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Student field days abound

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The Southern Ute Drum: Winner of 9 Society of Professional Journalists awards in 2022!

Memorial Day weekend celebrated in Ignacio



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Southern Ute tribal member, De’Vra Richards (center) attends the opening of the Southern Ute Bear Dance with her Montessori peers, Friday, May 27. Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy opened up the first dance of the weekend, per tradition, at the Southern Ute’s spring celebration in Ignacio.

See Bear Dance coverage on page 14.

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

SunUte scholarships available for eligible youth

Recipients receive free membership for one full year

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The SunUte Community Center in Ignacio is signing up students for free memberships, paid for entirely though federal funding. These scholarships are still available to eligible students in the Ignacio area. While many of the scholarships are spoken for, SunUte still has around 200 unclaimed memberships for kids going into third grade through 12th grade – including students who are recent High School graduates. Grant monies were made

available to SunUte through the Southern Ute Social Services Division; more specifically an MSPI grant from the Department of Health and Human Services: Indian Health Services (IHS) Meth Suicide Prevention Initiative. “Our goal is to relay to the youth, that through this grant, that we have worked so hard with ... that we want you here – that this is a place to be,” SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth emphasized. “So many kids that are coming in are on the basketball court, in the gym, or in the pool. It’s just fantastic. We

are seeing new faces here.” Roughly 150 kids have already signed up for the grant funded SunUte membership opportunity. “There is a contract that outlines what we expect – we are all about ‘Character Counts,’” Duffy-Wirth said. “This is an amazing example of collaboration, why should the money go back to the government when we can use it in our community.”

Free memberships are available on a first come, first serve basis, early registration is encouraged and

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Southern Ute Vietnam combat veteran, Rod Grove raises Old Glory to half-mast during the singing of a flag song by Red Spirit of the Ute Tribe from Ft. Duchesne, Utah. The U.S., Southern Ute tribal, and MIA/POW flags were also raised then lowered by Southern Ute Veterans Association member, W. Bruce Valdez (Army) and Ute Mountain Ute Veteran, Gordon Hammond (Marines) during the Memorial Day Services, “Honoring All Who Served” held at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park, Monday, May 30.

See Memorial Day coverage on page 15.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Library of Congress offers grant funding for contemporary cultural field research

Staff report
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Library of Congress is offering the second round of grants available to individuals and organizations working to document cultures and traditions of Black, Indigenous and communities of color traditionally underrepresented in the United States. The Community Collections Grants from the Library’s American Folklife Center offer a wide range of opportunities for many to document experiences from their own perspectives, while enriching the Library’s holdings with diverse materials featuring creativity and knowledge found at the local level. The funding opportunities were recently announced and are open for applications through Aug. 1. Up to 10 grant opportunities are available in this sec-

ond year for up to \$50,000 each to fund field research within Black, Indigenous, Hispanic or Latino, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. The funding is part of the Library’s initiative, Of the People: Widening the Path, which creates new opportunities for more Americans to engage with the Library of Congress and to add their perspectives to the Library’s collections, allowing the national library to share a more inclusive American story. The initiative is supported by a \$15 million investment from the Mellon Foundation. This is the second set of Community Collections Grants over four years from the American Folklife Center. Building on the first round of grant recipients, Of the People continues to create opportunities for more Americans to engage with the Library and add per-

spectives to the collections. For information on the Notices of Funding Opportunity and details on how to apply, visit the Of the People loc.gov/of-the-people/apply. Informational webinars will be held about the Community Collections grant program and application process on Wednesday, June 8, Wednesday, June 22 and Friday, July 8 from 4 to 5 p.m. EST. Webinars are free and open to the public, pre-registration is required at loc.gov/programs/of-the-people/news-and-events/events/. To receive timely notifications and updates, please subscribe to the Of the People blog at blogs.loc.gov/ofthepeople/. The Library of Congress is the world’s largest library, offering access to the creative record of the United States – and extensive materials from

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Grads galore!



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Graduate, Elisia Cruz shows her joy during the 2022 Commencement Ceremony of the graduating class of the Ignacio High School, Saturday, May 28 on the Ignacio High School Sports Field. The back-to a more traditional ceremony was held outside with no restrictions. Twenty-two students graduated from Ignacio High School this spring.

See Graduation coverage on page 9.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Toddler Two student, KaiLanii Graham stands next to her mother, Shiann Graham, after receiving her certificate during the Academy’s transition ceremony and walking parade, Thursday, May 26.

See SUIMA Transition coverage on page 7.

Giving thanks to Frost



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Services Director, Shannon Eastwood gives Southern Ute tribal elder, and retiree, Gloria Frost an embroidered Pendleton Blanket with Frost's total years of employment and name on Wednesday, May 25 in the Hall of Warriors, in the Leonard C. Burch Building. Friends, family, and tribal employees gathered to celebrate Frost and her outstanding work ethic. Attendees enjoyed light refreshments and cake at the conclusion of the celebration.

Tribal Council Member Vanessa Torres embraces Frost, thanking her for years of hard work and dedication. Frost has worked for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for a total of 25 years.



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around the world – both on-site and online. It is the main research arm of the U.S. Congress and the home of the U.S. Copyright Office. Explore collections, reference services and other programs and plan a visit at loc.gov, access the official site for U.S. federal legislative information at congress.gov and register creative works of authorship at copyright.gov.

Community Collections Grants from the American Folklife Center

The American Folklife Center was established to preserve and present American folklife through programs of research, documentation and more. Though this grant program, the cen-

ter will expand its collection by funding and supporting individuals and organizations in collecting and archiving contemporary cultural expressions and traditions that may otherwise be absent from the national record. The Library will offer fellowships to individuals to work within their communities to produce ethnographic cultural documentation, such as oral history interviews and audio-visual recordings of cultural activity, from the community perspective. The center will archive the collections from this fieldwork to preserve and showcase this rich and valuable cultural documentation.

Examples of cultural documentation meant to inspire possible projects include:

Exploration of a community festival or cultural celebration; Documentation of gathering places, including social spaces, farmers markets, craft fairs, or other periodic spaces that serve as anchors or markers of community; Community-centric reflection on emerging cultural forms or practices; Examinations of cultural practices that can serve as markers of aspects of identity; and an oral history of a neighborhood or community.

American Folklife Center folklorists and archivists will assist grantees in providing support for specific aspects of cultural documentation activities, provide technical advice, and help to facilitate a cohort for sharing knowledge and lessons learned.

Many Moons Ago



10 years ago

Southern Ute tribal member Marvin Pinnecoose joins other fancy dancers in a dazzling display of color and motion at the annual Bear Dance Contest Powwow.

This photo was first published in the June 1, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Student Alana Watts leads Avionne Gomez at the Southern Ute Indian Academy's Graduation Powwow on May 23, 2002.

This photo was published in the May 31, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Respected tribal elder Sunshine Smith takes part in the Walk of the Warriors ceremony.

This photo was published in the May 30, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Jeffery Jefferson gives a certificate to Nettie Unca Sam and Ramona Silva which named the south softball field park the Patrick Silva Memorial Field. Kenny Frost was the master of ceremonies.

This photo was published in the June 4, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

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



OPEN BURNING

Burning of trash and/or yard waste is prohibited.



AGRICULTURAL BURNING

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



CAMP FIRES

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



FIREWORKS

Possession, discharging or use of any type of fireworks is prohibited.

Commercial and Industrial restrictions can be obtained from the BIA Fire Office at 575 County Road 517 or by calling (970) 563-4571. Anyone violating the provisions of this fire ban may be subject to prosecution outlined in the Southern Ute Indian Criminal Code.

The Restrictions will become effective at 06:00 AM, May 20, 2022 and will remain until conditions improve.



SU DRUM | Archive

SU DRUM | Jerney Wade Shockley

SOUTHERN UTE
Royalty Pageant
BEING HELD
August 2022
MORE INFORMATION FORTH COMING



SOUTHERN UTE
CULTURE CAMP

Age 6-10
June 28-30, 2022
9:00am-3:00pm

Applications (electronic and paper copies) will be
available beginning Monday, May 30, 2022.
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS & 1ST DESCENDANTS

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS WILL BE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2022, AT 5:00PM.



For more information, contact:
Cultural Preservation Department at 970-563-2983.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Showing support of Indigenous 2S+/
LGBTQ+ survivors for Pride Month

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

This June, the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center (NIWRC), StrongHearts Native Helpline (StrongHearts) and the Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center (AK-NWRC) acknowledge, support and lift the voices of Native Two-Spirit, non-binary, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or questioning survivors of violence for Pride Month. As Indigenous nonprofit organizations, we strongly support the need to facilitate inclusive conversations about the identities intersecting across the Indigenous and 2S+/LGBTQ+ spectrum.

When NIWRC, StrongHearts, and ANWRC raise awareness on gender-based violence issues, we also recognize that our 2S+/LGBTQ+ relatives experience domestic violence and sexual violence at exceptionally high rates. Violence and abuse can happen to anyone. Across Indigenous cultures and communities, our traditional teachings uphold respect for all identities and celebrate diversity. As relatives, we must stand firmly against dangerous attitudes toward our 2S+/LGBTQ+ relatives and instead, use our Indigenous values and sacred teachings of love, respect and compassion to advocate for them. We see you. We support you. We honor your spirit.

For generations, Western culture has disparaged Indigenous religions and teachings about gender and sex-

uality, including the pre-existing traditional understanding that Two-Spirit individuals, embodying male and female spirits, are blessed by Creator. Colonialism and Western patriarchy threaten our relatives on the 2S+/LGBTQ+ spectrum with policy, violence and oppression across the United States. Within the 2S+/LGBTQ+ community, intimate partner violence occurs at a rate equal to or higher than that of the cis-heterosexual community. American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians in 2S+/LGBTQ+ communities face systemic discrimination, violence, and harassment at disproportional rates. According to the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey (USTS), of all the respondents who experienced sexual assault, 65% were American Indian/Alaskan Natives. Also, 73% of Native respondents experienced intimate partner violence, including physical violence, compared to 54% of the overall USTS respondents. 2S+/LGBTQ+ relatives also experience other forms of domestic violence and additional barriers to seeking help due to fear of discrimination or bias.

These statistics do not include the intergenerational and individual trauma our Indigenous relatives experience. There is a need for intergenerational efforts to recognize, reclaim and dismantle oppressive and systemic injustices toward 2S+/LGBTQ+ survivors.

Although there are incredible resources available for LGBTQ+ survivors, there

is an urgent need for more culturally tailored, inclusive programs and resources that offer support services for Indigenous 2S+/LGBTQ+ survivors. As family members and communities, we must collectively advocate for more inviting, safe, accessible, and inclusive spaces for our 2S+/LGBTQ+ relatives. All members of our families, communities, and nations should feel safe, protected, and supported to live free of violence and discrimination.

Tips for Family and Friends

Show up: Family members and friends of 2S+/LGBTQ+ relatives can create safe spaces simply by showing up, listening, and acknowledging their relative’s experiences. Keeping “open minds and hearts” can positively impact Indigenous 2S+/LGBTQ+ survivors.

