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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Membership receives annual update from tribal entities

General Meeting held in-person at Casino



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Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Melvin J. Baker gives a warm welcome to attendees at the Southern Ute General Meeting, followed by the “State of the Tribe” address, Friday, April 22 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.

By Fabian Martinez

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute tribal membership joined the Southern Ute Tribal Council, the Southern Ute Growth Fund and other Permanent Fund departments for the General Meeting on Friday, April 23, at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center. This is the second time a General Meeting has been held since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the last being in Sept. of 2021.

While most COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted since lower infection rates have contributed to

lower trends, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has continued its vigilant approach against COVID-19 infections to ensure the safety of the membership. For safety, the meeting required temperature checks upon entry to attend, while also encouraging the use of masks.

“We are excited to return to some normalcy,” Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker said. “We still encourage tribal members to follow safe health practices to protect our tribal community.”

The meeting was also available for attendance via WebEx for individuals who preferred to maintain social distancing practices

or live off the reservation. The result being a continuation of an in-person and digital, hybrid experience, similar to the 2021 General Meeting.

No matter how the membership attended, the General Meeting allowed for tribal members to learn about the state of the Tribe from the executive level down to individual departments, while also getting the opportunity to ask questions. The main topics discussed ranged from the overarching state of the Tribe to the annual Treasurer’s Report. The meet-

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Angela Baker (4) controls the ball away from a Del Norte player during the Lady Bobcats’ 9-0 road win Friday, April 22.

BOBCATS SOCCER

Lady ’Cats battle hard in late-season road matches

IHS bested in Cortez, Pagosa Springs

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Though goals have continued to come for Ignacio Girls’ Soccer, wins unfortunately have not.

And after forcing 3A Montezuma-Cortez to play the full 80 minutes, with sophomore Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga’s 78th-minute marker keeping the hosting Lady Panthers honest in a 6-1 victory Friday, April 29, the Lady Bobcats’ two second-half strikes the next evening pressed 3A Pagosa Springs into likewise focusing on finishing fully a 4-2 home win.

Freshman Elizabeth Currier’s two goals helped the Lady Pirates stop a three-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Swarmed by multiple teammates including Alexis Ortiz (7), Ignacio’s Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga (10) celebrates her shutout-breaking 78th-minute goal Friday, April 29, at Montezuma-Cortez.

match slide, and improve to 5-7 overall (0-5 3A Southwestern) with only a 5/5 trip to Alamosa remaining on the 2022 regular-season schedule. Senior Kori Lucero and sophomore Nika Hinger each scored once, while Cur-

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Native nations reunite at Tingley



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

(Left to right) Nicole Iron-Bull, Raetava Godinez, Shamaray Littlechild, Tiff Cozad, Sheila Nanaeto, and Tarissa Spoonhunter competed as Cozad and placed first in the Southern Women’s Backup Singing competition.



Laryn Oakes-Yazzie of Whitecap, Sask. competes in the Women’s Fancy Shawl Category.

See more Gathering of Nations coverage on page 13.

TRIBAL INFORMATION SERVICES

Front entrance of historic Annex building remodeled to house welcome desk, receptionist

By Divine Windy Boy

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Tribal Information Services (TIS), Property and Facilities, and Southern Ute Shared Services worked together to install a receptionist window located at the Annex Building on the Southern Ute Tribal Campus. The introduction of the receptionist window was added to acknowledge the health and safety of all tribal clients and tribal staff. The receptionist window went live with administrative operation, Monday, May 2.

Construction of the new receptionist window began in March of this year and was completed by April. Planning for the project was coordinated by the Tribal Information Services and the Property and Facilities Departments.

“The total cost for the new security window installation came to around \$1,200 dollars,” Building Maintenance Division Head Gerard Gallegos said. Tribal Annex staff have embraced the receptionist area concept and have been proactive throughout the planning. The intent is that tribal departments housed in the Annex building will benefit from the modernization and professional setting. TIS receptionists will rotate coverage at the new station, providing customer service and departmental information as needed.

The Annex Building was constructed in the early 1930’s and is now roughly 90 years old, what used to serve as a dormitory for the Ute Vocational School now houses the Tribal Planning Department and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with Wildlife Resource Management, Lands, GIS and the DNR administration office.

Tribal Information Services Administrative Assistant, Samantha Maez, is hopeful that the new improvement will better serve the tribal membership as well as the TIS Staff. “We have a few new employees – this is brand new for all of us, so this is an opportunity for us to grow as a team,” Maez said. “Quali-



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Tribal Information Services Mail Clerk and Receptionist Deeana Cruz greets one of the first early morning visitors at the Southern Ute Tribal Annex Building on Monday, May 2. A Tribal Information Services Receptionist will now greet all visitors to the building and require individuals to sign in and out per the building security policy.

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MEMBERSHIP RECIEVES UPDATE • FROM PAGE 1



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute Executive Officer, James “Mike” Olguin updates the membership on the state of the Permanent Fund. Olguin discussed matters including tribal member employment in addition to fiscal and budget goals for the year.

ing also included an update from Water Resources, project highlights from Southern Ute Shared Services, a special update from the Culture Department’s “Hundredth Year of Tribal Fair” celebration, closing out the day with updates from the Southern Ute Growth Fund.

THE STATE OF THE TRIBE ADDRESS

Chairman Baker began the General Meeting with the “State of the Tribe” and Chairman’s Report to help detail the overall condition of the Southern Ute Tribe as well as introduce the topics of discussion for the meeting.

Effective Tuesday, March 1, the Southern Ute Tribe has rescinded all COVID-19 restrictions allowing tribal employees back into the workplace and visits from the tribal membership and public as business allows.

Since the last General Meeting in late 2021, the Southern Ute Tribe and Tribal Council have continued to work on projects within the fluctuation of the Pandemic. One of many being a general reevaluation of the Tribal Code. This evaluation will help determine which parts of the Tribal Code need to be updated. Currently, the Tribal Council is working to evaluate the “Truancy Code,” which is aimed at kids in school and helping them complete their education.

The Southern Ute Tribal Council has also continued work at the state and federal level to procure assistance and funding for projects, while continuing to be involved in legislation.

“Understanding what is going on at the federal level and how it impacts the Tribe, and the membership is vital,” explained Chairman Baker. “This year there has been quite a bit of bills signed by Governor Polis and the state of Colorado that do have impacts to the Tribe and that’s a first. We are really seeing things moving.” Chairman Baker continued to explain the possibility of the introduction of a lobbyist position that would work directly with the Southern Ute Tribe and the State of Colorado to help push legislation and bills that supports the Southern Ute Tribe and Indigenous people that are residents in the state.

One bill that moved forward with the involvement of the Southern Ute Tribe was the Prohibit American Indian Mascots Act (SB21-116). This act was signed in 2021 and removes potentially harmful stereotyp-

ical logos and names from schools across the state. The act is starting to take effect in some districts, as schools are actively changing their team names and mascots; there are several schools in Colorado that are continuing to hold out on changing their names and are being financially penalized as a result.

Tribal Council continues their work on various panels and committees at the local and state level dealing with prominent issues such as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) and Tribal Water Rights, among others, to further secure a seat at the table for tribes and Indigenous people.

WATER RESOURCES UPDATE

One of the biggest topics of discussion at the General Meeting was the use and management of water on the Southern Ute Reservation. The Water Resources Division Head, Kathy Rall gave an update to the membership on the current state of water management and rights.

“As you know water is very much a big deal, nowadays,” Rall stated. “Our water Resource mission statement is to make sure that we take care of the Tribe’s water as best we can for the future and for current membership.”

Following this mission, the Southern Ute Water Resource division is responsible for management to protect water rights, develop water access, provide technical support, represent the Tribe in water rights negotiation, monitor water resumés - or legal notices, and apply for grants as needed. “So that includes conservation and making sure we use the resources in the Tribe’s best interest,” Rall explained.

The Southern Ute Reservation is located in a region called the Upper Colorado Basin and receives most of its water from the seven rivers that flow through tribal lands as well as Vallecito and Lemon Reservoirs. The Tribe has established water rights due partly to an 1868 agreement from when the Southern Ute Reservation was established and holds some of the oldest water rights in the region. Due to this agreement, the federal government is dedicated to ensuring that the Tribe receives its water.

This compact was signed in 1922 without the input of Tribes in the area and features seven states in total with four – including Colorado – in the upper basin and three in the lower basin. Water has been released out of Lake Pow-

ell with the authorization of the Colorado River Compact to help ease the effects of the yearly droughts in the Lower Colorado Basin, which is causing concern amongst Tribes in the area.

According to Rall, the Colorado River Basin in its entirety has been in a drought since 2007. “They developed this water right specifically with no tribal involvement and the Tribes have rights to over 25% of the Colorado River,” Rall said.

To ensure tribes are receiving their water rights, the Southern Ute Tribe, among many others are working with state and the federal government to renegotiate the Colorado River Compact to include and allocate for tribes in the region to receive their water. The Colorado River Compact expires on December 31, 2025, and a new negotiation is being spearheaded by Southern Ute Tribal Council member Lorelei Cloud, representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

SO. UTE SHARED SERVICES UPDATE

Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS) has been busy working on a variety of projects including a cyber security campaign, the Tribal Member Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) and the Tribal Member Experience portal. The major update that was given to the membership was a progress report on the Broadband Modernization Project.

As of Friday, April 23, Southern Ute Shared Services, and contractors are still currently working on Phase I of the Broadband Modernization Project – out of three initially proposed phases. In this initial phase, SUSS is employing the FCC 2.5 GHz license as well as 52 miles of fiber optic cable, which is being installed near State Highways and County Roads on the reservation. County Road 318 West and Highway 516 currently have teams installing cables using a variety of equipment, including bore machines, adding a number of new structures to help with connectivity.

“We are constructing two new towers,” Southern Ute Shared Service Chief Information Officer, Jeff Engman explained. “We are using four existing towers ... in order to push broadband signal to the highest density populations within the reservation.”

Between now and September of 2022, workers will continue to work on installing fiber optic cables, securing funding from the state, working on business planning operations, while also planning engineering aspects for Phase II.

Another big project that SUSS is currently undertaking is the Tribal Member Digital Equity Program. With this program, SUSS and the Southern Ute Tribe want to improve access to technology for tribal elders and any members who might not know how to use computers. The project will also help provide tools that can help tribal members connect to tribal services like the new Tribal Member Experience website, essential services, school programs, and remote work. 75 computers will be immediately distributed to the membership, with priority for elders, with plans to release as many as 1,000 computers after five years.



Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Members of the Southern Ute community came together, Tuesday, May 1 for an informative workshop at the Multi-purpose Facility in Ignacio to learn about making traditional dresses and ribbon shirts. Tami Weage led the dressmaking instruction.

This photo was first published in the May 4, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

On April 24, 2002, the Southern Ute Veterans donated jackets to the Vocational Rehabilitation Program for the May 9 basketball “Shoot Off” held at the Ignacio Junior High School. Veteran Russel Box and Southern Ute Veterans Service Officer Rod Grove presented the jackets to Wilinda GoodTracks of Vocational Rehab.

This photo was published in the May 3, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dedra Millich/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Dewitte J. Baker received a Student Achievement award for academic excellence. Baker was enrolled in a Criminal Justice Program at Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs, Colo. and made the Dean’s List for the 1991 Fall Semester.

This photo was published in the May 2, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Painting by Oreland C. Joe, Indian sculptor and artist, born in 1958 in Shiprock, N.M. on the Navajo Reservation. Joe is Navajo and Southern Ute and an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

This photo was published in the May 7, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



NATIVE JOURNALISM

NAJA releases Inuktitut translated Inuit Media Guide

Celebrating UN Decade of Indigenous Languages

Staff report

NATIVE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

The Native American Journalists Association is proud to release our Inuktitut translated Inuit Media Guide for the launch of the UN Decade of Indigenous Languages.

“We believe that journalism and Indigenous storytelling contributes to the reclamation of our languages. Which is why we wanted to share something special like this. We are starting with Inuktitut today but there’s more to come,” said Francine Compton, NAJA President and a citizen of Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation.

Reporting on Inuit Communities in Nunavut, Canada, effectively requires an understanding of their respective government, people, history, art and environment. NAJA’s Inuit Media Guide is a tool for journalists to learn about the complexities of their varied



communities and has been translated to Inuktitut in honor of preserving Indigenous languages.

The United Nations General Assembly (Resolution A/RES/74/135) proclaimed the period between 2022 and 2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL 2022-2032), to draw global attention on the critical situation of many Indigenous languages and to mobilize stakeholders and resources for their preservation, revitalization and promotion.

The proclamation of an International Decade is a key outcome of the 2019 International Year of Indige-

nous Languages, for which the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) lead global efforts.

NAJA thanks our partners at the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and APTN News.

Native American Journalists Association

NAJA serves more than 1,000 members, including media professionals working in tribal, freelance, independent and mainstream news outlets, as well as academia and students covering Indigenous communities and representing tribal nations from across North America.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

StrongHearts Native Helpline honors our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

Staff report

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

As a helpline dedicated to serving Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic, dating, and sexual violence, StrongHearts Native Helpline honors our relatives and communities impacted by Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) and those working to end this crisis.

StrongHearts understands the issues of MMIR are related to domestic, dating and sexual violence. We know that missing and murdered victims can be children, elders, Two-Spirit, men and those with disabilities. This crisis affects all of our relatives.

Research shows that women are more likely to be killed by an intimate partner (husband, boyfriend, same-sex partner, or ex) than by anyone else. Over 84 percent of Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime. Nationally, across all racial and ethnic groups, approximately two out of five female murder victims are killed by an intimate partner. Homicide is a leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women. Many killings linked to domestic violence occur right after recent breakups or during separations. Leaving an abusive relationship is the most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Native peoples also face being killed by strangers. For Native male victims, 12.3 percent of the time, the suspect is a person known to the victim but the exact nature of the relationship was unclear. For Native female victims, 7.9 percent of the time, the suspect was or is a person known to the victim but the exact nature of the relationship was unclear.

Complicated legal systems, jurisdictional confusion, and lack of resources continue to leave many Native victims of violence and their families without support or justice. Whether the violence is coming from inside the home, or from strangers living near tribal communities or in urban centers, meaningful action must be taken to prevent more of our relatives from going missing or being murdered. Our relatives deserve justice.

Each year, the MMIR issue gets more visibility in the United States. An important milestone was reached on Nov. 15, 2021 when President Joe Biden

signed Executive Order 14053, aimed at improving public safety and criminal justice for Native Americans and addressing the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people. The Executive Order builds on work that was already in place under the Attorney General’s MMIP Initiative and Operation Lady Justice (established in November 2019), and the tasks required by Savanna’s Act and the Not Invisible Act. Published in November 2021, “When a Loved One Goes Missing: Resources for Families of Missing American Indian and Alaska Native Adults” is an Operation Lady Justice guide that provides critical information and resources to assist family members with the search for a missing adult loved one.

When Native American and Alaska Native victims of intimate partner violence and sexual violence have access to culturally appropriate advocacy, they are less likely to end up in a situation where they murdered. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a safe, anonymous, and confidential helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives affected by domestic, dating, and sexual violence. StrongHearts advocates understand the unique barriers to safety and justice that Native peoples face.

Advocates are available 24/7 by texting or calling 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or via online chat at strongheartshelpline.org. Advocates can provide lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Individuals

- Read How to Support a Loved One in an Abusive Relationship.
- Read Colonization and Domestic Violence.
- View and share these three new short MMIR PSAs on StrongHearts’ YouTube channel.
- Like, follow and share organizations working on the MMIR crisis on social media.
- Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center (AK-NWRC): Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.
- Lakota People’s Law Project: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube.
- MMIW USA: Facebook.
- National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center (NIWRC): Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube.
- Not Our Native Daugh-

- ters: Facebook.
- Sovereign Bodies Institute: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.
- Learn about the cross-jurisdictional issues facing missing and murdered Native peoples.
- Learn about your area’s MMIR, their names and MMIR open and closed cases.
- Learn about your local law enforcement’s definition of a missing person (child or adult) and how to advocate for yourself and your missing loved one when talking to the police.

