROS**; Ridgway – Emily Medina;

Mancos – Teya Yeomans; Dove Creek – none; Nucla – none; Norwood – Annaleigh Dabal; Ouray – Haley Kunz.

EXTRA CREDIT

San Juan Basin League volleyball players earning additional postseason awards included Edwards (Colo. High School Coaches Association All-State, CHSAA Hon. Mention All-2A), Brown (CHSAA Second Team All-2A), Berry (CHSAA Second Team All-2A), Tealdi (CHSAA Hon. Mention All-2A), Baugh (CHSAA Hon. Mention All-1A), Beanland (CHSAA Hon. Mention All-1A) and Hatfield (CHSAA Hon. Mention All-1A).



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Alexis Pontine throws the discus early on Day 2 of the June 24-26, 2021, CHSAA State Track & Field Championships. Held at Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood, Colo., Pontine placed 11th in Class 2A's version of the event with a best effort flying 92 feet, 11 inches. She was IHS' sole qualifier for the season-ending meet.

BOBCATS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Lady 'Cats send one to State Championships

Pontine ends junior year 11th in 2A discus

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As if qualifying for the CHSAA State Track & Field Championships in Lakewood didn't put her in enough of a select group, Alexis Pontine's first trip to the 2021-ending supreme spectacle (held June 24-26) ended with her being one of just nine throwers to mark on all three of her guaranteed attempts during the Class 2A Girls' discus feature.

Going 90'3" with her first try, then peaking at 92'11" before ending with an 86'1", Pontine capped her junior year at IHS placing 11th overall – about four feet short of a team point-earning ninth place (which went to Cal-

han's Jaiden Monger) result.

Launching a 126'1" downrange at Jeffco Stadium, Holyoke junior Lauren Herman – who went into the Day 2 event as its No. 1 seed (Pontine was its 16), thanks to a 122'0" best winged at Brush's Beetdigger Invitational – earned the title over 3-seed and fellow HHS junior Correy Koellner, who maxed out at 124'11". Initially the No. 2, Paonia senior Lauryn Kiefer took third place with a 107'9" chased closest by Wiggins junior Allison Thomas (107'0") and Cedaredge freshman Elizabeth Brooks (105'2").

Thomas, Brooks, and even Pontine's 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rival Samantha Castillo (18th place;

71'3", 77'8", 78'7") of Dolores were amongst those joining Pontine – this year Ignacio's lone State qualifier, boys or girls, thanks to her season-best 97'8" achieved June 8 at the Mancos-hosted SJBL Championships – in logging three successful throws.

"I did discus in middle school, my last year ... in eighth grade. And when I started doing track (in high school), because I was in soccer, they said I could only do field events until soccer was over," said Pontine. "So, I was like, 'Well, I did this in middle school – why not give it a try?' And it turned out to be really good."

"I learned a lot about

Lady Cats page 20

BOBCATS BOYS TRACK & FIELD

IHS boys end track season 17th in Grand Junction

Barnes, Riepel show well in pole vault

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Bettering three other placers – including seventh-place teammate John Riepel – in the pole vault, Ignacio junior Tyler Barnes' fourth-place clearance of 9 feet, 2 inches at 4A Grand Junction's Tiger Invitational (June 17-18) still wasn't enough to earn Ignacio's junior a spot at the next week's 2021 CHSAA State Track & Field Championships.

A season-best ultimately standing 28th in all of Class 2A prior to the grand finale up at Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood, Barnes' effort accounted for most of the Bobcats' seven team points at the Tiger; the boys finished 17th out of 21 scoring squads. 4A Durango (100 points) captured the title, holding off 4A G.J. Central (78), 5A Fruita Monument (65.5), Craig-based 3A Moffat County (64) and 2A La Jara Centauri (50).

Riepel managed to clear the bar with a 7'8" vault, but all entrants were left looking up at DHS' Levi Tichi, who cleared 13'0" before the Ralph Stocker Stadium crowd's eyes. Otherwise, IHS' best result came in the 4x400-meter relay;

graduated senior Jawadin Corona, senior-to-be Alric Hudson, Barnes and Riepel combined to post an 11th-place time of 3:55.45 against Central's winning 3:25.83.