Believe survivors: Validate the feelings of 2S+/LGBTQ+ relatives, assuring them that the violence they experienced is not their fault and they are not alone. Offering support when a loved one is hurting, even in seemingly small ways, encourages connection and protects against isolation.

Celebrate sacred teachings: Learning more about Indigenous 2S+/LGBTQ+ communities—including their history of trauma and teachings about love, compassion, courage, and support—can help reverse the shame tied to Western norms about gender and sexual orientation. Return to traditional teachings that honor all identities and sexualities.

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
2022 Fair Logo



‘REZ’ILIENCE

Upon first look, you may just see abstract lines and shapes. Perhaps you see the face of a bear or the outline of an elk. This warrior spirit is meant to represent many faces, and has multiple layers, in order to encapsulate OUR ‘REZ’ILIENCE as Ute people.

The ‘REZ’ is where Ute people learned first hand what it means to be resilient. Having our connection to the land disturbed by colonization should have broken our spirit. Being forced to send our children away for assimilation should have taken our traditions. Our way of life was no longer the same, and we changed with the times in order to survive.

Yet here we stand, piece by piece we fight, we heal, we not only survive but we thrive. This is OUR ‘REZ’ILIENCE. These individual pieces came together to create a story of that ‘REZ’ILIENCE.

The blue represents water, always surrounding us, holding onto our memories. Water is our past, present, and future. The red represents Ute people. The rocks stacked on top of the spirits head, represent the seven bands of the Ute nation, united and supported by each other.

The yellow represents our strength, reminding us that we are stronger together and our strength comes from the creator and is spread through each and everyone of us.

The two feathers are there to represent our morning and evening prayers.

The white represents the smoke from our medicines burning, thanking the creator for our lives, and the lives before us.

The flower blossoms represent our healing, showcasing to us that even though trauma creates lasting impacts, those little buds are our reminder of the beauty of growth. Blended together each piece is my tribute to OUR ‘REZ’ILIENCE, to our Ute nation.

Tog’oliak
T.R.F.



Save the date

2022
SOUTHERN UTE FAIR
CONTEST POWWOW
SEPTEMBER 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH
SKY UTE FAIR GROUNDS
IGNACIO, COLORADO
OVER \$100,000
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‘REZ’ILIENCE

100th Annual Southern Ute Fair

HEAD STAFF &
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AT A LATER DATE!

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SEAL OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
IGNACIO, COLORADO

SOUTHERN UTE
POW WOW
COMMITTEE



HEALTHY RECIPES

Fresh summer slaws

Modify a classic recipe to fit your needs.

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

From your classic coleslaw with shredded cabbage, carrots and dressing to ones made with pineapple, Brussels sprouts, or corn. A “slaw” is simply a salad of chopped veggies, typically with cabbage in a dressing that contains mayonnaise. Slaw is a great side dish for your summer grilling, to take to a BBQ, or to top a sandwich or burger. This is a different take on the typical coleslaw and is so yummy and super healthy – enjoy!



courtesy Jessica in the Kitchen

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

Purple Cabbage with Kale

- Ingredients**
- ½ medium purple cabbage, cored and thinly sliced
 - 2 carrots, peeled and shredded
 - 3 leaves of dinosaur (lacinato) kale or any kale you like, tough stems removed, then roughly chopped
 - ¼ cup sunflower seeds
- Dressing**
- ¼ cup olive oil
 - 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
 - 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 - 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 - Salt and pepper to taste

- Directions**
1. Place vegetable ingredients in a large bowl.
 2. Place the dressing ingredients in a jar with a tight-fitting lid and shake vigorously.
 3. Pour dressing onto veggies and let it marinate for 30 or more minutes to let the flavors meld and to soften kale.
 4. Top with sunflower seeds and stir to combine.

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recommended. The deadline to apply is 7 p.m. on June 30. The free membership is equivalent to a standard student rate of \$125 per year. Eligibility is for youth who live within the boundaries of the Ignacio School District, but not necessarily attending Ignacio schools. Students attending Hope academy, home-schooled students, and others who attend neighboring school districts, but still live in the Ignacio area are also eligible for the grant funded scholarship. The grade level is the only qualifier, and where you reside within La Plata County. If a student already has a SunUte membership, that existing membership will be extended. The youth membership grants students access to the basketball courts, pool area, gym, air hockey tables, and future gaming area. An additional Tribal Court grant provided funding for a dedicated gaming area which will provide access to an XBOX X-Series console, a PlayStation PS5 console, two flatscreen TVs, state of the art gaming chairs with headphones, and additional couches for socializ-

ing. Time limits and a waiting list for the gaming room will be implemented by SunUte staff to ensure a positive, and well-balanced environment for youth at all times. “We are addressing all children, not everyone wants to shoot hoops, work out in the gym ... or swim,” Duffy-Wirth explained. “Frankly you can’t do that all day, this gives one more option. We have created a safe space, with great role models. And we are trying to [encourage] all kids to come in – the gaming room is just one more dimension.” “The gaming area offers another avenue for youth to socialize with their peers and the goal is for it to help with mental health,” SunUte Community Center Recreation Manager, Virgil Morgan said. SunUte feels that in order to make that possible, they need to offer the youth what they want, and the gaming area is a big part of it; in turn, providing an avenue for stronger mental health means something different for every kid. In SunUte’s perspective, that could be gaming, skateboarding, shooting hoops, swimming, or lifting – their goal is to

provide for the many. “We’re here for the kids and they know it,” Morgan said. Students and parents throughout the community have already received the program information, forms – which require student/parent signatures. If a student or parent needs a packet, they are available at SunUte’s front desk, Ignacio Community Library, and at the ELHI Community Center. SunUte recently extended their hours from Mon.-Fri. till 8 p.m., to better cater to the needs of youth, weekend schedules are now 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. “The scholarship creates a variety of opportunities for our youth,” Morgan said. “Tribal member youth use the facility more because their friends can use the facility along with them.” SunUte believes they are now meeting the needs of the community on a larger scale. “The impact is not [necessarily] on the gym, since they have to be 13 and up, but the rest of the building is full of energy,” Duffy-Wirth said. “Kids are free to come and go, but when they are here ... we will keep them safe.”

CORONAVIRUS

CDC approves additional dose of Pfizer vaccine for 5–11-year-olds

Third dose recommended prior to summer activities

Staff report
COLO. OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) approved a third (booster) dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 through 11 years. This announcement came after CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted to recommend a third dose of the Pfizer vaccine in this younger population. FDA authorized the use of a single booster dose for children 5 through 11 years on Tuesday, May 17. COVID-19 vaccine providers can now begin administering third doses of Pfizer vaccine to children aged 5 through 11 years. A full list of vaccine providers can be found at covid19.colorado.gov/vaccinefinder or by calling 1-877-CO VAX CO (1-877-268-2926). This authorized third dose will help protect children aged 5 through 11 years as COVID-19 transmission in Colorado contin-

ues on a slight upward trend due to the omicron subvariant BA.2.12.1. Some immunocompromised children may need four doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Find out how many follow-up doses your child will need for the highest level of protection with our COVID-19 vaccine follow-up dose calculator. Colorado children aged 5 through 11 years should get their third dose at least five months after their second dose. If possible, children should receive a third dose prior to summer camp, vacation plans, and other activities. It takes two weeks after getting a third dose to build maximum protection. Children who are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations may be able to avoid quarantining after exposure to COVID-19. Colorado’s Healthy Families and Workplaces Act entitles people to paid time off from work to take their child to a vaccine appointment or care for them if they experience side effects after vaccination. In addition, CDC strengthened its recommendation that

people 50 and older and people 12 and older who are immunocompromised should receive a fourth dose (second booster) at least four months after their first. This update to their previous recommendation comes due to the fact that, while they have the highest coverage of any age group of third doses, most older Americans received their last dose many months ago and this leaves them potentially more vulnerable to the worst outcomes. Vaccines are the safest, most effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19 and help avoid the worst outcomes – severe illness, hospitalization, and death – among those who do become infected. The authorization makes everyone in the United States aged 5 and older eligible for a third dose of the lifesaving vaccine. Currently, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is the only vaccine authorized or approved for children ages 5 through 17 years. Continue to stay up to date by visiting covid19.colorado.gov.

A dash of color



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and its entities collaborated to host the “End of School Year Bash” on Saturday, May 21, celebrating the conclusion of the academic school year for children of all grades and ages. The color run event marked the beginning of festivities, starting at the SunUte Community Center Park and the Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park – students and their families ran approximately 1.07 miles throughout Tribal Campus while being colored by dyed cornstarch thrown by tribal staff.

At the conclusion of the color run, participants began to share the remaining colored powder with nearby spectators and friends making sure to get some color on the attendees.



SAN JUAN BASIN
public health

PUBLIC HEALTH
RESOURCE
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Join San Juan Basin Public Health to discover a wide range of public health resources available to you as a La Plata County resident.

Ignacio Community Library
470 Goddard Ave, Ignacio

12 pm to 1 pm

For more information and a full description of presentations, visit sjbpublichealth.org/public-health-resource-series/ or call **970.585.6121**.

To protect community health, we request that all participants comply with the Public Health Advisory and guidance for low, medium, and high COVID-19 transmission rates.

June 7*
Health Insurance Literacy
Nurse Family Partnership

June 14
Women’s Wellness Connection

June 21
Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)
HCP Program/Care Coordination

June 28
Emergency Preparedness
SafeCare

*Spanish Interpretation available

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How
are
you?

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
Email: kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov



IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

Hendren recognized in May for Character Counts

Staff Report
MULTI-CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The Multi-Cultural Committee has chosen Southern Ute tribal member Nate Hendren as the May Character Counts “Person of the Month.”

Nate represents the Responsibility pillar. He has been very respectful and responsible. He has been attending tutoring and working to receive good grades. He has been seen multiple times asking teachers about classroom assignments and grades. He stays on task and gets his work done and helps others stay on task and to be respectful. He greets guests who come into the building with care and respect.

Sierra Velasquez is Nate’s Mentor through the Mentor Program at the High School and wrote this about him: Nate is a great example of each six pillars of characters. Trustworthy, Respectful, Responsible, Caring, Fairness and Citizenship. Nate is very soft spoken, but once he opens up to you and shares his current projects, fu-



courtesy Ignacio High School

Nate Hendren
May Character Counts “Person of the Month”

ture ideas and plans in life ... you learn fast what an amazing and smart young man he is.

Nate Hendren, keep up the good work, keep being

you - you are going to go so far in life and accomplish so much! April was teacher Daven Reinhardt and June was assistant principal Shauna Branch.



courtesy SUIMA

The SUIMA staff enjoyed their last day with students down at the Bear Dance Grounds.

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Kwanachigani pø’əkwatü - Eagle’s Nest

By Principal Mari Jo Owens
SU INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

To quote Alice Cooper, “School’s out for summer!” Our last week of this school year was filled with so many activities. Our end of the year transition ceremony was celebrated by a walking parade down Ouray Drive. It was well attended, and the wind wasn’t much more than a breeze.

