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*The Southern Ute Drum: Winner of 14 Native American Journalist Association awards in 2021!*

**CULTURE**

**Naanaasíhí Beadwork by Elisia**

McKayla Lee  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Elisia Cruz is a 17-year-old student, athlete, and most recently – entrepreneur. What originally began as a hobby to keep herself busy during the COVID-19 Pandemic has now turned into her small business ‘Naanaasíhí Beadwork by Elisia.’ Cruz started this business in 2020 during quarantine.

“So actually, it was quarantine, that made me want to start beading because I was bored and stuck at home,” Cruz said. “And I felt like I had gone through all the hobbies, like painting, baking, you know, makeup and stuff—beading was the only thing that I stuck with.”

Cruz had spent time watching her mother, Daisy Bluestar bead and naturally picked up the craft. Bluestar was the first person to post about her daughter’s beadwork on Facebook, where her post gained the attention of dozens who wanted to purchase and support Cruz.

Cruz is entering her senior year at Ignacio High School and is going to play volleyball and basketball. Looking forward to college,



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Elisia Cruz, owner of ‘Naanaasíhí Beadwork by Elisia’ models her favorite pair of earrings that she crafted herself.

she is interested in going out to Arizona or Utah to continue her education. For now, she hopes to find a balance between school, beading, and sports. “I’m busy

all the time, between sports and school and a social life — finding the time to bead is so challenging, but when

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**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**Tribal Council approves return to Phase II “Safer at Home,” Level 1**

Staff report  
 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

In accordance with the tribal Resolution 2021-104 which adopted amended COVID-19 metrics, and due to the rise in data, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council approved moving to the more restricted Phase II, “Safer at Home” Level 1 Order effective on Friday, August 27, 2021. The Southern Ute Tribal Council, in consultation with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Incident Management Team (IMT) determined it was in the Tribe’s best interests to move to a more restrictive phase due to the New



COVID Cases, Percent of Positivity, and Hospitalizations in the area.

Tribal leadership continues to prioritize the health safety of the tribal membership, tribal staff, and our tribal community. “It is more important, now than ever, for everyone to follow the recommendations to keep our community safe,” stated Chairman Melvin J.

Baker. “The Delta variant is more transmissible, and individuals can experience more severe symptoms. I encourage our community to consider getting a COVID-19 vaccine, and test frequently to help us identify positive cases – keeping our community safe. By following the COVID safety guidelines, getting vaccinated, and testing frequently we are protecting our Tribal Elders, our language and our culture.”

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will remain in Phase II “Stay at Home”, Level 1 until further notice. The Tribal official

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**BOBCATS GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

**Lady ‘Cats place fifth at Bear Chase**

*11th-place Nanaeto paces Ignacio girls*

By Joel Priest  
 SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Now-senior Alannah Gomez’s recollection of last year’s Boggy Draw Bear Chase, particularly the atmospheric conditions in which it was held, certainly wasn’t unique amongst her fellow competitors.

“The heat last year ... was so unbearable,” she said Friday evening, Aug. 20, following the Ignacio Lady Bobcats’ return to the Dolores-hosted, season-opening event’s third incarnation. “It was just dry and ... bad last year. On the uphill it was kind of challenging, and ... sometimes (one was) in the heat so it was kind of a killer.”

But with race-time temperatures barely touching 70 degrees Fahrenheit – or roughly 20 fewer than when the starter’s pistol cracked amidst the forestland in 2020 – despite prevalent sunshine, and with an infrequent, yet pleasant breeze wafting through every now and then, entrants appeared far more relieved to get down to business with Mother Nature in their favor.

“Absolutely,” agreed head coach Daniel Holley. “I think as soon as we stepped off the bus, felt how cool it was, saw that the trail was soft – not dusty like it was last year – everybody started to improve ... how they felt about the race.”

Matched at the race in sheer numbers (7) by only 4A Durango, IHS got the 2021 campaign underway with two top-20 efforts and



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Avalena Nanaeto (95) finished a season-opening 11th overall at Dolores’ Boggy Draw Bear Chase Friday evening, Aug. 20.

a fifth-place, score-4 tally of 73 points. The aforementioned Lady Demons, to little surprise, prevailed with a winning low of 21 once non-scoring competitors’ results were excluded, and 1A Monticello, Utah, followed with 48.

Incredibly able to suit up six runners, the hosting Lady Bears – a program lucky to dress even three individuals last season – racked up a third-place 55, narrowly bettering 2A San Juan Basin League rival Mancos’ 58. Senior Avaleena Nanaeto

led SJBL’ers Ignacio with an 11th-place time of 26 minutes, 14.32 seconds, and Moriah Ashley crossed the finish line next in 19th with a 27:29.28.

“I really wasn’t surprised by Moriah. She had an awesome track season – she was our two-mile and one-mile specialist – so she’s in really good shape,” said Holley. “And I think she ran about the best that she could for ... the first race this season.”

Sophomore Lauren deKay

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**STATE OF COLORADO**

**Governor Polis rescinds historical proclamations by Executive Order**

McKayla Lee  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed an Executive Order, Wednesday, Aug. 18 that rescinded two, 150-year-old proclamations that were put in place by former Territorial Governor, John Evans in 1864. Tribal leaders from Colorado and Oklahoma were in attendance of the historical event outside of the State Capitol Building in Denver.

“The 1864 Proclamations were never lawful because they violated established treaty rights and federal Indian law,” reads the Executive Order B 2021 002. “Further, when Colorado became a state, they never became



Thy Vo/The Colorado Sun

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker addresses attendees outside of the State Capitol building in Denver, Colo., Tuesday, Aug. 17 during the historic signing of two executive orders by Gov. Jared Polis rescinding proclamations, issued in 1864 by Territorial Governor John Evans, that led to the Sand Creek Massacre.

law, as they were superseded by the Colorado Constitution, United States Constitution, and Colorado criminal

code. Yet, the 1864 Proclamations have never been official.

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**Education honors graduates**



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Lynda Grove-D’Wolf was honored at the 19th Annual Education Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, August 14. D’Wolf earned an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Prescott College in Prescott, Ariz. She graduated in spring of 2021 and was this year’s guest speaker at the education banquet held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The Southern Ute Education Department and the Johnson-O’Malley Committee presented plaques and Pendleton blankets to each graduate – recognizing their academic accomplishments.





Jess Baidwan/Custodial Dept.

The Clean Team members are Jeremy Rock, Ramada Cloud, Elaine Trujillo-Taylor, Loretta Chee, Mary Taylor, Fred Romero, Damon Tung, Eric Chee, Joe Nevaquaya, Sherry Castillo, Jasper Abeyta, Elouise Toledo, Nyla Abaroa, Jared Meier, Levi Timms and Supervisor Jess Baidwan.

## PERMANENT FUND

# Tribe's Clean Team surpasses green goals

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE CUSTODIAL DEPT.

It started with an idea in 2014 after Custodial Supervisor Jess Baidwan earned Green Building expert certification (CIMS-GB); why not try to certify one building on campus? Which building and how long would that take? Answer: In 2015 the Leonard Burch Building was certified green and according to available data, was the first on any American Indian Reservation. In 2017 the Clean Team pushed to earn certifications for seven buildings on campus, this status was maintained through 2020.

Then for 2021, during COVID-19, a stretch goal was set out for the team; what if...we could certify 21 buildings on campus? How could we arrange the work, team up, improve conditions in the building to gain points, organize the proofs and submit them in a timely fashion? The 2021 stretch goal was achieved!

Awarded by the Academy of Cleaning Excellence, this award is the result of years of hard work and commitment to ensuring that our campus is providing clean, healthy spaces for working, playing, and healing.



Jess Baidwan  
Supervisor  
Custodial Department

The 21 buildings are: Emerald Level: LCB, Multi-Purpose and Chapel, J&R Administration (4). Jade Level: SunUte, Museum and Cultural Center, Health Center, Dental and Optical Clinic, MCB, Justice Center, as well as Academy Complex (12). Turquoise Level: Higher Education Complex, Central Receiving, Tribal Housing/Election Board, Property and Facilities (5). Total: 21.

This was done choosing a variety of technologies, including electrolyzed water, simplifying chemistry campus wide, well-chosen sustainable equipment and a very well-trained staff; including six team members who now hold a CIMS-GB

certifications.

What set Baidwan on this path to green? "As the Clean Team we are the front-line for healthcare ... going green is important because it is our mission to keep everyone safe and healthy," Baidwan said. "Our short-term goal is to reduce exposures and the long-term goal there should be happier, healthier people and lower absenteeism. Electrolyzed water has always been in the mix as a part of our evolution in the Green Building Certifications, it really makes it possible to replace harmful chemistry for the Team with active, safe alternatives."

"I am proud of the Clean Team's commitment to Green Buildings, and the hard work expended to accomplish this amazing stretch goal this year!" Baidwan said. "The greatest merit is deserved by the Team as they embraced the goal and its purpose."

The Clean Team members are Jeremy Rock, Ramada Cloud, Elaine Trujillo-Taylor, Loretta Chee, Mary Taylor, Fred Romero, Damon Tung, Eric Chee, Joe Nevaquaya, Sherry Castillo, Jasper Abeyta, Elouise Toledo, Nyla Abaroa, Jared Meier, Levi Timms and Supervisor Jess Baidwan.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Joe Gonzales Jr. works with crews on the demolition of the old Sky Ute Casino facility in Ignacio on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011. Heavy-equipment operators made quick work of the aging facility.

This photo was first published in the August 26, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

The 2001 season of Heritage Night ended last night at the Sky Ute Casino Pavilion. Held on Thursday night from June to August, Heritage Night invites Four Corners Residents and visitors to come to Ignacio for an evening that includes Native American dancing, tours of the Southern Ute Cultural Center, and complementary Casino coins. This photo was published in the August 24, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council representatives break ground for a new clinic expansion slated for completion in the fall of 1991. This photo was published in the August 26, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

Seven interviewers helping with a survey of Southern Ute tribal members on energy use went knocking on doors around the reservation: (front row) Jean Maxwell, SEDS member; Martha Myore, crew leader; Lillie Frost; Paul Slegrist; (back row) Betty Box; Susan Liebman, crew leader; Bonnie Baker; Geraldine McAuliffe; and Richard Clemmers, SEDS member. This photo was published in the August 28, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



## Tribal Member General Meeting

Friday, September 17, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sky Ute Casino Resort, Event Center

### Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Flag & Victory Songs
- 8:45 a.m. Call to Order & Invocation
- 9:00 a.m. State of the Tribe
- 9:15 a.m. Treasurer's Report
- 9:30 a.m. Tribal Broadband Modernization Project
- 10:30 a.m. Tribal Member Portal Upgrade
- 11:00 a.m. IMT / COVID-19 Update
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. SUGF Update
- Dividend / Elder's CPI
- Red Willow / Red Cedar Real Estate
- Private Equity
- 3:00 p.m. Question & Answer
- 5:00 p.m. Closing Prayer

### COVID Safety Guidelines

- DO NOT attend if you are feeling unwell or if you are experiencing COVID-related symptoms
- In-person participation will be limited to 126 persons
- All individuals must complete the COVID screening process prior to entering
- All individuals will be required to wear a face covering while in attendance.
- Due to COVID, all questions must be written, there will be no microphones available to ask verbal questions. Submit your question now via email to the following email address: GenMtgQA@southernute-nsn.gov
- Department / Division / Entity booths will be limited to 12.

### Web-Ex Event Registration

<https://bit.ly/SuitGm21>

Password: sutm

### General Meeting Vaccination Event

(10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in John S. Williams/Vida B. Peabody Meeting Room)

Single-dose Janssen vaccine available to individuals 18 years and older are eligible for the vaccine.

This is a closed informational meeting for membership ONLY, all visitors will be asked to leave immediately.





CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

# Welcome back!

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

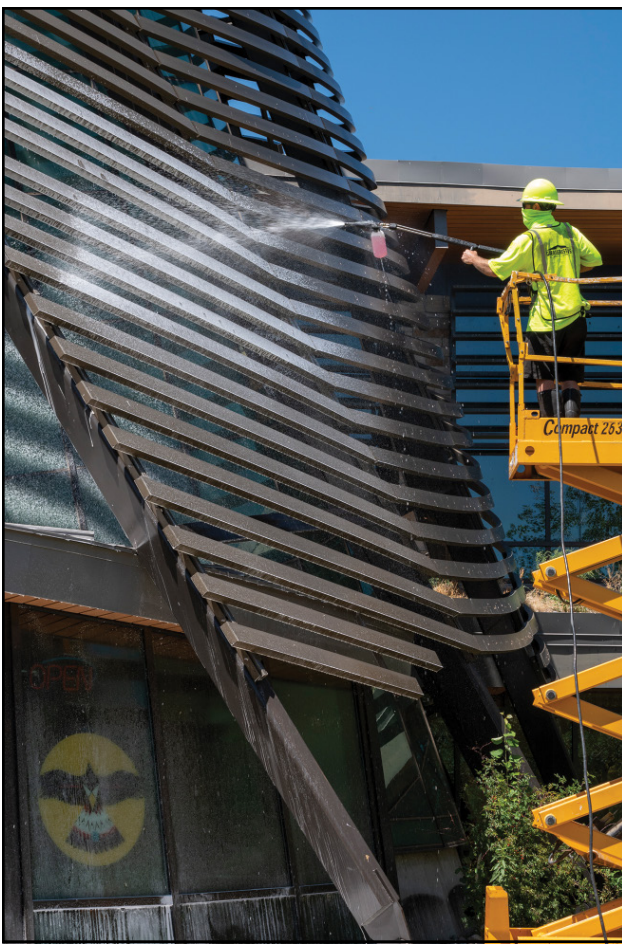
Maykah! Greetings from the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUC-CM) staff. We are so excited to welcome you back to the SUCCM on Sept. 7. Although we have been quiet, we have been working hard this past year during COVID. We've got some new things that we can't wait to share with you. When we reopen, please come to see our new library; the redesigned Gift Shop; and Inside Out 2.0, our new temporary exhibit.

We've also been taking care of things behind the scenes. For example, with the help of our colleagues in Property and Facilities, we upgraded the electronic readers we use to monitor humidity, temperature, and lighting in our exhibit cases. We've also developed a strategic plan and have lots of ideas for new programs such as revitalizing our native gardens and creating a consignment program for artists.

We will also be introducing planning monthly workshops and programs for kids, families, and adults. In September, we will be offering classes to the public about powwows and regalia as a part of History Live! a regional, month-long effort to promote culture and learning and launch a new story hour for young kids every Tuesday morning.

We are honored to serve you in such a warm and welcoming place. We hope that you will come, enjoy it too.

The SUCCM team includes: Venessa Carel, Tallias Cantsee, Susan Cimburek, Brianne Goodtracks-Alires, and SkyDawn Moccasin-Flower. If you have questions or suggestions, we would love to hear from you at museum@southernute-nsn.gov



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Jonah Larson, owner and operator of 'Grease Busters of the Four Corners' power washes the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum building on Wednesday, Aug. 25 in preparation for the Museum's September reopening to the public.

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

JOIN US!

**INTERESTED IN THE MUSEUM?**

WE'RE LOOKING FOR  
**Docents**  
**Program Volunteers**  
**Library Assistants**  
**Story Readers**  
**TEAM/TERO Workers**

Give us a call to talk about opportunities that fit your interests

**970.563.2973**

southernutemuseum.org

## Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum Hours

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum's administrative offices are open. The Southern Ute Museum will resume operations beginning Sept. 7, 2021. Please see the information below. Please call with any questions or clarification needed. Call Susan Cimburek at 970-563-2973.