Already one of Ignacio's strong suits which should only improve in 2022, the throwing corps of Hudson, senior-to-be Jeremy Roderick and sophomore-to-be Kyle Rima performed relatively well at the Tiger. Hudson placed 16th in the shot put with a 34'3.5" best, while Roderick took 29th (31'6.5") and Rima 35th (27'1.5"). By comparison, 2A/1A San Juan Basin League ruler Connor Showalter of Mancos won with a 48'5.5" heave, with Durango's William Knight (48'1.75") a close second.

(In pursuit of qualifying for State, Hudson's season-best 35'0.75" booked at 3A Alamosa's High-Altitude Challenge ended up 64th-best in 2A; Roderick's 34'11.5" at MHS' Blue Jay Invite was 65th.)


In the discus Hudson took the bar with a best throw of 98 feet even, while Rima took 29th (88'9") and Roderick 31st (81'0") as Knight prevailed with a 146'4" far outdistancing the 129'7" of Central's Cash Walker. (Hudson's season-best

104'9", achieved at 3A Bayfield's Pine River Invite, ended up pacing the Bobcats and ranked 42nd in 2A prior to State.)

Sophomore-to-be Cameron Cooper finished 23rd in the 800m run's preliminaries, but his 2:17.77 wasn't enough to land him in the final. Classmate Trajan Garcia stood 35th with a 2:43.09. Cooper also placed 27th in the 1,600m, clocking 5:14.17, while Garcia's 5:58.66 netted 42nd. As expected, Durango finished 1-2-3 led by winner Land Lambert's 4:23.73.

In the 100 meters, Riepel stood 29th after the prelims with a time of 12.73 seconds, or 1.63 behind Central's Justin Blanton (who'd win the final in an even faster 10.90). Barnes was 41st in 13.17 and Corona 42nd in 13.30. Riepel ended up 32nd in the 200 prelims with a 26.48, while Barnes was 34th in 26.59 and Corona 44th in 28.44.

Corona would also finish 26th in the long jump with a 16'11" maximum. With his season-best 17'1" ultimately ranking 79th in 2A pre-State, Cooper ended up 28th in Grand Junction at 16'3.25" and Garcia (12'2.5") 39th against the winning 21'1" logged by 4A Palisade's Donovan Kemp.



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No parts of the vaccine can cause disease in our bodies, but they do give our immune system guidelines to build the tools that fight the virus.



TRIBAL OBITUARIES



Family was paramount in her life. She also enjoyed rooting for the Denver Broncos and her family sports. Children were a true joy in her life and Becky loved making treats and special gifts for her extended family. Becky was also a photography fanatic as she took pictures of EVERYTHING. Also, a shout-out to her Tee-Pee crowd whom she cared for with acts of love and service. She also very much enjoyed blasting her music, puzzles, took pride in her home, hosting holiday and gatherings, gardening and her Bud Light.

She is survived by her daughter: Mariah (Joe Herrera) Thompson; daughter number two: Arianna Weaver; daughter number three: Lydia Gonzales; son: Shelton Garcia; siblings: Luana Herrera, Franklin Thompson, Keith Thompson, Shawn Thompson, and JoGenia Thompson; and numerous nieces and nephews and extended family and wonderful friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother: Mark Thompson; and her grandparents: George and Lucy Thompson and Ernest and Edith Burch.

A Wake was held at Becky's home: 165 Howe Drive, Ignacio on Thursday, July 1, 2021 and the Funeral Service was held at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel, Ignacio on Friday, July 2, 2021. Cremation will follow.

THOMPSON – Rebecca Anne “Becky” Thompson passed away Monday, June 28, 2021, at home, surrounded by family. She was 62 years old.