While a few of the kindergarten and elementary students will be moving to area public schools, most of our students are staying with us.

With our registration packet available on our website, we have already been receiving enrollment forms. We ended the student’s school year by opening up the Bear Dance. It was exciting and humbling to walk into the Grounds and hear the applause and cheers from those around us. The students had been building up their skills and anticipation all month. We

have been opening Bear Dance for at least 20 years; this year felt like that first year! A true renewal was taking place.

While SUIMA does not participate in the CMAS testing, we do participate in standardized, benchmark testing which is one that the Ignacio School District also uses. Taking into consideration that our 2020-2021 school year was administered wholly online, and this was a year to recuperate skills, the test results are quite promising. In the area of reading, 75% of our kindergarteners demonstrated more than a year’s growth, while 65% of our elementary students demonstrated a year’s growth. Taking into consideration students who are on IEP’s as well as those who are not, one of our other standardized reading assessments shows a median growth of 100 points from the December test to the test that was administered in May. Results from the math

assessment 47% of our elementary students demonstrated a year’s growth. In the area of Ute Language, those students who were tested in August, and then again in May, showed a 41% growth in language.

As a reminder for next year, we will continue with a five-day school week and move our early release day to Friday. As stated in the past article, our decision to stay as a five-day week was based on our parents’ response as well as what will work best for our school.

Thank you, parents, Tribal Council, Executive Officer Olguin, Education Director Taylor, SUIMA School Board, and the various Tribal Departments, for supporting us this year. As we navigated to what eventually feels like “normal,” I appreciate all that you did for the students and staff. It has been a pleasure to serve you and I look forward to another good school year. See you then!

Nuu’apaghapi

(Ute phrases, sentences and songs)

- Spring - tamanatø
- Bear Dance - Mamakwanhkapø
- Sweat- paqhåa (perspire)

Upcoming events

- Aug. 24 – Open House
- Aug. 29 – 2022-2023 School year begins

Registration packets at www.suima.org

Students visit Scott’s Pond



photos Terence Whyte/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary fifth grade students play in the water as they wait for Southern Ute Wildlife employees to release more trout into Scott’s Pond, Friday, May 20. The Ignacio Elementary students attended the field trip with the help of the Southern Ute Wildlife Department.

Ignacio fifth grade elementary school students make bird food at Scott’s Pond, Friday, May 20. Students attended the field trip with the help of the Southern Ute Wildlife Department.



Education goes bowling



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Education Department hosted a bowling event for Native American students attending Ignacio, Bayfield, and Durango public schools on Wednesday, May 18 at the Rolling Thunder Lanes within the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Throughout the event, students had the chance to mingle with each other and share a meal provided by the Rolling Thunder Grill.

Ending school year with a bash!



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal departments hosted the “End of School Year Bash” for all students, their families and friends, at the Piinu Nuuchi Skatepark, Saturday, May 21. SunUte Front Desk attendant Margaret Manzanares seems pleased with her cotton candy creation, while SunUte Recreation Coordinator, Bird Red and Southern Ute Museum Director, Susan Cimburek handle snowcone duties.



Raffles and prizes were awarded to attendees. Timothy Paiz and Alana Watts both walked away with prizes at the End of School Year Bash. The prizes were donated by various tribal departments.

Maynard Taylor gets some speed off the skate park’s quarter-pipe as he prepares to perform his trick during the skateboard trick event sponsored by SunUte.



Graduations, & Transitions



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

5TH GRADE CONTINUATION:

Fifth grade graduate Kandin Johnson proudly shows his continuation certificate from Ignacio Elementary School alongside his mother Candi Johnson and younger brother Ammonie Johnson.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

KINDERGARTEN:

The Ignacio Elementary Kindergarten class performs the song "Kindergarten Cadence" in the Ignacio High School Auditorium during the graduation ceremony, Wednesday, May 25.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

5TH GRADE CONTINUATION:

Ignacio Elementary Fifth Graders gave a small performance to their families before receiving their individual continuation certificates on Tuesday, May 24, during the Fifth Grade Continuation ceremony at the Ignacio Elementary School. These students will become Ignacio Middle School students next fall and made sure to give thanks to teachers, staff, and family members for their continuous support throughout their elementary school journey.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

KINDERGARTEN:

Cassius Harlan receives his Kindergarten Diploma from kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Pepper, Wednesday, May 25, in the Ignacio High School Auditorium.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

IGNACIO BACCALAUREATE:

Ignacio High School seniors Lexy Young, Monika Lucero, and Avaleena Nanaeto share a smile during the Ignacio High School Baccalaureate event on Thursday, May 26. During the baccalaureate, high school seniors are recognized for their academic and athletic achievements throughout the duration of their public-school education, including the announcement of commitment to secondary schools and scholarships. Attendees celebrated with dessert, potluck style, as well as a heartfelt slideshow which featured each graduating student and their baby photos.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

DURANGO NATIVE AMERICAN RECOGNITION:

Academic Advisor and Assistant Principal, Rachel Colsman presents Durango High School graduate Tanneigha Rock-Garcia with a congratulatory certificate on Saturday, May 21, at the Fort Lewis College Ballroom. Prior to graduation, the Native American Parental Advisory Committee welcomed Native students and their families to celebrate student's academic achievements and give well wishes as each student transitions into young adulthood.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

BAYFIELD 8TH GRADE CONTINUATION:

Tribal Member, Tavian Box, and Zander Cundiff celebrate their 8th Grade Continuation from Bayfield Middle School on May 19. A handful of tribal member and first descendant students took part in the celebration and will move on to high school in the upcoming year.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

BAYFIELD 8TH GRADE CONTINUATION:

Former Chairman and Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box is also the President of the Bayfield School District Native American Parent Advisory Committee. Box was asked to sing at the Eighth Grade Continuation, a tradition that started last year.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

DURANGO NATIVE AMERICAN RECOGNITION:

President of the Navajo Nation Jonathan Nez attends the Durango High School Native Graduation celebration, President Nez encouraged students to continue working hard and giving thanks as the graduates continue in their educational and professional careers.

SUIMA students welcome the next chapter



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Association members Bruce LeClaire, Bruce Valdez and Gordon Hammond begin the Walking Parade with an Honor Song and march with flags along Ouray Drive with former Little Miss Southern Ute Shayne White Thunder.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Tasha Herrera holds her daughter, Luca Rodriguez, before proceeding down Ouray Drive for the SUIMA Transition Walking Parade.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Students of Primary One, Two and Three begin their walk on Ouray Drive to shake hands with Tribal Council members.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Lower Elementary student Aeden Richards smiles to his family while walking into the parade. Richards will move to the Upper Elementary at SUIMA next fall.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Infant Classroom student Kyro Abeyta receives his transition certificate with his mother Shailyn Olguin from Southern Ute Vice Chairman Ramona Eagle.

Over 40 students from various grade levels transitioned from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on the morning of Thursday, May 26. This year's Transition Ceremony featured a very special walking parade led by members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association and former Little Miss Southern Ute Shayne White Thunder. Students were able to walk with parents and family members down Ouray Drive on Tribal Campus and receive their certificates. Vice Chairman Ramona Eagle provided the opening prayer and Hanley Frost Sr. gave a blessing to close out the event for students moving up or into the Ignacio School District next school year.



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A pair of students gladly share a small gift while walking the course of the Transition ceremony.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Parents and family members wave to their students as they walk to receive their certificate and a small gift from Tribal Council.



CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2022 *Graduates*



Angela Baker*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Devin Baker*
Tularosa High School
Mescalero, New Mexico



Lakota Bartley*
GOAL Academy
Durango, Colorado



Rhianna Carel*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



SaRya Coyote*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Eliza Cruz
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Cam'ron Doyebi*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



D'Vondra Garcia*
GOAL Academy
Durango, Colorado



Yllana Howe*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Alric Hudson*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Avaleena Nanaeto
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Cyrus Nanaeto*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Shyden Pinnecoose*
Sierra Vista High School
Las Vegas, Nevada



Arrow Rael*
Chandler High School
Chandler, Arizona



Tanneigha Rock
Durango High School
Durango, Colorado



Alexandria Rouibideaux*
GOAL Academy
Durango, Colorado



KaLynn Weaver*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado



Lexy Young*
Ignacio High School
Ignacio, Colorado

Students who also graduated
(photo unavailable)

Adrian Beyale*
Kirtland High School – Kirtland, New Mexico

Alonzo Dominguez
Bayfield High School – Bayfield, Colorado

Armondo Dominguez
Bayfield High School – Bayfield, Colorado

Kierra Fournier*
Ignacio High School – Ignacio, Colorado

Dillon Thompson*
Goal Academy – Durango, Colorado

Stephen Watts*
Independence High School – Rio Rancho, New Mexico

**Southern Ute Tribal Member*

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

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Bobcat's Commencement Ceremonial



Jackie Carrillo, Lexy Young and Ylana Howe line up prior to commencement ceremonies.



Avaleena Nanaeto and Monika Lucero raise their hands in victory upon the podium.



Southern Ute Tribal Council members Vanessa Torres and Lorelei Cloud are joined by Southern Ute Education Department Director, LaTitia Taylor.



Elisia Cruz takes a cruise with her grandfather Pete Vigil down mainstreet in Ignacio.



A cap, gown, and stole were on display before they were presented to the mother of 2022 Ignacio High School classmate Joshua Middlebrook who passed away.

The graduating class of 2022 received their diplomas, Saturday, May 28 on the Ignacio Sports Field. The commencement ceremony marked a rebirth of the more traditional graduation ceremony, pre-pandemic. In 2020 a drive-thru graduation was held due to COVID-19 restrictions and a parade was incorporated to allow all who could not attend to congratulate the graduates. In 2021 a limited attendance graduation ceremony was held outdoors with strict social-distancing guidelines in place with a parade as the year before. This year there were no restrictions, and a parade was held.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Cyrus Naranjo hugs his mother, Marvina Olguin during the parent dedication.



Alric Hudson shakes the hand of Ignacio School board member Lela Baker.



Twenty-two Ignacio High School students received their diplomas on the Ignacio High School Sports Field before friends, family and loved ones. The grandstands were packed – a stark contrast to previous years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fields of fun for students



Third grader, Ivan Joseph launches his foam rocket high – going for maximum distance.



First grader, Jayceon Richards shows his determination to get the win during the tug-o-war.

The Ignacio Elementary Field Day was split into two groups on Thursday, May 26, with third through fifth grades competing in the morning and first and second grades competing in the afternoon. The day's events included the three-legged race, sack race, bouncy-ball, egg-and-spoon relay, foam rocket throw, softball toss, and 50-yard and relay races. Each class competed head-to-head in a tug-o-war to close out each class competition respectively. P.E. teachers, Oscar Cosio and Cindy Valdez lead the events with assistance from teachers and volunteers.