Although it’s understandably a very stressful situation when you need to report a missing relative, it’s important to be calm, state the facts, and be prepared to offer any helpful information that will aid a search (list of friends and acquaintances who might have information, clothing description and recent photographs).

- Engage with your local news media about MMIR

When a relative goes missing, contact your local news media (print, TV and radio) to encourage them to get the word out. News media can be reached by phone, email or on their social media pages.

- Volunteer to join searches for missing persons. Searching for a missing relative can be an emotional, overwhelming experience and especially traumatic if they are found murdered. Talking with friends, family members, tribal and spiritual leaders, or a professional therapist can be comforting and provide strategies for processing grief.
- Attend, support or organize a community event in your area to raise awareness of MMIR – a community walk or run, vigil or any type of fundraiser/awareness event.
- Donate to organizations working on the MMIR crisis.

Organizations

- Center BIPOC voices on your platforms
- Donate to organizations doing the work
- Partner with organizations doing the work on events, calls to action and awareness campaigns
- Provide information and support via employment assistance programs

COME AND JOIN US!

ELDER SERVICES IS HOSTING TWO SEWING CLASSES FOR OUR ELDERS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

LOCATION: CULTURAL CENTER SEWING CLASSROOM

We will be making Ribbon Shirts, Ribbon Skirts and Shawls. We have room for 8 guests to come and join our class. This class will be first come, first serve. Wednesday, May 11, 2022, will be reserved for the completion of our creations. If you would like to join us, please contact: Michelle Salazar (Elder Services Admin)

@ 970-563-2309 and reserve your spot. There will be drinks, snacks and a lunch provided.

Come join us for an afternoon of fun!

Save the date

2022 SOUTHERN UTE FAIR CONTEST POWWOW

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH

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Secretary— Rochelle Aguilar, 970-563-2990

Brandi Raines, Jalisa Paul, Edward Box III

SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE

Attention

The 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair will be held September 9–11, 2022. The Cultural Preservation Department is seeking Tribal Members, Tribal Departments, Tribal Employees, or community members to volunteer as superintendents for the following events:

Tug-O-War

BBQ Cook-Off

Golf Tournament

Bowling Tournament

All Native Chicken Pull

All Native Bareback Watermelon Horse Race

All Native Best Hand Painted Horse

Tipi Raising Contest

If no one volunteers as superintendents for the listed events by May 13, 2022, the event will be canceled.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Marvin Pinnecoose at 970-563-2983 or mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov



HEALTHY RECIPES

Try homemade breakfast bars

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

Try homemade breakfast bars as an alternative to store bought! Cheaper, healthy and can be adjusted to your preferences. Include the kids in this simple preparation and they will be more likely to eat them. Make ahead for a quick, out-the-door breakfast.

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



courtesy Healthy Fitness Meals

Chewy Oatmeal Breakfast Bars

Ingredients

- 2 cups old fashioned rolled oats (not instant)
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ cups milk (cow, almond, soy)
- 3 tablespoon honey or real maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter (can use almond butter, too)
- ½ cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 medium banana, mashed
- ¼ cup walnuts, chopped

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Prepare an 8x8 inch baking pan with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, stir dry ingredients together (oats, flour, cinnamon, baking powder and salt).
3. In a separate bowl, stir moist ingredients together (milk, honey, peanut butter, egg, vanilla, and banana).
4. Mix moist and dry ingredients together and stir to combine. Let sit for 10 minutes.
5. Fold in nuts.
6. Bake 30 minutes or until golden brown and a toothpick comes out clean.

Serves: 9
Nutrition per serving: 230 Calories, 6.6g Fat, 37g Carbohydrates, 3.5g Fiber, 7.7g Protein.

Other add-ins: blueberries, cranberries, almonds, chocolate chips, or raisins.

Proclamation for Mental Health



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

In recognition and awareness of mental health, Tribal Council approved a proclamation declaring the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Ramona Eagle signs the proclamation – making it official, Thursday, April 28.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL
HONORARY PROCLAMATION

May is Mental Health Awareness Month
“Mental Health is Health”

- WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being; and
- WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and
- WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and
- WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and
- WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and
- WHEREAS, with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and
- WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the foregoing, the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe does hereby proclaim the month of May, from this day forward, as

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and encourages all community members to recognize the resilience of those living with mental illness. Let us strengthen our commitment to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

This Proclamation was approved and adopted this 26th day of April, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Seal to be affixed this 26th day of April, 2022.

Ramona Y. Eagle
Ms. Ramona Y. Eagle, Vice Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council



30-MINUTE COOKING MATTERS® ONLINE THE FAMILY KITCHEN

Join us for a FREE, interactive class as we discuss:

- Safe, age-appropriate tasks for kids in the kitchen
- Ideas for making meals or snacks with kid-friendly steps

Wednesday, May 18th @ 5:30PM

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CookingMattersApril18>

Receive a \$10 gift card to Walmart for Participation



Sign up for a FREE, healthy meal kit for you and your family with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness’s monthly program — *Shining Mountain Fresh*



Sign up for your meal kit now! Use the link below, or scan the QR code to quickly register in under 2 minutes!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIMFreshMay>

Sign-up Deadline: Monday, May 23rd

* Pickup Date: Wednesday, May 25th

Meal Kit Includes:

- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

Contact: Morgann Graham (970)-563-2349
If you need to schedule a different pickup time/date, please reach out to Morgann

New Pharmacy Hours

Effective 5/2/22



To allow our service to be more convenient, the SUHC Pharmacy will be open until 12:30 on Tuesdays & Thursdays for prescription pick-up during the lunch hour.

Pharmacy hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday -

8 am-5 pm (CLOSED 12 pm-1 pm)

Tuesday & Thursday –

8 am-5 pm (CLOSED 12:30 pm-1:30 pm)

- We offer **prescription delivery** on and off campus. Please ask pharmacy staff if you need a medication delivered. 970-563-4781
- Don’t forget to ask to sign up for **text messaging!** You will receive a text message when your prescription is ready to be picked up, and a reminder when it is due to be returned to stock. We also offer **auto-fill** of monthly medications for your convenience.



PUBLIC HEALTH

Pertussis cases on the rise in La Plata, Archuleta counties

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

After two years of low case counts, Pertussis, or “whooping cough,” is more prevalent in Colorado in 2022. All residents are urged to get vaccinated to reduce the risk of infection. There have been 29 pertussis cases in Colorado this year, up from seven over the same period in 2021. Of those, six cases have been reported in La Plata and Archuleta counties in March. This increase serves as a reminder to be sure you are current with your pertussis vaccine – either DTaP or TdaP – which helps protect against and reduces the severity of the illness.

Pertussis is an illness

spread by direct contact with respiratory droplets or saliva from an infected person. Initial symptoms typically include cold like symptoms and a mild cough or fever. This can develop into fits of rapid coughing followed by a high-pitched “whoop” sound, vomiting and gasping. Symptoms are often more severe in babies. The average incubation period is 7-10 days. People who are current on their DTaP or TdaP vaccine can still be infected with pertussis but usually experience a milder and shorter illness. Find out more about vaccinations at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/pertussis/index.html

Of the cases reported statewide, the individuals infected with pertussis

have ranged in age from 10 months to 77 years. There have been no reported hospitalizations associated with the cases. Aside from two family clusters, none of the cases are linked nor do they share a common exposure. If you are experiencing a cough that has lasted two or more weeks, or coughing fits or post-cough vomiting, see your medical provider. San Juan Basin Public Health is a local public health agency, governed by a seven-member local Board of Health, serving all residents of La Plata and Archuleta counties. For over 70 years, San Juan Basin Public Health has improved the health and environment of the Southwest Colorado community.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Highly pathogenic avian influenza confirmed in backyard poultry in La Plata County

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) has confirmed the detection of Highly Pathogenic H5N1 Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in a mixed species backyard poultry operation in La Plata County.

The State Veterinarian’s office was notified by a flock owner about an increase of sickness and mortality in a mixed species poultry flock in La Plata County on April 14. A veterinarian in Durango sampled two of the sick birds and submitted samples to the CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for testing, with confirmation of HPAI made by NVSL on April 20. The flock was experiencing significant illness and was humanely euthanized on April 17.

Avian influenza does not present a food safety risk; poultry and eggs are safe to eat when handled and cooked properly. No human cases of avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States. In birds, HPAI has a mortality rate of 90%-100% within just a few days, so flock surveillance and disease reporting are critical to containing the spread of the virus.

Anyone who notices any signs of illness or disease in their flocks should immediately notify the State Veterinarian’s office at 303-869-9130.

Poultry owners across Colorado are advised to review and increase their biosecurity measures and monitor their flocks for clinical signs of HPAI, which include sudden death without clinical signs; lack of energy or appetite; decreased egg production; soft-shelled or misshapen eggs; swelling or purple discoloration of head, eyelids, comb, hocks; nasal discharge; coughing; sneezing; incoordination; and diarrhea.

Bird owners should immediately report any illness or death in their flocks to the Colorado State Veterinarian’s office. Dead birds should be double-bagged



and refrigerated for possible testing, away from human food or other avian products. Bird owners struggling with stress or anxiety around HPAI can contact Colorado Crisis Services by calling 1-844-494-TALK (8255) or texting TALK to 38255. Farmers and ranchers can receive a voucher for six free sessions with an ag-competent provider through the Colorado Agricultural Addiction and Mental Health Program (campforhealth.com).

WHAT BIRD OWNERS CAN DO

- **Increase Biosecurity:** Poultry owners must immediately increase biosecurity measures to protect their birds from HPAI. The USDA Defend the Flock website has helpful resources for keeping poultry healthy in any operation. Commercial poultry producers can use this toolkit to assess their biosecurity practices and preparedness.
- **Monitor:** Monitor your flock for clinical signs of HPAI, including monitoring production parameters (feed and water consumption, egg production) and increased illness and death. Any changes in production parameters that could indicate HPAI should be reported.
- **Report:** Veterinarians and producers must report any suspicious disease events in poultry flocks to the State Veterinarian’s office at 303-869-9130. If it is after hours, the voice-mail message will indicate which veterinarian is on call.

If you have sick birds or birds that have died from unknown causes, help is available at the Colorado Avian Health Call Line at CSU, 970-297-4008.

Wild birds: If you find three or more dead wild birds in a specific area within a two-week period OR if you see live birds showing clinical signs of disease, please contact your local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office.

TIPS FOR FLOCK OWNERS

Protect Your Birds from the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). HPAI is a highly contagious and fatal foreign animal disease in domestic poultry. Wild birds serve as a reservoir for influenza viruses and can spread these viruses to poultry. Flock owners should review and increase their biosecurity measures.

- **Increase Biosecurity**
- Check your plans and make sure everyone knows what safety practices are being used and implemented.
- **Monitor Flocks**
- Monitor production parameters (like feed and water consumption). signs of HPAI, or other changes in bird behavior.
- **Report Disease**
- Report suspicious disease events in your commercial or back yard flocks to the State Veterinarian’s office.
- **Secure Food Supply**
- Enroll as a Secure Food Supply (SFS) participant through the State Veterinarian’s office.



FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

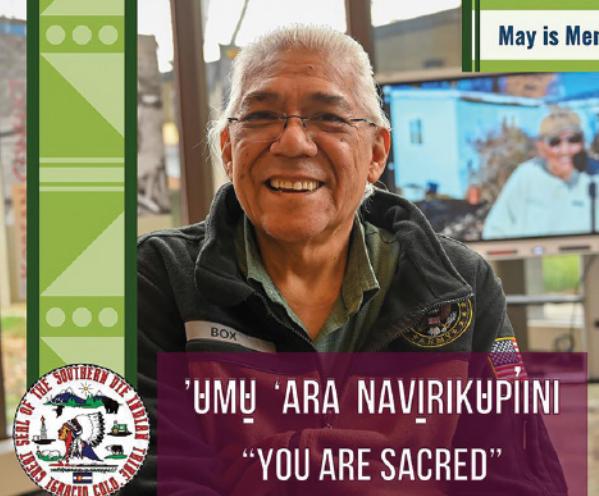


The Southern Ute Division of Social Services is recruiting foster homes in Ignacio and nearby communities to help provide safe and stable family home care to children in need of protective services.

Will you help?

CONTACT DSS TODAY!
FOSTER CARE COORDINATOR KELLIE YAZZIE
CALL/TEXT: Cell/Text: 970-749-7420







May is Mental Health Awareness Month

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

- **Southern Ute Behavioral Health**
970.563.5700, Monday through Friday
4101 CR 222, Durango, CO
- **Local 24-hr Crisis Hotline**
970.247.5245
- **Colorado Crisis Services**
1.844.483.TALK(8255) or text “Talk” to 38255
- **National Suicide Prevention**
1.800.273.TALK(8255)
- **National Suicide Prevention**
Text “HOME” to 741741

‘UMU ‘ARA NAVIRIKUPINI
“YOU ARE SACRED”





White Bison's Medicine Wheel & 12-Step Program

NEW LOCATION!!!

IN-PERSON MEETINGS WILL BE AT SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM- LARGE CLASS ROOM

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 5:30-7:00 PM
STARTING MAY 11, 2022

Please contact Marvinna Olguin marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov for more information.
If you plan on attending, please call us at 970.563.5700 to RSVP.
Light snacks will be provided.


Brought to you by the:
Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division



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It is our mission to inspire & empower other sisters & brothers in treatment and help those in recovery live a life of integrity, honesty, & resiliency. Knowing that honesty is the foundation of change, if we live our lives one moment at a time & rationalize every thought before it becomes an action, WE WILL CHANGE.

You don't have to do it alone; we can do this together.
Facilitators: Marvinna Olguin, Peer Recovery Coach &
Jay Hayes CADC-2, ICADC Substance Abuse Counselor

Updated 5/3/2022



White Bison's Warrior Down Wellbriety Talking Circle



THIS IS A VIRTUAL ONLY TALKING CIRCLE.

EVERY THURSDAY 12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM

Contact Marvinna Olguin marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov for more information.

If you plan on attending, please call us at 970.563.5700 to RSVP and we will email or text you the virtual meeting log on information.

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Updated 4/23/2022



courtesy SUIMA

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Primary students, Stoney Bluestar and Myklyn Goodtracks observing the butterfly's life cycle.

SUIMA

From the Eagle's Nest

Kwanachigani pe'ekwatn - Eagle's Nest

By Principal Mari Jo Owens
SU INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

A big shout out to all the students at SUIMA!

During Earth week, STEM projects were the focus as well as activities to help our community. In the infant and toddler level, the students were busy with cause-and-effect activities using baking soda, vinegar, and drops of food color. Each child was given a small container of diluted vinegar and a dropper. They squeezed the vinegar into the baking soda to create different colored bubbles.

In the early childhood/primary level, the students learned about the butterfly's life cycle – egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, and butterfly. All the EC/P classrooms ordered live caterpillars for their classrooms. They are going to observe when they start to form their chrysalis, how long they take to change into butterflies, and then release them.

The lower elementary students learned geometry con-



courtesy SUIMA

Sage Velasquez and Sapphire Herrera read about how to care for caterpillars as they learn about a butterfly's life cycle.



courtesy SUIMA

The toddlers in T1 work on a STEM activity using baking soda, vinegar, and food coloring.

cepts, in addition to green energy. They used a Venn diagram to compare and contrast energy forms, writing in their journals about their progress. Not only did the upper elementary students create their own Roly-Poly habitats, but they also planted flowers for the Sun Ute center as well as picked up trash around the Tribal campus.