- **Administrative Offices:** Open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. Please call in advance or upon arrival to gain entry 970-563-9583. **Note:** the museum will undergo a deep clean Aug. 23-31. Access may be limited during this period.
- **Museum, Library, and Gift Shop:** Effective Tuesday, Sept. 7, open 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday.

## Elders workshop



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute elders, Laverna Summa and Emily House listen as Southern Ute elder, Lynda Grove-D'Wolf explains the benefits of healing plants and alternative medicines. D'Wolf hosted the culture workshop for other Ute elders to attend on Thursday, August 19 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.

The culture workshop helped attendees learn about the traditional and healing properties of plants. D'Wolf explained the history and medicinal benefits of bear root and sage water. The culture workshop was hosted on Thursday, Aug. 19 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.



## Southern Ute Royalty Committee

Nova Dene Burch - Elder Representative  
 Jennifer GoodTracks - Vice Chair

Daisy Bluestar - Secretary/Treasurer  
 Corliss Taylor - Committee Member

Our people are Sacred

Save the date for next years pageant  
 Wednesday, August 17, 2022

**SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY COMMITTEE MADE A TOUGH DECISION TO CANCEL THE 2021 SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY PAGEANT. IN MAKING THIS DECISION, WE HAVE COMMITTED TO PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY, THEIR FAMILIES, AND OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES, AGAINST THE SPREAD OF ANY COVID VARIANT. WE MAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WITH RESPECT TO OUR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS.**

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SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

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**INSIDE OUT 2.0**

NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIST OF THE 21ST CENTURY

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US ONLINE:  
 SOUTHERNUTEMUSEUM.ORG  
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## Dance Class

September 1, 2021  
 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.  
 Multi-Purpose Building (Gathering Room)

\* Every Wednesday Night\*



## Instructors Wanted "A chance to give back"

Men	Women
Southern Traditional	Southern Traditional
Northern Traditional	Northern Traditional
Grass	Fancy
Fancy	Jingle

For more information, please contact:  
 Marvin Pinnecoose, Heritage/Events Coordinator  
 (970) 563-2988



## HEALTHY RECIPES

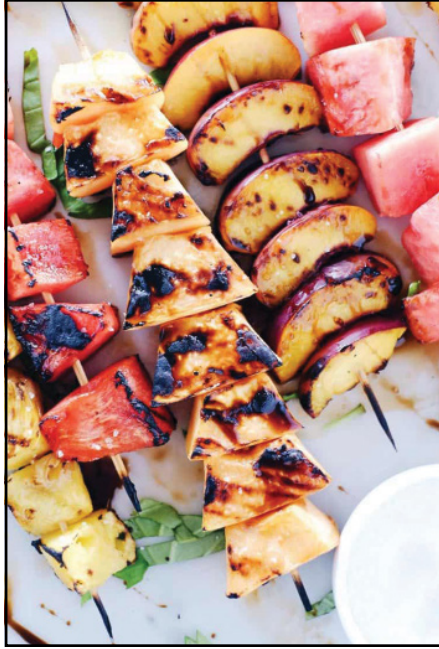
# Summer fruit: On the grill or marinated

**Lisa B. Smith, RDN**  
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS

There are so many delicious fruits still in season. Fruit has an abundance of nutrients. Vitamins, minerals, fiber, water, antioxidants, and anti-inflammatories.

Have you tried them grilled? They have a fresh taste and are naturally sweet. Fruit makes a wonderful dessert and kids really like them once they give them a try! They really complement meals prepared on the grill such as BBQ chicken or ribs, burgers and brats.

Fruit can be grilled with or without a marinade or they can just be marinated and served with fresh herbs. Try these ideas or get creative and make up your own!



courtesy Real Simple Good

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

### Grilled Fruit

1. Slice pineapple, cut peaches and nectarines in half, slice watermelon.
2. Place fruit on the grill and heat until slightly golden, about five minutes, turning occasionally.

### Fruit Kabobs

1. Cut up your favorite summer fruit and put on skewers.
  - Try melons, strawberries, peaches, pineapple, bananas, avocado.
2. Place skewered fruit on the grill and heat until slightly golden, about 5 minutes, turning occasionally.

### Grilled Fruit Marinade

- You can marinate the fruits above in balsamic vinegar for a few minutes or just brush them with balsamic glaze or balsamic vinegar.

### Marinated Strawberries and Mint

1. In a medium bowl, marinate strawberries in balsamic vinegar for 20-30 minutes.
2. Add fresh mint leaves, toss, and enjoy!

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# BEE Heard: International Overdose Awareness Day

**By James L. Hayes**  
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH

Opioid addiction has been terrorizing the United States for nearly three decades. Like all communities in the country, The Southern Ute Indian Reservation has been impacted. Here at the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Center, we believe it's important to spread awareness about how to address a community issue such as this.

We would like to inform everyone that August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day. This article will provide a brief history of the epidemic along with information about International Overdose Awareness Day.

The early days of the opioid epidemic began as far back as the early to late 90's, when the country saw an increase in opioid prescriptions. The introduction of the pain killer OxyContin increased the level of addiction and overdoses well into the 2000's.

The 2nd wave of the epidemic began in the late 2000's, early 2010's with the increase of heroin use and overdoses. Today the number of overdose cases is much higher due to the powerful drug fentanyl (Center for Disease Control, 2021). In 2017 the President declared the opioid epidemic a "public health emergency" and stated, "this epidemic is a national health emergency" (CMS, 2020, np). The number of overdoses across the country has continued to increase every year.

Opioid addiction and deaths have reached tribes across the US, Canada, and Alaska. The COVID-19 pandemic saw an increase in overdose deaths, with American Indian/Alaskan Natives increasing 34% from 2019 to 2020 (Baumgartner & Radley, 2021). With COVID-19 raising other health concerns, it has been difficult maintaining awareness about the increase in overdose deaths. This problem has not gone away and will

continue to get worse if we don't continue to address it.

International Overdose Awareness Day was first started in 2001 by a woman named Sally J. Finn from Melbourne, Australia. The purpose of the campaign has been to raise awareness about overdoses and how they not only effect the person, but also families and communities (About the Campaign, 2020).

### The goals for Overdose Awareness Day are:

- To provide an opportunity for people to publicly mourn loved ones in a safe environment, some for the first time, without feeling guilt or shame.
- To include the greatest number of people in International Overdose Awareness Day events and encourage non-denominational involvement.
- To give community members information about the issue of fatal and non-fatal overdose.
- To send a strong message to current and former people who use drugs that they are valued.
- To stimulate discussion about overdose prevention and drug policy.
- To provide basic information on the range of support services that are available.
- To prevent and reduce drug-related harm by supporting evidence-based policy and practice.
- To inform people around the world about the risk of overdose. (About the Campaign, 2020, np).

To get more information about International Overdose Awareness Day, please go to their website (<https://www.overdoseday.com/>) where you can order wristbands or lanyards to show support and bring awareness. You can also follow them on Twitter @OverdoseDay, Instagram @overdoseawarenessday, and Facebook @InternationalOverdoseAwarenessDay, along with posting #EndOverdose and #Over-

doseAwareness to bring more awareness through social media.

Please also do not hesitate to reach out to the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Center if you are struggling with addiction or have a loved one struggling with addiction. Help is out there, and we are here to support our community anyway we can.

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

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

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

### UPCOMING TRAINING OR EVENTS

#### FREE online Suicide Prevention Training

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

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

#### Native American Youth Talking Circles

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

Please contact Stephanie Garcia at 970-563-5700 or email [sgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov) or Lisa Pratchett at [lpratch@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lpratch@southernute-nsn.gov) to sign up.

## NATIVE CONNECTIONS

# Equine Therapy workshops, free of charge!

**Staff report**  
SOUTHERN UTE NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Looking for something new and fun to do with the family before school starts?

Are you anxious about the new school year, new friends, or maybe you're even dreading school? Do you struggle to compete with all the smart phones, social media sites and video games?

The Southern Ute Native Connections Program and Horse Empower present to

you the "Horse Power" opportunity. We are offering FREE family and individual workshops to Native American youth (24 years old and under) and their families on and near the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Workshops are customizable to meet your individual and family needs. Services available until Sept. 30, 2021.

### Areas of focus:

- Developing deeper connection, understanding and trust with

your family members.

- Engage and connect with community members and peers.
- Learn about yourself, others and how to communicate together for better results – horses are masters at teaching us these skills!
- Understand & develop your leadership style.
- Live life with intention.
- To have fun and enjoy one another all the while learning about horses, herd behavior and horsemanship!

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EQUINE THERAPY, CHECK OUT:  
[HORSEEMPOWER.COM](http://HORSEEMPOWER.COM)

**FREE EQUINE THERAPY WORKSHOPS**

SOUTHERN UTE NATIVE CONNECTIONS INVITES NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES LIVING ON OR NEAR THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION TO A FREE EQUINE THERAPY WORKSHOP WITH HORSE EMPOWER.

**SIGN UP NOW - - THIS PROJECT ENDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**  
CALL TO SIGN UP 970-563.5700  
OR EMAIL PRECIOUS COLLINS: [PRCOLLINS@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV](mailto:prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov)

THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER  
SOUTHERN UTE NATIVE CONNECTIONS

## Local Resources

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

## 24/7 State or National Resources

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

## RESOURCES

- *About the campaign. International Overdose Awareness Day. (2021, May 15).* <https://www.overdoseday.com/about-the-campaign/>
- *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2021, March 17). Understanding the epidemic. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.* <https://www.cdc.gov/opioids/basics/epidemic.html>
- *Jesse C. Baumgartner and David C. Radley, "The Drug Overdose Mortality Toll in 2020 and Near-Term Actions for Addressing It," To the Point (blog), July 15, 2021.* <https://doi.org/10.26099/gb4y-r129>
- *Ongoing emergencies. CMS. (2020).* <https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Ongoing-emergencies>







## Southern Ute Tribal Health Medication-Assisted Treatment Program

The Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and Behavioral Health Providers have begun providing a medication-assisted treatment program to assist those who are struggling with their addiction to substances including alcohol, opioids, and meth.

**Who is eligible?**  
Enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and IHS Beneficiaries who reside in SUHC Service Area.

**It's time and I am ready - Tell me more!**

The program is **FREE** to eligible individuals! If you are interested in this program, appointments are available Tuesdays & Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Mesa Building. Please call 970.563.5700 to schedule an appointment for a consultation visit.

For more information, please contact SUHC Behavioral Health at 970.563.5700.

Southern Ute Behavioral Health Mesa Building Location  
4101 County Road 222, Durango, CO 81303  
(Located at the old Sky Ute Sand R. Gravel)

NATIVE CONNECTIONS

# Creating a compassionate culture and a resilient community

**Staff report** SOUTHERN UTE NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Across the country, more and more businesses are adopting a trauma-informed approach. Among those who work to bring healing in our communities, it is even more important that we practice trauma-informed care in order to protect the healing environment and provide the best possible patient care. Individuals who are triggered and re-traumatized have difficulty accessing healing resources. A trauma-sensitive approach also helps organizations meet their performance goals, provides better outcomes, and enhanced employee engagement and retention.

Through this presentation, participants will gain an understanding of what trauma is, what causes it, and what can be done to prevent it and/or reverse its effects through a trauma-informed approach. Participants will learn the importance of self-care and resilience and leave with some practical and easily applicable tools to use at home, school, or work.

**In this training, we will:**

- Define trauma & toxic stress and understand its prevalence.
- Consider the link between trauma and suicide.
- Introduce the basic concepts of Trauma-Informed Care.
- Consider ways to support resilience.

Sept. 2, 2021, 1 – 2:30 p.m. MDT. Register in advance for this meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84812022222>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### Brief Introduction to Trauma-Informed Care

#### Understanding trauma and its connection to suicide — Creating a Compassionate Culture and a Resilient Community

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## SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM ADVOCATE 2021 FALL TRAINING

**SUPPORT SURVIVORS. BECOME AN ADVOCATE.**

**TRAINING DATES:**

- SAT. 09/18 9-4\*
- WED. 09/22 4:30-8 PM\*
- THURS. 09/23 4:30-8 PM\*
- SAT. 09/25 9-4 \*
- WED. 09/29 4:30-8 PM\*
- THURS. 09/30 4:30-8 PM\*

\*Times subject to change

**APPLY BY SEPT 1**

THIS **FREE** 30-HOUR TRAINING CERTIFIES YOU AS A VICTIM ADVOCATE IN THE STATE OF CO

Applications may be found at [durangosaso.org](http://durangosaso.org)

Contact Emily, Volunteer Coordinator, at [emily@durangosaso.org](mailto:emily@durangosaso.org) for more information.

## 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 5 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:** Limited in-person visits; mostly via telehealth. Call to schedule an appointment.
- All **SPECIALTY MEDICINE:** In person at SUHC on select days. Call to schedule an appointment.
- All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:** Limited in-person visits; mostly via telehealth. Call to schedule an appointment.

\*The Southern Ute Health Center is closed on the first Thursday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m., for staff meetings, trainings and education.

## RECOVERY TALKING CIRCLE

CONTACT MARVINA OLGUIN FOR ZOOM INFORMATION.

NEW LOCATION!! SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION NOW LOCATED: 4101 CR 222, DURANGO, CO

**FREE TO ALL SW COLORADO COMMUNITY MEMBERS 18 AND OLDER.**

**Mission Statement**  
It is my mission to inspire and empower other sisters and brothers in treatment and help those in recovery live a life of integrity, honesty and resiliency. Knowing that honesty is the foundation of change, if we live our lives one moment at a time and rationalize every thought before it becomes an action, WE WILL CHANGE.  
You don't have to do it alone, we can do this together.  
-Marvina Olguin | Peer Recovery Coach

**AUGUST 19, 2021**  
12 PM- 1 PM  
**GOALS**

**AUGUST 26, 2021**  
12 PM- 1 PM  
**DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES**

**SEPT. 2, 2021**  
12 PM- 1 PM  
**RATIONAL THINKING RULES**

**HEALTHY MINDS. HEALTHY CHOICES. HEALTHY UTES.**

To sign up or for questions contact Marvina Olguin, Peer Recovery Coach @ 970-563-2359 or [marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov)





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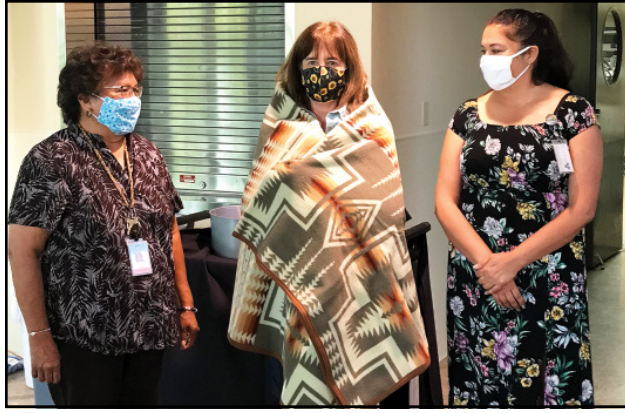
From the Eagle's Nest

Students will be learning in their classrooms

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students will be learning in their classrooms this year!