Second grader Warren Whyte concentrates as he balances the egg, in route to handing off the egg and spoon to his partner.

SUIMA Field Day makes a splash



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) hosted their annual Field Day at the SunUte Community Center Park, Wednesday, May 18. Matteo Figueroa and Nathan Ruybal cool off in the water filled kiddie pools during Field Day. SUIMA students enjoyed a variety of activities including water sprinklers, a bubble station, bouncy house, face painting, cake walk, obstacle course, music, snow cones, and cotton candy throughout the entirety of the event.

SUIMA student Clemetine Carrillo races to finish the rubber tube portion of the obstacle course on Wednesday, May 18, during the SUIMA Field Day events.



Ignacio Elementary first graders lead the the second grade class, during the March of Champions, as they make their way around the Ignacio Sports Field to begin Field Day.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Fourth graders, Julliana Barry and Bianka Velasquez, tethered together for the three-legged race, enjoy the day's events together.



Fifth grader, Neeka Howe, catches some air during the sack race as she hops and bounds towards the finish line.



Whiteskunk raises awareness



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder Willette Whiteskunk lies out packets of information she gathered about the Federal Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report written by the United States Department of the Interior in May of 2022 on Wednesday, May 18, at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park. Whiteskunk put up a small booth in order to raise awareness on the lasting impacts and effects of historic boarding schools within Indigenous communities in North America.

The Drum and The Nation



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Drum Graphic Specialist, Robert Ortiz and Southern Ute Drum Media Archivist, Fabian Martinez answer questions and give a brief history of the Southern Ute Drum tribal newspaper at the SunUte Community Center on Sunday, May 22. Throughout the duration of the visit, the Southern Ute Drum staff explained the process of newspaper production as well as the role the finished product plays within the tribal community.



Visitors on the "Native American Voices" tour conclude their nine-day tour throughout Indian Country at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe visiting with Tribal Council member Linda Baker, the Southern Ute Cultural Center, and the Southern Ute Drum staff. This is the second group of participants to explore the Southern Ute Tribe this year through The Nation Travels program.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Mesa Verde Country assumes responsibility for Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway

Staff report
ORE COMMUNICATIONS

Mesa Verde Country in Southwest Colorado recently announced that it has assumed the administrative and operational responsibilities of the Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway (ToA). The administration and implementation of ToA resided under the Mesa Verde Country umbrella for the first 18 years of the byway's life, but in 2014 ToA was reintroduced as a stand-alone organization.

"We have been anxious to bring ToA back into the Mesa Verde Country fold for a while now, but we simply didn't have the bandwidth to do so," Mesa Verde Country's Executive Director Kelly Kirkpatrick said. "We recently added an additional staff member, which enables us to make this move. It is a win-win-win for Mesa Verde Country, ToA and most importantly, our visitors."

Trail of the Ancients is a 114-mile route across the broken, arid terrain of the Ancestral Puebloan people that is not only designated as a scenic byway, but also as an America's Byway by the federal government. Along the route, visitors can see clues about the ancient civilization with cliff dwellings, rock art and pottery sherds. Attractions along the byway include Hovenweep National Monument and Mesa Verde National Park, both rich in cultural sites. The Canyons of the Ancients National Monument



courtesy One Communications

Visitors Center and Museum (CANM) in Dolores offers background and interpretive information. One branch of the byway leads to the Four Corners Area, connecting with Utah's Trail of the Ancients byway.

"What's so neat about ToA is that it gives visitors a complete Mesa Verde Country experience along a single roadway," said Kirkpatrick, whose team will modernize the ToA website and optimize it for mobile devices to make it easier for visitors to plan their trek. "It's a real treasure for our area."

Trail of the Ancients was designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation as a National Scenic Byway in 2005. The route won the National Scenic Byway Foundation's 2020 Public-Private Partnership Award for the McElmo Creek Flume Restoration, which added a wayside stop to the route. Read more about this award and the project online at coloradopreservation.org/programs/endangered-places/mcelmo-creek-flume.

The Ride of the Ancients (RotA), now in its second

year, is the signature fundraising event for ToA and will take place on Saturday, July 9. In its inaugural year, the event attracted 127 entrants, and this year's ride is well on its way to meeting the cap of 200 entries. New this year, there will be a "Family Affair" route to engage multi-generational participants. The event weekend will kick off with locally renowned Navajo comedians "James and Ernie" who will perform at the Turquoise Raven Art Gallery on July 8. Learn more and register at rideoftheancients.com.

For more information on planning a trip to Mesa Verde Country, call (970) 565-8227 or visit www.mesa-verde-country.com. Mesa Verde Country also has two podcasts that offer an introduction to Southwest Colorado and all its wonders. Download the Ancient Voices Podcast here: <https://mesaverdecountry.com/blog/podcasts/ancient-voices-podcast/> or listen to the Mesa Verde Voices Podcast here: <https://mesaverdecountry.com/blog/podcasts/mesa-verde-voices-podcast/>.

Tribal Council on
KSUT Tribal Radio

Southern Ute Tribal Council provide updates Friday mornings at 9 a.m. to share the updates from the tribe! Tune in at 9 a.m. in Ignacio at KSUT 91.3 FM, in the Farmington area at KUUT 89.7 FM. Tribal members residing on the Ute Mountain Ute reservation may tune in at KZNM 100.9 FM! Stream online at www.tribalradio.org



TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Monday, June 20, 2022 for Juneteenth. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, June 21, 2022!

The Southern Ute
TAGU-WUNI ~ SUN DANCE



Ignacio, CO | July 8-11, 2022
Sun Dance Chief: Byron Frost

All Drums and Drummers are Welcome

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

1. The entrance of the medicine lodge should always have a clear passage. Children should not be allowed to play around the medicine lodge.
2. Due to the sacredness of the Ceremony, women on their menstrual cycle are not permitted near the medicine lodge.
3. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the Sun Dance Grounds.
4. Camera, tape recorders, food and water are not allowed near or in the medicine lodge.
5. NO metal chairs allowed inside the medicine lodge.
6. NO CELL PHONES allowed inside or near the medicine lodge.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS OR LOSS OF PROPERTY
For more information please contact:
Sun Dance Chief, Bryon Frost at (970) 946-4061

Ute Mountain Ute
SUNDANCE

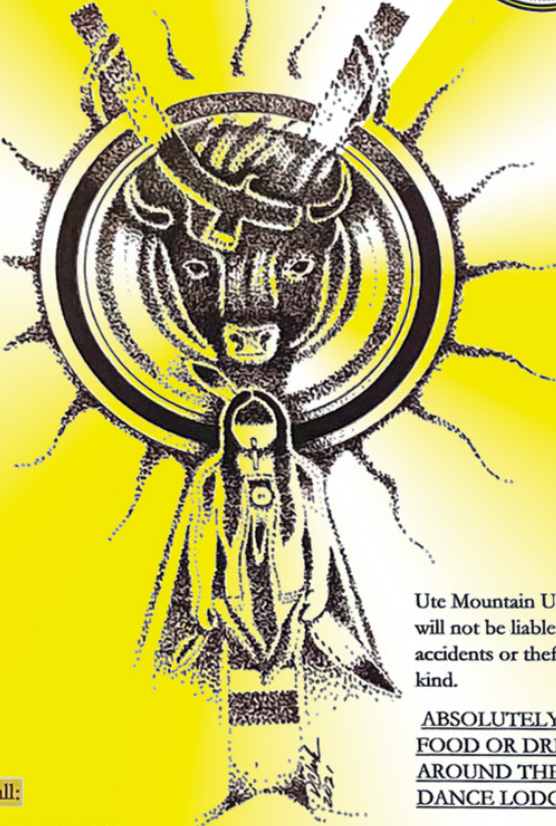
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June 24th - 27th, 2022



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

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BIA SW Regional Office visit



photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Patricia Mattingly and her staff from the BIA, Southwest Regional Office visited the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to meet with Tribal Council, Monday, May 23. The group discussed ways to improve the trust responsibility of the agency.

The BIA Southwest Regional Office also met with Operating Director, Kourtney Hadrick and legal counsel Tom Shipps. The Growth Fund gave the visitors a tour of the building and provided a brief presentation on the Growth Fund history.



Bear Dance traditions





photos Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Food brings everyone together; the culmination of the weekend is marked by the Bear Dance Feast which takes place on Monday around noon. 500 meals were prepared and handed out to tribal elders, tribal members, singers, dancers, and visitors. Chairman Melvin Baker and members of the Tribal Council spent the weekend celebrating spring during the annual Bear Dance.

Tribal Council Members take a brief moment from the day to pose with Bear Dance Chief and Former Chairman Matthew Box.






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

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

June 29, 2022
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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



Univ. of Colo. grad: Bean



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Council Member Linda Baker and Southern Ute Education Director LaTitia Taylor attended the graduation of tribal member Cameron Bean, Thursday, May 26. Bean received his Master's in Public Health. Also attending Bean's graduation from University of Colorado were his younger siblings, Marcus and Andrea Bean who are working on their own college degrees.



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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Southern Ute Tribal Council hosts

Tribal Elder Town Hall

Next Meeting
The meeting will be held from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in Tribal Council Chambers.

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July 7

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

July 7 Agenda

+ Topics to be Determined

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

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THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM PRESENTS

Southern Ute Bear Dance



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Bear Dance in full swing for spring



The Bear Dance corral was filled with dancers and music again this spring, ushering in the new year in a good way; dancers from all three Ute tribes and across Indian Country made their way to Ignacio, Colo for the spring celebration.

The Southern Ute Bear Dance kicked off the Memorial Day weekend in Ignacio, Colo. following a blessing by Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box, Friday, May 27. Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy graced the Bear Dance corral for the opening dance. Box reminded dancers and participants to respect the protocols, and leave negative thoughts, feelings behind – to honor the Ute celebration in a good way and welcome the new year. The Bear Dance lasted four days concluding on Monday evening following the cultural feast.



Strong winds did not deter dancers during the annual Bear Dance. Friends and relatives gathered to celebrate spring and dance, welcoming the cultural and social aspects of this Ute tradition.



Kenny Frost keeps a sharp eye on dancers following a special honoring for the late Neil Cloud, which took place on Monday, May 30, during the Bear Dance. Cloud was recognized for his decades of commitment to the Bear Dance where he served in the role of “Catman” for over 40 years, the Catman plays a vital role in helping to police dancers and make sure proper etiquette is adhered too throughout the Bear Dance.



Miali Snowpeach carries her son in a traditional cradleboard, youth are encouraged to start participating as soon as they are old enough to line dance.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Matthew Box, Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief, Ignacio Colo.



Johanna J. Cuch, Ute Bear Dancer from Ft. Duchesne, Utah.



Terry Knight Jr., Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance singer from Towaoc, Colo.



Memorial Day: Honoring fallen soldiers



Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr., stands aside Ute Mountain Ute Veteran, elder and spiritual leader, Terry Knight, prior to Knight giving the invocation at the Ouray Memorial Cemetery.



Veterans, Tim Watts (Army) and Pete Vigil (Army) presented the wreath on the Vietnam Memorial in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.