Becky was born April 6, 1959 to Bennett Cloud Thompson and Lavara June Burch in Durango, Colorado. She grew up in Ignacio and graduated High School Phoenix Indian School. She has lived in Denver, Albuquerque, and Farmington, while attending school to obtain her higher education degrees. Becky always called Ignacio home and worked for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Waste Transfer Station New Hours

Effective Monday, June 28, 2021 the Southern Ute Utilities Division Waste Transfer Station will be open to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and closed on Sunday. Tribal Members are required to obtain and show proof of permit upon request. Permits can be picked up from Mr. James Red located in the red wooden shed beside the containers. In order to obtain a permit, members will be required to show Tribal ID.

For more information, please contact the Southern Ute Utilities Division at 970-563-5500

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.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

DONATION OF IGNACIO CHIEFTAIN TO THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

My parents, Fay and Charlotte Jones were editors, owners, and publishers from December 1934 until July 31, 1963 (27 years, 8 months), starting as the Ignacio Chieftain, and later adding “and Bayfield Blade.”

I came about these copies, which came from Tom Wiseman, long-time friend/neighbor/employee, who at the time owned the Wiseman hardware, and, for a while, had a business interest in the Ignacio Chieftain. Tom's parents were the original owners of the Wiseman Hardware store.

I grew up in Ignacio, left to attend CU, returning summers to work, and continue helping out at the Chieftain office, especially on press day (Thursday).

Following graduation, I served in the US ARMY in Huntsville Alabama, and then was most fortunate to have worked for NASA, as an Aerospace engineer, on most of NASA's Manned Spacecraft Programs my entire professional career. I still live nearby to the Space Center. Texas, in a waterfront home elevation of 10-12 feet above sea level. Texas being the last place on earth that I thought I might live. I am proud to have come from the tri-ethnic community of Ignacio, Colorado.

I have continued to return to Ignacio on occasions, some to visit the Southern Ute Museum and/or witness the Bear Dance, or the Sun Dance.

I realize/recognize and give credit to Dr. James Jefferson for having initiated the Southern Ute Drum.

I have known Jimmy, and his brother Robert, from when they started attending the Ignacio Public school system. They were a great influence, having caught/found the Bobcat, that soon became the school mascot. They were also great athletes. I also knew their parents, Lee Joe, and Jessie Jefferson. who were wonderful/gracious people, even allowing my friends and I to fish from the banks of the Pine River on their property, South of Ignacio, and also have us for lunch. Over the years, I became friends with many of the Southern Ute Tribal members, and their families. Many that I have admired have now walked on. Leonard Burch (long time Tribal Chairman and tribal visionary), Anthony Burch, Neil Cloud (CAT MAN), Stanley Frost, Arlene Weaver Millich, Archie Baker and so many more. Archie's daughter, Linda is making impressive contributions to the tribe.

Older Family names also come to memory: Frost, Burch, Hood, Pinnecoose, Taylor, Box, Weaver, Cuthair, Naranjo, Cloud, Monte, and more. I can remember Ignacio, when people came to town on their horses, and in their horse drawn buggies. The

alleys were where the horses were tied up. Runaways were not uncommon, and the results generally unsettling. So much for a stroll down memory lane.

Malcolm E. Jones

FATHERHOOD IS SACRED WALK

The Southern Ute Division of Social Services along with several departments collaborated to sponsor the “Fatherhood is Sacred” walk on Wednesday, June 16th. The departments and participants are the reason why the walk was such a success and we would like to express our gratitude. There were two in-person walks and one virtual walk. Overall, there were a 109 participants for the in person walks and the virtual walk.

The Division of Social Services would like to thank the following departments and individuals who helped make the walk a success.

First and foremost, we would like to thank the participants without you the walk would not have happened. Thank you to the Boys and Girls Club of the SUIT and the Tribal Services Department for the T-shirts.

Precious Collins with Native Connections and the Behavioral Health Division for their timeless effort in facilitating the registration.

Morgan Box and the Shining Mountain Diabetes program for supplying the water and snacks at the event.

Robin Duffy-Wirth, Abel Velasquez and the Sun Ute Community Center for the prizes, tables, clean up and for marking the route.