Mari Jo Owens/SUIMA

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy recognized the retirement of Deborah Ochsner, Coordinator of Specialized Services...

One of the biggest changes will be the carline and drop off protocol. Due to COVID-19...

Additionally, during our Open House on Thursday, Aug. 26, all the COVID-19 precautions the school is following were addressed.

We were able to announce who our new school board members are, we rejoiced with the antics of the toddlers rolling down the grassy hill...

this event - the first one of the 2021-2022 school year!

Upcoming events:

- Monday, Aug. 30 - First Day of School!
Monday, Sept. 6 - Labor Day - No School

Nominations For Annual Elbert J. Floyd Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

- A Tribal member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe;
Deserving;
A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program...

Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may nominate and submit a letter of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Dancing Spirit To Offer After-School Arts Program

Dancing Spirit is excited to be offering our first ever Pre-K after-school arts program! Classes are based on the Ignacio School early release schedule...

Ignacio School District

Positions are open until filled.

Application, job descriptions and salary schedules at www.isgncioschools.org

- Elementary Teacher
Social Worker
High School Special Education Teacher
High School Special Education Aide
High School Cheer Coach
Assistant Baseball Coaches

SUIMA Presents Fancy Friday. Wear regalia / cultural items every Friday! Includes images of people in regalia and a calendar.

Computer Lab Temporarily Closed. The Education Department Computer Lab is 'under construction' and not open to the public until further notice. Includes a keyboard icon.

SOUTHERN UTE MONTESSORI ACADEMY 2021-2022 School Calendar. Includes monthly calendars for August 2021 through July 2022 and a list of school events.

IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR. Wednesday are Early Release Days (2:05 P.M.). Includes monthly calendars for July 2021 through June 2022 and a list of school events.





# Education banquet honors graduates



Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin J. Baker was in attendance of the Education Recognition Ceremony. He provided the welcome address and helped honor each graduate with gifts and words of encouragement.



Southern Ute Tribal Councilwoman and Treasurer, Marge Barry presents Ebonee Gomez with an embroidered Pendleton blanket in recognition of her graduating from Ignacio High School.

## 2021 Graduates & Honorees

### 2021 High School Graduates

- Peyton Baker – Ignacio H.S.
- Andrea Bean – Aledo H.S.
- Marcus Bean – Aledo H.S.
- Jazmin Carmenoros – Ignacio H.S.
- Jeremy Carmenoros – Ignacio H.S.
- Marisa Carmenoros – Ignacio H.S.
- Christopher J. Cloud – Goal Academy
- Jawadin Corona – Ignacio H.S.
- Joseph Garcia – Ignacio H.S.
- Ebonee Gomez – Ignacio H.S.
- Alexandra GoodTracks – Oñate H.S.
- Amanda Henderson – Ignacio H.S.
- Ayana Hight – Bayfield H.S.
- Gerald Howe – Ignacio H.S.
- Nathaniel Howe – Bayfield H.S.
- Torrica Howe – Ignacio H.S.
- January Murray – Uintah River H.S.
- Jeremiah Najar – Montrose H.S.
- Emilia Price – Ignacio H.S.
- Jerrika Rarick – Ignacio H.S.
- Cadell Thompson – Goal Academy
- Christopher Toledo – Bloomfield H.S.
- Ouray Watts – Durango H.S.

- **Stephanie Medina** – Cancer Information Management, Eastern Iowa Community College, Fall 2020
- **Cloe Seibel** – Baking/Pastery Arts, Moraine Valley Community College, Spring 2021

### Associate of Arts

- **Faith Frost** – Integrated Studies, Central New Mexico Community College, Fall 2020
- **Jeriah Kennedy** – Business Administration, San Juan College, Fall 2020
- **Kelsi Monroe** – Liberal Arts, San Juan College, Spring 2020
- **Keyana Valdez** – Psychology, Pueblo Community College, Spring 2021

### Bachelor of Arts

- **Gabrielle Herrera** – Criminology, Fort Lewis College

### Master of Arts

- **Jacob Garlick** – Political Science, University of Colorado Denver, Fall 2020

### Doctorate

- **Lynda Grove-D'Wolf** – Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Prescott College, Spring 2021

### Certificate

- **Rhonda Price** – Digital Media Marketing, Central New Mexico Community College, Fall 2020
- **Coven White** – Digital Media Marketing, Central New Mexico Community College, Fall 2020



Johnson-O'Malley Committee member, Shyida Howe embraces 2021 High School Graduate, Emilia Price during the 19th Annual Education Recognition Ceremony.

**The 19th Annual Education Recognition Ceremony was hosted in the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center on Saturday, August 14. The banquet honored and recognized over 30 graduates, from high school to doctorate programs. Each graduate was recognized for their educational achievements, the Southern Ute Education Department and the Johnson-O'Malley Committee presented plaques, art and Pendleton blankets to each graduate. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the ceremony was limited to in person attendance, but the event center was still filled with cheers and applause for each of the graduate's accomplishments.**

Photos by KcKayla Lee  
The Southern Ute Drum

# BGC celebrates with End of Summer BBQ



Southern Ute Tribal Councilwoman, Linda Baker and Tribal Ranger Captain, Charles Hamby help serve side dishes during the End of Summer BBQ.

Photos by KcKayla Lee  
The Southern Ute Drum



BGC club members tried their luck tossing bean bags at the corn hole board while they wait for the Boys and Girls Club End of Summer BBQ to begin.



Sakarii Goodtracks enjoys some time playing at Ute Park during the BGC End of Summer BBQ.



Cassidy Tahlo plays with fellow BGC kids at Ute Park during the End of Summer BBQ.

**The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe celebrated the end of a successful Summer Club by throwing a "End of Summer BBQ" on Friday, Aug. 20 in Ute Park. The Club provided fun, educational and safe programming for over 80 youth during the summer. Family friends and staff were all in attendance at this year's event. Tribal Council also attended and provided the club members with words of wisdom and thanked BGC staff for all their hard work. This summer's programming was the first in-person club to happen since the COVID-19 pandemic started in 2020. The summer club also worked with the youth Employment Program (YEP) to train two youth workers during the summer. This club is making memorable and exciting experiences for youth in Indian Country.**



## SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

# Working at SunUte

By Grace Gonzales  
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Hello, my name is Grace Gonzales, I am a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and have been using the YEP program for two years now.

I enjoy using this resource to help guide me into being an adult soon and have those characteristics to be able to adapt to different work environments. I really enjoy working here at the SunUte Community Center with my amazing, enthusiastic, and wonderful co-workers.

On my first day, I met Deanna Cruz, Lisa Olguin, and Divine Windy Boy. They started me at the front desk learning how to use the programs, create memberships, check out drinks, and answering phones. The first day was long, full of learning, and most of all a lot of socializing with our customers.

As the weeks went on



**Grace Gonzales**  
Youth Employment Prgm.  
SunUte Community Center

with me working here, I began to realize that we all have our ups and downs of being a receptionist and making the best of the day.

I have learned in this job that no matter if you are having a tough time, put a smile on your face and the negativity goes through one ear and out the other. You have a job and you have protocols, or policies, that your boss gives you and you

have to follow.

During this job you have the nicest, most kind-hearted, most wonderful people you could ever meet, but you also experience the not so nice. A characteristic that we could all learn is to keep to ourselves and always have a smile, even behind our mask, people appreciate that.

Working in this environment our customers notice the smallest things, and our front desk staff continues to get compliments every day. I enjoy that.

The staff that I work with can make your day in seconds. Not to forget our boss Robin, who is so happy, energetic, the most big-hearted and open-minded lady you could ever meet. She is such a blessing to this community, and to our tribe. During this job she helped me open up, have the courage to talk to customers, and made me feel comfortable at this job and I appreciate that.

## Forklift training builds skills



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Food Distribution Specialist, Edward Box III and Construction Services Heavy Equipment Operator, Lance Anderson keeps a close eye on Tribal Services Administrative Assistant, Shyida Howe as she operates a forklift machine during a certification training on Thursday, August 12. The certification training was conducted through construction services and will allow trainees to operate for the next three years. Three Tribal Services employees were certified during this training.

## Veteran Services at Ignacio Community Library

The La Plata County Veterans Service Officer, Greg Dotson, will be available at the library the first Wednesday of every month 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments in Ignacio can be made by calling 970-759-0117 or 970-382-6150, walk-ins are also welcome. Our goal is to provide prevention – protection – advocacy – and support service to maximize the quality of life and potential for our veterans!

# Rehumanizing Work

ALLIANCE SUMMIT 2021

SAVE THE DATE. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

As we are returning to work, things are going to be different. Some are not returning or have different expectations. Many will return to their offices and business travel as the world turns on again. In other cases, businesses will retain their hybrid or remote models, both to cut costs and maintain flexibility and productivity

So, how do we leap forward when we've discovered transformational elements that are beneficial? What are the human elements that are critical for a healthy, functional workforce environment? Rehumanizing Work sets out to provide answers to this very question. In order to facilitate this transformation opportunity, leaders must navigate a changed market and internally focus on making human engagement and wellbeing of the workforce top of mind.

At the 2021 Alliance Summit, we will have a strong, healthy conversation with leaders who have the ability to make some lasting beneficial changes to their organizations. Our common goal is to enable the recalibration of our businesses and our workforce to a new landscape.

### Confirmed Keynote Speakers:



**Steve Cadigan** - Steve is a talent strategist and company culture expert responsible for building world-class teams and company cultures at some of the world's most respected organizations. He is the author of a book just published called "The Workquake", whose mission is to build a better, more honest, employer-employee relationship. What employers need and what employees want has evolved; however, many have yet to build a model and a contract that feels safe and inspirational to both parties.



**Kerry Siggins** - Kerry is the CEO of StoneAge. She is one of Colorado's Top 25 Most Influential Young Professionals and was a finalist for Colorado's CEO of the Year in 2017. StoneAge is recognized as a Top 100 company to work for by Outside Magazine. She is an author and a blogger and has two successful podcasts. Kerry is all about showing up, doing the work, sharing experiences and helping other with their leadership journey.



**Cory Richards** - Cory is an explorer and a visual storyteller. His adventurous expeditions have taken him to the peaks of Antarctica and the Himalayas of Nepal as well as the war zones of Angola, Uganda and Pakistan, and he was named one of National Geographic's Adventurers of the Year in 2012. He has pursued projects focused on adventure, geopolitical and social impact and tells a story of personal realization and mindset of leadership.



**Jessica Matlock** - Jessica is CEO of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), a utility in Colorado, and its first female CEO in the company's 80-year history. Under her leadership, Matlock is helping LPEA transition to a clean energy company and a "utility of the future." Jessica worked as an energy expert for the U.S. Senate and advised the U.S. Congress and the Executive Branch on renewable energy and cyber security challenges related to the electric grid.



## Leading in a Multi-Generational, Multi-Cultural Workplace

With **Tim Kirkland**  
August 31st, 9am-10am

In this engaging, impactful session, Tim Kirkland explores the different views, needs and values of Baby Boomers, Gen X'ers, Millennials, and the emerging workforce of Gen Z and beyond as well as many various cultural sets. He details how applying an Adaptive Leadership approach can reduce friction and conflict while maintaining harmony, encouraging cooperation, and elevating results through generational and cultural cohesion in the workplace.

### Attendees will learn to:

- Acknowledge Differences, but Focus on Overlap
- Leverage Technology
- Encourage Cross-Generational Mentoring
- Prioritize Respect
- Eliminate Stereotyping
- Stay Flexible

### Register

Free registration at [sbdcdforlewis.org/workshops](http://sbdcdforlewis.org/workshops). This workshop is being offered on Zoom. It will NOT be recorded.

\*We are able to offer this workshop at no-cost because of COVID CARES Act Funding.

The Colorado Small Business Development Center Network is a partnership between the State of Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, the Small Business Administration (SBA), Colorado's institutions of higher education, local economic development organizations and local chambers of commerce.



# TRIBAL

## Broadband Modernization PLAN

Improving the accessibility and connectivity to the internet on the Reservation is a priority of Tribal Council. In collaboration with Southern Ute Shared Services and other tribal departments, we are one step closer to increasing internet speeds and connecting tribal homes for the first time. There are 3 phases of this large project.

### PHASE I

- Deploy wireless options utilizing FCC 2.5Ghz license
- Construct 3 new towers and add 70 miles of fiber
- Provide 50/10 mbps

### PHASE II

- Deploy fiber to align with potential funding
- Deliver fiber to more populated tribal areas
- Provide 100/100 mbps or higher up to Gig speed

### PHASE III

- Extend fiber and/or wireless across the reservation
- Partner with cellular carriers to improve coverage

### CURRENT FUNDING SOURCES

<b>\$2.8 M</b> Tribal Capital Allocated for survey & engineering costs. Purchasing fiber and conduit for towers.	<b>\$10 M</b> State of Colorado Allocated for Phase I construction of towers and fiber line.	<b>\$832 K</b> BIA Funding Phase I planning and engineering costs.
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**Save the Date** **SEPT. 17**  
Tribal Member Broadband Modernization Meeting

For more information, please contact Mr. Delbert Cuthair, SUSS Project Manager at 970.563.5627 or via email at [dcuthair@southernute.com](mailto:dcuthair@southernute.com)

## CREATE YOUR FUTURE



# Become an EMT

**PCC Southwest in Bayfield offers an Emergency Medical Services certificate program**

Program begins **August 30**  
Classes held Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
from 6:00 - 10:00 pm at the  
Bayfield site, 110 E. South St.

For more info or to apply, email  
**Bethany.Powell@pueblocc.edu**  
or call **970.385.2098**



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





courtesy John Valdez AAGM – LithTec

Darwin Whiteman – Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council, Shane Seibel – Southern Ute Growth Fund Executive Director, Bruce Valdez – Southern Ute Tribal Council Vice Chairman, Lyndreth Wall – Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council Transportation Expert and Linda Baker – Southern Ute Tribal Council.

TECHNOLOGY

# SUFG gets LithTec road improvements

Staff report

LITHIFIED TECHNOLOGIES

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe just installed their first LithTec Road at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. The Full Depth Lithification (FDL) process began Monday, Aug. 16 by grinding up the existing failing asphalt road directly into the base layer and recycling the material in place, rather than hauling it off to a landfill or recycling plant, which adds significant costs to the project. Under the road they found a lot of cobble or large rocks that were removed in preparation for the LithTec application.

Lithified Technology US, LLC is a Santa Fe, N.M. based company that produces customized LithTec formulas. Every road project is pretested in their Geo-Technical labs prior to installation to insure a successful project. There is a saying in road construction that... "Road wear from the top and they fail from the bottom." Typically, an untreated base course would measure 25,000 psi in a resilient modulus test. The LithTec treated base achieves a minimum of 500,000 psi modulus, which is the same strength as asphalt. This enables road designers to reduce the thickness of the asphalt by 50% to 67%, which saves the entire project 30% to 50% through Value Engi-



courtesy John Valdez AAGM – LithTec

Bruce Valdez – Southern Ute Tribal Council Vice Chairman, Darwin Whiteman – Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council, Bernadette Cuthair – Ute Mountain Ute Planning Director, Lyndreth Wall – Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council Transportation Expert and John Valdez AAGM – LithTec CEO (State of Colorado Licensee of LithTec products).

neering. Rural roads can apply a chip seal surface on top of a LithTec base, which provides an all-weather surface that looks and performs like asphalt for 75% - 80% less than the cost of an asphalt road.