Madilenia Chavarillo spoke on behalf of her mother, Marlene Baker who was presented with a blanket from the Southern Ute Veterans Association bearing the name of fellow Southern Ute Vietnam veteran Randy J. Baker (Army) who passed away last year. Father Cesar of the St. Ignatus Catholic Parish and Bill Morris (USMC) who played TAPS at previous year's Memorial Day ceremonies were both presented with blankets, in a gesture of appreciation from the Southern Ute Veterans Association.



Southern Ute Veteran, Howard Richards Sr. (Army) welcomed those in attendance at the Southern Ute Veterans Association Memorial Day Services, prior to an invocation from Southern Ute Veteran, Russell Box Sr. (Air Force) to begin the ceremonies.

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The Southern Ute Drum



The color guard of various tribes and veterans, lead the small group in a procession from the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial park to the bridge overlooking the Los Pinos river, before proceeding to the Ouray Memorial Cemetery.

The annual Southern Ute Veterans Association Memorial Day Services continued on the Southern Ute reservation after a two-year hiatus, although during the COVID-19 pandemic the association held scaled-down versions of the ceremonies, while still honoring those veterans who have passed on. The ceremony was moved to 8 a.m. this year, keeping with the previous year's schedule. The ceremony began at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park with a procession to the Los Pinos Bridge and continued to the Ouray Memorial Cemetery for closing ceremonies.



Southern Ute Veteran, Bruce Valdez (Army) presented a wreath at the headstone of the mass burial site of those who passed away from Yellow Fever. The headstone serves as a marker for those unmarked graves.



Omaha elder, Russell Blackbird (KSNG) said a prayer before offering a wreath into the Los Pinos River for those men and women who lost their lives while at sea. Red Spirit sang an honor song before the procession proceeded on to the Ouray Memorial Cemetery.



Spring Celebration Powwow at Ute Park



Members of the Southern Ute Powwow Committee and visitors participate in a competitive game of musical chairs, the winner is gifted a brand-new powwow committee t-shirt reading "Núuchi Strong" worn by powwow committee members Brandi Raines and Tara Vigil.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Sibrya Larry, Ollyvia Watts, and O'hozhoni Larry receive numbered plates, eager to participate in the cake walk event. Due to high wind conditions, participants had to hold their number plates, at the end of each song numbers would be called, with use of a number generator, to determine winners of the cake walk. Every winner had the first pick of a dessert leftover after each round.



Members of the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. Pictured left to right, Heather White Thunder, Mikki Naranjo, Brandi Raines, Rochelle Aguilar, Dona Frost, Jalisa Paul, Tara Vigil, and Edward Box III.



Shiprock Agency singers shared their songs with dancers and spectators during the Spring Celebration Powwow.

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee hosted the Spring Celebration Powwow located at Ute Park, Saturday, May 28. The committee invited dancers, singers, and spectators to enjoy a small gathering to welcome the spring season as well as give another event for visitors to attend if they were not participating in the Bear Dance. All participants enjoyed round dancing, intertribal dancing, musical chairs, and numerous cake walks. Traditional drumming was provided by Shiprock Agency singers.

Tribal Council lends a hand at feast



Terence Whyte/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin J. Baker hands out food boxes to hungry bear dancers, Monday, May 30, at the Southern Ute Bear Dance grounds. The feast is a Bear Dance tradition, and this year lunches were made as "to go" boxes.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Tribal Council Member Vanessa Torres happily hands out meals to all during the feast.

Los Pinos Classic hits 52!



photos Terence Whyte/SU Drum

Emma Candelaria competes in the Los Pinos Spring Classic women's home run derby, Sunday, May 29, at the Patrick Silva Softball field. The softball tournament was sponsored by the SunUte Community Center's Recreation Department. The Los Pinos Spring Classic celebrated it's 52nd year!

Dirty Rez Kids win the Los Pinos Spring Classic at the Patrick Silva Softball field, Sunday, May 29. Tyler Young and April Abeyta of Dirty Rez Kids won tournament MVP. Jerome Istenes and Kelsey Frost also of Dirty Rez Kids won All Tourney honors.



Beginning with a meal



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Immediately following the Bear Dance corral blessing, the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department hosted the Bear Dance Kick-Off meal at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center on Friday, May 27. This event was open to members of the three Ute tribes and their families, tribal employees, and Bear Dance visitors.

Southern Ute Tribal Council Treasurer Marge Barry and her granddaughter Grace Gonzales embrace each other at the Bear Dance Kick-Off meal hosted at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center on Friday, May 27. For many, this event gave the opportunity to meet old and new friends all while enjoying a delicious meal together.





Honoring peacekeepers



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Tribe’s Justice and Regulatory Department was recognized during Law Enforcement week in Ignacio; Detention Division Head, DeWayne Todd mans the grill during an appreciation luncheon, Wednesday, May 18, in conjunction with a dinner and breakfast by Tribal Rangers and the Southern Ute Police Department. The formal recognition honors law enforcement officers – locally and across the nation that have given the ultimate sacrifice in their service to the communities they serve. The Tribe also recognizes active law enforcement staff throughout the week for their service and dedication to the local community.

KSUT PUBLIC RADIO
15th Annual Pagosa Folk N’ Bluegrass less than a month away

Staff report
KSUT PUBLIC RADIO

After lying dormant the past two summers due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Pagosa Folk N’ Bluegrass returns for its 15th year June 10-12, on Reservoir Hill in Pagosa Springs. Virtuoso guitarist Tommy Emmanuel, rising Americana/bluegrass band The Lil’ Smokies, and alt-country powerhouse Sarah Shook & the Disarmers headline the three-day event. “We are excited to welcome back festivarians to Reservoir Hill for our June bluegrass and folk festival,” said KSUT Executive Director Tami Graham. “We’ve been working on this lineup since October 2019 when we acquired Pagosa Folk N’ Bluegrass and the Four Corners Folk Festival from Dan Appenzeller and Crista Munro of FolkWest.”

While still maintaining deep, acoustic music traditions, the 2022 Pagosa Folk N’ Bluegrass lineup reflects the music heard on the KSUT Music Blend by including blues, rock, and Native American artists in addition to folk and blue-

grass. “Part of KSUT’s mission is music discovery,” said KSUT Development Director Chris Aaland, who serves as the talent buyer for the festival. “Our lineup includes old favorites like Tony Furtado and FY5 alongside up-and-coming artists like Jackie Venson and Tray Wellington.

“We are also proud of our roots as one of the nation’s oldest tribal radio stations, and we’re committed to presenting award-winning indigenous performers in a variety of genres,” he said. Cary Morin, a blues guitarist who is a member of the Crow Tribe and past performer at Telluride Blues & Brews, will play sets on Friday and Saturday at Pagosa Folk N’ Bluegrass.

Single-day, weekend, and patron passes are on sale at www.ksutpresents.org, as are camping passes and a very limited quantity of vehicle passes.

Other artists who will appear at Pagosa Folk N’ Bluegrass include Shinyribs, The Jon Stickley Trio, Town Mountain, Eilen Jewell, Songs from the Road Band, The Bonnie & Taylor Sims

Band (formerly known as Bonnie & The Clydes), and the popular Durango-based bluegrass outfit, High Country Hustle.

Other festival amenities include a late-night stage, workshops, children’s tent, campground picks, food and crafts vendors, and a beer garden featuring Breckenridge and Riff Raff beers and Talbott’s ciders and wines. As has become tradition, Saturday and Sunday mornings will kick off with Bubbles & Bluegrass, which pairs acoustic performances by FY5 (Saturday) and Bonnie & Taylor Sims (Sunday) with complimentary beverages in the Breckenridge beer garden.

Preceding the festival is the Jam Camp and Junior Jam Camp, held June 7-9, on Reservoir Hill with professional instructors including members of FY5 and the Bonnie & Taylor Sims Band. A limited number of spaces remain for the two jam camps. The adult Jam Camp is generously sponsored by Wagon Wheel Liquors.

KSUT does not anticipate any specific COVID-19 entry requirements.

Sign-Up for the new Tribal Member Experience

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

Step 1 Visit link and click on the green “I need an account” button

Step 2 Complete form and click “Submit”

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.

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- Session 1: June 13 -17, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Session 2: July 11 -15, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Session 3: Aug. 8 -12, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Scoring via wild pitch, Ignacio's Devante Montoya glances up at the home plate umpire to see he's been ruled safe after sliding beneath the tag of Clear Creek pitcher Joe Monseu during 2A-Region VIII semifinal action Saturday, May 21, in Wiggins. The Bobcats would defeat the Goldiggers 8-5.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

Dreams dashed as 'Cats fall in regional finale

IHS clips Clear Creek, loses to hosting Wiggins

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having seen a possible perfect game, more-probable no-hitter, and an all-but-assured shutout stolen from him by one fourth-inning swing of Ignacio sophomore Jacob Gallegos' bat, Wiggins junior Taryn Yzaguirre knew just how dangerous the Bobcat would be when he saw him again in the sixth stanza Saturday afternoon, May 21.

Complicating matters further, speedy leadoff Bobcat Devante Montoya had drawn a walk, meaning a Gallegos hack mimicking that which hammered a one-out triple to deep left-center (Gallegos then scored via a wild relay to third baseman Tyler Belinder) could realistically halve the 2A-Region VIII Tournament hosts' 6-1 lead and inspire the away side into 'upset' mode.

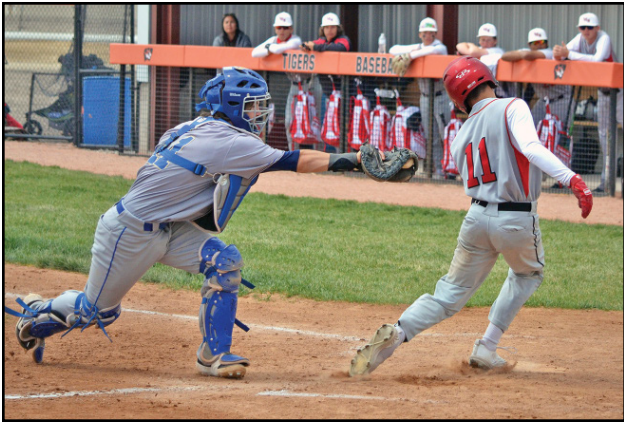
But it wasn't meant to be for IHS; Gallegos lashed another threatening drive to center, but WHS senior Toribio Gomez made an incredible diving catch, saving at least another three-bagger – if not an inside-the-park homer – had he missed, and effectively sapping just enough of the never-say-die Bobcats' energy.

After reaching second when junior Eppie Quintana gained first via an error by senior shortstop Brody Frye, Montoya would advance to third via a Phillip Quintana fielder's-choice grounder to second baseman Aaron Mendoza, forcing out Eppie Quintana, but remain at the hot corner when Rylan Maez went down swinging.