'apagha nuu

When an outside source came to observe recently at SUIMA, she had nothing but praise regarding the progress we are making here at the school with speaking the Ute language. While she was in one of the primary classrooms, she observed one of the Ute language guides speaking Ute 90% of the time during their morning circle.

She noticed that the students responded in Ute and were super engaged. She was impressed with the fantastic visuals, use of songs, and hands-on activities for the kids. She also noticed that the students were genuinely and fully enthralled!

It was nice to hear from someone who is not part of our school. It gave validity to the SUIMA staff as we work hard to build on the cornerstone of the school – our Ute language.

Nuu'apaghapi

(Ute phrases, sentences and songs)

- Look at this. – Punikyaaqh 'ich.
- What? – 'áay'
- Look at this. – Punikyaaqh 'ich.
- Here. (location) – 'iveeti.
- This is beautiful. (inanimate) – 'ích na'áwaapuni
- Really! (amazement) – 'úvaa'!
- Are you sure? – 'úma' tuvúsapa ik
- Yes, of course. – 'uú, 'úchų'ará.

Upcoming events

- May 10 – Family Night – topic: TBA
- May 11 – I/T parents appreciation potluck
- May 11 – National Nurses Day
- May 16 – Ignacio Community Library summer reading skits
- May 17 – Sun Ute sponsored walk
- May 18 – Field Day
- May 19 & 20 – Primary level field trips
- May 20 – Upper elementary poetry slam with Tanaya Winder
- May 26 – End-of-the-year ceremony – Parade details will be coming out soon.
- May 27 – Opening of Bear Dance (half day)

Scholarships are available for the 2022-2023 academic year

Southern Ute Scholarship Program

Certificate, Associate, Bachelor, Master or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is 5 pm July 1st 2022
- Part-time scholarships are also available-Due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Scholarship applications are now available on-line or you can pick them up in-person



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



For more information: Michael Kirsch-
Academic Advisor
970-563- 2783
E-mail: mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov

Celebrating So. Ute seniors



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal High School graduating seniors enjoyed a luncheon with the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Monday, April 25 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Among those in attendance were Rhianna Carel, Yllana Cloud, SaRya Coyote, Ezekiel Howell, and Cyrus Naranjo.

Tribal Council member Linda Baker encouraged the students to continue doing well and offered positive remarks regarding their upcoming graduation. The luncheon was held to provide support to the students to encourage them as they finish their education and to show that their efforts do not go unnoticed.



A wild field trip



photos courtesy Terence Whyte

Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Biologist, Aran Johnson, spoke to the Ignacio Elementary second grade students about the Lake Capote habitat and animals that live in the area on Thursday, April 28.



With assistance from Southern Ute Wildlife Technician, Danielle Austin, Sakarii GoodTracks catches a glimpse of the Osprey nest from afar on Thursday, April 28.

SUIMA FAMILY NIGHT

MAY 10
6-7 P.M.



STUDENT:
SHAYNE
WHITETHUNDER



VIRTUAL MEETING LINK WILL BE SENT VIA REMIND TEXT MESSAGING TO SUIMA FAMILIES.

ATTENDANCE WILL BE COUNTED TOWARDS PARENT COMMITMENT REQUIREMENT.



IES Empty Bowls Project



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Angela Richards and daughter Aaliyah Richards select ceramic clay bowls created by students at Ignacio Elementary School as part of the Empty Bowls Project which took place Thursday, April 28 in the Ignacio Elementary School Cafeteria. The Empty Bowls Project is an international project aimed at raising awareness to local and global hunger; this movement supports food-related charitable organizations around the world and has raised millions of dollars to help end hunger.

Ignacio High School student Solymar Cosio, and teacher Gretchen Gruber, select a soup to fill their new ceramic clay bowls at the Empty Bowls Project event held, Thursday, April 28. All participants had a wide variety of soups and bowls to choose from.



courtesy Ignacio Elementary School

The Ignacio Elementary School hosted the Bobcat Family Dance, Friday, April 22 in the school's gymnasium. DJ Oscar Cosio provided the dance music for the evening event.

BOBCAT BULLETIN

How is it already May?

By Ashley Johnston
IGNACIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
PRINCIPAL

My goodness, what a whirlwind of a school year it has been! Our students have grown so much, right before our eyes, and it's a little sad to think we are closing in on the end of our year together. It was wonderful to watch our students support each other as CMAS buddies, and we are looking forward to great results this year – and now that we have that under our belts, we are chock-full of educational fun for the remainder of the year.

I want to take this opportunity to highlight the wonderful things we've accomplished on our campus this year and activities planned to engage our school community. At the top of my list is our student progress for Accelerated Reader – Mrs. Angela Ballew led the charge for our 15-million-word challenge and our readers have already blown this goal out of the water! We are now headed for a goal of 17 million words read by May 13 – we can do it!!

We'll have our final Bobcat Assemblies soon, so be on the lookout for invites



Ashley Johnston
Principal
Ignacio Elementary School

to come and celebrate our Readers, Sporty Cats, and Six Pillar Bobcats.

On the heels of our word challenge we will be hosting our very first Luau. From our Bobcat Title Team; "The Title Team is excited to share that we will be hosting a Learning Luau Family Night on Thursday, May 19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.! We are excited to put together this elementary family learning event, which will include a free dinner, followed by a rotation of family-friendly learning stations throughout the school building. We will be sending you RSVP forms soon." We hope to see our Bobcat families at this fun and educational event.

We also have a very im-

portant event coming up next week for our incoming Kindergarteners; our Elementary Meet and Greet, 5 – 6:30 p.m. on May 12. We are excited to meet our new Kinders, have some dinner and explore the campus.

If we didn't get to meet you at our Bobcat Family Dance or our Empty Bowls event, both of which were spectacular, we hope to see you here! Many thanks to our PTO, Community Outreach Committee, DJ Cosio and Mrs. Brown for making these events special nights to remember. We have so many more events coming up this month – here's a look ahead:

- Spring Concerts
- Field Trips Galore
- Yearbook Sales
- Bobcat Assemblies
- 22-23 Student Online Registration
- Field Days
- Fifth Grade Continuation
- Kinder Graduation

I am continually grateful to our Bobcat Family and the Community of Ignacio for making such a positive impact on our Littlest Bobcats. I am looking forward to many more successful years to come.

2022 REGIONAL SCHOOLS UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

- May 26 – Academy Transition Ceremony
- May 27 – Half-Day for Students
- May 27 – Students' Last Day (Bear Dance to follow)



IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

- May 9 – Field Day (Kinder only)
- May 24 – 5th Grade Continuation
- May 25 – Kindergarten Graduation
- May 26 – Field Day (1st - 5th Grades)
- May 26 – Students' Last Day
- May 28 – High School Graduation (Parade to follow)



BAYFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

- May 15 – High School Graduation
- May 19 – 8th Grade Continuation
- May 19 – Students' Last Day

DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT

- May 27 – High School Graduation
- June 2 – Students' Last Day



MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT

- May 26 – Students' Last Day
- May 26 – High School Graduation



Please check each school's websites for additional information.

Attention Graduating Seniors
Southern Ute & JOM Students

Your 2022 Senior photo is requested for The Southern Ute Drum!

As part of our annual **Special Feature of Graduating Seniors**, The Southern Ute Drum publishes photos of graduates of: 1) Southern Ute tribal members AND 2) Johnson O'Malley (JOM)* students who are graduating from High School in 2022. Southern Ute tribal members who are graduating off the Southern Ute Indian Reservation are encouraged to submit a photo to be included in the Drum's annual feature.

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



DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MAY 16 BY 5 P.M.

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

- Digital Photos need to be at least 4"x 6" @ 300 dpi, or (1200 x 1800 pixels @ 300 dpi).
- Photos can also be scanned if brought to the Drum offices. Contact and schedule an appointment with Fabian Martinez at 970-563-2274.
- If taking a photo with cellphone, please set camera to "Fine" (Large) image.
- Please note: Photos may be color corrected and cropped for sizing.
- Please include the following: **Student's Name; Name of School; Town and State.** (i.e. John Smith, Ignacio High School, Ignacio, Colo.)
- If mailing a photo to be scanned, send photo to: **The Southern Ute Drum, PO Box 737 #96, Ignacio, CO 81137** (your photo will be mailed back to you). *The Southern Ute Drum assumes no responsibility if photo is damaged via mail delivery.*

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

34th Academic Banquet at IHS



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ignacio High School Senior Alric Hudson waits to be awarded the National Honor Society graduation chord, honoring a student's four-year dedication to academic excellence, on Monday, May 2 at the 34th Annual Academic Awards Banquet and National Honor Society Induction. This banquet honored students earning 3.5 GPA scores or higher as well as honoring the new National Honor Society inductees and current members of National Honor Society.

Kristianna Brann is selected to win a prize during the conclusion of the banquet, all names of students that earned an award were drawn raffle style to pop a balloon and win a prize. Brann won the "movie package" which included snacks, movies, and a bean bag chair.





Recognizing kindness



courtesy Nathan Strong Elk

Samantha Elk, daughter of Nathan and Meyannie Elk, is a recipient of the April Citizenship of the Month Award for “friendship.” She is a former Southern Ute Montessori Indian School student, a Bear Dancer, and loves the Ute language. The friendship award is given to students for their kindness, helping others in the classroom and on the playground. She is courteous to others and is a student at Bayfield Intermediate School. She is pictured with school counselor Rob Stafford, Nathan Strong Elk, Meyannie Elk, Jayden Elk, Savannah Elk, and school principal Amber Connet.

ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD NOMINATIONS
Nominations are being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award

Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are: A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Deserving; A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program; Interested in continuing his or her education; Interested in serving the Tribe and the community; and Approved by the Department of Education. An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 2022 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For information contact Ellen at 970-563-2793 or email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd’s children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Tribal student.

LEND YOUR VOICE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Ignacio School District

STRATEGIC
PLAN
MEETINGS

All meetings will be held in the
Ignacio High School Auditorium from 5:30pm - 7:00pm

May 23rd - Focus group progress report and finalize Strategic Plan

June 9th - Present to Board for potential adoption

All parents, community members, district employees, and students are encouraged to attend. A light meal will be served at each meeting.

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION
CDOT offering career apprenticeships in LaPlata County

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation is beginning a new maintenance apprentice program, seeking to fill 10 positions across the state for people interested in pursuing a career in public safety.

Each position is entry level and offers two years of paid mentorship. It includes hands-on and classroom training. In addition, apprentices will earn their Commercial Driver’s License, qualify as a Highway Maintenance Specialist, and receive full benefits. To qualify, candidates must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver’s license.

Apprentices will train and specialize in either maintenance, traffic and safety or tunnel operations.

“This program provides the necessary hands-on training and experience for those who would like to pursue a long-term career in public safety,” said CDOT’s Executive Director Shoshana Lew. “You’ll also receive tangible work experience and add to your qualifications for career advancement, while still earning wages as you learn. However, it not only benefits the trainee, but eventually it’ll provide CDOT with a highly skilled employee.”

“These apprenticeships are an excellent opportunity for those interested in a transportation career,” CDOT Director of Maintenance and Operations, John Lorne said. “It’s meaningful work that serves the traveling public and includes steady pay and good benefits.”

One apprentice will be based at each one of the lo-

cations listed below, with two apprentices based in Greeley:

- 12400 U.S. 285, Morrison, CO 80465
- 18500 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80011
- 61751 U.S. 285, Bailey, CO 80421
- 609 Walsen Ave., Walsenburg, CO 81089
- 206 Centennial Dr., Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
- 2330 G Rd., Grand Junction, CO 81505
- 650 U.S.160B, Bayfield, CO 81121
- 20581 U.S.160, Durango, CO 81301

Position applications are available at: www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado/jobs/3503320/highway-maintenance-apprentice-9-locations-across-colorado through May 10, 2022.



2022 Demystifying Native Entrepreneurship

<https://yeslpc.com/events-calendar/>



Leeds School of Business CU Boulder and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe present the 2nd Annual Demystifying Native Entrepreneurship Conference.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from award winning faculty from the Leeds School of Business, and Local Native Entrepreneurs.

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

Date & Time:
May 13 5:30PM TO 8:00PM
May 14 8:00AM TO 4:00PM

Location:
Sky Ute Casino, Ignacio, CO





<https://4cornersevents.primoticketing.com>



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Do you have a master's degree? Join our team!
We have **Early College & adjunct instructor** positions.

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970.385.2098



Tuition-Free College in High School

What is Concurrent Enrollment?

Colorado's concurrent enrollment program enables students to take college courses while they are still in high school. Classes may take place on the college campus or be taught by college-certified teachers at the high school.

Tuition is paid for by a student's school district, saving families thousands of dollars in education costs. In the 2018-19 school year, concurrent enrollment students on PCC's campuses saved an estimated \$2.3 million in tuition.

Most concurrent enrollment credits earned at PCC are **guaranteed to transfer to any four-year public institution in Colorado.** This means if a student completes enough credits to earn an associate degree while still in high school, they **need only two additional years, not four, to complete a bachelor's degree.**

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a high school student
- Must meet the eligibility requirements of your school district
- Must apply to PCC (complete your application at pueblocc.edu)
- Must have completed Concurrent Enrollment registration paperwork with PCC (online at bit.ly/ECPPC)
- Student must apply for and access their College Opportunity Fund (COF) for all PCC classes



Contact us for more information.
Mancos **970.564.6201** | Durango **970.385.2020** | Bayfield **970.385.2098**



PUBLIC HEALTH

Syphilis cases increasing in La Plata and Archuleta counties

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has issued an alert for La Plata County for an increase in syphilis cases over the past 12 months in comparison to previous years. San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) encourages residents in both Archuleta and La Plata counties to educate themselves and take action toward reaching their best sexual health. In SJBPH's jurisdiction, cases of syphilis were 40 percent higher in 2021 than in 2020, with the trend continuing to increase in 2022.

Syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia are bacterial infections that can increase the risk of HIV acquisition and transmission. It is critical that individuals who are at high risk for STIs and HIV, particularly men who have sex with men, get tested every three months.

SJBPH urges the public

to take the following steps to take control of their sexual health:

- Prepare to answer your healthcare provider's questions about sex honestly, which helps your provider determine the best path for care.
- Get tested – many STDs are curable, and all are treatable, including HIV.
- Get treated – protect yourself from long-term, irreversible damage to your health by starting treatment immediately.
- Know the benefits of expedited partner therapy – your provider may be able to give you medicine or a prescription for your partner, even without seeing them first.
- Get retested – it's common to get some STDs more than once, so getting retested in three months is important, even if you and your partner took medicine.
- Communicate, commu-

nicate, communicate – with your sexual partner and your healthcare provider.

The Sexual Health Clinic at SJBPH provides:

- Confidential STD counseling and testing for HIV, chlamydia, gonorrhea, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HPV, herpes, and syphilis.
- Treatment options for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis.
- Vaccinations for HPV (human papillomavirus) and Hepatitis A and B.
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for those at high risk of contracting HIV. PrEP is a medication taken to prevent transmission of HIV that can be prescribed to patients at risk. PrEP and free condoms are available at SJBPH, Planned Parenthood, and Four Corners Infectious Disease.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Red Cross Office opens in Durango, Colo.

Office to provide base of operations in Southwest Colo.

Staff report
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross of Western Colorado is excited to announce the opening of a new office in Durango, Colo. The Red Cross office will be located in the heart of downtown Durango at 700 Main Ave.

"We have planned to

open up a physical office in Southwest Colorado for a while now," states Executive Director Eric Myers. "The COVID-19 pandemic delayed our strategy, but we are thrilled to be opening at such an ideal location now."

The new office will provide a base of operations for our Southwest Colorado employees and volun-

teers and provide ample space for additional training, community meetings and partner engagement.