The "Accelerated Lithification Technology" replicates a process in nature called Lithification, which turns soil into stone over thousands of years, when certain naturally occurring minerals are present along with heat, pressure and time. For example, sand turns into sandstone and clay turns into slate. LithTec accomplishes this soil to stone process in as little as 24-hours by using the same naturally occurring minerals along with a proprietary blend of high-performance ingredients.

The LithTec formulations

are environmentally friendly and look like a gray powder that is applied to the road base material with a spreader truck, then mixed into the top 8" with a Reclaimer to accomplish an even distribution of product into the soil. The road materials are then compacted at Optimum Moisture Content (OMC) with a 12-ton Sheepsfoot roller, then finished off with a smooth steel drum roller. The LithTec was installed on Wednesday and on Thursday and Friday the LithTec treated base will be finished off with a double Chip-Seal surface on top.

If you would like more information on this breakthrough technology, please call Johnny Valdez, CEO – AAGM-LithTec, at 970-799-1580 or visit our website at [www.LithTec.com](http://www.LithTec.com).



courtesy Steve Ponton

The reclaimer truck grinds and mixes the current road material down to six inches and the "sheep's foot" machine compacts the soil.

## SOUTHERN UTE FAIRGROUNDS

# Technology transforms how roads are built and repaired

By Steve Ponton  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

On a one-half mile stretch of roadway on the Southern Ute Fairgrounds in Ignacio, Colo., various Tribal officials, including Tribal elected officials, employees from the Construction and Projects Department, company representatives, and others were on hand to witness a unique road rebuild and stabilization process, Wednesday, Aug. 18.

Approximately three dozen people were present to witness the roadbuilding, many taking photographs. Walter Fuqua, company operations consultant and liaison, filmed the road-making process.

Both the process and the company name are called Lithified Technologies, or Lith Tec for short. The company has been around for 11 years. Photographs of a Lith Tec road near Monticello, Utah show it to be in excellent condition after four years. This process appears to be a possible game-changer in the repair and rebuilding of roads, including the construction of entirely new roads as well. In the case here in Ignacio, compared to traditional methods, this road is being rebuilt and repaired faster, will last longer, at significantly lower costs, with no damage to the environment. And it can be replicated with essentially any roadway in need of repair.

We all know the saying, "too good to be true." In this case, it appears there is a good chance that it is true, with plenty of scientific studies, empirical evidence, and real-life experience to back it up.

Every level of government that has anything to



courtesy Steve Ponton

A pre-mixed Lith Tech material is applied based on the geo-technical study of soil composition and other factors.

do with road repair or road building should explore this unique and even enlightened approach and process of re-making a roadway. Lith Tec appears to be able to do more with less. Something to consider in these lean budget times. Statistically, there are simply more failing roads than there are funds to rebuild them.

We all know what excessive road-wear can look like: deep cracks, uneven pavement, potholes, and crumbling edges. As they say in the roadbuilding industry, "Roads wear from the top but fail from the bottom." One can get a sense of load bearing and fatigue issues with roadways by understanding what the CEO of Lithified Technologies U.S., Bob Sherwin, has to say: "Just one 40-ton truck on a road has the same effect as 10,000 cars rolling down the pavement."

Therefore, what is key in all of this is what is below the road surface, called base course, which is traditionally sand and gravel, often mixed with lime or cement, then ultimately paved over with asphalt, cement, or chip seal. This road at the fairgrounds will have a chip seal surface.

With Lith Tec — every-

thing is in play, all road materials already present, surface, base course, and everything in between will all be part of the new Lith Tec mix of materials. No hauling existing asphalt away, since it is all recycled in an optimal mix as determined by a geo-technical study for that specific road locale. And it only takes 24 hours total time to completely harden and cure, which means that it is drivable in hours instead of the several days that traditional methods require. According to Bob Perry, former Public Works Director for Archuleta County, and currently a technical advisor for Lith Tec, that the Lith Tec base below the road surface is as hard as concrete but seven times more flexible, meaning it can take lots of weight, stress, and strain by traffic, but will hold its shape and not deteriorate. In different words, it is extremely hard, but not brittle.

Rigorous scientific and engineering studies have confirmed the many positive aspects of the Lith Tec process. From the company literature, these are many key advantages when compared to traditional road repair, rebuilding, or new road construction.

## Registration closes August 29! Fall Mini Law School: Law School 101

The University of Colorado Law School's popular Mini Law School will return this fall with a brand-new curriculum focused on basic principles taught in the early years of law school! The seven-week series kicks off Wednesday, September 1st with Legal Writing Professor Derek Kiernan-Johnson's class on how to read a judicial opinion. Each week, a Colorado Law professor will present on a different topic, including:

- Criminal Law (Associate Professor Benjamin Levin)
- Basics of the U.S. Legal System (Professor Fred Bloom)
- How Legislation and Regulations Work (Associate Professor Sharon Jacobs)
- The Original Constitution Today (Associate Professor Scott Skinner-Thompson)
- Law and Ethics (Director Melanie Kay)
- Torts: Righting Your Wrongs (Associate Professor Alexia Brunet Marks)

Participants have the option of watching the lectures in-person in Boulder or via a livestream of the lectures on Wednesday nights, or watching a recording of the lecture on-demand at a later date. Participants can also register to access the entire back catalog of available Mini Law School lectures! Registration is open now. As an additional benefit, all participants in Mini Law School who apply to the University of Colorado Law School during the 2021-2022 application cycle will have their application fees waived. For more details, including the full schedule, please visit the Mini Law School website. Significant group discounts, as well as fee waivers for financial hardship, are available. Please contact us at [mini-law@colorado.edu](mailto:mini-law@colorado.edu) for more information.

CREATE YOUR FUTURE



# Wildland Firefighter Certification Training at PCC Southwest

4-week program starts **October 5**

Classes held **Tuesday-Thursday** from **5:00 - 8:30 pm** at the **Bayfield site, 110 E. South St.**

Please note there will also be a class session **Saturday, Oct. 30.**

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







## General Meeting Vaccine Event Single-dose Janssen Vaccine

**Open to tribal members only**

**September 17, 2021 from 10 to 12  
Sky Ute Casino Resort**

**(John S. Williams & Vida B. Peabody Meeting Rooms)**

**Age Requirement**  
Individuals 18 years and older  
are eligible for the vaccine



**Walk-ins will be accepted**

## POLIS RESCINDS PROCLAMATIONS • FROM PAGE 1

cially rescinded. They therefore remain as a symbol of a gross abuse of executive power during that grave period in our state's history."

The official repeal of the 1864 Proclamations help honor and acknowledge Colorado's true history. "It was an honor to attend and represent the Tribe on the steps of the Colorado Capital as Governor Polis rescinded the over 150-year-old proclamation that made it legal to use physical violence against Ute people and other Natives who were considered hostile as they were protecting their families and homelands." Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Melvin Baker stated. "Shedding light on these policies will bring about much needed change, but also create awareness on the true correct history of the State of Colorado and the United States."

The proclamations were set in place originally to encourage non-native men and families to pursue "hostile Indians" and even offered rewards for the killing of American Indians. This ultimately led to the Sand Creek Massacre that killed hundreds of Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians.

This massacre is often referred to as a horror story, because of the unprovoked attack on over 500 peaceful Cheyenne and Arapaho



Thy Vo/The Colorado Sun

Gov. Jared Polis signs two executive orders rescinding proclamations, issued in 1864 by Territorial Governor John Evans, that led to the Sand Creek Massacre. Also pictured, from left to right: Jameson Blackbear, Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe; Jeanvieve Jerome of the Turtle Mountain Ojibwe and Lakota; Speaker of the House Alec Garnett, D-Denver; Reggie Wassana, Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe; and Jordan Dresser, chairman of the Northern Arapaho Tribe.

people; the attack was led by Colonel John Chivington and about 700 Calvary troops through the Big Sand Creek of Colorado on Nov. 29, 1864. The tribal leaders of the time were under the impression that their people were protected by the government. The cavalrymen ignored the American flag and the white flags that were flying as a sign of friendship and proceeded to open fire on the camp.

"We remember the past in order to acknowledge the truth surrounding our state's beginnings as we hope to imagine and create a better future and to work towards healing our state together. Only by revealing and au-

knowledging the truth can we hope to move forward together as partners in creating a Colorado for all, a place where everyone feels welcome, safe, and has the opportunity to thrive," Lieutenant Governor and chair of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, Dianne Primavera stated. "The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs is looking forward to many more positive opportunities to see the Tribes and the AI/AN communities come together in solidarity, and we are thankful for all of the actions that the Tribes and the AI/AN communities have taken to make this Executive Order possible."

# Save the Date

## 2021 General Election Meet-the-Candidates Night

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

COVID Safety Guidelines will be followed. A Web-Ex Event will be offered to tribal members who are unable to attend in-person and registration information will be forthcoming. The event will also be available through KSUT Tribal Radio at 91.3 FM in Ignacio, 100.9 in Towaoc, CO, and 89.7 in Farmington, NM.

For additional information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970.563.2319.

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### STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT REMAINS POSTPONED WHILE IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME" LEVEL 1.

STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF COUNCIL CONNECT. SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE COVID-19 UPDATES, CHANGES ON TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS THAT IMPACT TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

**WEDNESDAY  
AFTERNOON**

Tribal Council Updates  
will be posted to social  
media platforms.

**FRIDAY  
MORNING**

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

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



In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Monday, September 6, 2021 for Labor Day. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.



## TREASURER'S PANA-QARU 'URU APAGHARU



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

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



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### 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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## Sip, Chat & Chew returns



photos McKaya Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute elders, Georgia McKinley and Luana Herrera catch up with one another at Sip, Chat and Chew on Friday, Aug. 13 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. This month's event was open to members from all three Ute Tribes and families; there were also door prizes and Ute bingo for attendees to enjoy.

Multi-Purpose Facility's Operating Manager Elise Redd and Asheton Hadley help serve food during the Sip Chat and Chew event on Friday, Aug. 13.



## COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### A tiny little card; so much value

Staff report  
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Do you carry a handful of little plastic cards with you, either in your wallet or on your keyring?

It seems that we all carry these "value cards" with us every day. I was thinking about the value of these cards recently as I was considering that September is Library Card Sign-up Month with the American Library Association. When we carry and use a value card, otherwise known as a loyalty card, we hope to receive some benefit from its use.

What benefit is there? With store loyalty cards we receive some type of discount, but only when we spend money with that store. And for those of us with credit cards, the interest on them can be out of this world. With a library card interest is the best part and rather than a penalty it's simply what the card holder puts into it.

Consider then the little plastic library card you have. For starters, it's free. You don't have to spend anything to receive one or to use it. And the value you receive is somewhat stun-



ning. When you consider all the subscription options we have available today and their associated costs we spend much more than people did just one generation back.

With movie subscriptions, tv station subscriptions, streaming music services, book, magazine and newspaper subscriptions the costs can be daunting. But for one adult using 12 books, 12 children's books, 12 audiobooks and 2 newspapers a year with 52 movies and 12 adult programs, in one year that person gets \$994 worth of value just for using the library. What a value for a tiny piece of plastic! If you've never thought in terms of the value of that card, maybe it's time to consider what value you might

get from the library right up the road.

Since September is Library Card Sign-up Month, we hope you will consider getting a card, or renewing the one you have as well as encouraging your family and friends to do the same. With the Friends of the Ignacio Library, ICL is partnering with local schools to encourage all of our kids to have a card. We are providing a pizza party to one class in each grade with the highest percentage of library card holders.

Your library staff is looking forward to the start of school, to seeing more and more of you in the library, and to connecting our community with our library. Please stop by soon to get your ICL "value card."

## Multi-Purpose Facility September Indoor Yard Sale



Saturday September 11, 2021

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Hourly Door Prize Drawings

Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 limitations in effect  
Masks are required while indoors. (except while eating)  
Please social distance.

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call the MPF to reserve your table 563-2640 or  
e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)

## MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY September Community Senior Breakfast

The Senior Breakfast is open to all Community Members over the age of 55



Wednesday September 1, 2021  
10:00 AM - 11:30 PM

Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 limitations in effect  
Masks are required while indoors (except in while eating)  
Please social distance

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
call for more information 970-563-2640

## HOMEBOUND CLINICS FOR COVID-19 VACCINES

LA PLATA AND ARCHULETA COUNTIES



### INTERESTED IN A VACCINE BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND A CLINIC?

San Juan Basin Public Health is offering at-home COVID-19 vaccine appointments for homebound individuals, in partnership with Upper Pine River Fire Protection District and Jogan Health.

FREE



Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines available.

If you are ready for a vaccine, call 970-585-6134 to schedule your appointment. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines, call 970-247-5702.

How are you?

SAN JUAN BASIN  
public health

[sjbpublichealth.org](http://sjbpublichealth.org)

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Durango, CO 81303  
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## NAANAASICHI BEADWORK • FROM PAGE 1



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Elisia's small business 'Naanaasichi Beadwork by Elisia' creates handmade beaded pieces of art, anything from earrings to keychains and eventually full powwow regalia.

I actually sit down and bead, I feel like I can go on for hours," Cruz stated.

Not thinking small, she wants her beadwork to be enjoyed worldwide. Although her supporters from local towns are growing, she wants her beadwork to expand and gain the interest of those from out of state even from out of country. "I want more clients, from everywhere, I want to see my work on people all over the world if that's possible," Cruz said.

Cruz originally taught herself how to bead by simply watching the hands of her

mother and grandmother, but now a little over a year later she has a newfound confidence in her style, technique, and creativity.

"Looking back on my work from when I first started to now is surprising—my beadwork today is quality and features updated designs," Cruz explained. "I think it's really cute to see all the women and girls out wearing my work and that makes me feel really, really happy because there's all these people out there who support me."

Keeping an updated so-

cial media is important to Cruz, she not only shares her crafts, but she gains some of her inspiration from seeing what other beadworkers create. "There's a lot of pretty beadworkers out there – I see them post and it's nice to see what they create because it's usually nothing like you see locally," Cruz said. "I am inspired by others constantly; it pushes me to create."

Currently Cruz is not accepting custom orders, but she hopes to open them up again soon. To see her work online simply follow her on Instagram at 'Beadwork by Elisia.'

## Ute Speaker Brunch



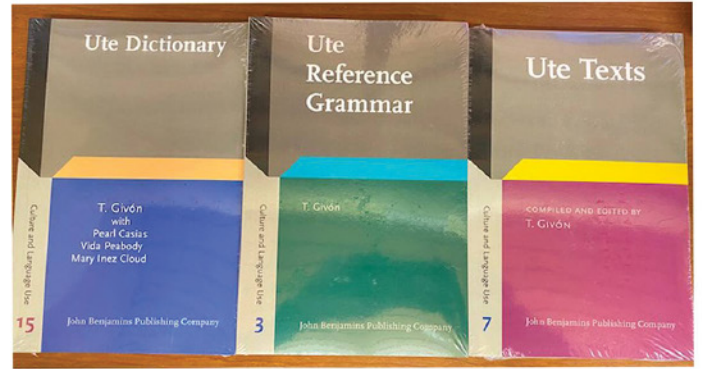
September 3, 2021  
10:30am-12:00pm

Large Classroom, Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum

Ute Speakers have asked for a forum for Ute only conversation, come join our Ute only conversational brunch.