Looking like a pitcher who'd just had an immense weight lifted off his shoulders, even after Phillip Quintana gamely blanked Wiggins in the bottom of the sixth, Yzaguirre authoritatively struck out Dylan McCaw swinging, then froze Elliott Hendren with a called third strike, and ultimately got Marcus Maez to line out to first baseman Truett Freauff – securing WHS a title in defense of recently-christened AP Memorial Ballpark.

And the Tigers couldn't help but admit that perhaps the site's namesake had been watching.

"We may have had an angel out there," said grinning head coach Gabe Gallegos, alluding to program-reinvigorating predecessor Aaron Phillips, killed at age 33 in a vehicle accident near Brighton less than a month after guiding Wiggins to the 2019 CHSAA Class 2A State Tournament's Final Four (his



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Beyond the reach of Clear Creek catcher Evan Brandt, Ignacio's Devante Montoya (11) strides towards home plate during 2A-Region VIII semifinal play in Wiggins.

Tigers then fell to eventual State Champion Peyton).

"He brought me on his staff and I was able to coach with him, and I've been lucky enough ... keeping this going, you know?He laid the groundwork for it all and we're just riding those coat-tails, preaching that message and doing what we do."

"For sure," agreed Yzaguirre."And that was a great play by Toribio.My defense stepped up; that was huge."

"We all locked in today; we all played great," he continued."Our bats were there, and that was huge for us."

Because ninth-seeded Ignacio, despite Yzaguirre (W, CG; 7 IP, 2 H, R, 2 BB, 7 K) not only singling in the finale's first two runs and also retiring the first ten 'Cats he faced, wasn't to be easily broken after rallying past 24-seed Evergreen Clear Creek, 8 to 5, in the sun-soaked, snow-dodging day's first semifinal.

Able to throw three scoreless innings during his start and strand seven Tigers in scoring position, Phillip Quintana (L, CG; 6 IP, 6 H, 6 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 2 HB, 3 K), in particular, made IHS' resolve very much known.

"Yeah, I really wanted to play these guys," he said."I knew they were a good team, so I was ... just really excited to pitch against a team like that.I haven't really done that this year."

Older brother Eppie also had a sense that after Phillip fanned CCHS' Connor Kennedy, the sophomore was primed.

"Even though it stung my hand like no other, it felt great," joked Eppie Quintana, the winning pitcher (6 IP, 8 H, 5 R, 3 BB, HB, 7 K) against the Goldiggers (11-10 overall) and catcher when Kennedy became Clear Creek's final out."But he came through clutch when he needed to do a job.Hopefully we can get this next game!"

Seeded eighth in the 2022 State Tournament's initial Round-of-32, and having outgunned Westcliffe-based

No. 25 Custer County (13-11 overall) in the second semi, 16 to 10, WHS' lead on Ignacio increased to 3-0 in the bottom of the third inning when Yzaguirre reached on a rare Jacob Gallegos error with two out, and courtesy runner Marcus Stienbar (2 R) then scored via consecutive singles to left by Ryder Baessler and Julio Flores.

After the Bobcats at last got on the scoreboard, cutting Wiggins' lead down to 3-1, the Tigers (16-9 overall) separated for good with three runs in the fifth.Catcher Grayson Johnson (1-2, BB, HBP) led off being hit by a pitch, and Yzaguirre (2-3, 3 RBI) promptly plated courtesy runner J.R. Meyer (2 R) by doubling to center.Baessler (1-3, BB) then struck out, but Flores reached via an error by second baseman Marcus Maez, and Stienbar then scored on a Mendoza groundout to amends-making Maez.

Belinder was then beamed, and Flores (1-3, FC, R, RBI) came in to score when third baseman Montoya boot-ed a Freauff bouncer.The hard-hitting Frye, who'd tripled thrice and ended up 5-for-5 against Custer County, then grounded out unassisted to Rylan Maez at first, but serious and sufficient damage had been done.

"When Taryn came up to the plate, got a hit and ... knocked two runs in, we just kind of went from there," said Frye (1-4)."Just had little knocks here and there; once we get into a rhythm and start hitting, we get RBIs and it fuels everyone's fire."

"It feels pretty good, to be honest.We've been trying hard in practice, and this is what we've been waiting for all year."

Wiggins will next head to Pueblo on Friday, May 27, to test unbeaten 1-seed Limon (23-0) in the Great Eight.

"It's huge. A few years ago (WHS) made the Final Four, then ... there was COVID, and last year

BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

Three for three – 'Cats claim State medals

Ignacio trio places, PRs in Lakewood

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Mother Nature said 'Snow!' Ignacio Track & Field said, 'Snow what!' Their Lakewood stay extended a day by inclement weather, IHS' State Championships-bound trio nevertheless remained focused amidst conditions normally associated with season-opening March meets, and left Jeffco Stadium with spoils to show.

Three athletes, three medals – a group performance strong enough to tally 10 team points and rank Ignacio a respectable 26th in the Class 2A Girls' final team standings.First out of 41 scoring squads, Cedaredge captured the crown with 118 points, and Greeley Day-spring Christian followed with 71.Colorado Springs Christian (48) and Colorado Springs Banning Lewis Academy (46) decided third place, while Hoehne and Julesburg-based Sedgwick County each accumulated 40 points and tied for fifth.

Forced to wait until Sunday morning, May 22, to

compete in the discus, senior Alexis Pontine ended up an IHS-best fifth place. Strong on her very first throw with a 109'2" trailing only Lyons sophomore Gemma Powell's 119'8", Pontine would then launch her second try a personal-record 111'10".

Still with one more guaranteed attempt against her flight, and ultimately awarded three more for the final phase,Pontine was unable to improve further. Neither was Powell who, when all was said and done, remained in first place via her initial throw.

Holyoke senior Lauren Herman, one of two top-10 finishers not fouling on any of her half-dozen tries, achieved a runner-up 118'10" on her fourth effort, bumping CHS sophomore Elizabeth Brooks' 114-footer (coming via her third) down to third place.

IHS senior Lexy Young ran a 13.59 in her 100-meter dash preliminary, but unfortunately placed eighth in said heat and did not make the final—won by

CHS junior Kylee Terry

in 12.75 seconds, or one-tenth slower than her second-place preliminary clocking.Young's time would land her in 15th place overall.

In the 200 meters, however, Young not only made the final – her 27.57 ranked fifth in Heat No. 1, then held up for eighth overall – but finished in seventh place, her 28.03 earning the Lady 'Cats three points.

Terry completed a short-sprint sweep with a winning 25.72, or 0.19 faster than her prelim-pacing time, and Dayspring Christian junior Odone Omofoma placed second in 26.02. Omofoma also took second in the 100 with a 12.82.

Scoring two points for Ignacio, sophomore Maci Barnes finished eighth in the 800-meter run with a personal-record time of 2:30.42. Cedaredge freshman Jessica Black won in 2:17.79, and CSCS senior Elle Stevens followed in 2:24.62.

"Our girls performed well at State Track ... despite the weather delay," said proud head coach Aimee Larsen.

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numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.

Will is preceded in death by his parents, Maxine Silva and William Richards, Sr. and nephew Nick Herrera.

Will "Jr." lived, worked and raised his family in Ignacio, Colorado. He was a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, where he worked in the Grounds Maintenance Dept. Will was a caring man who loved his family. Children and grandchildren who he adored. He always had a way with his jokes and had a great sense of humor with a joyous spirit. He could lighten up the room or anyone's day no matter what the situation was. Will was an avid Bronco's, Avalanche, Rockies and Nuggets fan. One would say he was a sports fanatic. He also enjoyed movies and video games.

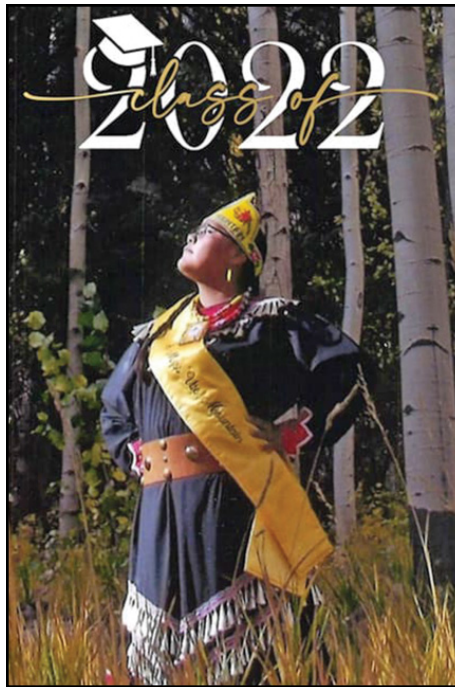
You would often see him working with his crew around the tribal campus. He liked to joke around and spend time with his family and friends. Will was the life of the party that never had a mean bone in his body. He will be greatly missed by his children, grandchildren, family, lifelong friends, coworkers and everyone that knew him.

A service for Will was held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at Ouray Memorial Cemetery.

RICHARDS, JR. – On Sunday May 22, 2022, our beloved dad, grandpa, husband, brother and uncle William Lloyd Richards, Jr. left this world.

He leaves behind his son, Ethan and wife Sherry; daughters Ryanna and Shayna; grandsons, Zitayvius, Xavier and Atticus; granddaughter Hazel; sisters Wahleah Frost, Natalie Richards and Lorena Richards; brothers Ray Richards, Donavon Silva, Corey Richards, Randall Baker and Ronald Baker; Uncle Howard Richards, Sr.; aunt Glenda Richards and

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Ignacio Bobcats Success

Success in team sports comes in many forms and for us no matter how you measure the 2022 season it was a success. Here are some of the recorded stats for the season:

- 15-8 record
- 2A/1A San Juan League champs
- 9th in 2A CHSAA ranking at the conclusion of regular season play
- 1st round regional tournament win

For us, these stats are merely a byproduct of the more difficult and most important task of leading and creating a team in a good way. Your Coaching style was successful in gaining trust and buy-in from this young team. The many intangibles you

were able to cultivate are what brought so much energy, life, hope, and joy to a team who truly grew and played like a family under your leadership.

Watching you transform our young men from a group of individuals into a team with a shared vision and goal is something we will cherish. With many of the parents being Ignacio alumni we also feel additional pride and gratitude that hometown coaches were willing to lead our program and had the vision, passion, and skills to succeed. Thank you, Coaches Duke Baker, Isiah Valdez, and Lawrence Toledo for a successful 2022 IHS Baseball Season.

2022 IHS Baseball Families

NEW EMPLOYEES



Valerie Sanchez

Job title: Support Analyst II – SUSS

Description of job duties: Assist tribal employees with any technical issues they may be having.

Hobbies: Hiking, camping, music, and spending time with my family.

Family: Daughter – Aspen Baker, son – Dylan Sanchez. Grandchildren – Adrian, Rex, Lilah, Sebastian and Violet.

Additional comments: I'm very glad to be back working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe after being away for 17 years.

Correction

In the photo published in the May 20 issue of the Drum, "Bear Dance Memories" Jacob Box's name was omitted from the photos.