Red Cross staff held an open house to welcome the community to the new space on Friday, April 29. Employees and volunteers were on hand to answer any questions and share more about the mission of the American Red Cross.

2022 Intertribal Opioid Wellness Summit
June 21*-24
"Nuh-Nuh-Muh" (Together) Reconnecting & Healing
Uintah Conference Center | Vernal, Utah
* Pre-conference Sessions & Activities: June 21

Utah State University
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Health Services
Interdisciplinary Health Sciences
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TRIBAL & RURAL OPIOID INITIATIVE

Love and Logic
Parenting the Love and Logic Way

Facilitated by Andre Pierre & Bree Duran

• April 11, 5:30-7:30
• April 18, 5:30-7:30
• April 25, 5:30-7:30
• May 2, 5:30-7:30
• May 9, 5:30-7:30
• May 16, 5:30-7:30

Join us!

Join us for a FREE 6-week parenting skills class! Childcare & a light dinner will be provided at no charge. Please register in advance, space is limited!

Ignacio Elementary Library
395 Romero Ave.
Ignacio, CO 81137

To sign up please contact Bree Duran at:
wduran@ignacioschools.org
(970) 563-0582

What is Love & Logic?

"Love and Logic is a philosophy of raising and teaching children which allows adults to be happier, empowered, and more skilled in the interactions with children. Love and Logic is a way of working with children that puts parents and teachers back in control, teaches children to be responsible, and prepares young people to live in the real world, with its many choices and consequences."

Love & Logic skills are useful with children of all ages!

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children

Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) has been used for over 35 years and remains popular today because the teachings are timeless. Historically, we had rich teachings that helped children grow up safe with strong families. Colonization threatened those teachings—our Native families were being separated and traditional practices were at risk of being lost. PIP was developed in the 1980s to fill this void and was designed to help parents and families remember our traditional teachings and apply them in the modern world.

In part one of each session we will discuss examples of traditional practices and teachings from several different tribes. Instructors also share teachings from local areas and communities. Part two of each session discusses how to apply those teachings and values today. Complete all 8 sessions to receive a certificate.

WHERE: Mouache Capote Building, 116 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO
Conference Room #148

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays in May 2022
May 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO SIGN UP EARLY

Call Kellie at Southern Ute Division of Social Services to sign up
(970) 563-2337

Division of Social Services
116 Capote Dr.
Ignacio, CO 81131
(970) 563-2332

COYAC
Colorado Youth Advisory Council

✓ Age 14-19?
✓ Ready to make a difference for Colorado youth?
✓ Join COYAC!

In 2008, the Colorado Legislature created the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (COYAC) to "examine, evaluate and discuss the issues, interests, and needs affecting Colorado youth now and in the future, and to formally advise and make recommendations to elected officials regarding those issues" and to give Colorado's youth a voice in the lawmaking process.

COYAC consists of 40 youth members, including one voting member representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. In 2021, state legislators accepted all of COYAC's policy ideas, and COYAC students are helping legislative staff draft bills for introduction at the 2022 legislative session at the State Capitol.

COYAC students commit to:

- Attend an in-person retreat in downtown Denver on October 9, 2021 (travel funding and assistance are available)
- Serve a two-year term through June 30, 2023 or until your 19th birthday
- Attend meetings (whether virtual or in-person)
- Fully participate in at least one student-led sub-committee. These committees work in between full COYAC meetings to accomplish the COYAC's goals of advising and providing recommendations to members of the Colorado Legislature
- Respond promptly to COYAC communications using assigned SUIT@coyac.org email address
- Complete paperwork in a timely manner
- Communicate with students and youth organizations about youth-related issues

www.coyac.org director@coyac.org

The Southern Ute Education Department,
Public Education

THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

SCSYAC is looking for new council members, tribal members aged 11-17

Needs to be enrolled in public, private or home school program and maintain a 2.0 GPA

The youth council meets twice a month for regular meetings

Contact Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council
Coordinator | Dustin Weaver 970.563.2786
dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov



Tribe shines light on MMIR



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe proudly supports Colorado legislation that would recognize, prioritize, and bring justice for our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR). The establishment of the Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives in the State of Colorado is a true demonstration of support for our communities. Almost every Indigenous person will experience some form of violence in their lifetime. Indigenous women and girls face the possibility of being murdered at ten times the rate of all other ethnicities. This crisis is the result of undervaluing Indigenous lives, underfunding, inaccurate reporting, misidentification, lack of media coverage, and jurisdictional dilemmas on reservations.

The Tribal Council convened to approve the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Honorary Proclamation declaring, Thursday, May 5, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Awareness Day. Southern Ute tribal member and MMIR Advocate, Daisy Bluestar was present in Council Chambers for the approval. Tribal leadership, including council member Marge Barry, thanked Bluestar and all those who volunteer and fight to bring awareness and justice to tribal communities.



Southern Ute Tribal Offices will be closed Mon., May 30 in observance of Memorial Day

- Mon., May 30: Day of Remembrance
- Mon., May 30: Southern Ute Bear Dance Feast

Offices will resume normal business hours Tues., May 31

Come together...

Powwow Spring Celebration



Saturday, May 28, 2022

1:00 pm to 7 pm

Ute Park

256 Ute Road, Ignacio, CO

All Drum Groups, Singers, and Dancers are invited!



Powwow Committee:

Chairman: Mikki Naranjo – 970.317.1710

Vice-Chairman: Tara Vigil – 970.799.0615

Treasurer: Dona Frost – 970.553.9291

Secretary: Rochelle Aguilar – 970.759.1722

Members: Jalisa Paul, Brandi Raines, and Edward Box III

BRING OWN CHAIRS - NO DINNER BREAK - NO VENDORS
NO FOOD STANDS - NO CONTESTS

The Powwow Committee is not responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft. Alcohol, drugs, and weapons prohibited

Ute Mountain Ute SUNDANCE

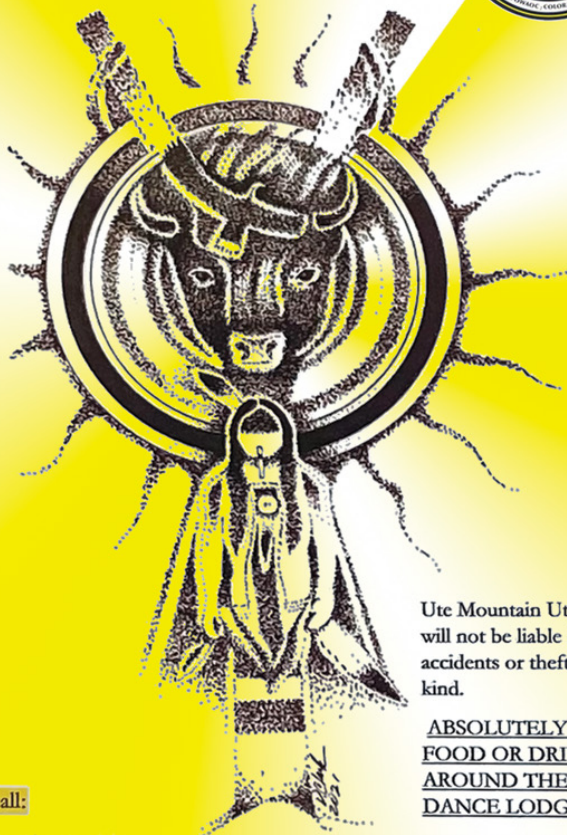
Towaoc, Co

June 24th - 27th, 2022



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

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



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

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

Please observe all speed limits and traffic warning signs!

For more information please call:

SunDance Chief – Boyd Lopez (970) 317-8986

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

UTE BEAR DANCE 2022

Randlett, Utah
May 5-8

Whiterocks, Utah
May 17-22

Towaoc, Colorado
June 3-6

Ft. Duchesne, Utah
May 13-16

Ignacio, Colorado
May 27-30

White Mesa, Utah
September 2-5



Southern Ute Bear Dance May 27 – 30, 2022

Bear Dance Corral Blessing: 10:30 a.m., Fri., May 27
Bear Dance Feast: 12 p.m., Mon., May 30
Bear Dance Chief: Matthew J. Box

BEAR DANCE RULES: No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing. Photography, Video & Audio Recording is prohibited; except by members of the Ute Tribes. The Southern Ute Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft. The Pine River is RESTRICTED.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is adhering to all CDC guidance regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Face covering use is at the discretion of all attendees. Proof of vaccination will expedite entry into the Bear Dance, all other participants will be subject to COVID-19 screening protocol.



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

Top photo: Unknown photographer (circa 1970's) • Bottom photo: Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum (2017) • Design: Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

MAY 19-22, 2022

BEARDANCE CHIEF:
PAUL LAROSE

WHITEROCKS, UT
CATMAN LANE LAROSE



WHITEROCKS OLD STYLE UTE BEARDANCE

THURSDAY, MAY 19

8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony
8:30 am. Breakfast
12:00 pm. Lunch
1:00 pm. Beardance Creation Story
3:00 pm. Beardance

FRIDAY, MAY 20

8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony
8:30 am. Breakfast
9:00 am. Dress Making Demo
10:00 am. Cradle Board Demo
12:00 pm. Lunch
1:00 pm. Women's Shiny Game
3:00 pm. Beardance
5:00 pm. Traditional Hand-game

SATURDAY, MAY 21

8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony
8:30 am. Breakfast
9:00 am. Painted Horse "Walk/Run"
12:00 pm. Kids Parade
12:30 pm. Lunch
1:00 pm. Kids Games
3:00 pm. Beardance

SUNDAY, MAY 22

8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony
8:30 am. Breakfast
11:00 am. Horse Parade
12:00 pm. Lunch
1:00 pm. Beardance
3:00 pm. Honoring BC
Ute Indian Business Committee
6:00 pm. FEAST
7:00 pm. Turkey Dance

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: PAUL LAROSE AT 435-722-7705



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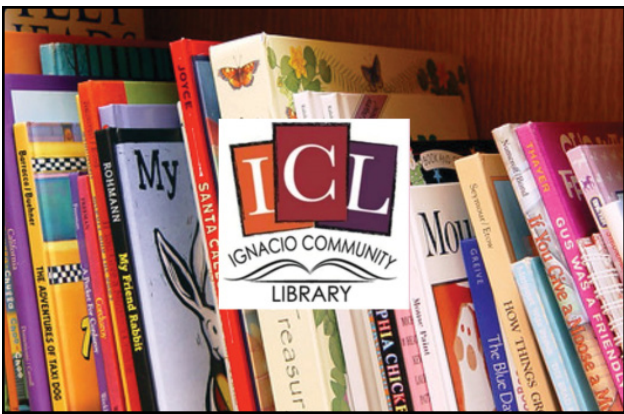
What makes a book a classic?

By Marcia Vining
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Do you remember the “classic” books you were forced to read in school? Did you love any of them? Are there books that you do remember fondly? I think that many times the books that stay with us are the ones that remind us of a different time, different people who read to us or with us.

While I was growing up, my family had a set of children’s encyclopedias that I loved. There was a volume of short stories that I read over and over, and there was a volume of how to’s for children that I worked from repeatedly. I also remember reading “Lord of the Flies” not once but twice. I didn’t like it any better the second time.

As I was looking over book reviews today, I saw that the book “The Velveteen Rabbit” turns 100 this year. I love this book. I believe it has a timeless message that endures. It isn’t dependent upon understanding a period in time, a shared experi-



ence, or a cultural message. I’ve read it to my kids and to my grandkids and I’ve loved it every time. To me that’s part of what makes a book a classic. I also found reading Roald Dahl’s “The BFG” to kids a hilarious experience. If ever there was a great read aloud book this one qualifies. Sometimes books make us laugh, sometimes they make us cry, but either way a great book read to kids can be a wonderful experience, building relationships and bonds that never leave us.

Children’s books in particular can evoke a strong response in adults. And while we hope that our children

and grandchildren will remember the books we’ve shared, it’s also important for us to be open to the new books that may interest them as well. I’ve read books with my grandchildren that I had never read before, and we’ve had a wonderful time as they share their special books with me. So, whether a classic or a brand-new book, what’s important, especially as we head into summertime and a possibly more relaxed approach to reading is that it’s filled with fun, curiosity, and enthusiasm by adults who share their love of books with the children who are important in their lives.

Dancing Spirit: Black-tie affair



photos courtesy Dancing Spirit

Tim Murphy, Art Director and Kasey Correia, Dancing Spirit Executive Director are dressed to the nines at the Dancing Spirit Dream Maker black tie fundraising event which took place at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center on Saturday, April 30. Event tickets were on sale for the event and the money raised at the silent auction during the event will aid in the construction of the new permanent Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center located at 465 Goddard Ave., in downtown Ignacio, between the Nuchu Indian Baptist Church and the Ignacio Laundromat.

Performers of the Secret Circus Society from Durango debuted a new pocket show, where each act was inspired by a famous artist. Other performances came from the Mysto Magic Show, and The Booth Iberg Jazz Band. Hors d’oeuvres and drinks were catered by Seven Rivers Steaks Seafood and Spirits.

A Go Fund Me page has been created to raise \$250,000 towards the construction of the new building, go to <https://gofund.me/f9852e28> for more information or to contribute.

May is National Water Safety Month!

- According to the CDC, drowning is a leading cause of death among children.
 - In children ages 1-4, drowning is the **leading cause of death** (expect for birth defects).
 - In children ages 1-14, drowning is the **second leading cause of unintentional injury death**.
- The CDC estimates that there approximately 3,960 fatal drownings per year in the US.
 - That equates to, on average, 11 deaths due to drowning **per day**.
- Drowning is **fast and silent!**
 - A person that is drowning cannot call out for help nor can they wave their arms to signal for help.
 - Drowning can happen in a matter of seconds.

Please stay tuned for upcoming water safety tips throughout the month of May!

Swim Lesson registration is now open!
Please stop by the Front Desk to sign up!

THE POWERHOUSE

‘Rockin’ on the River,’ free summer music series at The Powerhouse

Staff report
THE POWERHOUSE

Join us for “Rockin’ on the River,” a free music series on five Sundays throughout the Summer at The Powerhouse.

This family friendly music series will feature local and regional bands, including Lavalanche, High Country Hustle, Elder Grown, Robert Kent Voss, and Red Light Cameras.

Located outside on the Carver Family Plaza from 4 – 7 p.m., this summer series will host food trucks, local craft vendors, and The Powerhouse bar for drink purchases.

“Live music is an important part of the Durango community, and we are excited to be able to support bands and vendors during this free summer series,”

Powerhouse Executive Director Jeff Susor said. “As an organization we work to offer unique exhibit experiences throughout the year, and this series seemed like the perfect accompaniment to our newest traveling exhibit, Medieval to Metal, on display at The Powerhouse from May 1 through Labor Day weekend.”

For information, visit the event page at www.powsci.org, Facebook: www.powsci.org/powscicenter or by

calling 970-259-9234.

About The Powerhouse
The Powerhouse is a non-profit, interactive science center for all ages. Located on the banks of the Animas River in an historical coal-fired steam power AC generating plant, The Powerhouse presents a wide variety of programs, exhibits and activities designed to spark curiosity, ignite imagination and power exploration.

“Rockin’ on the River” Music Series at The Powerhouse

- May 29: High Country Hustle
- July 3: Elder Grown
- Aug. 7: Robert Kent Voss
- Sept. 4: Red Light Cameras

All events will be rain or shine, please dress accordingly.

DEMOLITION DERBY

MAY 7TH • 4PM • SKY UTE DOWNS

\$15/person • 5&under free
Derby Entry Fee \$50 per car • Pit Pass \$20

CAR SHOW

10AM-2PM • SKY UTE DOWNS PARKING LOT

Free Admission • Car Show Entry Fee \$15 per car
Contact: 970.769.5740

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CHARACTERCOUNTS!