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and the Museum for the books.

Thank you to Mr. Nathan Strong Elk and Bruce LeClaire for leading the walks and Dr. Jim Jefferson for the sunrise ceremony and for his words on fatherhood.

Thanks to Justin Gilbert and Kuvua Design for the Fatherhood is Sacred logo.

Thank you to the Southern Ute Royalty for their representation and words. The Southern Ute Tribal Court for their contribution.

The Division of Social Services would like to thank these individuals for their efforts in bringing this event together, without their hard work we could not have organized this successful event; Angelina Whitehorse, Augusta Torres, Shyida Howe and Beth Santistevan.

We would like to especially thank the Southern Ute Tribal Council and the Executive Office for their continued support.

To father a child is more than a biological act. It is more than a social role to fulfill. It is sacred work. To truly father a child is to nurture the soul of a child. #fatherhoodissacred.

*Thank you,
The Southern Ute Division
of Social Services*

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

COMMUNITY GREETINGS



Congratulations Jawadin Corona

I would like to congratulate my grandson Jawadin Corona graduating from Ignacio High School, and my nephew Cebron Mountain Lion, graduating from Uintah High School, Vernal, UT. I and my sister, nephew and niece had the privilege to attend both graduation. The Thompson family are all very proud of their accomplishments. Their great grandfather Bennett Thompson would have been so proud of them also our mom.

Drum Deadline

Next issue
July 16

Deadline
July 12

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

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2021 Trash Permits HAVE ARRIVED

Tribal members can request a permit to be mailed by contacting the Southern Ute Utilities Division at 970.563.5500. Please verify the address on file. Permits are also available for pick-up at the shed beside the large waste receptacles. Permits are required to dump waste.

Permits are for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members only.





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.

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 PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Carlos Chanio Herrera, Deceased
Case No.: 2021-0075-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above addresses on **AUGUST 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 25th of June, 2021
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

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

Notice is hereby given that Carolyne Rose Washington has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Carolyne 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

Lots for Sale

Two lots for sale on Wandering Hill Rd. 35K each 1.03 and 1.06 ac. lots next to each other. Both have water and electricity. Two mins. from Navajo Lake. Levelled for a 1000sq house and posts on the corners for fencing. Very quiet. 505-860-5101.

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

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 |

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 Commissions Vacancies

POWWOW COMMITTEE VACANCY

Closing 7/31/21 – Mique! The Powwow Committee is currently accepting letters from community members to serve as volunteer membership for the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. Committee is open to all Southern Ute Tribal Members and direct descendants as well as any Indigenous community member who would like to be actively involved with planning, promoting and executing Southern Ute Powwows. Will also require said member to represent the Southern Ute Tribe and promote traditions and culture through the Powwow circle and throughout Indian Country. Meetings are conducted bi-monthly, or when needed, it will also require working with multiple tribal departments throughout the Southern Ute, Northern Ute, and Ute Mountain Tribes. This committee is responsible for maintaining services needed for Powwows and will require hands-on work, as well as critical and traditional thinking. We would like to promote any active Powwow dancers, drummers, singers, or elders who would like to engage with the Powwow Community to apply. Please bring your good medicine and come help us plan a good year of powwows. Accepting letters of intent to: Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137, and at soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov.

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

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

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. Questions? Call 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?

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.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY Seeking School Board Candidates

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 October 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 by **JULY 15, 2021** to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, PO Box 737 #52, Ignacio, CO 81137; or by bringing the letter of interest to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy office; or by emailing the letter of interest to the SUIMA Principal at mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov.

REQUEST FOR 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.



Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Royalty Auditor – Dept. 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; Knowledge of industry practices related to the reporting and disbursement of royalties. 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 pass a pre-employment drug test and a criminal history background investigation. Must have a valid Driver’s License for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy.