Drum Deadline

Next issue
June 17

Deadline
June 13

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

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Tribe acquires new grader



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Tribe has acquired a brand new 2022 Caterpillar 120 AWD motor grader funded by the Tribal Transportation Program; this new equipment will be used to perform routine and preventative maintenance on eligible earthen and gravel roads. The motor grader will be used to reshape and repair deteriorated road sections this summer with support by personnel and additional equipment within the Construction Services Division. On Friday, May 20 the new motor grader received a traditional blessing by tribal elder and previous Tribal Planner, Nathan Strong Elk, afterwards attendees of the motor grader training each had individual in the cab training with Wagner Equipment staff focusing on grading techniques and overall operation of the Caterpillar grader.



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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

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

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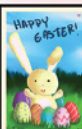
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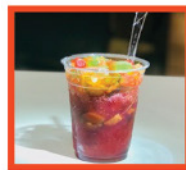
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Southern Ute Construction Services will be accepting silent bids for our 1998 Freight liner Classic Semi Truck

Starting Bid: \$5,000.00

Eligible participants: Southern Ute Tribal Members ONLY

Bid Deadline: June 17, 2022, at 4:30 pm.

Payment: Due within 7 Days (payment accepted at the Finance Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building.)

The Truck is located at the Construction Services yard at 270 Hwy 151 Ignacio, Colo. All Bids will be received and tracked through the Construction Services Division. A hard copy bid sheet will be available at the Construction Services front desk.



Truck Information:

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ETHICS COMMISSION

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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. Positions are open until filled. If you think you might be interested, please contact the Division

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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. TRIBAL MEMBER AT-LARGE: Not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; 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



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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
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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 bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov

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

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator Trainee

Closes 6/9/22 – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor trainee will learn routine maintenance and safe operations 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. Length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N9 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases to assure that key goals are met. Upon successful completion of the training curriculum, incumbent will assume the Heavy Equipment Operator position.

Social Services Division Head

Closes 6/7/22 – Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical, and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services including child/adult welfare protective services, family group, and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Title IV B – Foster Care Program, Colorado State Human Services and related Programs and Contract/Grants. Pay grade E17; Starts at \$75,321.13/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.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Summer Program)

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) summer program. The summer program runs from May 25th to August 12, 2022. Pay grade N4; Starts at \$12.32/hour.

Construction Services Repairman

Open Until Filled – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. 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, Perio-Dental Assistant is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade N11; Starts at \$19.93/hour. Full COVID-19 vaccination as defined by the CDC is required for this position. Must receive the booster dose at the appropriate time interval to obtain 'up-to-date' status.

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. 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 – 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. 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 – 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 (Temp)

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. 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

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. Position is seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/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 – 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. This will include 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. Full COVID-19 vaccination as defined by the CDC is required for this position. Must receive the booster dose at the appropriate time interval to obtain 'up-to-date' status.

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

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

Public Education Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – 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. Successful applicant will support established curriculum/management and is expected to work in different subject areas and classrooms as determined by the Director and building principal. Assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. Position is 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.

Public Education Tutor (Part-time/Temp)

Open Until Filled – 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. Pay \$30/hour.

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, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/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.

Investment Analyst – GF Private Equity Group (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/15/22 – Supporting investment analysis, due diligence, and investment monitoring tasks.

Financial Reporting Manager – GF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/30/22 – Supports all aspects of routine and non-routine accounting, auditing, and reporting processes and projects; reviews and analyzes accounting pronouncements, both FASB and GASB related, and determines the impact on Growth Fund business entities; serves as an accounting expert in advising Growth Fund management, Controller and business entities on complex accounting issues. Assisting in the development of Growth Fund accounting policies.

Financial Reporting Accountant – GF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/30/22 – Assisting in the monitoring, compliance, and implementation of applicable issued accounting, reporting, and auditing pronouncements. Assists in the research and compilation of written technical accounting positions related to complex accounting issues and transactions (according to FASB, GASB, and generally accepted accounting principles). Supports the planning and reporting processes related to the monthly management reporting, and the annual external audit.

Maintenance Foreman – Sky Ute Fairgrounds (SUFG) (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/10/22 – Oversees daily operations of the SUFG and RV Park while maintaining buildings, grounds, and facilities. Provides general support to the Fairgrounds Manager; provides customer service, promotes positive public relations and upholds safety and security standards for the welfare of staff, customers, and guests.

Land Administration Manager – Red Willow Production Co. (RW) (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/10/22 – Supervises central land department staff, including Land Records Analysts, Division Order Analysts, and Land Data Specialist personnel. Establish practices and processes to ensure that all necessary documents and instruments supporting the title and interest for RW interest properties and leases, both operated and non-operated, are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate system. Works with RW staff and partners to obtain, maintain, and access land, lease and division order records. Oversees and maintains electronic and physical records management process to ensure compliance with RW policy and practice. Manages department staff to timely and accurately set up and maintain interests in the RW data bases(s); oversees the preparation, distribution and documentation of all land department records and establishes processes and organizational structure to ensure lease protection and contractual obligations.

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.

Senior Data Engineer – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/17/22 – Development and support of data warehouse environments to meet reporting and analytics needs of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal organization. Will focus on data design, database architecture, expanding and optimizing data and data pipeline architecture, as well as optimizing data flow and data collection for cross functional teams.

Governance, Risk and Compliance Analyst – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/24/22 – Integral part in the development, implementation, and compliance of information risk management across Tribal Entities. The analyst is responsible for managing risks related to the use of Information Technology, Information Security, Privacy, Regulatory Compliance and Governance.

Senior Governance, Risk and Compliance Analyst – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/24/22 – Acts as a lead in the development, implementation, and compliance of information risk management across Tribal Entities.

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Front End Developer I – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/8/22 – Under general direction of the Web and SharePoint Development Supervisor, performs Front End application development project work for Tribal entities including security, support, content management, maintenance, development, and training. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

Front End Developer II – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/8/22 – Under general direction of the Web and SharePoint Development Supervisor, performs Front End application development project work for Tribal entities including security, support, content management, maintenance, development, and training. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
Maintenance Mechanic

Closes June 10, 2022 by 3:30 p.m. – Reports to working Foreman of the Maintenance Department/Division. Full-Time, Non-Exempt position. Position Summary: Responsible for semi-skilled maintenance of buildings/houses, facilities, and light equipment. Performs general carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and other repairs in response to service requests and results of inspections of units in accordance to HUD required standards. Performs interior work on units to include sheet rocking, painting, and working and troubleshooting HVAC and boiler systems. Performs maintenance on mechanical equipment and/or machinery. On call duties assigned on a rotating basis. Qualifications and Knowledge: High school graduate (or GED) or possess a vocational technician certification beyond high school, with five (5) years' experience or training in building construction or maintenance, or in the repair or maintenance of mechanical equipment or an equivalent combination of technical training and experience. Preferably licensed in one or more trades and certified HVAC. Must have a valid Driver's License, remain insurable, successfully pass a pre-employment drug test, and submit to random drug testing per the Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy. Pick up applications at 760 Shoshone Ave., Ignacio CO 81137, or email ctwedt@suiha.org to request an application and a copy of the full job description. Questions can be directed to Eric Spady or Crystal Twedt at 970-563-4575. All applications are due June 10, 2022 by 3:30 pm.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE
Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

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

• 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.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

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. 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 – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Mem-

bers 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.

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

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



Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

- Finance, Travel Technician – Closes 6/14/22
- Housing Authority, Maintenance Supervisor – Closes 6/14/22
- Environmental, Water Quality Program Manager – Closes 6/24/22
- 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, Education Manager – 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
- Finance, Accountant – Open until filled
- Human Resource, 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, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B, IV – Open until filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open until filled
- Public Safety, FT-Security – Open until filled
- Public Safety, WM-Security – Open until filled
- RISE Grant, Grant Project Manager – Open until filled
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open until filled
- Sunrise Youth Shelter, FT/PT – Houseparent – Open until filled
- Tribal Parks, PT-Maintenance Worker – Open until filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open until filled
- Ute Counseling, Director – 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
- WM-PEAK Grant, PEAK Coordinator – Open until filled

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. Responsible for 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)

Duties consist of 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.

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. 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. Gnd 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.

*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities.

*Surveillance Agent II (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment. Maintains video/audio surveillance of Table Games, Cashier's Cage, Slot Machines, Count, sort and money rooms, vault, entrances, outdoor grounds, parking lots, stairs, and more.

*Must be 21 years of age to apply.



Multi-Purpose Facility June Events

Sr. Breakfast—Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:00 — 11:30 AM

Indoor Yard Sale—June 11, 2022 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Elder / Adult Crafts—June 13, 2022 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Adults only Please

Sip, Chat & Chew— Friday June 17, 2022 11:30 AM —1:30 PM

3 Ute Tribe Members & family

June Quilt Class—Tuesday & Thursday June 21 & 23, 2022

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Must know how to use a sewing machine

Peyote Stitch Beading Class—Tuesday & Thursday

June 28 & 30— 2022 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM



For more information or to sign –up call 970-563-2640

multiurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO



ITEP Presents

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Host Organization

CLIMATE SCIENCE ALLIANCE

www.climatesciencealliance.org

more organizations to be announced soon!

PERKS

- Recieve a \$6,400 stipend.
- Up to \$600 to travel from your home to internship site.
- Up to \$3,200 to pay for housing at internship site.

ABOUT

These eight-week internships are being funded through a grant from The Bay and Paul Foundations awarded to the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP).

THE BAY & PAUL FOUNDATIONS

To apply for this internship, send a cover letter and resume to Althea Walker at awalker@climatesciencealliance.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

For general questions or concerns Contact Kelsey.Morales@nau.edu



Job Postings

SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY IN IGNACIO, CO

• PETROLEUM ENGINEER, GS-0881-12/13
Open Date: 05/20/2022
Close Date: 06/10/2022
<https://usajobs.gov/job/655865600>

• REALTY OFFICER, GS-1170-12
Open Date: 05/25/2022
Close Date: 06/08/2022
<https://usajobs.gov/job/6556646900>

• SUPERVISORY IRRIGATION SYSTEM OPERATOR, GS-0459-09
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FLY FISHING

Civility and bonefish

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Recently it was my pleasure to return to East End Lodge in the Grand Bahamas. This was my fourth trip there, and it was great. Two things made it great. The first is the return of civility by the traveler. I credit this to the easing of the mask mandate. The past couple of years have shown that those that travel, especially by airplane, have had all they could take of wearing masks. While my study would not meet any scientific guideline, I noticed a difference in attitudes. It started with the professional behind the ticket counter having a smile you could see. It's hard not to smile and say "Have a nice day" when the agent has beat you to a smile. As I went through security, it was the same, smiles you could see. It was true in the coffee shops and sitting areas. People were understandable when they spoke to you. Onboard the aircraft, the same. The flight attendants smiled and helped you get your carry-ons stored. Passengers walking past your seat would joke and laugh. While traveling can still be a challenge, this trip was the first in a long time, that was much easier to handle.