Training Opportunity

for anyone who works with youth in the Ignacio community

The Six Pillars of Character®

May 31st & June 1st, 2022

Character Counts has been very successful in our community over the last few years.

Join us for a two day training to learn more about the SEL program, Character Counts, and how to incorporate it with the youth and organization you work with. Must attend both days.

Limited Availability Registration Deadline May 20th

Email Cass at casanchez@southernute-nsn.gov to register!



Council testimonies



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Vice Chairman Ramona Eagle testified in support of Colorado Bill SB22-150 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. She shared her first-hand experience regarding the issues at hand to help rally state representatives to approve the bill and show support to Indigenous people in Colorado. The bill passed the committee on Monday, April 25.

Council Member Torres provides a virtual testimony on Monday, April 25 to the House Committee on HB22-1327 Native American Boarding Schools. The bill received the necessary support and passed the House, moving on to the Appropriations Committee.



Naloxone training



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Dr. William Finn facilitates discussion on the availability of Narcan at the Southern Ute Health Center and how the tribal community can create more awareness and education for tribal members, parents, and grandparents.



Southern Ute Behavioral Health's Marvina Olguin shares how intergenerational trauma leads many Indigenous people to substance abuse. Olguin is facilitating a program which provides resources and support to those who are recovering.

Kate Harzell from the Southwest Colorado Area Health Education Center is joined by Dr. David Greenburg, Thursday, April 28; together they provided information to Tribal Council on the opioid crisis in our area, its health effects, and how to administer Naloxone, more commonly known as Narcan.




VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS
With Council Member
+++ Lorelei Cloud +++

Tribal Council Member, Lorelei Cloud, will host virtual Office Hours the last Wednesday of every month.

May 25, 2022
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/3snCpwn>
Password: suit2022






Watch the Recap

Tribal Member General Meeting

Tribal members can view a recap of the General Meeting held Friday, April 22, 2022 on the Tribal Member Experience (TMX). Please see the next slide for instructions to sign-up for your TMX account.

[This option will be available through Friday, May 20, 2022](#)



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL
Contact Information

Tribal members are welcome and encouraged to contact any Tribal Council Member regarding tribal information. Tribal Council Members are available for individual meetings, both in-person and virtually. To arrange a meeting, please contact Mrs. Sunshine Whyte at (970) 563.2319 or via email at swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov

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Ramona Y. Eagle, Vice Chairman 970-563-2402 reagle@southernute-nsn.gov	Lorelei Cloud, Council Member 970-563-2405 locloud@southernute-nsn.gov
Linda K. Baker, Council Member 970-563-2407 lkbaker@southernute-nsn.gov	Vanessa P. Torres, Council Member 970-563-2404 vtorres@southernute-nsn.gov
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Photo Credit | Jeremy Wade Shockey, Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Tribal Council hosts

Tribal Elder Town Hall

Meeting Dates
All meetings will be held from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in Tribal Council Chambers.

- + May 3
- + July 7
- + September 5
- + November 3

This bi-monthly meeting is for Southern Ute Tribal elders to receive and discuss elder-specific information.

May 3 Agenda

- + Elder Tribal Housing
- + Committee of Elders Update

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at (970) 563.2319.

Southern Ute Tribal Offices Closure

Southern Ute Tribal Administrative offices will be closed Monday, May 30, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day.
Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 31, 2022



Expo NM hosts 39th Gathering of Nations



Northern Traditional Dancers go head-to-head during the Men's Northern Traditional Special sponsored by Talon White Eye on Saturday, April 30.



A Women's Northern Traditional Dancer smiles before stepping out in the arena.



Men's Grass Dancer Mu Roberts dances during the Friday night session of adult competitions.



Men's Northern Traditional Dancer, Ruben Littlehead Jr. awaits the next competition song.

Expo N.M. welcomes dancers, singers, artists, and visitors from all over North America to the 39th Annual Gathering of Nations Powwow which was held Thursday, April 28 through Saturday, April 30. COVID-19 Restrictions have been lifted in New Mexico allowing the Gathering of Nations to take place; this year's event hosted competitive dancing and singing in the Tingley Coliseum, Stage 49 and food vendors on the Expo N.M. fairgrounds, and the Indian Traders Market in the Creative Arts Center.



Heavy metal band Blinddryve rocked Stage 49 located on the Expo N.M. fairgrounds.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Men's Northern Traditional Dancer, competes as one of the top five dancers in the Men's Northern Traditional Special, sponsored by Talon White Eye.



Makayla Sage of Ponca City, Okla. participates in the Women's Northern Cloth category.



Summer Wildfire Season News

Is the summer wildfire season starting early? How states can get ahead of the flames. By yesterday, the Calf Canyon Fires in New Mexico had already grown to over 100,000 acres in size. Conditions that are considered ideal for wildfires continue as residents monitor the rapidly evolving fire. Shifting winds, higher temperatures and unchanged humidity. The fire had started on Tuesday, April 19 and then joined the Hermits Peak Fire which had burned 104,000 acres by yesterday. As local residents evacuate, this raises the question: Is the summer wildfire season starting already? If so, what can local communities and states do now to get ahead of the flames and mitigate any damage?



did you know?

Biological carbon sequestration is the natural ability of life and ecosystems to store carbon. Forests, peat marshes, and coastal wetlands are particularly good as storing carbon.



Source: <https://www.usgs.gov/facts/>

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

AGRICULTURE DIVISION

PRESENTS

INTRODUCTION TO TRIBAL AG

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Multi-Purpose Facility – Large Gathering Room

- The first meeting will be discussing the different Agriculture services that are available.
- Identify what Tribal Members would like to learn in the future classes.

Please contact the Agriculture Division at 970/563-0220.

Department of Natural Resources, Construction Services, Tribal Housing & Tribal Credit are hosting an Open House

When: June 8, 2022
Where: Multi-Purpose Facility
Time: 10am-2pm

Tribal Members
Please join us, lunch will be served!

Representatives from each division will be available to discuss programs & projects that serve the Membership.

Information will be available regarding:

- ◊ DNR Divisions: Agriculture, GIS, Forestry, Lands, Range, Water Resources & Wildlife
- ◊ Construction Services
- ◊ Tribal Housing
- ◊ Tribal Credit
- ◊ BIA Irrigation

DOOR PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED

For more information call 970-563-0125

See you there- June 8th, 10am-2pm

JOIN US FOR ELKS!

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP & KNOWLEDGE SEMINAR

Featuring:

- Bugs • Fish • Experiments • Plants •
- GAMES • PRIZES • FOOD •

FREE for local Native American youth ages 9-12 years old

July 13-14, 2022, 9am-4pm
Environmental Programs Division
in Ignacio, Colorado

Join us for environmental awareness & science fun.
Visit our website for more information and registration forms!

Contact: Rachel Vaughn at rvaughn@southernute-nsn.gov or (970) 563-2222

Website: www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/elks/



HIGH ELEVATION FARMING COURSES

Session 1: May 24 - July 7

- Farm and Food Safety, Tuesdays 1 - 3pm
- Intro to Market Farming, Thursdays 1 - 3pm

Session 2: July 12 - August 25

- Seed to Seed: plants for farmers, Tuesdays 1 - 3pm
- Growing specialty crops at high elevation, Thursdays 1 - 3pm

Contact us with questions or to sign up: 970-822-8714 or ewwhittlesey@fortlewis.edu



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



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

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is pleased to announce that interested Tribal Member hunters can now access Lone Mesa State Park for treaty hunting *using access permits issued by the Tribe*. A limited number of permits will be available each year, free-of-charge, beginning with the 2022 hunting season. For more information on huntable big game species, season framework, weapon types, etc., please contact the Wildlife Division.

The access permits will be available either first-come first-serve, or through a Tribe-administered drawing if there is sufficient interest. **Applications for Lone Mesa Access Permits must be received at the Wildlife Division during the month of May and no later than Friday, May 31st, 2022.**

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



BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS

3 Big Horn Sheep
2 Mountain Goat
2 Moose

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

How to apply:

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

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

Maynes recognized for service



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Attorney Sam Maynes was recognized by the Environmental Programs Division and members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Tuesday, April 26 in the Council Chambers. Maynes was a major contributor to the Tribe's recently approved Water Quality Standards but was unable to attend the formal recognition held for Tribal Attorney, Julianne Begay; EPD General Assistance Program Manager, Jeff Seebach, and EPD Environmental Program Manager, Alexandra Ratcliff in April for their collaborative efforts on the Tribal Water Quality Standards that were approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. Maynes is a partner in Maynes, Bradford, Shipp & Sheffel, LLP. His practice focuses primarily on representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on a broad array of issues involving all aspects of federal Indian law.

Teaching technology



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Technical Support Admin Adrian Jensen assists tribal elder Hilda Burch with a new laptop provided through the Elder Computer Grant Program, Wednesday, April 27 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. Southern Ute Shared Services and Tribal Information Services gave elders the opportunity to receive new laptops, learn to navigate the tribal portal, and ask any questions they may have.



Debra Lucero prepares to learn how to navigate the tribal portal during the Elder Computer Grant Program event. Lucero already owns a laptop but was still able to receive assistance from Southern Ute Shared Services and Tribal Informational Services.

Philman Lopez is a Support Analyst with Southern Ute Shared Services, Lopez leads the informational presentation during the event.



Multi-Purpose Facility May Events

Elder Craft Day—Monday May 9, 2022 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Elders only please 55 plus years young

Beginning Beading —Tues. & Thurs. May 10 & 12, 2022 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Indoor & Outdoor Yard Sale—Saturday May 14, 2022 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Shawl Class Tuesday & Thursday May 17 & 19, 2022 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sip, Chat & Chew Lunch—Friday May 20, 2022 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

3 Ute Tribe Members & their families

Quilt Class—Tuesday & Thursday May 24 & 26, 2022 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Must know how to use sewing machine

Arts & Crafts Fair Monday May 30, 2022 10:00 AM– 4:00 PM

Classes fill up fast and space may be limited - sign-up is required

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO 970- 563- 2640

Multi-Purpose Facility Beginning Beading Class



May 10 & 12, 2022

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM & 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Supply List:
Subject to Bead - rose, flower etc.
Beads in colors to match subject size 11
Nylon thread - size A or 0
Beading needles size 12 sharp & beeswax

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or
e-mail eredd@southernute-nsn.gov

Arts & Crafts Fair

Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility
256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO



Monday May 30, 2022

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Booth Space \$45

Spaces assigned at time of payment
Doors open at 8:00 AM

Call to reserve your space - 563-2640
e-mail: multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi-Purpose Facility May Elder Craft Day



Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun

Monday May 9, 2022

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Elders Only Please

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or
e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribal Broadband Modernization Project construction updates

Travel impacts on CR 311 – Mesa Mountain

Tribal Broadband Modernization Project Update

IMPACTS TO TRAVEL BETWEEN APRIL 25 - MAY 9, 2022
Traffic lanes will be narrowed on CR 311. Motorists will be required to reduce speeds and travel safely around the construction taking place on the shoulder. Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway.

SLOW DOWN **ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS** **DRIVE WITH CAUTION**

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Bonfire Engineering will begin construction on Mesa Mountain as outlined in Phase I of the tribal broadband project. Construction will take place along CR 311 south of the intersection of CR 318 and CR 311. Workers will begin approximately two miles south of the intersection.

Crews will start approximately two miles south of the intersection of CR 318 and CR 311 working southbound on CR 311. Construction will take place along the shoulder of the roadway. Please see map above.

The broadband project will include trenching, boring, and plowing to lay fiber, as well as reclamation and seeding. Construction vehicles and fiber spools will be visible on the shoulder.

Tribal Broadband Modernization Project Update

CR 311 & MESA MOUNTAIN FIBER CONSTRUCTION
APRIL 25 THROUGH MAY 9, 2022

Construction on both sections will begin on Monday, April 25, and conclude on Monday, May 9. The hours of operation will be from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Travel Impact: Traffic lanes will be narrowed on CR 311. Motorists will be required to reduce speeds and travel safely around the construction taking place on the side of the road. Please remember to slow down in construction zones, eliminate distractions and drive with extra caution. Motor-

ists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway.

In the event of an emergency or to report a reckless driver, please contact Southern Ute Police Department by dialing 9-1-1, or using the nonemergency line at 970-563-4401.

To find more information about the Tribal Broadband Modernization Project, please visit the project website at www.southernute.nsn.gov/broadband-modernization-project/

Growth Fund safety awards



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Richard Westerman, James Brown, Dan Jefferson, Brian Mulvany, Ethan Hinkley were each presented with their respective awards during the Growth Fund Safety Awards Banquet hosted at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Durango, Colo. on Wednesday, April 20. This banquet is held annually to show appreciation to employees of the Growth Fund departments for continuing to practice and prioritize safety in their respective fields.

Executive Director of the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Shane Seibel greets attendees before starting the presentation of awards and nominees at the annual Growth Fund Safety Awards Banquet, Wednesday, April 20.



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ty customer service is what I hope for, letting things run a little bit smoother and helping everybody else's job to be a little easier."

Similar to the Leonard C. Burch Building, all COVID-19 restrictions such as health screen-

ings have been lifted with the voluntary temperature checks and face coverings offered. All visitors will be required to sign in upon arrival in alignment with all tribal campus buildings. Once signed in, employees will be contacted

by the receptionist to be informed that they have a visitor. Staff members will escort the visitor throughout the building upon arrival and departure. Currently, appointments are not required to enter the Annex building.

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If you see a crime, report it! If you need help, call Southern Ute Police Department at (970) 563.4401 or by dialing 9-1-1.

Anonymous Tip Hotline
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Please call 970-563-4999.

This "Tip Line" was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously, if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The "Tip Line" is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it DOES NOT replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police dept. number 970-563-4401.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

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The Southern Ute Indian Tribe dba
Sky Ute Casino Resort

Proposal due no later than 12PM MST, Friday May 13, 2022

Contact:
Southern Ute Indian Tribe dba Sky Ute Casino Resort
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14324 Hwy 172 N / P.O. Box 340
Ignacio, CO 81137
Telephone: 970-563-1784
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Email: Anthony.Martinez@skyutecasino.com

Submit Proposals to:

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Andrea.Taylor@skyutecasino.com
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Southern Ute Indian Tribe

109 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137

Tuesday, May 10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Wednesday, May 11, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<https://www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/9317296001>

Pfizer 1st and 2nd doses (ages 5+) and booster doses
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Influenza

Vaccines are free, and no ID, insurance, or appointment is needed!

PUBLIC HEALTH

State to ensure access to testing and therapeutic treatments for all Coloradans

CDPHE issues two public health orders

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued two public health orders. The 16th Amended Public Health Order 20-38 follows CDC's statement that the federal order requiring masks on public transportation conveyances and at transportation hubs is no longer in effect. As such, Public Health Order 20-38 no longer requires masks to be worn on public transit services in Colorado. CDC continues to recommend that people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings.

Public Health Order 22-01 promotes sustainable access to COVID-19 testing for all Coloradans and therapeutic treatment for COVID-19 patients. It requires health care providers do all they can to provide testing and therapeutic treatment. This Order comes as the state continues to transition COVID-19 testing and vaccination to traditional health care settings as laid out in the State's Roadmap to Moving Forward and it will help ensure that equity and accessibility continue to be prioritized.

To help maintain access to testing services throughout the state, providers that do not use testing materials provided by the State are encouraged to provide testing services and, whenever possible, to do so at no cost to individuals without health insurance or who can otherwise not afford testing. Providers of COVID-19 testing services that use test materials provided at no cost by the State cannot charge a fee to the patient for the COVID-19 test.