For more information, please contact:  
Cultural Preservation Department  
Crystal Rizzo, 970-563-2306  
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## Attention Tribal Membership



Cultural Preservation Department is providing:

Ute Dictionaries  
Ute Grammar and  
Ute Texts

to all Tribal Households  
Please come get your books

For more information, please contact  
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For more information, please  
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## 2022 DATE: TO BE DETERMINED

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+ EXHIBITS +

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+ COMPETITION +

Kids Games  
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Duck Race  
Grease Pole  
Horseshoe

+ EVENTS +

Powwow  
Royalty Crowning  
Parade  
Handgame  
Concert  
Fireworks

## Annual Saguache Community Pow-Wow

Saturday, August 28, 2021

and

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Otto Mears Park, Saguache

Hwu 285

Open to the Public

[SaguachePowwow@gmail.com](mailto:SaguachePowwow@gmail.com)

Free Admission

Park opens at 9:00 a.m.

Grand Entry at 11:00 a.m.

Vendors –

Please contact Crowfox at 7149-588-3390  
([SaguachePowwow@gmail.com](mailto:SaguachePowwow@gmail.com) for a vendor form or  
contact the Town of Saguache at 719-655-2232  
([townclerk@townofsaguache.org](mailto:townclerk@townofsaguache.org)).



## 2021 ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR POWWOW

# CANCELED

Your Southern Ute Powwow Committee has decided to not host the annual fair powwow this year. This decision was not made lightly and our number one goal is to make sure we are looking out for our tribal communities.

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### FREE Native Wellness Institute Virtual Trainings

The Southern Ute Native Connections is teaming up with the Native Wellness Institute to offer TEN (10) FREE registrations to their two virtual trainings coming September. Open to all Native Americans living or working on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Please see information below and contact Precious Collins at [prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov) or call 970-563-5700 to sign up before August 31, 5 pm.

- **September 14-15:** Self-Care Strategies for Work and Home (Nativewellness.com) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (2 days). Pandemic fatigue. Zoom fatigue. Political fatigue. It's real and it has taken a toll on so many of us. The interactive training will include three sessions per day via Zoom. Self-care tools and strategies will be provided for individuals as well as how to bring these tools to your staff.
- **September 16-17:** Being Trauma and Healing Informed (nativewellness.com) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (2 days). Historical and inter-generational trauma continues to impact tribal and urban communities. We can see the unhealthy cycles of trauma repeat themselves over and over again. How this affects our places of work, individuals, and families is the behavior associated with trauma- chronic negativity, people working in silos, addictions, people taking their own lives, lateral oppression, violence, hopelessness, and more. Trauma keeps many of us in a place of deficit-thinking, often keeping us from thinking like our ancestors- from a place of abundance-based ideas, thoughts, and actions.

"Where there has been trauma, healing is the answer." This two-day interactive training will focus on providing an understanding of trauma on the brain, on behavior, how it plays out in the workplace and community and how to begin to address trauma and healing in your community. The training will also include how programs in their policies and delivery of services can be trauma and healing-informed.

To sign up for a free spot contact Precious Collins at [prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov) or call 970-563-5700 to sign up before August 31, 5 pm.



Aran Johnson/SU Wildlife

Elk populations have been on the decline in many parts of Colorado, raising concerns for wildlife biologists and avid sportsmen – concerned for the future of these herds.

### NATURAL RESOURCES

## RMEF, partners dole out \$1.3 Million for Colorado elk habitat, research

**Staff report**  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION**

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) and its partners allocated \$1,311,336 of grant funding in Colorado to benefit wildlife habitat and scientific research. RMEF contributed \$167,562 and leveraged an additional \$1,143,774 in partner dollars.

Ten projects will benefit Clear Creek, Costilla, Delta, Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Gunnison, Jackson, Las Animas, Mesa, Moffat, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin, Rio Grande, Routt, San Miguel and Saguache Counties.

"We appreciate our state, federal and other partners who join us in seeing the importance of aspen restoration, invasive weed treatment, the installation of new wildlife water resources and other habitat enhancement work," said Blake Henning, RMEF chief conservation officer. "There are also various important studies that will assist wildlife managers to learn more and better manage elk herds."

"It's important to highlight that our volunteers spend a lot of time and are devoted to raising these funds by hosting banquets, membership drives and other activities. We are grateful for all they do," said Kyle Weaver, RMEF president and CEO. There are more than

16,000 members and 30 chapters in Colorado.

Dating back to 1987, RMEF and its partners completed 807 conservation and hunting heritage outreach projects in Colorado with a combined value of more than \$183 million. These projects protected or enhanced 471,699 acres of habitat and opened or improved public access to 122,107 acres.

Below is a sampling of Colorado's 2021 project, listed by county.

- **Delta County:** Treat 100 acres of over-mature aspen habitat in the Paonia Ranger District on the Gunnison National Forest to encourage root suckering and stand regeneration. Elk, moose, mule deer and other wildlife favor aspen stands for forage (also benefits Gunnison County).
- **Ouray County:** Use prescribed fire and mechanical mastication treatments across 4,459 acres on Uncompahgre National Forest, Bureau of Land Management and private lands in the Baldy Mountain area to enhance wildlife habitat and reduce fuel loads and the risk of large-scale wildfires. The project also includes development of a spring to feed wildlife water resources.

- **Rio Grande County:** Remove encroaching pinyon-juniper across 560 acres in the Wolf Mountain area on the Rio Grande National Forest that serves as important winter range for elk and mule deer as well as prime habitat for wild turkey, moose, black bears and mountain lions. The habitat work takes place 20 years after initial treatment, also with RMEF funding assistance, to maintain a healthy grass, forb and shrub vegetation component.
- **Routt County:** Provide funding to continue studies assessing the health of elk herds, estimating calf survival and evaluating the influence of human recreation on elk (also benefits Costilla Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Gunnison, Jackson, Las Animas, Mesa, Moffat, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin and San Miguel Counties).

Project partners include the Arapaho & Roosevelt, and Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison, and Rio Grande National Forests, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and other federal, state and conservation agencies and groups.

RMEF plans to allocate additional project funding later in the year.

**WE CAN DO THIS Indian Country**

**I continue to do my part for all our people.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Leeds School of Business at CU Boulder and the S. Ute Tribe present the **Innovators & Entrepreneur Conference** Sept. 24-25 2021 | Sky Ute Casino | Ignacio, CO

**Demystifying Entrepreneurship**

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the award-winning faculty from the Leeds School of Business at The University of Colorado Boulder. Meets 6-8pm Friday & 8 am-4pm Saturday.

Come to this 2 day conference and learn from the best:

- Entrepreneurship: What is it and why it is important
- Motivation: Hear from other successful entrepreneurs
- Value Propositions: Develop successful products and offerings
- Differentiation & Competitive Advantage: Sales & marketing
- Entrepreneurial Economics: Revenue and profitability
- Funding Types & Sources

Register with QR code or email [trseibel@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:trseibel@southernute-nsn.gov)

EVENT SPONSORS: Leeds Business Institute, SBDC, INNOVATION, SOUTHERN UTE ALLIANCE

### COVID-19 and Long-Term Physical Health: What Community Members Need to Know

While most people get better within weeks of getting sick with COVID-19, some people experience post-COVID symptoms long after they are recovered and can no longer spread the virus. Post-COVID is also referred to as "long COVID" or "long-haul COVID". Post-COVID symptoms can be new, returning or ongoing health problems that occur four or more weeks after becoming sick with COVID.

**THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT POST-COVID IS TO GET VACCINATED**

LOCATION	SYMPTOM
WHOLE BODY	Tiredness, joint or muscle pain, sleep problems, fever, rash, symptoms that get worse after physical or mental activity
BRAIN	(A) Difficulty thinking or concentrating ("brain fog"), headache, dizziness, mood changes
NOSE AND TONGUE	(B) Change in smell or taste
LUNGS	(C) Shortness of breath, cough, difficulty breathing
HEART	(D) Chest pain, fast-beating or pounding heart (heart palpitations)
INTESTINES	(E) Stomach pain, diarrhea
FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM	Change in period cycles
FINGERS AND TOES	(F) Pins and needles feeling (showing poor blood circulation)

Post-COVID conditions can happen whether you experience mild or severe COVID-19 disease. We don't know yet why people get post-COVID conditions or how long they can last.

**Get vaccinated with all necessary shots to prevent post-COVID conditions and to prevent the spread of new strains of COVID-19.** Follow all local guidelines to further protect yourself and others, which may include wearing a mask or avoiding indoor gatherings. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, get tested as soon as possible.

Effective August 4, 2021  
Source: CDC

JOHNS HOPKINS CENTER FOR AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH

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## CORONAVIRUS

# Polis discusses state's recovery efforts, programs to keep kids in school

**Staff report**  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR POLIS

Governor Jared Polis provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and the state's efforts to get more Coloradans vaccinated. Governor Polis also announced additional steps the state is taking to ensure students, faculty, and staff can safely return to school.

"A new school year is quickly approaching and it's critical that our students, teachers, and staff have a safe and enjoyable year in the classroom. Every day, more and more students and adults are getting vaccinated, but until the vaccine is available to everyone 12 and younger, we must continue to be vigilant and protect our youngest Coloradans from this virus," said Governor Polis. "Vaccines for those who are eligible, along with mask-wearing, regular testing, stay home when sick, effective quarantines, and ventilation are key ways to slow and stop the spread of COVID. If you are eligible to get the vaccine, I encourage you not to wait another day, get the lifesaving, free vaccine as soon as you can."

Governor Polis announced that starting the first week in September, Colorado will be providing free, voluntary, rapid COVID-19 testing on a weekly basis to all K-12 schools for the 2021-22 school year. This program builds on the free testing that has been available

since January 2021. Last school year, 183 schools opted into the binax-at-home program. In addition, in the spring CDPHE distributed bulk Binax tests to schools that had participated in the school mask program. CDPHE sent three monthly shipments of tests – 467,200 tests to 352 schools in March, 351,040 tests to 218 schools in April, and 109,400 to 171 schools in May.

Throughout this global pandemic, data showed that layered protections like masks, testing, staying home when sick, ventilation upgrades, and more, could help make our schools one of the safest environments for our students. The Polis administration worked to get all Colorado students back in the classrooms as early as January of this year, preventing further learning loss and helping our kids get the education they deserve.

In July, the Polis administration released updated guidance for schools on how to best ensure safety in the classroom this fall, one of the main recommendations being weekly testing as a key component for limiting the spread of the virus.

This program will be available to all public, private, charter, and tribal schools in the state who choose to enroll and will include testing for both students and staff. Schools interested in the program can sign up at [covid19.colorado.gov/free-testing-schools](https://covid19.colorado.gov/free-testing-schools).

Colorado is also restart-

ing its successful mask delivery program for schools across the state. Adult and child sized N95 masks will be available along with surgical masks for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. This program builds upon Colorado's efforts to provide masks to schools during the previous school year. The Colorado Department of Education will reach out to every school in the state to provide information on how to enroll in the program.

Governor Polis also announced that Colorado's Comeback Cash Card Giveaway has had tremendous success in getting more people vaccinated. The program, which provides Coloradans who get the vaccine at participating sites a \$100 Walmart gift card, has produced a 71% vaccination increase at each site where the gift cards are available.

73.14% of adult Coloradans are immunized with one dose of the vaccine, and 65.42% of eligible Coloradans are fully vaccinated.

Additional information about the Comeback Cash Card Giveaway including a list of the participating vaccine clinics for the Walmart gift cards, can be found at [cocomebackcash.com](https://cocomebackcash.com)

Testing continues to be free, quick, and easy. You can find a testing location near you at [covid19.colorado.gov/testing](https://covid19.colorado.gov/testing). For more information on where to get the vaccine, please visit [covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine](https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine).

## TRIBAL COUNCIL: SAFER AT HOME • FROM PAGE 1

es remain open to the public, however all individuals are required to complete the tribal COVID screening process.

Below are what to expect when the Tribe moves to Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 1.

### The following activities are allowed:

- Visit, care for, and assist a family member or friend
- Go to the grocery store
- Pick up medications or attend medical appointments
- Go to school or buy educational supplies
- Go to, or get things from, work
- Go to a restaurant or store, provided all protective measures of the establishment are followed
- Spend time outdoors to enjoy activities such as walking, hiking, playing, or picnicking at a park, etc.
- Exercise indoors or outdoors provided capacity restrictions and protective measures are

in place

- Take your pets to veterinarian appointments

### The following activities are not allowed:

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

### Restrictions in Phase II, Level 1:

- Personal gatherings are restricted to 30 individuals or less
- Indoor capacity is restricted to 75% of setting capacity and 175 maximum capacity
- Outdoor capacity is restricted to 75% of set-

ting capacity and 200 maximum capacity

For more information, please visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website and social media, in the Southern Ute Drum, and on the air at KSUT Tribal Radio. Individuals can also call the Southern Ute Indian Tribe by dialing 970-563-0100.

If you are sick, please self-isolate. If your symptoms begin to worsen, please call your primary healthcare provider or the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581. Do not arrive at your primary health care provider office without calling to notify the professionals of your symptoms.

Please continue to practice good hygiene by washing your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, cough and sneeze into the bend of your elbow or in a tissue then throw the tissue away. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects in your home. Please continue to practice social distancing staying 6 feet away from others. Stay connected with your loved ones and our tribal elders.



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

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For more info and updates

[www.southernute-nsn.gov](https://www.southernute-nsn.gov)  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Facebook

### Key Metrics & Restrictions for Phases of COVID-19 Pandemic

	PHASE I "STAY AT HOME" SEVERE RISK	PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME" LEVEL 3 HIGH RISK	PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME" LEVEL 2 CONCERN	PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME" LEVEL 1 CAUTIOUS	PHASE III "PROTECT OUR NEIGHBOR" CAREFUL
<b>Metrics</b>					
NEW CASES IN SW REGION (WEEKLY AVERAGE)	400+/100,000 One week incidence	301-400/100,000 One week incidence	201-300/100,000 One week incidence	101-200/100,000 One week incidence	0-100/100,000 One week incidence
% OF POSITIVITY	10% or Greater	> 5% and < 10%	> 5% and < 10%	> 5% and < 10%	No Greater than 5%
HOSPITALIZATIONS	Increasing and Capacity Limits Anticipated	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable
<b>Restrictions</b>					
PERSONAL GATHERING SIZE	No greater than 5	No greater than 10	No greater than 20	No greater than 30	125 CAP
INDOOR SETTING CAPACITY	CLOSED	25% 25 Max Capacity	50% 75 Max Capacity	75% 175 Max Capacity	Up to 100% 500 Max Capacity
OUTDOOR EVENTS	CLOSED	25% 50 Max Capacity	50% 100 Max Capacity	75% 200 Max Capacity	Up to 100% 500 Max Capacity

Tribal buildings will remain open

All individuals must complete COVID-19 screening upon entering any tribal building.

Tribal Members, Employees and Visitors are encouraged to continue daily safe health practices while responding to the current COVID-19 pandemic.



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Effective August 27, 2021

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

### What has changed with the amended restrictions?

#### Older Restrictions

Restrictions in Phase III

Personal Gathering No greater than 125	
Indoor Capacity Up to 100% 500 Max	Outdoor Capacity Up to 100% 500 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

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## Interested in COVID-19 Vaccination?