The second thing is, of course, the bonefish. As I



wrote in a column last year, the physical damage Hurricane Dorian did to the island, followed with what Covid-19 had done to the economy, Grand Bahama had been dealt a very bad hand. While the fly fishing had been good, the number of those fly fishing was down. This year new hands have been dealt and a winning hand is in the making. The flights into and out of Grand Bahama are full. And the lodges and hotels have waiting lists.

The hurricane devastation to the mangroves is taking a very small step to improving. Through the efforts of many organizations, and local residents, replacement mangroves are being planted. Also, some very young and small new growth is sprouting on its own. I hope it will be fully grown for my great-grandchildren to see. In addition to the mangroves there is some new construction to lodges, homes, and other

businesses being done; and it's looking good.

For me, and the group I was with, the best was the bone fishing. There were lots of fish and many of them would take your line into the backing. To find the bonefish takes a good guide, and my partner and I had a great one. Here again was a return to guide professionalism similar to before Dorian and Covid. Our guide, Willis, gave positive instruction to bad casts, (which was more often than I hoped for), was complementary to a good cast, and was always excited when one of us would land a fish. We also discovered he would laugh at our jokes and smiled when we would kid him about a poorly tied knot or removing a hook before he could come down from the poling platform. Of course, it helped that Willis liked cigars, so John and I could bribe him with a good cigar at the end of the day. I also want to say the lodge staff was great. Again, with no masks, smiles and laughter were the norm.

As I mentioned earlier, this was not a scientific study, just some casual observations. So, like a true casual scientist, I'm planning more trips to verify my initial findings. The only challenge is using different airlines and heading out to new locations. It's a tough challenge, but I'm up to it.

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we didn't quite make it," Yzaguirre said, recalling the Tigers' 2021 loss to Buena Vista in the second round of a pandemic-wary 24-team State tourney. "So we're excited. We play Limon, who beat us [12 to 1] earlier in the season, but we're excited and we're ready."

"And that first time we played Limon we didn't do the little things, you know?" Gabe Gallegos said. "You've got to take care of the little things and be there for your teammates; it's going to take all nine (players on the field) to do what we need to do."

In defeat, Jacob Gallegos and Hendren each ended up 1-for-3, and Montoya was 0-2 with a walk.

"It was just a really amazing season for all of us," stated Phillip Quintana (0-3, FC). "No one thought that we'd be here, with the group we have right now, but we made it, showed everyone different."

"We have so much talent on this team, but at the beginning of the season we weren't sure what was going to happen," Eppie Quintana (0-2, BB, ERR) said. "Shout-out to Coach Duke; he just came in and coached the way he thought we needed to be coached. Everyone's just connected ... close right now."

In the victory over Clear Creek, in which the 'Diggers actually led 5-0 after the top of the first inning, seven 'Cats logged at least one hit. Eppie Quintana went 2-for-4 with a run and two RBI, Gallegos was 1-3 with a walk and a run, and Montoya was 1-4, singling once and reaching via two errors, with two runs scored.

Phillip Quintana (IP, 0 H, 0 R, BB, 3 K) was 1-2 and walked twice, and Rylan Maez was 1-3 with a walk and a run. Hendren was 1-3, singling once plus reaching once via error, with a run and one batted in. All told, IHS erased CCHS' early advantage by scoring two runs in the bottom of the first, one in the second, one in the third, three in the fourth and one in the fifth before leaving the bases loaded in the sixth.

6'4" junior Joe Monseu took the loss for the 'Diggers, lasting 3-2/3 innings and giving up six runs on four hits while walking two Bobcats and striking out five. Kennedy worked 2-1/3 innings in relief, giving up two runs on four hits while walking two and striking out as many. Junior Evan Brandt, a rarity as a left-handed catcher, went 2-4 with a double and a run, and junior Bode Baker was

2-4 with a run.

Senior Jett Baker went 1-2 with a double, walk, and a hit-by-pitch, and junior Tucker Versailles was 1-4 with a double. Unfortunately he also hit into an inning-ending 4-6-3 double play with bases loaded in the top of the sixth and Clear Creek appearing capable of equalizing.

"That was clutch," said a relieved Eppie Quintana. "If that didn't come through it would have been a closer game than what it was. It was definitely a play that needed to happen, and it did."

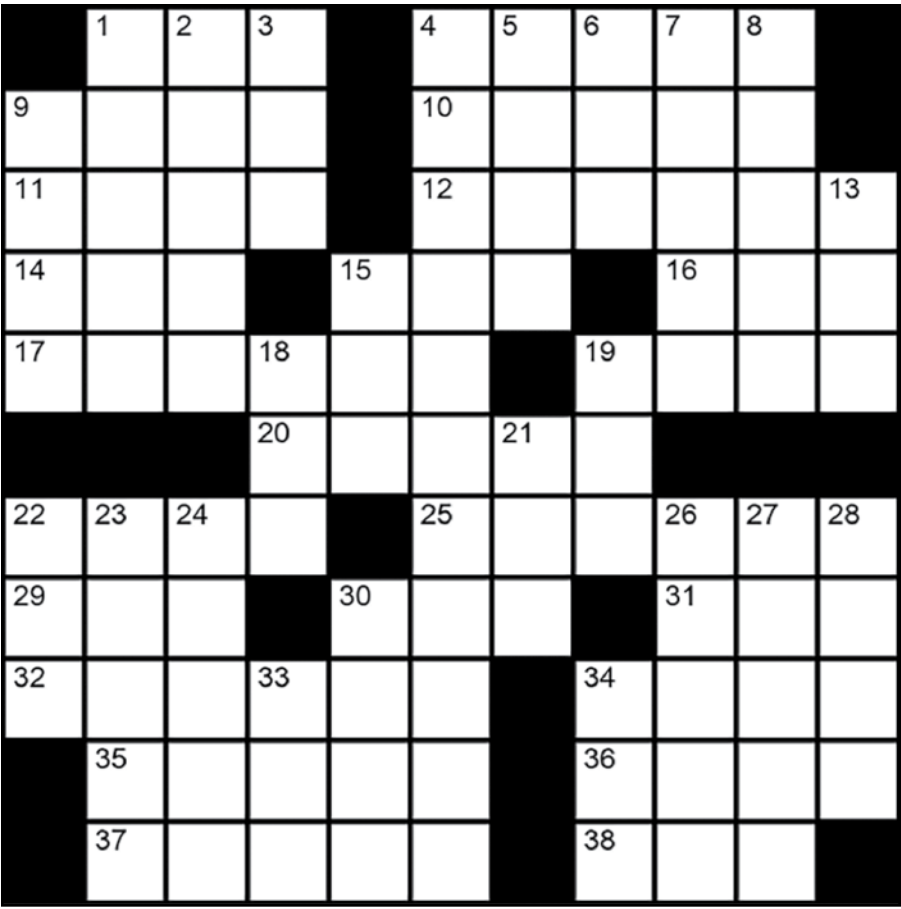
"As a coach I couldn't ask for a better group of boys, for sure," first-year skipper Duke Baker said. "We improved from the beginning to the end, and that's all that matters; these boys played their butts off. I'm so proud of each and every one of them."

"But (the loss) stings though," he confessed. "It stings."

After finishing a COVID-condensed Spring 2021 season 5-9-1 overall, Ignacio roared back to 15-8 in a full-length '22.

"We're all so excited for next year," Phillip Quintana said, "because we know all of these teams are losing three to four players. But ... we're not losing anyone, so we're really excited."

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



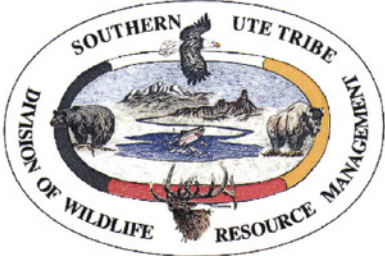
- Across**

 - 1 Typing speed measure
 - 4 Palindromic close relative
 - 7 Boxer's poke
 - 10 "---- Willie Winkie"
 - 11 All the rage
 - 12 Kind of painting
 - 13 Possibly outdated alternative to mail?
 - 14 Glossy paints
 - 16 Pueblo which is home to the Tiwa
 - 18 All-stops subway train
 - 20 Break up
 - 24 Warrior at Troy
 - 25 Roman fiddler
 - 26 Piscataway- --- Tribe of Maryland
 - 28 Tom Sawyer's love
 - 29 "Snow-capped" state - odd, considering the weather there
 - 31 Leading family name in ABC's "Revenge"
 - 34 Prized team member
 - 37 "---- Man Flint" (James Coburn flick)
 - 38 A land east of Eden
 - 39 Soda
 - 40 Make it interesting
 - 41 Washington money overseer
 - 42 "American Beauty" director --- Mendes
- Down**

 - 1 Environmental group with panda logo
 - 2 Blowgun ammo
 - 3 Kind of jumping bean
 - 4 Montana's Little --- Chippewa tribe
 - 5 The --- band of Miwok Indians, Plymouth CA
 - 6 Utter
 - 7 "Average" guy
 - 8 Be out of sorts
 - 9 Beer containers, in short
 - 15 Kind of space flight
 - 17 Former German state
 - 18 "Hotel du --- " (Anita Brookner Booker prizewinner)
 - 19 --- de Dios, octagonal when made by Navajos
 - 21 Bolts
 - 22 Aggravate
 - 23 Little dog
 - 27 Binary kind of question
 - 28 Motel alternative, informally
 - 30 "Va-va- ---!"
 - 31 Dollop
 - 32 "The Murders in the --- Morgue"
 - 33 Illustrative craft
 - 35 Worldwide radio network
 - 36 Measure of pollution or page production

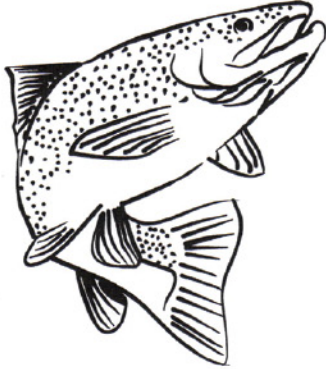
Answers for this crossword will appear in June 17 issue of the Drum.

- Answers for May 20, 2021 Crossword Puzzle**
- Across:** 1 Two, 4 Vocal, 9 Frau, 10 Ebola, 11 Aunt, 12 Remick, 14 LCD, 15 Roy, 16 Keo, 17 Lead-in, 19 Mesh, 20 Omaha, 22 Awee, 25 Teredo, 29 Brr, 30 Orr, 31 Daw, 32 Corita, 34 Ketl, 35 Tonic, 36 Emus, 37 Ernst, 38 Nam.
- Down:** 1 Truce, 2 Wanda, 3 Out, 4 Verona Tract, 5 Obey, 6 Com, 7 Alike, 8 Laces, 9 Fall, 13 KOH, 15 Rim, 18 Doe, 19 Mar, 21 Her, 22 ABC, 23 Wrote, 24 Error, 26 Edema, 27 Datum, 28 Owls, 30 Otis, 33 Inn, 34 Ken.



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