Senior Environmental, Health and Safety Specialist – Red Willow Prod. (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; Excellent command of federal and state rules and regulations; Experience with EHS audits and inspections; Proficient technical writing skills to prepare reports, standard operating procedures and other highly technical documents; The ability to maintain database systems for tracking compliance related, permits, documents, monitoring reports and audits; Experience in computer software programs within the MS Windows environment including Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Project; Strong communication skills. Must be: Able to work in a team environment and able to share responsibility and accountability; Able to work with and take direction from others; 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.

Senior Royalty Auditor – Dept. of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 7/14/21 – Performing audits of Southern Ute Tribal oil and gas royalties. Wworks independently to perform broad auditing tasks ensuring effective auditing and providing support to the Energy Audit and Accounting Supervisor. Minimum qualifications: BA/BS degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or appropriately related area, four years auditing experience, and two years audit review experience is required. Must have: Four years oil and gas accounting/auditing experience; Supervisory experience; Computer experience in word processing and be proficient in spreadsheet software applications; Experience in Office of Natural Resources Revenue database; Knowledge of industry practices related to the reporting and disbursement of

royalties; Experience with 2CFR200 or be able to be proficient in 2CFR200 after 6 months. Must be bondable and successfully pass the federal background investigation required under the Tribe’s Cooperative Agreement with the Office of Natural Resources Revenue. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and a criminal history background investigation. Must have a valid Driver’s License for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy.

Operation Foreman – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 7/16/21 – Under general direction of the Red Willow Operations Superintendent and Senior Operations Foreman, supervises, mentors, and assists Lease Operators to ensure that oil and gas production is produced safely and efficiently, in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with RWPC priorities and concerns. Minimum qualifications: A High School Diploma or equivalent is required. Twelve years oil and gas experience in a relevant position; OR, a two year Technical Degree in oil and gas industry trade school and 10 years oil and gas operations experience is required. Must have: In-depth knowledge of production facilities, work independently and demonstrate good judgment; Knowledge of the various types of artificial lift methods; Intermediate computer skills with the ability to convert data into charts; Encouraging, patient, and mentoring personality to train less experienced operators. Must be: Able to gather and analyze data; Able to act as lead person and direct contractors and operations personnel; Able to work with and take directions from others; Able to learn and operate different or new types of equipment and in different areas, and attend job-related training sessions as requested; Able to work in a team environment and to share responsibility and accountability. Must have a valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable through Red Willow vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and a pre-employment drug test.

Geologist IV – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 7/12/21 – Planning and implementing technical projects requiring the application of complex geoscience skills. Generates and assists in the identification of viable oil and gas exploration opportunities resulting in the discovery of new reserves. Reviews the technical merit and economic viability of internally and externally generated proposals. Assists basin asset teams in execution of capital plans. Minimum qualifications: A Bachelor’s degree in Geoscience and eight years applicable work experience; OR a Master’s degree in Geoscience and six years applicable work experience. Must have: Strong computer-based data management and analysis skills; Proven ability to generate multiple investment opportunities; Experience with well operations and safety at a well site; Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with specific ability to translate complex information into an organized and presentable manner. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must deliver presentations to teams and senior staff with clarity, professionalism, and effective use of charts, graphs, maps, and illustrations. Must demonstrate ability, skills and knowledge to recognize matters needing attention and take initiative to act on that recognition, and exercise discretionary judgment in handling non-routine situations. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under RWPC’s vehicle insurance policy. 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 or ceyeto@utemountain.org or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

Job Openings as of June 30, 2021

- Public Safety, Security Supervisor – Closing 7/6/21
- Public Works, Part-time Custodian – Closing 7/6/21
- Shelter, Full-time House Parent – Closing 7/16/21
- Public Works, Plumber’s Helper – Closing 7/16/21

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

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

U.S. Census Bureau
Field Representative Positions Available!