Make an appointment or arrange transportation

### TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

City of Durango Opportunity Bus: 970.247.3577

Southwest Rides (Southwest Center for Independence):  
970.946.0232

Roadrunner Transportation: 970.799.6201

Mountain Express Transit (MET) Bus: 970.264.2250

### SENIOR CENTERS & OTHER SUPPORTS

Pagosa Senior Center: 970.264.2167 ext. 0

Durango-La Plata Senior Center: 970.382.6445

Pine River Senior Center (Bayfield): 970.884.9544 ext. 103

Southern Colorado Community Action Agency (Ignacio):  
970.563.4561

If you need assistance to make a vaccine appointment or arrange transportation for your COVID-19 vaccine, please call SJBPH at 970.585.6134.

SAN JUAN BASIN  
public health



## TRIBE RETURNS TO PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 1 EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021

### Restrictions in Phase II, Level 1

Personal Gathering No greater than 30	Indoor Capacity 75% 175 Max	Outdoor Capacity 75% 200 Max
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To find a list of the approved activities, please go to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website, Tribal Council social media, and the Southern Ute Drum.

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**CORONAVIRUS**

**FDA grants full approval to Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine**

**Staff report**  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted full approval to the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine today for individuals ages 16 and up. The Pfizer vaccine continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA) for individuals ages 12 to 15. It is also available under EUA for the administration of a third dose for moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals. Booster shots for anyone other than immunocompromised people are not approved or being offered at this time. San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is awaiting federal guidance regarding boosters for additional populations and is preparing to distribute boosters, alongside local partners, when authorized.

SJBPH emphasizes that full FDA approval for the Pfizer vaccine is a positive step forward for vaccinating the community. While the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines all met the rigorous scientific and safety standards for EUA, the FDA's full approval today demonstrates that the Pfizer vaccine meets the highest standards for safety, efficacy, and manufacturing quality that a vaccine can receive from the FDA.

The Pfizer vaccine has been available under EUA since December 11, 2020. EUAs can be used by the FDA during public health emergencies to provide access to medical products that may be effective in preventing, diagnosing, or treating disease. FDA approved vaccines undergo additional review processes for quality, safety and effectiveness. Full approval for the Moderna vaccine is currently under review. Johnson & Johnson

son is also expected to apply for full review by the FDA. "Full approval by the FDA is a positive step forward in vaccinating our community and limiting the spread of COVID-19. We've been looking forward to this milestone," said Liane Jollon, Executive Director of SJBPH. "For anyone who has been hesitant or putting off their vaccine, the full approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine by the FDA should give you the utmost confidence that the vaccine is extremely safe and effective. All three authorized vaccines are highly effective at preventing hospitalization and death and we urge you to protect yourself and your family right away, especially with the new school year starting. People who are not yet fully vaccinated remain at high risk of falling ill with the more transmissible Delta variant of COVID-19. The majority of transmission is occurring in the unvaccinated population."

Full approval by the FDA for the Pfizer vaccine may provide additional support for employers or institutions who have been considering mandating the COVID-19 vaccine for their staff.

Full approval for the Pfizer vaccine comes on the heels of authorization by the FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a third dose of mRNA vaccine for moderately to severely immunocompromised Americans ages 12 and older. For immunocompromised people, booster shots should be administered at least four weeks after the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Vaccine recipients are advised to seek the same mRNA vaccine that they originally received. If the matching vaccine type is not avail-

able, immunocompromised individuals may receive the alternative mRNA vaccine.

According to the CDC and FDA, individuals who are fully vaccinated and not immunocompromised do not need a booster shot at this time. SJBPH is continuing to monitor any new guidance as it becomes available and will keep the public informed.

At this time, the amended EUA and updated CDC guidance for boosters only refers to the mRNA vaccines. There is not enough data yet to determine if a mRNA booster shot is beneficial for people who originally received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Boosters have not been recommended yet for immunocompromised people who originally received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Research demonstrates immunocompromised individuals may not build as much immunity when vaccinated as non-immunocompromised people do, and benefit from receiving a third dose of mRNA vaccine. Immunocompromised people have a higher risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. Public health experts estimate this vulnerable group is approximately 3% of the total U.S. population.

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.

**CORONAVIRUS**

**FDA/CDC approve COVID-19 vaccine booster shots for immunocompromised individuals**

**Staff report**  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now authorizes mRNA COVID-19 vaccine booster shots for moderately to severely immunocompromised Americans ages 12 and older. Booster shots should be administered at least four weeks after the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Vaccine recipients are advised to seek the same mRNA vaccine that they originally received. If the matching vaccine type is not available, immunocompromised individuals may receive the alternative mRNA vaccine.

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The updated guidance recommends booster shots for moderately to severely immunocompromised people. Research demonstrates these individuals may not build as much immunity when vaccinated as non-immunocompromised people do, and benefit from receiving a third dose of mRNA vaccine. Immunocompromised people have a higher risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. Public health experts estimate this vulnerable group is approximately 3% of the total U.S. population. You should seek a COVID-19 booster shot if you have:

- Advanced or untreated HIV infection.
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress the immune system.

Consult with your primary care provider to discuss if a booster shot is recommended for you. San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) recommends immunocompromised individuals seek a booster through an enrolled vaccine provider or existing vaccine clinic of their choosing. Immunocompromised individuals will be asked to self-attest for eligibility at the time of vaccination for the additional dose. If possible, people eligible for a booster dose should seek a clinic that offers the same mRNA COVID-19 vaccine that they originally received (Pfizer or Moderna vaccine).

According to the CDC and FDA, individuals who are fully vaccinated and not immunocompromised do not need a booster shot at this time. Federal public health authorities are engaged in a science-based, rigorous process to consider whether or when a booster might be necessary for additional populations. This process takes into account laboratory data, clinical trial data, and cohort data – which can include data from specific pharmaceutical companies but does not rely on this data exclusively. SJBPH is continuing to monitor any new guidance as it becomes available and will keep the public informed.

"We want the public to be aware that booster shots are only available for people who are immunocompromised at this time. SJBPH is prepared for larger scale distribution of booster doses if and when the science and the CDC recommends that they are needed. We're closely monitoring this guidance and will keep the public informed," said Liane Jollon, Executive Director of SJBPH. "The vaccines are working, and the evidence is clear. People who are fully vaccinated are protected from severe disease and death, including from the Delta variant. People who

are not vaccinated remain at high risk and we urge you to get vaccinated right away." 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.
- Follow the local public health advisory that is in effect.
- Employees and guests are strongly advised to wear a mask in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are recommended for anyone two years and older.
- Physical distancing (staying at least six feet away from another person) is strongly advised while in a public indoor setting.
- Businesses should assume that some customers are unvaccinated and err on the side of caution, maintaining face coverings and physical distancing in indoor settings (i.e., grocery stores, gyms, restaurants).
- Wear a face covering while using public transportation and when traveling by air, train, or bus, as required by federal orders.
- 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. 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.

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood.
- Received an organ transplant and are taking immune-suppressing medications.
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system.
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency

**Southern Ute Tribal Members Protecting our Past, Present & Future**

The strength to overcome obstacles is demonstrated throughout the history of our people. Today, we are faced with new challenges that require us to come together to keep each other safe. The pandemic has lasted more than a year, which means a year without our ceremonies, social gatherings, and a year without being able to spend time with our loved ones that allow us to do the very things that define us as Ute people.

We must continue our safe practices so that we can overcome these obstacles to continue our culture and traditions in the safest ways that we can. Help us encourage and protect our people, by educating the importance of becoming vaccinated. Your personal perspective can help explain how vaccinations ultimately protect our culture and afford us an opportunity to continue our traditions.

The Southern Ute Incident Management's Communication Team will accept video, recorded and written testimonials encouraging the safe health practices, getting vaccinated & tested, or any encouraging message to promote a positive and healthy mental and physical environment to our tribal membership and surrounding communities.

- **Who:** Southern Ute Tribal Members, tribal staff, and Community members.
- **What:** Testimonials and feedback: safety practices, consistent testing and why vaccination is important to you or why you choose to remain unvaccinated.
- **Where:** Submit written testimonials to the TIS Department email: [tis@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tis@southernute-nsn.gov). Submit video or recorded testimonials to Ms. Lindsay Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist via text at 970-553-0287.

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

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

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

Approved by: SUIT IMT 5/11/2021



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

**THE TRIBE IS IN PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 1**  
Please continue to follow the appropriate COVID-19 restrictions and adhere to all public health orders in effect. Tribal Council amended the public health order requiring face coverings for ALL individuals whether vaccinated or unvaccinated while indoors. Let's reduce transmission and keep our community safe!

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

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE**  
(As of August 25, 2021)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases		SUHC Vaccination Update	
267	Positives	<b>Upcoming 1st Dose Clinics &amp; Availability</b>	
187	Recovered	9/3 (Moderna)	7
7	Breakthrough	9/8 (Pfizer)	3
11,752	Total Tests	9/10 (Moderna)	4
		9/16 (Pfizer)	5
Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases		<b>Vaccine Eligibility:</b> Anyone 18 years of age and older (12 years and older for Pfizer).	
107	Positives	<b>Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581</b>	
74	Recovered	<b>TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19 "TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"</b>	
3	Deaths		



## BOBCATS IMS CROSS-COUNTRY

# Mid-school harriers hit season running

Boys boast winner at Bear Chase



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Middle's Thunder Windy Boy (537) creates space between himself and pursuers during the season-opening Boggy Draw Bear Chase hosted Friday afternoon, Aug. 20, by Dolores. Windy Boy would finish 19th overall, helping the IMS boys place third as a team.

Ignacio Middle's Ambrose Valdez (503) placed 25th at the season-opening Boggy Draw Bear Chase hosted Friday afternoon, Aug. 20, by Dolores. His standing meant all five of IMS' entered boys' runners placed in the top 25, helping IMS place third as a team.

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

look no further than the middle-school squad.

With five individuals suited up Friday afternoon, Aug. 20, for the 2021 season-opening Boggy Draw Bear Chase hosted by Dolores, the future 'Cats did

just fine in the immediate present. Defeating Bayfield Middle's Caleb Beck by 12.17 seconds, Ignacio's Cayson Burcham conquered the three-kilometer

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## BOBCATS BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

# Boys' XC rebirth enters second season

Quintanas cross consecutively at Bear Chase

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Due to Spring Commencement a few months ago, plus the Colorado High School Activities Association giving its go-ahead for football to make an on-time return this fall, it was almost assured that Ignacio Boys' Cross-Country, decades-dormant but confidently reborn last year despite the COVID-19 pandemic, would see a decrease in personnel for the 2021 campaign.

Fortunately, the expected subtraction didn't leave the program with negative participation.

"I think it's cool," returning sophomore Corey Gomez said, of IHS' re-return. "We don't have as many boys here of course - we had some graduate - but I'm sure we'll get some more here soon."

And paced by junior Eppie Quintana and sophomore Phillip Quintana's pack-like finish the Bobcats, likely not yet at full strength numbers-wise, managed to begin the new season with two top-20 results at Dolores' 3rd Annual Boggy Draw Bear Chase. Eppie Quintana's time of 21 minutes, 21.01 seconds earned 16th.

Gomez's 25:15.07 landed him in 31st, but was still satisfactory as a baseline reading to head coach Daniel Holley.

"Corey's going to be a team member on varsity," he said, alluding to Gomez's freshman-year learning experience primarily as a junior-varsity harrier, "and I'm looking forward to his development; he had a strong summer."

"Stepping into the first race, we tried to treat it like



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Phillip Quintana (300) placed a season-opening 16th overall at Dolores' Boggy Draw Bear Chase Friday evening, Aug. 20.

a time trial," Holley continued. "We've been doing some workouts in practice, so we said, 'Let's string it all together' - see what we can get for our 5K marks to begin the season."

"We had easy runs some days, and then the past three weeks we'd started speed training," said Gomez. "Did some 200s, some 800s, and this past week we did miles too for speed...which was really helpful - especially on the hills, and towards the end when you get that last push."

All told, in score-4 formatting the Broncos of 2A Blanding (UT) San Juan - reclassified this year from the UHSAA's 3A ranks - captured first place with an adjusted winning low of 28 points. Beehive State neighbors Monticello (reclassified from 2A to 1A) were right

behind with 33 and 4A Durango earned third with 46.

Mancos senior Edgar Hernandez, one of the 2A San Juan Basin League's standouts expected to show the way for the 'Cats, Dolores Bears and others, won the individual title in 18:19.02; Durango's Nathaniel Ellis was runner-up in 18:47.11.

Up next, Ignacio will travel to Cortez's Parque de Vida for the Montezuma-Cortez Panther Invitational Friday evening, Aug. 27, with boys' varsity action following the girls' and slated to start at 5:30 p.m.

"To anybody that's hanging their heads on today, I say, 'Keep your chin up,'" said Holley. "We're going to a fast, flat course in Cortez; we're really looking forward to getting out there."

## BOBCATS FOOTBALL & VOLLEYBALL

# Bobcats-Rams bumped to the A.M.

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Football fans preparing for a college-style 1 p.m. kickoff for Ignacio's 2021 opener Saturday, Aug. 28, versus non-conference Carbonade Roaring Fork will have to adjust closer to breakfast their estimated IHS Field arrival times.

### V'CATS ADD OPPONENTS

Ignacio's 2021 volleyball schedule has changed somewhat. The team's slated Oct. 2 home matches versus Nucla have now been moved to Oct. 9, in order for the 'Cats

(6-7 overall in Spring '21) to gain a non-league varsity triangular on the 2nd versus 1A Creede (3-5 in Spring '21) and 2A Crested Butte (2-12) beginning at 11 a.m.

Coincidentally, CBCS was to have opened the Fall '21 season Aug. 19 at home versus Creede, but no scores had been reported as of press time - if the match was indeed played as scheduled.

Also, IHS' slated 10/21 date with 3A Pagosa Springs, initially to be contested away, will now be held inside IHS Gymnasium, with a C-JV-V lineup of matches beginning at 4 p.m.



There will be a change in SunUte hours for September 6th & 7th

### September 6th (Labor Day):

SunUte will be open from 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

### September 7th (Staff In-Service):

SunUte will be closed ALL DAY for a staff in-service.

### 24/7:

24/7 is available. Call the front desk for more information.

We will resume regular SunUte hours on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Call SunUte Front desk for information 970-563-0214

**Multi-Purpose Facility**  
**Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  
**256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO**

**Piccadilly, Snow cones and Popcorn for sale**

**Snow Cone**

**S: \$1.00**

**L: \$2.00**

**Piccadilly**

**S: \$3.00**

**L: \$5.00**

**Flavors**

**Orange**

**Lime**

**Strawberry**

**Pine Colada**

**Rooibeeer**

**Blue Raspberry**

**Tigers blood**

**Cherry**



**Popcorn**  
**\$2.00**

## Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park

### Grand Opening Art Contest

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) is looking for Youth Artists in the area to create the art work that we will utilize for the: Flyers, Social Media Posts and all swag items for the Grand Opening Event.

No depictions of nudity, drugs or drug use.

No bigger than 8.5x11 Inches

Selected art work will be the property of the Southern Ute Education Department, Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council and featured on items associated with, but not limited to the Skate Park Grand Opening.

Please turn in art to Dustin Weaver at: [dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov) or at the education office by Tuesday, August 31, 2021 no later than 5pm.