Any patient eligible for a COVID-19 therapeutics should be offered the treatment for COVID-19 after a discussion with a health care provider about the risks and benefits. Health care providers are encouraged to provide COVID-19 therapeutics immediately within their health care setting on an outpatient basis, or if unable to do so, the provider must refer patients who are appropriate candidates for such therapeutics to outpatient settings. People seeking COVID-19 therapeutic treatment can visit this CDPHE webpage to learn more. Health care providers interested in ordering therapeutics to prescribe for patients should use this form.

PHO 22-01 is effective April 20, 2022 and will continue to be in effect until the Colorado COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Order (Executive Order D 2021 122) is rescinded. The 16th Amended Public Health Order 20-38 is effective April 20, 2022 and will expire at 12:01 a.m. on May 20, 2022 unless extended. Continue to stay up to date by visiting covid19.colorado.gov.

CANCERandCOVID-19

CONGRATULATIONS!

By receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, you've taken a big step in protecting yourself, your family, and your relatives from the virus. Cancer screenings are a great way to continue prioritizing your health! Cancer is the second leading cause of death among Native people. Screening recommendations may begin earlier or more frequently for Native people to help detect cancer at earlier stages, when it is easier to treat.

CANCER SCREENING

CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

✓ 21-29 year olds should be screened every 3 years
✓ 30-65 year olds should be screened
• Every 3 years with pap test alone
• Every 5 years with HPV testing alone OR
• Every 5 years with HPV and pap testing together (cotesting)

COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

✓ Screening should begin at 45 and continue through the age of 75. Talk to your health care provider about what screening option is right for you. Your individual screening regimen will depend on your discussion with your health care provider.

ORAL CANCER SCREENING

✓ Currently there is no oral cancer screening recommendation, but it's important to discuss any risk factors with your dental provider. Risk factors include tobacco and alcohol use, and the human papillomavirus (HPV).

BREAST CANCER SCREENING

✓ 40-49 year olds should discuss screening options with their health care provider
✓ 50-74 year olds should be screened every 2 years

LUNG CANCER SCREENING

✓ People 50 years and older who have a 20 pack-per-year history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years should be screened.

SKIN CANCER SCREENING

✓ Currently there is no skin cancer screening recommendation, but it's important to discuss any risk factors with your health care provider. Some risk factors include fair complexion, tanning bed exposure, history of sunburns or previous skin cancer.

CANCER PREVENTION

HEPATITIS B VACCINATION

✓ 18 years of age or younger are recommended to receive a 3 dose series
✓ 18 years of age or older talk to your health care provider about this vaccination and if it's right for you

HPV VACCINATION

✓ 9-15 year olds are recommended to receive a 2 dose series
✓ 15-26 year olds are recommended to receive a 3 dose series

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: WWW.AICAF.ORG

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Call the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) at 970.563.4581 if you have questions regarding eligibility and to schedule your appointment.

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Call for more info or to apply. Bethany Powell 970.385.2098

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Baseball head coach Duke Baker, center, readyes the Bobcats for non-league road action Saturday, April 30, against No. 7-ranked Trinidad. IHS would take one of two hard-fought contests against the Miners.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

To ‘Halve’ and To Hold

Ignacio loses, wins at No. 7 Trinidad

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It wasn’t that Devante Montoya wanted to be the focus of a game-altering ruling.

Or, as fate had it in for him Saturday afternoon, April 30, two.

But during the second half of Ignacio’s much-anticipated road doubleheader at Trinidad – at the time ranked No. 7 in the CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll – the sophomore centerfielder had nowhere to hide inside spacious Central Park as, much to the Miners’ horror, both verdicts went the visitors’ way.

The two-man umpiring crew first pondered, in the top of the second inning, whether or not Montoya could advance to first on a dropped third strike with first already occupied by Marcus Maez, who’d singled to left off THS starter Joey Just to advance Elliot Hendren to third. Rather than Montoya, as most expected, being denied – which would have ended the Bobcats’ at-bat – he was, based on having beaten catcher Blake Walton’s throw, ruled safe.

Keeping his head while the umpires were all but demanded to roll, IHS’ Jacob Gallegos promptly ripped a pitch to center which THS’ Isaiah Bowman misplayed, allowing all three runners to race home and increase the guests’ lead to a sudden 4-1.

Regrouping most effectively, Trinidad countered with two runs – products of solid ‘small ball’ including two perfect sacrifice bunts (Walton, Dylan Hamman) sandwiching an RBI-single (by David Romero), and a straight steal of home plate (by Romero) off Ignacio starter Phillip Quintana – in the bottom of the inning.

With the margin cut down to 4-3, all appeared to be forgotten ... if not forgiven.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Rylan Maez (23) laughs after reaching first base Saturday, April 30, via one of his two hit-by-pitches during non-league road action in Trinidad. He’d score the Bobcats’ only Game 1 run in a 4-1 loss; IHS took Game 2 9-5.

Proving not to be the case, the officials again came under fire in the top of the third. Bobcats Dylan McCaw, Hendren and Maez were all aboard – via, respectively, an unexpected intentional walk, a short single to right, and an infield single to third – and Montoya bounced a Just delivery to star shortstop Eli Crosson.

Crosson’s throw to first baseman Romero wasn’t clean, but Romero appeared to scoop the ball and retire Montoya for the second out. Montoya, however, was again deemed safe and, after Gallegos popped up to THS second baseman Rylee Montoya for the ‘true’ second out, Eppie Quintana singled to center, plating Hendren (no matter the ruling on Montoya’s infield hit, McCaw would have, and indeed did score on that particular play) to make the score 8-3, Ignacio.

When the regulation seven innings were finally completed and the scoreboard showing Ignacio 9, Trinidad 5 ... well, it was hard to argue against the four runs in question ultimately impacting, one way or another, the outcome.

But no matter how the Miners and their supporters felt, THS finally caught something of an exploitable

break when Maez had to leave the game, shaken up on a failed steal of home when the much bigger Walton more or less sat on his head while dropping down to block the plate and make a tag ending the top of the third.

His roster depleted by absences, IHS head coach Duke Baker had no choice to insert lone reserve – and erstwhile team manager – Cruz Martinez, sending him out to right field while moving Hendren across to left, McCaw from left to center, and Montoya from center to second base.

“I told them to go out there and not be intimidated, just play their game,” said Baker.

But with a virtual bullseye at which to aim, plus Crosson – incredibly still in the fight after taking then-catcher Phillip Quintana’s one-hop throw off the left side of his face on a steal of second late in Game 1, with resulting bleeding resuming early in Game 2 – on the hill after spelling Just right before Maez was retired, the Miners’ moment had seemingly arrived.

Replicating fellow senior Tyler Velasquez’s Game 1 work (Velasquez earned a complete-game win, deal-

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Youth swing into new season



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Playing for the Ignacio Hitmen, Joe Howell keeps his eye on the ball before sending it for a ride into the in-field, during first day of 10U youth baseball action on the Lawrence Bartley Baseball field in Ignacio, Saturday, April 30 against Bayfield. Ignacio defeated Bayfield 8-5. This year, the Ignacio teams are in the Durango Youth Baseball League, and will play teams from Durango, Bayfield, Pagosa and Mancos.



Keyon Alston, excited to be in the game, takes his position in right field for the Ignacio Hitmen.

Aeden Richards eyes first base after his first hit of the season, as coach Joe Pena watches for the in-field throw. The Ignacio Hitmen won the game by a score of 8-5. This was the first game of the season for the Ignacio Baseball League.

LADY CATS BATTLE HARD • FROM PAGE 1

rier and senior goalkeeper Trista Tully were each credited with an assist.

Statistics for IHS had not yet been reported as of press time, as the Lady ‘Cats, caught in a three-match skid themselves since a 9-nil road win Friday, April 22, at Del Norte, dipped to a still-competitive 2-10 overall.

Still 2-4 in the 2A Southwestern, Ignacio will close out regular-season play Saturday, May 7, on the road against league power Crested Butte, bumped Monday, May 2, back into the CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll’s top-ten at No. 10. Kickoff in neutral Gunnison at Western Colorado University’s Katy O. Rady Field – the highest (elevation 7,723 feet) collegiate pitch in the world – is set



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Harmony Reynolds receives congratulations from seniors Angela Baker (4) and Rhianna Carel (with sweatshirt) after a two-goal effort in IHS’ 9-0 road win Friday, April 22, at Del Norte.

for 1 p.m.

Results from IHS’ 5/3 match versus No. 6 Telluride and 5/5 trip to 3A Bayfield were unavailable at press time.

Entering their own busy

last week on a seven-match tear, CBCS’ Lady Titans were to have hosted – prior to Ignacio – DNHS on the 3rd, then THS on the 5th with the 2A Southwestern crown at stake.

52nd Annual Los Piños Spring Classic

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Teams will hit their own softballs Classic M and Classic W

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2022 TRI-UTE GAMES

When: July 25th – 28th

Registration Deadline May 13th

Late Registration May 20th

Looking for Athletes & Coaches for the upcoming
Tri-Ute Games held in Towaoc, CO

Must be fully Vaccinated and show proof

Sports: Basketball, Co-Ed Volleyball, Archery, Golf, Hand Games & 'Ultimate Warrior Challenge'

Who: Enrolled Tribal Members and 1st Descendents with CIB

Ages: 9-18

The purpose of the games is to come together so our children get to know one another and to foster friendships between the Northern Ute, Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribes.

Tri-Ute Games subject to cancellation due to COVID

To be a part of Team Southern Ute
Please contact SunUte Recreation
(970) 563-0214 - Virgil x2652, Tara x2667, Daphnee x2655



COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Happy 5th Birthday Julian Philip!
May 5, 2022
We are so proud of the little boy you are growing into.
You are a special blessing in all our lives.
Your soul is truly caring and so loving.
FIVE is another milestone you have reached.
Graduating preschool soon, starting kinder ... WOW! Look at you.
We are so proud of you we'll always be here to cheer you on, in all you do.
You're so full of life and literally the coolest kid!
We all love you so much Julian!!
May the Lord always bless and watch over you throughout your journey!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Landyn & Kingston



Julian Philip Bravo "Yellow Hawk"
Happy 5th Birthday!
There is no one like you, so full of life and imagination.
You are so kind, sensitive, loving & cute!
You make us so happy!
Wishing you lots of love, hugs, cake, ice cream and fun presents on your special day!
May the Creator always watch over you as you grow into a strong boy.

Love Always,
Grandma Cookie, auntie Natalie, Ronnie, auntie Mavis, and your cousins Cassidy, Romeo & Sammy



AQP Ambient Monitoring Program

The Air Quality Program maintains three State and Local Air Monitoring Stations (SLAMS) to monitor air quality on the Reservation. The air monitoring station Ute 1 is located just north of Ignacio, Colorado while the second station, Ute 3, is located off of Colorado State Highway 550 north of Bondad, Colorado. The third station, a mobile monitoring station, is located at Lake Capote on the east side of the Reservation. All stations adhere to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) SLAMS quality assurance guidelines and data is reported to the EPA Air Quality System for National Ambient Air Quality Standard comparison and EPA's AirNow website. For more information about the Ambient Monitoring Program and to view ambient air quality forecasts for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, visit our Ambient Monitoring web page at www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

GOURD DANCE
THANK YOU

I would like to take this time to express my gratitude for the success of the Benefit Gourd Dance I sponsored for the community on Saturday, April 9. To all the volunteers who helped with bringing food for the supper, those who donated raffle items, sold tickets, donated coffee/water, and helped set up and break down, I am humbly grateful for your help!
Thank you to SunUte for providing the space for us to host the dance and to Robin for being patient with us and being understanding. To Eddie Box Jr. and Betty Box for providing the sound for the event.
To all volunteers and those who donated items for raffles/cake walk: Neida Chakee, Sarafina Chakee, Sie Chakee, Kelsey Lansing, Elisia Cruz, Kalynn Weaver, Ceriss, August, & Phoenix Blackwood, O'olcah Buckskin, Cindy Buckskin, Daisy Bluestar, Ben Watts, Willette Thompson, Edward Box III, Sky-Dawn Moccasin Flower, Nathan Strong Elk, Jennifer, Goodtracks, Lark Goodtracks, Leann and Mekko

Wesley, Lisa Burch (Burch Family), Velma Armijo, and Bobbie White Thunder.
To the Head Staff. Thank you for accepting and following through with your commitments, as well as your donations. This wouldn't have been possible without you there: Emy Zah, Rusty Cozad, Sheldon White Thunder, Twyla Blackbird, Stoney White Thunder and Myla Goodtracks. You all did a great job, thank you!
If I have left anyone out, I apologize, but know I appreciate your time, donations, and commitment in making this a successful event.
My purpose and goal were to have this benefit dance to help fund the upcoming Children's Powwow, and with all your help, that was possible.

Thank you all again.
Heather White Thunder

THE BEST GENERAL MEETING!

I am writing to give Kudos to the Tribal Council members and the Tribal Council Affairs staff, for the General Meeting presentation. Historically, and for the first time, this Council is made up of all women, except for the

Chairman. I was impressed with how each of these ladies confidently addressed each question intelligently. I learned much from what was said during the General Meeting. This Tribal Council is making leaps and bounds to keep up with the changing technology. I was very glad to hear we will soon have a reliable internet service on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, as stated by, SUSS Chief Information Officer, Jeff Engman.
The question and answering period at the end of the meeting has improved significantly. There were three ways tribal members presented their questions. They could text, email or write their questions on a piece of paper and hand them to the Tribal Council Affairs staff.
In conclusion, there were 40 questions asked during this General Meeting, more than has ever been addressed in past meetings. I am impressed with the way this Tribal Council and their staff chose to make the meeting more organized and because of this we the tribal members are better informed.

Respectfully Yours,
Renee Tree

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Zeb Vogenthaler
Job title: Credit Division Head
Description of job duties: Overseeing the Tribal Credit Division. Helping tribal members secure loans and navigate the loan process.
Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, and skiing.
Additional comments: I was born and raised in Colorado. I graduated from Fort Lewis College in 2001. I have been in the area for over 25 years, and I am lucky to call this area home.



Jeremy Barber
Job title: Building Maintenance Technician
Description of duties: Repairs on Tribal buildings.
Hobbies: Trail riding, camping, fishing, being outdoors.



Gavin Martinez
Job title: Housing Director
Description of job duties: Provide tribal membership with housing construction and provide management services while looking to assist with all things housing with prompt and professional service.

Sign-Up for the new Tribal Member Experience

To get started, please go to <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tmx/>

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Your request will be sent to TIS to verify enrollment, for SUSS to approve your account. Log-in information will be sent to the email used on the form. Once you log-in to the TMX, you can reset your password.

Account holders must be enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and 18 years of age or older.

For questions, please contact Ms. Lindsay J. Box at (970) 563.2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov

Correction

In a photo published in the April 22 issue of the Drum, "To Benefit Children's Powwow" Edward Box III was misidentified as Eddie Box III.

Drum Deadline

Next issue
May 20

Deadline
May 16

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In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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Notice of Hearing In The Interest Of Alexander Frost (d.o.b. 3/19/2021) Case No: 2022-0037-CV-TE

The above mentioned parties are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for Termination of Parental Rights before the above named Court on **June 7, 2022 at 4:30 PM.**

Date April 28, 2022
Paula Trujillo, Southern Ute Tribal Court

NOTICE OF PROBATE In the Estate Of, Shirley Ardeoa Frost, Deceased Case No.: 2022-0006-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 **MAY 24, 2022 at 10:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 5th of April,
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

To John Francis
In the Case of, AT, 21-DN-146

Take notice that the SUIT Division of Social Services

has filed a Child in Need of Supervision Petition, naming you as a respondent parent, in the case of *In the Interest of AT*, 21 DN 146 (SUIT Tribal Court). Your son, AT, was found to be a Child in Need of Supervision on November 17, 2021. You are hereby notified that a hearing is set in this matter on **May 23, 2022, at 2:00 PM.** in the Southern Ute Tribal Court, 149 C.R. 517, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-0240, for the purpose of reviewing the status of the child. You will be advised of your rights as a parent should you attend. You may contact the Tribal Court to obtain copies of documents filed in this case.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2022
Gayle Dixon
Attorney for the SUIT Division of Social Services

NOTICE OF PROBATE In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2022-0014-CV-PR Nicholas Kyle Herrera, Deceased

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Dated this 5th of April, 2022
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Proposals will be received through May 20, 2022.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to develop a nonpoint source (NPS) pollution assessment report and NPS management program plan (management plan) for the Environmental Programs Division. For inquiries and a complete copy of the RFP, contact the Tribe's Environmental Programs Division: Attn: Steve Kem – Water Quality Specialist §319 Coordinator, PO Box 737 MS #81, Ignacio, CO 81137. skem@southernute-nsn.gov The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. The Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Tribe.