Looking for work? The U.S. Census Bureau may be a great fit for you! We are still hiring! In addition to the decennial census, the Census Bureau conducts more than 130 surveys each year to supply the nation with important statistics on people, places and our economy. Our regional offices are responsible for hiring and supervising our Field Representatives, who help the Census Bureau conduct surveys nationwide. Local field staff know their communities best and are instrumental in conducting surveys with residents on a variety of topics. Field Representatives work out of their home and are reimbursed for mileage. See where we’re hiring today! Visit our website and select your state from the drop-down list. Make an impact for your community and join our team today! Have you been contacted to participate in a Census Bureau survey? Looking for assistance? Your Regional Office can help. Please contact your Regional Office and we will be glad to assist you. Denver: www.census.gov/about/regions/denver/contact.html

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Addictions Counselor

Closes 7/6/21 – Under general supervision of the Lead Therapist, provides outpatient substance abuse treatment and education for individuals enrolled in the Substance Abuse Program. Position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Position starts at \$21.75/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Temp/Part-time)

Closes 7/7/21 – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Position starts at \$12.32/hour.

Detention Transport Officer

Closes 7/13/21 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Will be responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Position starts at \$21.75/hour.

Loan Coordinator

Closes 7/13/21 – Provides clerical, secretarial, and client support to the Tribal Credit Division as needed. Presents positive and professional image to Tribal employees and the public. Position starts at \$15.61/hour.

Physician (Part-time)

Closes 7/14/21 – Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Receptionist (Part-time)

Closes 7/13/21 – Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Position starts at \$12.54/hour.

Lead Building Maintenance Technician

Closes 7/7/21 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventive maintenance services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and functions as Acting Division Head in the Division Head’s absence. Collects and categorizes information on systems and equipment. Tracks preventive maintenance, work orders, time and materials for Division’s operations. Monitors budget and expenditures. Directs and supervises work of day-to-day activities as well as special projects. Position starts at \$19.93/hour.

Patient Care Coordinator

Closes 7/6/21 – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, facilitating the fulfillment of patients’ overall healthcare needs. Works with other Behavioral Health providers, other area resources, medical staff and residential facilities to expedite appropriate and timely care for patients. Position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Position starts at \$18.32/hour.

Senior Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Closes 7/12/2021
Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates and conducts complex technical and regulatory tasks within the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funding. Position starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Substance Abuse Therapist

Closes 7/6/21 – Under general supervision of the Lead Therapist, provides behavioral health treatment, including mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis in accordance with all applicable code, laws, policies, guidelines, and any grant requirements. Position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Position starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Air Quality Analyst II

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

Construction Project Manager

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Housing Department Director, 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, will train and mentor a Tribal member as a Project Manager “Trainee” or Apprentice type position. Position starts at \$75,321.13/year.

Construction Services Repairman

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

Detention Officer

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

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides

radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position starts at \$18.32/hour.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Dept. 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.

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., No. or Ute Mtn.)

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.

Part-time Dentist (with benefits)

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

Patrol Officer I

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

Payroll Manager

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

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 and 1st Descendants 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. 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 Tribal Member 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. 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.



FLY-FISHING

Down but not out, not by a long shot

Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

I recently took a fly fishing vacation to Grand Bahama. The fishing was great. The travel to and from deserves a column on the nightmare of travel at the end of Covid-19. The trip, arranged by Yellowdog Fly-fishing took me and three other fly fishermen to East End Lodge. I had been there twice before, and at the end of my second trip I was looking forward to trip number three. However, Hurricane Dorian in 2019 put a delay in those plans. Then, just as the Bahamas were coming out of the horrific devastation of the hurricane, Covid-19 arrived. It was a one-two punch that less resilient folks would not have come back from.

When Dorian ripped across Grand Bahama it literally flattened everything. Most of the structures were blown away. All the Australian Pine Trees were stripped bare of any foliage, and the mangroves having spent several days under salt water are now dead. Truly, it looked like an atom bomb had gone off. The Bahamian Government did what it could do to help rebuild. However, they don't have the resources the U.S. Government has. So, money to rebuild was slow, if not unavailable. There was little insurance money, so service clubs from abroad, and other private donations were the only funds available. As the hurricane moved on, so did most of the jobs of a tourist-based economy. Then, just as some of the fly fishing lodges were beginning to re-open, Covid-19



put an end to all tourism. With no tourists, in or out, many took this down time to start rebuilding. It wasn't mass building, still isn't, but one structure at a time.