Winners will receive:  
1st Place: Full Skateboard, 2nd Place: Skate Deck, 3rd Place: T-shirt and Stickers





**Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2021 General Election**  
TWO (2) TRIBAL COUNCIL

The Election Board has determined these dates for the upcoming General Election according to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Constitution and Election Code.

**General Election – Friday, November 5, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, Colo.**

General Election Residency Deadline	Saturday, August 7, 2021
Statement of Intention Deadline	Monday, September 6, 2021 by 5 p.m.
Election Board Decision Regarding Eligibility Deadline	Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Notice of Election	Wednesday, October 6, 2021
Voter Registration Deadline	Wednesday, October 27, 2021 by 5 p.m.
Absentee Ballot Deadline Date	Wednesday, October 27, 2021 by 5 p.m.
Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline	Thursday, November 4, 2021 by 5 p.m.

Call the Election Board at 970-563-2303 or 2305/2729/2728.  
Email: [election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Off Reservation Tribal Members Telephone: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303

**SOUTHERN UTE ELECTION BOARD OFFICE HOURS**

Election Board will resume normal hours of Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in August 2021

To contact Election Board:  
[election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Natalie Richards (970) 563- 2305  
Joyce Delaware-Ford (970) 563-2303  
Michelle Chavez (970) 563- 2729  
Gibran Silva (970) 563- 2728



**Attention: Indian Land Owners**  
**You are Invited:**

**U.S. Department of the Interior**  
**Telephone Question and Answer Session**  
**Topics: Land – Minerals - Royalties**

**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**  
**10:00am – 11:00am MST**

**Call-In Meeting**  
**PHONE NUMBER: 1-888-949-2791**  
**PASSCODE: 5079618**

*You are invited to join us by phone from the safety and comfort of your home! Just call the number listed above and follow the prompts. We will be available to answer mineral ownership or royalty questions regardless of where your allotment is located. For more information, contact the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.*

**NEW EMPLOYEES**



**Antonio Cloud**  
**Job title:** Building Maintenance  
**Description of duties:** Maintaining the Tribal buildings.  
**Tribe:** Southern Ute

**In The Southern Ute Tribal Court**

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

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

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

Notice is hereby given that Jawadia Anthony Corona filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jawadin Anthony Corona. As of **AUGUST 10, 2021** no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Jawadia Anthony Corona name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Jawadin Anthony Corona.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2021.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **OCTOBER 4, 2021**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 13th day of August, 2021.  
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Toniette Rae Baca, Deceased**  
**Case No.: 2021-0116-CV-PR**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **OCTOBER 11, 2021 at 2:30 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 16th of August 2021  
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2021-0117-CV-NC**  
**Christopher Price William Curtis Cuthair, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Christopher Price William Curtis Cuthair has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Christopher Price William Curtis Milliano Cuthair. 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 **SEPTEMBER 24, 2021**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2021.  
Marlene Price, Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2021-0105-CV-NC**  
**Andreas Ramos Gomez, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Celeste Chavez on behalf of: Andreas Ramos Gomez has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Andreas Ramos Chavez. Any person desiring to object to the

Dated this 9th of August, 2021  
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

**Delta variant is surging in the U.S.**  
**Vaccination is more urgent than ever.**



**Vaccinated**  
people are at  
**lower risk**



**Unvaccinated**  
people are at  
**higher risk**

for **severe illness, hospitalization, and death**

Getting vaccinated helps prevent **severe illness, hospitalization, and death** from COVID-19, including the **Delta variant**. It can also help reduce the spread of the virus in communities.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

**Already had COVID-19?**

Studies show that getting a **COVID-19 vaccine** after you recover from COVID-19 provides added protection to your immune system.

Vaccines are a safe way to keep you from getting and spreading COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccination also helps **protect you** from serious illness if you get sick again.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://Vaccines.gov) to find vaccination providers near you.

**Drum Deadline**

**Next issue**  
**Sept. 10**  
**Early Deadline**  
**Sept. 3**

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

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## Bayfield Upcoming Events

### RESCHEDULED – National Night Out

The Bayfield Marshals Office has rescheduled National Night Out from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021 at Bayfield Town Hall 1199 Bayfield Parkway. Food and refreshments will be provided. The public can check out the patrol cars as well as the impairment goggles and meet local law enforcement officials.

### Pine River Shares and the Bayfield Heritage Fest

It's a wild and wooly thing! And it's perfect for Pine River Shares! We are excited to be a host of the 2021 Bayfield Heritage Days and to celebrate, promote, and learn from the rich tri-ethnic heritage of the Pine River Valley. Help us find the crafters and makers, weavers, spinners, and "felters", cooks, canners and mutton stew makers, musicians, poets, and storytellers of our regional agriculture heritage. Invite them to attend Bayfield Heritage Days on Sept. 25, or consider hosting a demonstration or information booth, a skill share, or vendor booth, at Joe Stephenson Park from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., following the Sheep Trailing and parade. Honoring our collective heritage in the Pine!

## SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION Administrative Fees (Shut-Off Fees)

The Southern Ute Utilities Division Management will be reinstating the Administrative Fees (Shut-Off Fees) effective September 1, 2021. The Administrative Fees (Shut-Off Fees) associated with customer service disconnections of \$31 per service will be for the following services:

- Solid Waste (Trash Collections)
- Water (Including Water Haul)
- Sewer
- Natural Gas

- Payment at Wells Fargo Bank (Ignacio Branch): Have your account number/ or your Utility Bill readily available.
- Payment by Mail: Please mail statement stub with your check or money order (made payable to Southern Ute Utilities Division) PO Box 1137, Ignacio CO 81137
- Payment over the phone at 970-563-5500 by Credit Card, Mon - Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Customers are strongly encouraged to make payments on their accounts on time by the following payments methods:

- Online Payment at [www.suituti.com](http://www.suituti.com): Select "Pay My Bill" at top (Jfjgify Recommended)
- Drop Box by the Drive-Up window

As a reminder for Tribal Member Customers, you can arrange monthly payments to your utility account via Tribal Deduction by calling the Southern Ute Utilities Division to request a form. Please contact the Utilities Office at 970-563-5500, Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for further details.

## Tribal Water Delivery Reminder

The Southern Ute Utilities Division would like to send a reminder to customers regarding your water delivery services. Each customer is responsible for providing unrestricted access to cisterns and for keeping this access in a drivable condition for the water delivery truck. Driveways must be passable through snow, mud and ice before the Water Truck Driver will deliver water to the customer. The cistern access must be kept clear of parked cars, obstructions, trees, or shrubbery. For questions or to clarify any information within this email, please contact the Southern Ute Utilities Division at 970-563-5500.

## Director of Regenerative Agriculture & Agroforestry

Application Due Date: 9/30/21 – Full Time, 8-Hour Shift (Pagosa Springs, CO). Estimated Salary: Based on knowledge and experience. Benefits: Health Insurance, Company Vehicle, Paid Time Off. Qualifications: Regenerative Agriculture, Aquaculture, Agroforestry, Farming, Landscape Management & Design, Organizational Skills, Visionary Skills, Analysis Skills, Grant Writing, Bachelor's Degree. Description: At Jack R. Gamble Jr. LLC, our mission is to Enrich Our Community Through Mindful and Natural Horsemanship, Farming and Land Stewardship Practices. We are seeking an individual that shares these same core values and wants to make a positive impact on the environment and surrounding communities through regenerative farming, forestry, and land management practices. Director will be provided farm hands and work support crew to accomplish the above goals as needed. Communication skills and the ability to work as part of a farm team are requirements for this position. Submit Applications with Resume: [Shawn@jrgamblellc.com](mailto:Shawn@jrgamblellc.com)

## 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.

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

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe/ State Of Colorado Environmental Commission Vacancy

Closing Sept. 13, 2021 5 p.m. (MST) – Tribe-Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/ State of Colorado Environmental Commission. Commission Purpose: Establish rules and regulations applicable to the Reservation Air Program; and Review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe. Summary of Commission Duties: Determine air programs that should apply to the Reservation; Promulgate rules and regulations necessary for proper implementation and administration of air programs that apply to the Reservation, including determining which administrative actions are appealable to the Commission; Establish procedures for the Commission to follow in promulgating rules and regulations and review appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe; Review and approve the long-term plan; Monitor relationships among State and tribal environmental protection agencies; Review administrative actions by the Tribe; Approve and adopt fees for permits and other regulatory services conducted by the Tribe or the State; Ensure consistency and adherence to applicable standards and resolve disputes involving third parties; Review emission inventories developed by the Tribe and State Conduct public hearings pertaining to adoption of rules and regulations or review of appealable administrative actions, and issue subsequent orders. Request administrative or clerical assistance from tribal staff when necessary to issue orders and conduct Commission business; and Any other duties necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Commission Member Appointment Terms and Conditions: Commission members are appointed by the Tribal Council. Commission members serve three year terms and are not subject to term limits. Commission meetings are generally held twice per year but more frequent meetings are possible. Stakeholder meetings occur on an as-needed basis. Meetings are to be held in person or on virtual meeting platforms. Failure to attend two consecutive Commission or Stakeholder meetings or demonstrated unethical conduct may result in appointment removal by Tribal Council. Compensation is \$100 per half-day meeting for Commission members who are not employees of the Tribe. Supervisor approval is required, if employed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Meeting Location: Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, EPD Large Conference Room, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 Or Virtual Meeting Platform. How to Apply: Send letter of interest and approval letter from supervisor to the: Air Quality Program Office, C/O Marlene Scott-Jewett, PO Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, CO 81137 Or Hand deliver to: Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, Air Quality Program, Marlene Scott-Jewett, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 Or Email: [airquality@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:airquality@southernute-nsn.gov)

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

### ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCY

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

### SO. UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open until filled – Mique! The Powwow Committee is currently accepting letters from community members to serve as volunteer membership for the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. This 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. This 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. So 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](mailto:soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov).

### WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD – TRIBAL MEMBER NEEDED

Closes 11/29/21, 5 p.m. – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill ONE seat 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. In addition, 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 more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through 5 PM Friday, Oct. 29, 2021.

### APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has three (3) vacancies. The Committee shall include employees of the Tribe who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal

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

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open until filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking a volunteer Board Member positions. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the [www.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

### GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking (2) Full time and (1) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full-time Gaming Commission position term is 2 years 6 months. Second Full Time Gaming Commission position 11 month term. One Alternate Gaming position is a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. 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](mailto: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?

## Notice Of Draft Title V Operating Permit and Request For Comment

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

**Applicant: Harvest Four Corners, LLC**  
**Facility: Ignacio Gas Plant, Section 36, T34N R9W, 8.5 miles west of Ignacio, Colo.**  
**Significant permit revision**

The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicants. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at [http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-w/air-qual-](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-w/air-qual-ity/air-permitting/)

[ity/air-permitting/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-w/air-permitting/), and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov). Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice. First published on 08/13/21.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Proposed Water Quality Standards & Clean Water Act 401 Certification Procedures

For all interested individuals, an online hearing regarding the Tribe's Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Procedures will be held on: Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. To attend the hearing, please register at <https://bit.ly/3wnzxAb> before the event. The live online hearing will be recorded and posted on the Tribe's website at <https://southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/> A 60-day public comment period on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures will be held from: Aug. 23 to Oct. 22, 2021. You can submit your comments by one of the following methods: E-mail: [wqs@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:wqs@southernute-nsn.gov) (Preferred Method) or Mail: Water Quality Standards Committee, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colo. 81137.





## TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information • 970-563-2294

Job descriptions and applications available at TERO office, 151 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo.

TERO is currently looking to fill numerous positions in Construction, Custodial, Secretarial, Lawn Maintenance, and Irrigation. Must be able to pass a background check and drug test. Some positions require insurability. Please contact Laura Sanchez at TERO for more information at 970-563-2294.

## Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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

### Web Developer I (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/3/21 – Under general direction of the Web and SharePoint Development Supervisor, this position performs Web application development project work for Tribal entities including security, support, content management, maintenance, development, and training. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

### Business Intelligence Developer I (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/3/21 – Performing data analysis, develops reports in Microsoft Power BI and SSRS, and contributes to the design and deployment of data models and assists in administration of the Microsoft BI infrastructure including Power BI Report Server and SQL Server environments.

### IT Business Operations Mgr. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/7/21 – Provides management oversight and strategic direction to Southern Ute

Shared Services (SUSS) Business Operations Team. The Business Operations team provides the following services in support of the SUSS organization: Procurement, Sourcing, Business Process Development, Communication, Budget & Financial Performance, Project/Program Management Methodologies. Focuses on running IT as a business.

### Procurement Agent (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/7/21 – Purchases, management and disposal of all assets within the Southern Ute Share Services organization. Manages vendor relationships including the analysis and negotiation of pricing, receipt of inventory, billing and problem resolution. Controls and manages Telecom vendors, products, services and billing. Supports contract renewals and annual budgeting process to optimize spend for all Southern Ute Tribal Entities that utilize SUSS managed products.

and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Must be at least 21, must have a High School Diploma or GED, cash handling experience preferred, must have reliable transportation, must have excellent attendance, must be able to lift up to 75 lbs, must be able to bend, kneel, squat, twist, scoot, push, pull, and tug throughout the shift, must be able to stand in an enclosed room for as many as 5 hours at a time, must have manual dexterity and be physically flexible.

### Front Desk Staff

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests include but is not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport. Must be at least 18, must have a High School Diploma or GED, previous experience in Hotel Front Desk preferred, must have 3 months of previous customer service, must have a valid driver's license and be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays, must be able to stand and walk for at least 5 hours at a time.

### Kitchen Utility Steward

Will perform multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in a number of capacities. Must be at least 18, High School Diploma or GED preferred, must follow established personal hygiene guidelines and report to work clean and well groomed, must have reliable transportation, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays, must be able to lift and move up to 60lbs, must be able to bend, squat, kneel, and stoop throughout each 8-10 hour shift, must be able to sit, stand, and walk for prolonged periods, must be able to stand on tiled, rubber mat, and carpeted floors for extended periods.

### Bowling and Rec. Counter Clerk (Full-time)

Greeting guests in a friendly manner, informs guests of center services, promotions, and prices. Rents, sells, or issues sporting equipment and supplies such as bowling shoes and golf balls. Operating the cash register, computer, and equipment in the bowling alley. Properly assigns guests to lanes, monitors activity to ensure adherence to rules and safety procedures, keeps track of open play lanes, and handles telephone inquiries. Must be at least 18, must have a High School Diploma or GED, must have basic cash handling skills, must be friendly and comfortable talking to strangers, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays.

### Laundry Attendant (Full Time)

Perform the required operations with laundry equipment; ensuring products are clean and acceptable for hotel use. Maintaining laundry for the hotel rooms and other departments as needed. Must be at least 18, High School Diploma or GED preferred, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays, must be able to lift up to 70 lbs., must be able to sit, stand, and walk for prolonged periods of time.

### Event Staff (On-Call)

Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up, and re-set of events in all Banquet areas. In this position you will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events. High School Diploma or GED preferred. Must be at least 18 (21 years or older required to serve alcohol), a valid drivers license and insurability preferred, food handling experience preferred, must be able to work well under pressure, must be able to multi-task, must be able to lift, carry, push, pull, and move up to 60 lbs. frequently, must be able to stand and walk for prolonged periods of time, must be able to work in a team environment.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

### ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

### After School Program Attendant

Closes 9/2/21 – Regular part-time, provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after-school program. Grade N6; \$13.47/hour.