REQUEST FOR BIDS Sky Ute Fairgrounds

Site Improvements and Boat Storage Building Construction project

Bids will be received until 3 P.M. on May 12, 2022.

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds division of the SUIT is accepting proposals from qualified contractors for construction services of the following project: Sky Ute Fairgrounds - Site Improvements and Boat Storage Building Construction project. Bids will be received by the Goff Engineering & Surveying until 3 P.M. (local time) on May 12, 2022. The Project requires site grading, utility installations, and construction of buildings. Site work will include gravel paving, asphalt patching, fencing, and installation of water, sewer, and electrical services. Work includes construction of concrete building foundations and erection of Owner furnished metal storage buildings and modular ice house. Owner will procure and deliver metal buildings on-site to be erected by contractor in accordance with the construction documents. Owner will furnish and install modular ice house on contractor constructed foundation as detailed in construction plans. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. For more information please email Tory Autry at tautry@goffengineering.com or view online at www.goffengineering.com/project-bidding

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week

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| • Distribution Friday, May 27 | NOON, Tuesday, May 24, 2022 |
| • Distribution Friday, July 29 | NOON, Tuesday, July 25, 2022 |
| • Distribution Friday, Sept. 30 | NOON, Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Friday Oct. 28 | NOON, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Nov. 10 | NOON, Monday, Nov. 7, 2022 (Changed Date) |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 23 | NOON, Friday, Nov. 18, 2022 |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 8 | NOON, Monday, Dec. 5, 2022 |

Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors distribution is 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

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

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

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-201-4099 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.





Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 04/08/22



UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS



TRANSFER STATION 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- MAY 30TH MEMORIAL DAY — CLOSED
- JUNE 20TH JUNETEENTH — CLOSED
- JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED
- SEPT. 5TH LABOR DAY — CLOSED
- OCT. 10TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 24TH THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
- DEC. 9TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 26TH CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY — CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5PM / CLOSED SUNDAY

Tribal Members: Pick up 2022 Trash Permits by calling office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Show Tribal ID.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

Reach a staff member by phone during these hours at (970) 563-5500

Friendly Reminders

- Office Lobby is OPEN! 🐾
- Monthly Shutoffs are the 1st Wednesday of each month:

**May 4th / June 1st
July 6th / August 3rd**
Settle your payments before 10AM

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Online at: www.suitutil.com
Choose "Pay My Bill" tab
- Utilities Drive-Up Window
- Utilities Drop Box at Office
- Wells Fargo Drive-Thru (Ignacio Branch)
- Automatic deductions at Tribal Distribution
- Mail payment made payable to "Southern Ute Utilities Division" PO Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137
- Phone (970) 563-5500 during office hours.

IMPORTANT SPRING DATES

- April 18th—April 22nd: Annual Spring Clean-Up
- April 22nd: Visit Utilities Booth at the Tribal Member General Meeting
- May 4th: Utility Shut-Off Day at 10am
- May 30th: Transfer Station Closed for Memorial Holiday



NEW 2022 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per Household.

PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 www.suitutil.com

Simplify Your Spring

\$5 BILL CREDIT!

Switch to paperless billing with LPEA in April or May.

LPEA

La Plata Electric Association, Inc.





REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Transportation Planning Consulting Services

Closing 5/27/22 – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) seeks Proposals from qualified and experienced planning and engineering firms for consideration of an award to provide transportation planning consulting services. Services will include preliminary studies and determinations of feasibility for selected projects located on the Southern Ute Reservation, located in southwest Colorado. Projects may advance to appropriate, cost-effective, design and engineering solutions, including specifications and construction documents for projects that can be built in the next 2-5 years Transportation Planning Consulting for The Southern Ute Tribe. Bids from qualified contractors shall be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Tribal Planning Department in their office located at 116 Memorial Ave., until 2 p.m. (MST) on Friday May 27, 2022, or by email to dmcDonald@southernute-nsn.gov. There will be a pre-proposal meeting on May 18 and 9 a.m. in the Tribal Planning Offices 116 Memorial Dr. Ignacio, Colo.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



Board of Directors Vacancy



Our Board of Directors is seeking to fill a vacancy. **MUST** be a **SUIT Tribal Member**

The Board Members meet 2 times a month (Regular Board meeting and subcommittee meeting)

Applications available at:
<http://www.bgcsu.org>

For more information, contact Bruce LeClaire, CEO
970.563.2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov



TERO Department

PO Box 737
71 Mike Frost Way
Ignacio, Co. 81137

Office: 970-563-0117 fax: 970-563-4824

Lawn Maintenance Program Guidelines

This program is to assist the Southern Ute Tribal Elders/handicap who reside on or within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and at their primary residence. The program assists with Spring/Fall Clean up, snow removal, lawn maintenance, small tree/shrub trimmings, raking, assisting with heavy lifting/removal of furniture and appliances and tilling of garden plots.

This program service is not available for secondary homes: ONLY for the primary home.

Lawn Maintenance: [April-mid Oct.]

- ❖ Mowing and trimming of lawns up to a distance of 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Cutting of weeds up to a distance of 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Cutting weeds around zircons, propane tanks, wood sheds, garages and other stationary buildings up to 50 feet, making a 15 feet wide path to home.
- ❖ Leaf rake, bagging and disposing of leaves within the 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Minor small tree/shrub trimming and pruning and disposing. **We do not cut down trees or remove trees, need to call a professional tree removal company.**
- ❖ Wood Chipping – Call Forestry for assistance 970-563-2910 (Marcella Gomez-Forestry Admin. Asst.) and/or 970-563-2911 (Brian Gideon-Forestry Division Head).

Garden Plot: [April-Sept.]

- ❖ Tilling of garden plots are 50x50 feet.
- ❖ If assistance is needed to place a barrier around, we can assist.
- ❖ We will not seed or cover seeds placed or weeding, raking and watering.

Snow Removal: [Nov.-Feb.]

- ❖ Shovel sidewalks and make walk ways to the propane tank, wood shed, garages and/or other buildings needing to get to-15-20 feet wide and garage entrance areas.
- ❖ The lawn service scheduled listing will be used daily for service.
- ❖ Roof raking will be provided as a safety precaution.
- ❖ Snow will be shoveled 15-20 feet from home after falling from the roof, as a safety precaution to the primary homeowner (elder/handicap). This safety precaution is so the snow don't pile up and accumulate icy walk ways or porch areas.
- ❖ Ice melt will be placed down after shoveling.

Other Services: [As Requested]

- ❖ Assist with heavy moving of furniture(s).
- ❖ Assist with heavy moving of outside fixtures.
- ❖ Assist with Fall/Spring cleanup. [Fall-Oct; Spring-April]
- ❖ With approval from TERO Supervisor on other requests, i.e. mowing empty dog pens; trash removal to dump; etc. on a case-by-case request and approval.

Effective 9/1/17

Southern Ute Election Board Office Hours

We are out of the office starting February 14, 2022 until we return working part-time hours in July: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. If you need to get a hold of the board during this time, please contact Sunshine Whyte with Tribal Council at (970) 563-2319.

**In August we will resume normal business hours.
Thank you and please remain safe.**



285 Lakin Street, P.O. Box 737 MS#32, Ignacio, CO 81137,
(970) 563-2303 or 2305, election@southernute-nsn.gov

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – Máyk! 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.

ELECTION BOARD

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking two (2) Regular Board Member. The closing date is Friday, April 22, 2022 at 5 p.m. Qualifications; 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe-Election Board P. O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – 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.

GAMING COMMISSION

The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions for specified terms, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age. Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation. Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures. Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality. Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. These positions are open until filled. If you think you might be interested, please contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

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

TERO COMMISSION

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) commissioners; A person with Tribal Regulatory knowledge and experience and; Southern Ute Tribal member at-large to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: Tribal Regulatory Knowledge and Experience; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

Notice: SUIHA Committee Vacancy

Open until Filled – The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) is currently seeking an individual to serve on the SUIHA Board of Directors. The Board adopts policies and enacts resolutions of the SUIHA. Individuals interested in serving as a Board Member should submit an application and a letter of intent to SUIHA stating their qualifications and why they would like to serve on the Board. All applications need to be submitted to the SUIHA, P.O. Box 447, Ignacio, CO 81137 or deliver to the SUIHA office located at 760 Shoshone Avenue, Ignacio, CO. Proof of Southern Ute Tribal Member required. Applications can be obtained at the SUIHA or request email to rtorres@suiha.org. Applications will be accepted until position filled

KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION! KSUT seeks one (1) enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors



Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot chief, Mountain Chief on a cylinder phonograph for the Bureau of American Ethnology (1916).
—photo Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

KSUT Board of Director Duties:

- Advance KSUT's mission as a community-supported public broadcasting organization serving Ignacio and the Four Corners community
- Monitor financial performance and adherence to budget
- Participate in fundraising and community events
- Serve as representatives and advocates of KSUT
- Oversee the Executive Director and execution of the strategic plan

Desired Skills:

- Knowledge of the Southern Ute community; Dedicated; and a Committed team player.

Board Member Term:

- Board member will serve a three-year term.

To apply, submit a letter of interest to: Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director
Email: tami@ksut.org or by mail: P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Info? Call 970-563-0255



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Animal Control Officer

Closes 5/17/22 – Under the general supervision of the Tribal Ranger Sergeant, assures compliance of the Tribal Animal Control Code through enforcement and education. Pay grade N9; Starts at \$16.88/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Summer Program)

Closes 5/16/22 – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club summer program. Summer program runs from May 25 – Aug. 12, 2022. Pay grade N4; Starts at \$12.32/hour.

Executive Assistant

Closes 5/6/22 – Performs administrative, clerical, and information System support to the Forestry, Forestry Fuels, and Range Programs/Divisions. Will provide clerical and administrative support to the B.I.A. Forestry Branch. Pay grade E12; Starts at \$45,236.26/year.

Family Court Case Manager

Closes 5/11/22 – Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Responsible for psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Responsible for case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Tribal funded and grant funded position. Full-time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade E13; Starts at \$49,517.56/hour.

Public Education Tutor (Part-time, Temp.)

Closes 5/9/22 – Guiding students to improve their academic performance through extended lessons, creative teachings, and interactive materials. Will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Pays \$30/hour.

Supply Technician

Closes 5/17/22 – Under general supervision of the Purchasing Manager, is responsible for the Supply Room and Central Receiving. Maintenance of Supply Room inventory, processing and distributing Supply Room orders, and processing and distributing shipments received through Central Receiving. Assists with purchasing duties as needed, including processing requisitions, travel requests, and purchase orders. Pay grade N8; Starts at \$15.61/hour.

Tribal Attorney

Closes 5/16/22 – Works with other attorneys in the Tribe's in-house Legal Department to provide legal representation, advice, and support to Tribal Council, Tribal officials, and Tribal Departments on a broad range of subjects. A strong command of Federal Indian law and understanding of tribal sovereignty in this position is essential, as is an ability to provide legal advice on a variety of topics in a fast-paced environment. Pay grade X19; Starts at \$95,745.85/year.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade N4; Starts at \$12.32/hour.

Construction Project Manager

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Housing Department Director, assists in the management and coordination of all functions and activities required to initiate and manage all phases of construction projects through completion. After a period of no more than 2 years, will train and mentor a Tribal member as a Project Manager "Trainee" or Apprentice type position. Pay grade E17; Starts at \$75,321.13/year.

Construction Services Repairman

Open Until Filled – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, Tribal Rental Units. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/hour.

Custodian

Open Until Filled – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N5; Starts at \$12.54/hour and includes a \$500 sign-on bonus.

Dental Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under dentist supervision, responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade N11; Starts at \$19.93/hour. "Full vaccination (per CDC definition) is required based on the duties of this position, subject to the policies of the organization. Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered."

Detention Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade N11; Starts at \$19.93/hour.

Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Will be responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N12; Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio

dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; Starts at \$18.32/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E12; Starts at \$45,236.26/year.

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. May require an employee to be placed on a winter furlough period of at least two months per year, but not more than four months. Pay grade N9; Starts at \$16.88/hour.

General Ledger & Fixed Assets Manager

Open Until Filled – Provides oversight and guidance throughout the general ledger and fixed assets management functions, including managing the monthly close process, assuring consistency and adherence to general accounting rules and regulations and Tribal policies and procedures. Pay grade E16; Starts at \$67,244.15/year.

Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

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. Pay grade N8; Starts at \$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. Pay grade 14; \$26.21/hour.

Lake Capote Recreation Assistant (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Maintenance Worker will: greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions; clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings; and assist with site development and improvements. Seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/hour.

Lands Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Div. and provides general information to the Tribal Membership and general public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. Pay grade N8; Starts at \$15.61/hour.

Lifeguard (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. Pay grade N5; Starts at \$12.54/hour and includes a \$200 sign-on bonus.

Native Connections Therapist

Open Until Filled – All Tribal Health employees are required to be vaccinated. Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides behavioral health treatment in the Native Connections grant program. Will work with youth up to age 24, and their families, as part of the Native Connections grant project. Mental health and dual diagnosis services provided within the Southern Ute Health Center, patient homes, schools, and the community as needed to address patient needs. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade E15; Starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. An employee in this position works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. Pay grade N16; Starts at \$32.33/hour.

Patrol Officer I

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N12; Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Assistant Asset Manager – GF Properties Group, LLC (Durango, CO)

Closes 5/10/22 – Effectively performing a variety of real estate functions for investment projects. Will be involved in real estate asset management, financial analysis, project evaluation, management of tenant improvements, and contract negotiation. Requires work on GF Properties Group projects and with joint venture partners on a variety of project types in accordance with company objectives.

Custodian Tech. – Growth Fund Facilities (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/13/22 – Provide housekeeping service and support as directed by the Facilities Manager, to include cleaning of public and non-public areas throughout Growth Fund Office Building, Red Willow Office Building, Utilities Office Building, and Quichas Hill Apartments Office. Responsible for implementing the arrangement of meeting room tables and chairs and coordinating with food service vendors for setup and kitchen use and for ordering and stocking cleaning supply inventory.

Red Cedar Environmental Health and Safety Internship – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 5/13/22 – Internship is an opportunity to learn fundamentals within Red Cedar Environmental, Health, & Safety (EHS) and provide assistance to the EHS staff in field activities

and other related tasks in order to develop the appropriate knowledge base and skill set. Intern will provide a summary report in written and oral form at the end of the assignment.

Operations Technician III - Maintenance – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/13/22 – Supports the Operations Department with administrative and technical support in the preparation of budgets, AFEs, KPIs and various reports. Maintains key Operations Department databases. Interfaces with Engineering, Gas Control and Land to ensure accuracy of data necessary to implement identified projects. Functions as an assistant to operations management team and supports all Operations personnel in maintaining accurate and timely records and an orderly and efficient office environment.