While the government did everything it knew how to do to get Covid-19 stopped and come up with a plan to get the tourist industry restarted, it has been painfully slow. In case you don't realize it fly fishing, in the Bahamas, is for tourists. And, this tourist wanted to return as soon as possible. We had to be patient, and that has now paid off. The Bahamas are open for business.

Similar to other lodges the owners, staff, and any other volunteer they could round up, worked to rebuild the East End Lodge. The accommodations are brand new and comfortable, the food is great, and the guides are back on their poling platforms. As the saying goes, "There is light at the end of the tunnel, and it's not a freight train."

After all the destruction and sickness the fly fishing is still great. With a two-year layoff the bonefish have grown bigger than before. The barracuda are still cruising in the shallows, and I saw more sharks than I have ev-

er seen. Some of the sharks were very large and didn't hesitate to chase a bonefish at the end of your line. One morning I watched a shark attack a hooked bonefish and give my partner a two-second thrill of playing a shark. I told him having the shark eat his bonefish was tantamount to fishing with live bait, therefore, the shark didn't count as a caught fish. It also meant my fish count was higher than his. But who counts when you're having a great time?

In addition to bonefish, and the shark that didn't count, using the guides spinning rod, we caught several large barracuda. The barracuda were landed and went home with our guide for dinner. Fishing was done from flats boats and wading the sand flats. If given the choice I'd rather wade the flats and cast at tailing bonefish. You won't catch as many fish, but watching a school of fish turn towards a well-presented fly is great fun. Of course, if you don't make a good presentation, watching the bonefish scatter like a covey of quail can be frustrating. However, it's still fun.

So, if you're headed for the Bahamas, go with an open mind. There is still lots of rebuilding to be done. Your guide, or hospitality employee, may have to take an unscheduled day off to handle some part of rebuilding their home. Also, at the end of your vacation, a little extra in your gratuity will truly be appreciated.

I've already made my reservation for next year. If you're looking for a great bonefish experience, I suggest you give the Bahamas a try. You won't be sorry.

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time management," she added. "When school was out, it was unfortunate we had to go into summer, but it worked out good for me because I got to go to track in the morning and then soccer after. I was doubling, and then ... soccer was over, so I just got really focused on track."

IN GRAND JUNCTION

Looking to at least solidify, if not improve upon her State seeding at the last-chance Grand Junction Tiger Invitational held June 17-18, Pontine – throwing with the meet's event favorites in its last flight – ended up taking eighth overall with a 91'3" max, earning the 19th-place Lady Bobcats their lone team point at Ralph Stocker Stadium.

3A New Castle-based Coal Ridge piled up an impressive 144 and dominated 5A Fruita Monument's 107.5. 4A Glenwood Springs and 4A Palisade tied for third place with 65 points each, and 4A Durango (60) rounded out the top five.

As expected, DHS'

State-bound Sydney Flores paced the 38-thrower discus field with a 121'2" maximum, with 3A Bayfield's State-bound Emily Nelson (104'4") placing fourth – making for a fine showing overall by the southwesterners.

Sprint specialist and former State qualifier Lexy Young was unable to make it out of the Tiger's prelims in both the 200- and 100-meter dashes (her 28.64 in the former ranked tenth; her 13.77 in the latter stood 12th), and highlighted IHS' 17-18-19 result in the 400m prelims. Followed in the standings by Laci Brunson and Pontine, the trio clocked, respectively, 1:11.12, 1:11.87 and 1:14.11; CRHS' Mikayla Cheney would win the final in 58.73 seconds.

Ignacio's 800m sprint medley relay (Young, Brunson, Maci Barnes, Pontine) finished 11th in a season-best 2:08.61 – a figure which unluckily ranked just 32nd in all of Class 2A prior to the State Championships.