### Community Health Representative

Closes 9/8/21 – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

### Dental Assistant

Closes 8/31/21 – Under dentist supervision, Perio-Dental Assistant is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Grade N11; \$19.93/hour.

### Education Department Assistant

Closes 8/30/21 – Under the direction of the Executive Assistant, the Education Program Assistant will assist the Education Staff in the teaching and tutoring responsibilities for K-12 Tribal students. Will provide the employee with direct teaching experience through student contact in the public schools and in after school tutoring programs, opportunities to participate with professional teaching staff in the public schools and within the SUIT Education Department and other experiences relative to a career in the teaching field. Will also assist the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council "Youth Council" Coordinator and with summer enrichment programs. Grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

### Substance Abuse Leader Therapist

Closes 9/8/21 – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis treatment. Will supervise day-to-day services, counselors, and therapists within the Substance Abuse program. Grade E17; \$75,321.13/year.

### Active Kid Care Leader (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Provides childcare and physical activities at SunUte Community Center for the Active Kid Care program to meet the needs of children ages toddler through 6 years. Grade N4; \$12.32/hour.

### Addictions Counselor

Open Until Filled – 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. Starts at \$21.75/hour.

### Construction Crew Leader

Open Until Filled – Supervises assigned construction repairmen and provides repairs to eligible clients' homes. Grade N9; \$16.88/hour.

### 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. Starts at \$14.48/hour.

### Distance Learning Specialist

Open Until Filled – Works in coordination with Tribal Organizations, Universities, Colleges, local schools, and community members to provide long distance telecommunications educational resource information and classes for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and assists the Academic Advisor in supporting associate degree

students. Grade 11; \$41,456.65/year.

### Group Exercise Instructor

Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Grade N8; \$15.61/hour.

### HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Starts at \$26.21/hour.

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

Open Until Filled – Assists Tribal Members, staff, clients, and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Cultural Preservation Dept. Teaching the Ute history, culture, and folklore through the language and culture curriculum and instruction. Grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

### Lifeguard (Full-Time/Part-Time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Grade N5; \$12.54/hour.

### Loan Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Provides clerical, secretarial, and client support to the Tribal Credit Division as needed. Presents positive and professional image to Tribal employees and the public. Grade N8; \$15.61/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. Starts at \$21.75/hour.

### Patrol Officer II

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Sign on Bonus offered based on years of experience. Potential housing available with employment. Grade N13; \$23.81/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. Starts at \$60,370.75/year.

### 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. 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.

## Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

### Financial Reporting Manager – GF Accounting & Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/30/21 – Supports all aspects of routine and non-routine accounting, coordinating external and internal auditing processes, and reporting processes and projects; reviews and analyzes accounting pronouncements, both FASB and GASB related, and determines the impact on Growth Fund business entities; serves as an accounting expert in advising Growth Fund management, Controller and business entities on complex accounting issues. Assisting in the development of Growth Fund accounting policies.

### General Accountant – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 9/1/21 – Provides general accounting support, to include preparation of journal entries and reconciliation of selected General Ledger accounts on a periodic basis. Manages payroll process, interfacing with Southern Ute Indian Tribe payroll department to ensure accurate, timely delivery of time records. Reconciliation of bank statements to the General Ledger and providing support for monitoring ongoing cash activity. Supports the monthly close process. Presents a positive and professional image to internal customers and vendors.

## SoCoCAA

Administration: 535 Candelaria Dr., P.O. Box 800, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-4517  
Human Resources email: [tecampbell@sucap.org](mailto:tecampbell@sucap.org)

### Bus Driver

Open Until Filled – Road Runner Transit

### Career Counselor

Closes 9/3/21, 5 p.m., \$18/hr. entry. The Training Advantage, Cortez, CO

### Celebrating Healthy Communities Director

Closes 9/30/21, 5 p.m. – Celebrating Healthy Communities, Durango, CO

### Counselor/Supervisor

Open Until Filled – Peaceful Spirit

### Hady Man (Part-time)

Open Until Filled

### Monitoring Technician Substitute

Open Until Filled – Peaceful Spirit, Ignacio, CO

### Senior Center Facility Aide (Full-time/temp.)

Open Until Filled – Senior Center, Ignacio, CO

### Substitute Teacher

Open Until Filled

### Teacher Assistant (Full-time)

Open Until Filled – IELP

## Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

### Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the facility. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles Hotel guests to and from the airport as needed. Must be at least 18 years old, must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

### \*Security Officer (Full-time)

Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Guest and employee safety on property. Must be 21, must have a High School Diploma or GED, must have a minimum of 2 years experience in law enforcement, security, or related field, must have the ability to ensure a safe environment in the Casino, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays.

### Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Duties include cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Must be able to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. Must be at least 18, High School Diploma or GED preferred experience preferred, must be able to work in a team environment and work with minimal supervision. Must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays.

### Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment. Must be 18, High School Diploma or GED preferred, must be able to lift 60 pounds, must be able to bend, squat, kneel, crouch, stoop, walk and stand for entire shift, must be able to work with standard cleaning solutions and detergents.

### \*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

Reports to the Facilities Manager and was established for the purpose/s of supervising individual shifts to include facility and deep cleaning staff within the maintenance department. Coordinating all repair and alterations of the property including the exterior and grounds and to work in conjunction with facility technicians. Must be at least 21, must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, must have at least 4 years experience in a maintenance department of similar size and scope, must have previous experience operating a building automation system, must have a valid driver's license and be insurable by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, required to read, interpret, and utilize technical information.

### \*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. Must be at least 21, a High School Diploma or equivalent is preferred, previous experience in hospitality or retail field requires, previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays, must be able to lift and move 50 lbs, must be able to sit, stand, walk, bend, climb, kneel, crouch, and crawl throughout shift.

### \*Count Team Staff

Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the Gaming Revenue Departments. Pulls the containers, and counts or verifies the funds according to the regulatory requirements



## MID-SCHOOL HARRIERS HIT SEASON • FROM PAGE 16

(1.86-mile) course in a time of 12 minutes, 42.92 seconds in placing first out of 35 finishing runners representing a half-dozen schools.

And with five of those six eligible for score-5 formatting in the team standings, Ignacio accumulated a third-place 58 points. Telluride took second with 52, and Bayfield managed to tally a winning low of 37.

Ignacio's Judah Ashley wasn't far behind Burcham, clocking a fifth-place 13:12.60. Trace Crane was next to cross, taking 15th in 14:16.86, while Thunder Windy Boy earned 19th place with a 15:12.13 and Ambrose Valdez 25th with a 15:56.44.

In the girls' race, Ignacio had just one representative, Selia Montoya, who finished 30th in 29 minutes, 22.62 seconds as Tel-



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luride's Austin Cook prevailed in 13:00.70 – nearly 1:25 ahead of Bayfield's Abigail Robertson.

## LADY CATS PLACE FIFTH • FROM PAGE 1

finished 21st in 27:55.81, and Harmony Reynolds placed 25th in 28:44.86. Darlyn Lechuga-Mendoza (29:45.92) came in 28th, followed by Gomez (29:46.10) in 29th and Zoey Ashley (30:15.91) in 30th.

"I was very impressed with Harmony and Darlyn; they really pulled the team together," Holley said. "And ... the girls finishing in a pack together? That was really awesome to see."

"Yeah, it wasn't my best race," said Gomez, "but I was pushing through ... doing my best. I'll do better along the way."

Durango's Dewa Ilg won the race in 21:44.22, with Monticello's Lily Long (22:25.44) her nearest pursuer.

Up next, Ignacio will travel Friday, Aug. 27, to Cortez's Parque de Vida for the Montezuma-Cortez Panther Invitational. Girls' varsity action is slated to start at 5 p.m., with the boys' feature to follow.

"You know, it's a flat course and it's in grass,"



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Ignacio's Moriah Ashley (88) finished a season-opening 19th overall at Dolores' Boggy Draw Bear Chase Friday evening, Aug. 20.

Gomez noted. "Last year it was kind of wet, but I feel we can push ourselves and do better."

## IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### Resources for returning students

**Staff report**

**IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Parenting in today's world of growing technology can be intimidating and scary for some families. The ICL does our best to use our available resources and technology to help guide parents on a path of educational fun and family bonding while keeping our young patrons safe.

Our website, [ignacioblibrary.org](http://ignacioblibrary.org), has multiple links and resource options not just for adults, but children too! A great one to highlight, and just in time before school starts, is our Scholastic Links - ScienceFlix and Watch and Learn Library. These work to inspire and engage your child to build their vocabulary, practice hands on top-

ics, develop inquiry-based learning skills and more. Again, just visit our website to gain access to both of those learning resources, all you'll need is your library card number and it's free!

Something enjoyable about the last two resources is they can be done in the comfort of your home on your computer or other devices, but if you're concerned about going through your data or having a slow connection, we've got you covered there too! We offer mobile Hot Spots for checkout, giving you access to free wifi and peace of mind that your family can access what they need at ease. Each hotspot can handle up to 10 devices connected to it at a time and are available for one-week checkouts.

Another new device that can make learning fun for your family are our Leap Pads. They use interactive games and activities to teach phonics, the alphabet, math, rhyming and more. Leap Pads can not only provide entertainment while learning but a safe device so you know your child has access to only age-appropriate content.

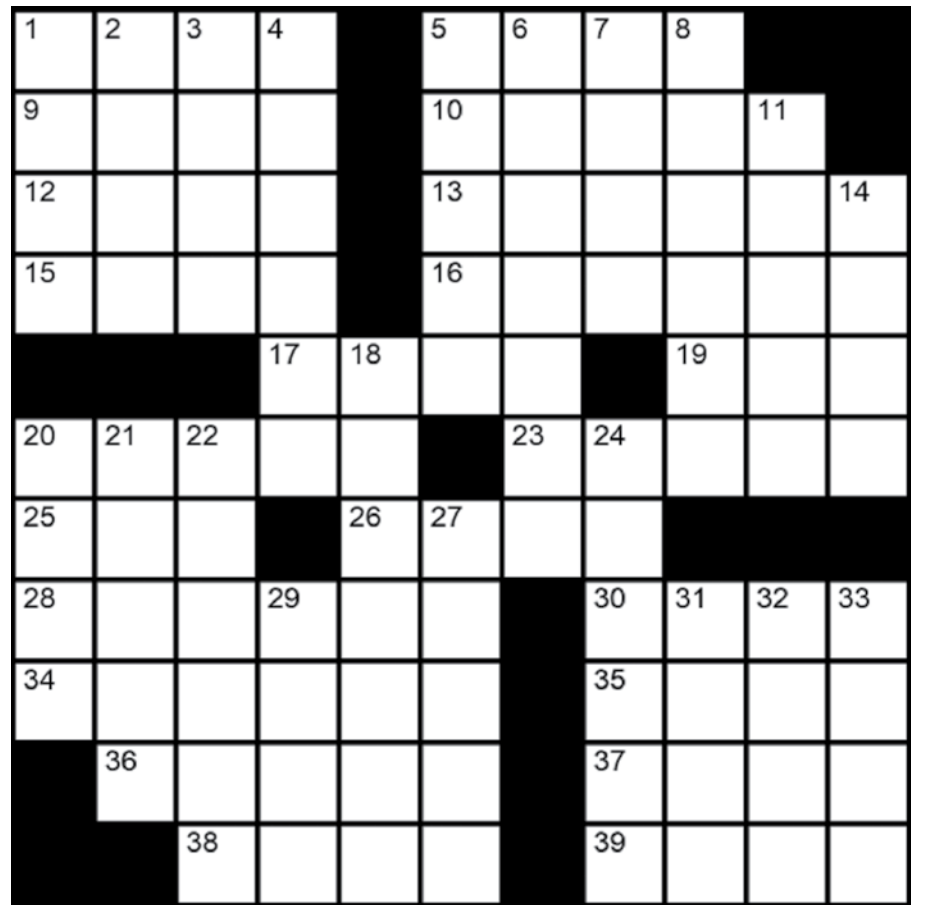
Whether you're visiting our website or strolling through our isles you're sure to find something to help the growing minds of the young people in your life. If you have questions about our services or resources, please call us at 970-563-9287 or visit our website, [ignacioblibrary.org](http://ignacioblibrary.org), or our Facebook page at Ignacio Community Library.

## MORE BOBCATS NEWS, SPORTS & INFO

Check out The Southern Ute Drum's website

[www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com)

## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

- 1 General MacArthur, to his friends
- 5 Gain, for a dieter
- 9 Hurry
- 10 Heavy hitter in light metals
- 12 Old Bee Gees record label
- 13 Native American ritual structures, mainly in the East
- 15 Witty sorts
- 16 Spanish fleet
- 17 "Comin' --- the Rye" (Robert Burns)
- 19 Butter down on the farm
- 20 Catch, western-style
- 23 'If you knew --- like I know ---, ...'
- 25 Rock of Gibraltar insurance co.
- 26 Circulatory blockage
- 28 One living in a district called a "hanamachi"
- 30 White Cloud was once their chief
- 34 Peanut chopped up to feed the kitty
- 35 Corn syrup brand
- 36 Fork-tailed Arctic birds
- 37 Slippery --- eel
- 38 Japanese rice drink
- 39 Eye sore

**Down**

- 1 No-win outcome
- 2 "I'm --- here!"
- 3 Shoreline protectors
- 4 Uncredited authors
- 5 HST's birthplace
- 6 Semi-sweet sherry
- 7 Pond film
- 8 Anti-sub devices
- 11 What a robotics geek might recommend
- 14 Identical
- 18 Winnebago
- 20 Group for female swingers
- 21 Looks --- everything
- 22 Tissue torn up for some hotel rooms
- 24 Sinauf's name for his people
- 27 Pass into disuse
- 29 "Buona ---, Mrs. Campbell" (1968 Lollo movie)
- 31 Hop-drying kiln
- 32 "King Kong" actress Fay ---
- 33 First-rate

Answers for this crossword will appear in September 10 issue of the Drum.

**Answers for August 13, 2021 Crossword Puzzle**

**Across:** 1 Cash, 5 Scabs, 10 Orca, 11 Assent, 13 Igor, 14 Pinger, 15 Totem, 17 Olay, 18 Meskwaki, 21 Sew, 24 Gin, 25 DST, 26 Climaxes, 29 Rolo, 30 Elder, 34 Aplomb, 37 Yore, 38 Pee Dee, 39 Loin, 40 Style, 41 YMCA.  
**Down:** 1 Coit, 2 Argo, 3 Scot, 4 Harem, 5 Sap, 6 CSI, 7 A Snow, 8 Be glad, 9 Sneaks, 12 Try it, 16 Mega, 19 Six, 20 Knee, 21 Scrap, 22 Elopes, 23 Willet, 27 Moody, 28 Slyly, 31 Doom, 32 Eric, 33 Rena, 35 Mel, 36 Bee.



## Did you know?

The Tribe has developed draft water quality standards. A 60 day public comment period for the draft standards will be held from August 23 to October 22, 2021. Information about the standards can be found on the Tribe's website at <https://southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/>.

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

## Air Quality in real time!

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

Link to the Tribe's Air Quality Stations below:

[www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/)

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Aug. 27



88 sunny

Saturday, Aug. 28



89 sunny

Sunday, Aug. 29



89°F sunny  
10% chance showers/t-storms in p.m.

Weather forecasts collected from [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)



Aug. 8

Aug. 15

Aug. 22

Aug. 30

Sept. 6