Operations Technician III - Engineering – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/13/22 – Supports the Operations Department with administrative and technical support in the preparation of budgets, AFEs, KPIs and various reports. Maintains key Operations Department databases. Interfaces with Engineering, Gas Control and Land to ensure accuracy of data necessary to implement identified projects. Functions as an assistant to operations management team and supports all Operations personnel in maintaining accurate and timely records and an orderly and efficient office environment.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Computer Technical Support Administrator I - Desktop – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/6/22 – Technical support of end-user hardware and software in the Shared Services Network including escalation support for Help Desk personnel. Provides desktop and mobile operating system and software installation, configuration and repair, and on-site customer visits. Provides end user computing equipment installation and relocation. Works with Computer Technical Support Administrator II employees to help complete requests.

TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information • 970-563-0117
Job descriptions and applications available at TERO office, 151 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo.

TERO-BIA Irrigation Laborer

Closing May 13, 2022 – Provides an opportunity for a TERO qualified candidate a support role in field work under the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project for BIA, Southern Ute Agency. Monitors and cleans trash racks throughout the PRIIP system. Maintains daily entries in the Irrigation system Operators diaries. Performs all work in a safe manner. Qualifications: Must be enrolled in a FEDERALLY recognized Indian Tribe. Must have a High School Education or Equivalent. Must pass pre-employment drug test and through background check. Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions. Must have or be willing to take an ATV safety Course. Preferred Qualifications: Experience in operating construction and natural resources management tools, equipment and vehicles. Experience with Short-wave radio systems, cellular phones, and other communication devices. Must have a Valid Driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Tribal vehicle insurance policy. TERO is offering a sign-on bonus of \$250 to qualified candidates and \$250 completion bonus to candidates that complete the irrigation season. Applications can be submitted via the TERO Worker job opening at www.southernute-nsn.gov/careers. Contact TERO for additional information at 970-563-0117.

Advertise in The Southern Ute Drum

See advertising rates and sizes at www.sudrum.com/advertise/

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

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. Pay grade N13; Starts at \$23.81/hour. Sign on Bonus offered based on years of experience. Potential housing available with employment.

Public Education Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Public Education Department. Teaches/tutors Southern Ute students or Johnson O'Malley Program students in the Ignacio Elementary School and develops an afterschool program to strengthen academic skills throughout the school year. Designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing the programs and reviewing their success. Will support established curriculum/management and is expected to work in different subject areas and classrooms as determined by the Director and building principal. The intent of this teaching position is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. Based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations available during periods of the year that do not require student contact. Pay grade E11; Starts at \$41,456.65/year.

Swimming Instructor (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, breakdown of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/hour.

TEAM Worker (So. Ute members only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (So. Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. Apprentices may be placed within Permanent Fund departments or divisions dependent on career interests, educational level and/or length of prior relevant and appropriate work experience. After your application is submitted, you will receive an email asking for detailed information about your career interests. The Apprentice Committee will review applications and assess what options may be available for applicants.

Tribal Ranger

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of Tribal Ranger Sergeant and Ranger Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade N12; Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/hour and includes a \$200 sign-on bonus.

Water Resources Specialist

Open Until Filled – Provides professional and technical level work to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. Pay grade E13; Starts at \$49,517.56/year.



Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

- Planning & Development, Transportation Specialist Closes – 5/31/22
- Bushwhacker/Rec. Center, Head Cook – 5/13/22
- Bushwhacker/Rec. Center, Supervisor – 5/13/22
- Bushwhacker/Rec. Center, FT-Assistant Cook – 5/13/22
- Member Services, Assistant Member Services – 5/6/22
- Tribal Parks, PT-Maintenance Worker – 5/6/22
- Natural Resource, Cowboy – 5/6/22
- Finance, Accountant – 5/6/22
- Ute Counseling, BA/UA Technician – 5/6/22
- Child Development Center, Education Manager – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, PT-Assistant Cook – Open Until Filled
- Child Development, FT-Assistant Head Start Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, FT-Day Care Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Paraprofessional – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Education, Director – Open Until Filled
- Energy, Director – Open Until Filled
- Minerals, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- PEAK Grant, Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Representative – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, WM-Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, FT-Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B, IV – Open Until Filled
- RISE Grant, Grant Project Manager – Open Until Filled
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, Director – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehab Counselor I – Open Until Filled
- WM-Administration, Member Service Technician – Open Until Filled
- WM Recreation Center, PT-Assistant Director – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Adult Education Coach – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Juvenile Interventionist – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Positions are open until filled. Job descriptions, salary schedules and applications can be found at www.ignacioschools.org/employment

Ignacio School District has an immediate opening for:

- Custodian – Open until filled

Ignacio School District has the following openings for the 2022-23 School Year:

- Bus Driver
- Cook
- Nurse
- Secondary Science Teacher
- Secondary Special Ed Teacher
- Secondary Alternative Ed Teacher
- Secondary Native American Studies Teacher
- Elementary Teacher
- High School Assistant Football Coach
- High School Assistant Cross Country Coach
- High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- Middle School Head Football Coach



SOUTHERN UTE
Cultural Center & Museum

- Are you outgoing?
- Like to talk to people?
- Love your culture?
- Want to share it?

BECOME A DOCENT!

Docents greet museum visitors, introduce them to the exhibits, answer questions and provide tours. They also work in the Museum Store to promote Native arts and crafts and take sales.

We are excited to be fully open this summer and are hiring full-time and part-time docents.

For more information, contact:

Museum: Susan Cimburek at 970.563.2973
TEAM Program: Rochelle Aguilar at 970.563.2990
TERO Program: Laura Sanchez at 970.563.2294

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

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.

Audio Video Technician (Full-time)

Set-up, breakdown, support, and repairs of all AV equipment within hotel rooms, equipment rooms, conference rooms and special events by the direction of the AV Lead System Engineer. Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, on a daily basis. Maintaining a professional appearance to clients and wearing the appropriate uniform at all times.

*Beverage and Cocktail Server

Will prepare beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 lbs. regularly and will be responsible for monetary transactions. Will maintain the highest level or guest service.

*Bingo Staff (Part-time)

Servicing guests during Bingo games including selling additional special games and pull tabs, instructing customers in Bingo play, calling Bingo games, beverage service and other duties promoting guest satisfaction and play. Verifying winning Bingo cards and making payouts accordingly.

Cafe Cashier (Full-time)

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast paced work environment. Tasks include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms.

*Chef De Cuisine (Full-time)

Will consistently provide the highest quality of food, presentation, training, professionalism and customer service. Directly supervises food handling and preparation for all F&B Outlets. Ensures the highest quality and consistency as it relates to food handling, storage, kitchen and restaurant sanitation, food service, and presentation in the dining rooms.

Event Staff (Full-time and 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.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. 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.

*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.

*Facilities Tech (Full-time)

Electrical and mechanical functions, operations of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment and building by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting

and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

Fine Dining Busser (Full-time)

Provides an exceptional fine dining experience by performing multiple duties to maintain cleanliness, orderliness, and sanitation of dining room and/or other related dining areas. Job duties include clearing off tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste, keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates, glasses, silverware, and napkins.

Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

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; luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

*Night Auditor (Full-time)

Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers and promotes the Casino Hotel. Answering phones, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

*Player's Club Rep (Full-time)

Performs all administrative functions of a Players Club Representative such as: signing up new members, player's account maintenance, answer player club and general property questions, administering redemption, complimentary and access rewards and benefits to qualified players club members. Maintain the highest standard of guest service, problem resolution and confidentiality. Develops and creates a long lasting experience for all Club Card members.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms.

*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.

*Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time)

Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee. Assists guests with slot machine usage; educates them regarding play, wagers, pay tables, etc. Generates jackpot slips at jackpot workstations using the on-line Automated Slot System (Oasis), the New Wave Manual System or the Locked Dispensing Machine as appropriate. Notifies slot staff or other Casino personnel of guest needs and requests; follows up to ensure a positive guest experience. Verifies and/or signs for slot payouts and delivers winnings to guests.

Raft Guide Training Opportunities Available for Interested Tribal Members

Please Call the Wildlife Division for more information @ (970) 563-0130





To Halve and To Hold • FROM PAGE 18



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio shortstop Jacob Gallegos (12) receives a throw in an attempt to catch Trinidad’s Eli Crosson (5) stealing second base during non-league road action Saturday, April 30, in Trinidad, Colo.

ing seven innings and striking out 14 ‘Cats, while allowing but one earned run, two hits and issuing one walk, plus one hit-by-pitch), Crosson fired 4-1/3 innings of hitless relief, walked just Phillip Quintana – who’d score via a wild pitch to McCaw – and K’d nine.

But despite being shut down offensively, IHS – even with lacrosse-oriented Martinez inserted – played solid defense.

Phillip Quintana (W; 5.2 IP, 8 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, HB, 5 K) managed to retire THS in order in the fourth inning, then got out of a fifth-inning bases-juiced jam by starting a 1-2-3 double play off Just’s stick. Trinidad had managed to touch Quintana for a run prior to the DP, and then got an RBI-groundout by Walton early in the sixth, but after Quintana was pulled due to pitch count after walking leadoff Miner Brett Kendall, the ‘Cats killed off another brewing rally by catching Kendall swiping second.

Crosson confidently struck out the side in Ignacio’s seventh, but after fielding errors allowed Rylee Montoya and Just to reach base – and soon advance to third and second base, respectively – in the home half, Bobcat reliever Gallegos (1.1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 2 K), called in from shortstop, froze 6-hole batter Jace Rogers with a victory-clinching third strike.

“You know, we didn’t have our hits ... but it happens,” Baker said. “But our defense was on point; we were everywhere.”

“That’s the number-seven team in the state, and we didn’t let down,” he continued, adding emphasis. “And Trinidad has a great team; they’re well-coached, and they’ve got some big kids!” And fortunately for THS,

neighboring Hoehne doesn’t offer baseball; three of the proverbially-biggest Miners – college-prospect Crosson (1-3, INT-BB), Montoya (2-4, 2 RBI) and Rogers (1-4, 2 R) – were Farmers during the winter basketball season. Including his sac-bunt, Hamman went 2-2 with a run in Game 2, and Kendall went 1-1 with two walks, one hit-by-pitch, and a run, but losing pitcher Just (2.2 IP, 8 R, 2 BB, HB, 3 K) went 0-4.

Meanwhile, Eppie Quintana went 2-4 with one RBI for Ignacio and Maez was 2-2 with a run and a ribbie. Hendren was 1-3 with two runs scored and one driven in, and Phillip Quintana went 0-3 with a walk and two runs. Picked off first after leading Game 2 off with a single, Montoya ended up 2-4 with a run and an RBI.

“It felt really good winning, especially ... shutting them down at the end,” said a relieved Gallegos (0-4 batting). “Definitely got to work on our errors, and make sure we make those easy plays.”

“It’s not the scores we’re used to having, especially with how we’re used to playing,” Velasquez said. “They’re a good team, especially to keep the score down, you know? One of the tougher teams we’ve seen.”

0-for-2 in Game 2 after entering as a fourth-inning substitute for Romero (1-1, R, RBI), Velasquez not only came through for Trinidad in Game 1 with his arm, but also a key two-RBI, fifth-inning single off counterpart Eppie Quintana (L, CG; 6 IP, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 7 K) in going 2-for-3 at bat.

Rylee Montoya went 1-3 and Crosson 2-3 with an RBI (his sixth-inning courtesy runner Kaleb Valdez would score THS’ final run via an Eppie Quintana balk to Romero).

Devante Montoya went 1-4 in Game 1 with a fifth-inning, RBI-infield single plating Rylan Maez (0-1, HBP, BB) for the Bobcats’ only tally in a tight 4-1 loss. Eppie Quintana went 1-3 with a single and also reached on an error.

“I’d say we did good on the defensive part, but batting ... we just need to wake up our bats,” he said. “That was really the only thing holding us back; if we could all hit, I think it’d be a different outcome.”

“Our kids ... just couldn’t see that ball. I told them ... you’re going to get one good fastball, but other than that be ready for a bunch of junk. (Velasquez) had some nasty curves. Other than that, it was a good time out there.”

“Hats off to Ignacio,” Miner’s head coach Greg Guzzo said. “Top to bottom, they swing the bats, they’re aggressive and they ... don’t make a lot of mistakes. They’re well-coached; they’re going to beat people they probably shouldn’t beat.”

With much-needed morale in the bag, 2A Ignacio (6-7, 2-2 2A/1A San Juan Basin) was to next host 1A Nucla (11-4, 3-1) Tuesday, May 3, with the SJBL crown at stake. Results from the doubleheader were unavailable at press time.

“We need to go into that with a lot of energy,” said Phillip Quintana. “This is exactly what we needed.”

Southern Peaks-pacing Trinidad slipped to 9-3 overall prior to a 5/4 two-fer in Pueblo against 2A Dolores Huerta Prep.

“I definitely think we need to take this as a way to improve ourselves,” Kendall said. “We definitely don’t need to hang our heads, let this get to us, you know? It’s just about moving on ... for future games.”

Bear Dance etiquette



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box sings alongside Sam Maez (left) and son, Noah Box (far right) at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.



Southern Ute tribal member, De’Vra Richards attends the Bear Dance workshop held Wednesday, May 4, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Young dancers came to the event with their classmates and families, to practice the Bear Dance. Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box holds educational presentations each spring for the Ignacio community and surrounding schools.

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 It may have bars or a pie
- 6 Plumbing problems
- 11 “Wreck-It ---” (Disney film)
- 12 Apportion
- 13 Japanese cartoon genre
- 14 Irish county
- 15 Big trouble?
- 16 H E W successor
- 18 Kitten call
- 19 --- franca
- 21 --- Meadows, Abenaki region
- 22 Articles in black borders
- 24 --- River Indian Community, AZ
- 27 Golden rule words
- 31 Evergreen climber
- 32 “--- your heart out!”
- 33 Moon or sun, poetically
- 34 Outfits
- 36 Lofty dwelling
- 38 Marginally ahead
- 39 Papas’ partners
- 40 Good going down
- 41 Bogart’s sleuth

Down

- 1 Go on all fours
- 2 Saigon’s adversary, once
- 3 E.T., say
- 4 Dashboard abbr.
- 5 Old-school nickname for Boston
- 6 Mille --- band of Ojibwe
- 7 90° bend
- 8 1836 siege site
- 9 38th parallel country
- 10 Gets madder and madder
- 17 British Columbia people
- 20 “Can you --- little faster, said the whiting to the snail?” (Lewis Carroll)
- 21 Erin Brockovich’s alma mater
- 23 Sacred objects
- 24 Leg of lamb
- 25 Donald’s ex
- 26 Ancient instruments
- 28 --- Jean (Marilyn Monroe’s birthname)
- 29 Chinese gang
- 30 Beyond plump
- 32 Catch a glimpse of
- 35 “Close, --- no cigar”
- 37 A bark or yelp

Answers for this crossword will appear in May 20 issue of the Drum.

Answers for April 22, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Muse, 5 Trilby, 11 Aral, 12 Be sure, 13 Mate, 14 Oxalic, 15 Any man, 17 Bath, 18 Cur, 19 Rene, 21 Issue, 23 Alarm, 27 Nada, 29 Sac, 30 Spur, 33 Unchic, 35 Caputa, 37 Mono, 38 Avalon, 39 Drey, 40 Retype, 41 Reds. Down: 1 Mamaci, 2 Uranus, 3 Satyrs, 4 Elem, 5 T-bone, 6 Rex, 7 Isabel, 8 Lula, 9 Brit, 10 Yech, 16 Area, 20 Naan, 22 Unruly, 24 Ashore, 25 Rained, 26 McCoys, 28 Duane, 30 Scar, 31 Pave, 32 Up at, 34 Cmdr, 36 Top.

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Friday, May 6



Sunny 80°F
Breezy, afternoon wind gusts

Saturday, May 7



Sunny 81°F
Breezy, afternoon wind gusts

Sunday, May 8



Mostly sunny 78°F
Breezy

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