Barnes tied Coal Ridge's Haven Prodzinski and 3A Rifle's Jamie Caron for

10th in pole vault at the Tiger, with each clearing a best height of 7'2". For Barnes, it was a season-best which at the time bumped her up to 26th in 2A. Lady 'Cat Lauren deKay placed 14th in Grand Junction with a 5'8" best, but Trinity Strohl was unable to record a height.

She did place 31st in the 200 (33.67) and 35th in the 100 (16.33), while Pontine took 29th in the 200 (32.92). Barnes finished 30th in the 800m prelims with a 2:52.98, while deKay ran 42nd in 3:20.75. Brunson placed 25th in the long jump with a best leap of 13 feet, 2.75 inches.

Young finished her junior season owning the 41st-fastest 100 meters (13.80 at Durango's Ron Keller Invite) classification-wide prior to State, and ranked 35th in the 200 (28.37 at the SJBLS) and 55th in the 400 (1:08.10 at the SJBLS). Sophomore-to-be Moriah Ashley ended up with 2A's 37th-fastest 3,200m (15:26.34 at the Mancos Early Bird) before the grand finale.

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Five-spot
- 4 Baseball stat
- 7 P, to Greeks
- 10 Diamonds
- 11 --- teeth, often used to decorate warriors' shirts
- 12 Exclamation of surprise
- 13 Active chemical in cannabis
- 14 Originator whose instructions were disobeyed
- 16 Persevere
- 18 "To --- mildly"
- 20 The Comumba/--- band
- 24 "A likely story!"
- 25 Sandwich option
- 26 Frees off sail shorteners
- 28 Like many winter jackets
- 29 Deposited by the wind
- 31 Pacific Northwestern people
- 34 Rotten
- 37 Acquire
- 38 Pile-driver head
- 39 Dove sound
- 40 Furniture construction material
- 41 Passports, driver's licenses, etc.
- 42 Old Russian secret police

Down

- 1 Spasm
- 2 "--- bin ein Berliner" (JFK quote)
- 3 Not worn when dressing down
- 4 Steer round bowling button
- 5 Control tower image
- 6 "Tell me about it!"
- 7 Uncooked
- 8 Hospice group
- 9 Arrangement of poppets
- 15 Lack of vitality
- 17 Statue of Liberty builder
- 18 Average
- 19 Exploit
- 21 The --- War of 1895, over the subject of 11 Across
- 22 Inspect
- 23 Piece
- 27 Conductor Sir Georg ---
- 28 Favors one leg
- 30 Extol
- 31 Metric torque
- 32 Energy-saving lamp
- 33 D O J enforcement division
- 35 Reason for a flight delay
- 36 Key ring tab

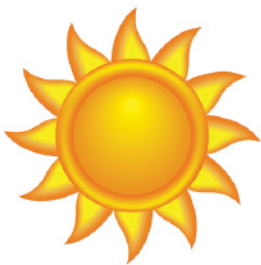
Answers for this crossword will appear in July 16 issue of the Drum.

Answers for June 18, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 PFC, 4 Balmy, 9 Oleo, 10 A poor, 11 AARP, 12 Getter, 14 Him, 15 Fox, 16 Oke, 17 UNICEF, 19 Grab, 20 Anson, 22 Abby, 25 Thumbs, 29 MRE, 30 Pic, 31 IOU, 32 Parsec, 34 A wad, 35 Track, 36 Jots, 37 Tanks, 38 OKs. Down: 1 Plain, 2 Fermi, 3 Cop, 4 Bag of sticks, 5 Apex, 6 Lot, 7 Motor, 8 Yreka, 9 Oahu, 13 Reb, 15 Fen, 18 Cay, 19 Gnu, 21 OHC, 22 Amp, 23 Bratt, 24 Berra, 26 Miwok, 27 Boats, 28 Suds, 30 Peck, 33 San, 34 Ajo.



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Friday, July 2



85°F mostly sunny
40% chance showers/t-storms in p.m.

Saturday, July 3



85°F mostly sunny
Chance showers/t-storms in p.m.

Sunday, July 4



86°F mostly sunny
Chance showers/t-storms in p.m.

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