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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) is taking place along the Pine River and areas surrounding Scott's Pond to assess recreational safety and habitat restoration following the Bear Dance Fire in Ignacio, which burned 89 acres in early June.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Recreational areas impacted by Bear Dance Fire

Rehabilitation efforts underway in burn scar

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Following the Bear Dance Fire in early June of this year, collaborations are under way between the Tribe and BIA Southern Ute Agency Fire Management to mitigate environmental hazards in the wake of the recent wildfire and improve accessibility within the burn scar for future use. The process

is known as a Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER), and a BAER Team is currently assessing and developing a plan for the impacted area. “Our main concern obviously is public safety. Taking trees down, so that the trail can be opened up, and folks can use that area again,” BIA Southern Ute Agency, Fire Management Officer, Rich Gustafson explained. “How

the Tribal Council wants to improve upon that area is their call. The BAER project is focused on taking down trees, repairing fences and treating for noxious weeds. Those are our initial goals once safety is addressed ... we have a 20-person crew coming in this weekend to start some work on it; so, people will see some activity down

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TRIBAL CREDIT

Walton becomes first time homeowner

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member Isiah Walton became a new homeowner on Tuesday, June 28, at the age of 23. The home purchase was made possible with the assistance of the Tribal Credit Division, Tribal Credit Committee, as well as his older brother and real estate agent Ty Lovato of Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates. Walton's closing marks the first private property/Fee Simple purchase to be financed by the Tribal Credit Division.

Following the successful closing of the Isiah Walton property, Tribal Credit Division Head, Zebulan Vogenthaler is excited about encouraging other tribal members to pursue their journey towards home ownership and explained that the division has many resources available to aid in buying and owning property. “I just think it's a monumental thing for the tribal members, the program is by far the best available out on the market right now,” Vogenthaler said. “From an interest rate standpoint, from a down payment standpoint, and just the amount of education they will get through the process to get them ready to go into homeownership.”

In a brief interview following the signing of his closure, Walton said he is thrilled to be a new homeowner and extends his gratitude to the Tribal Credit



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Isiah Walton signing his closing documents on Tuesday, June 28, at the Land Title Guarantee Company in Durango, Colo. Tribal Credit Division Head, Zebulan Vogenthaler, Tribal Credit Committee member, Rudley Weaver, and Keller Williams realtor, Ty Lovato were all in attendance and congratulated Walton on his new homeownership.

Division and Lovato for their continuous support throughout the process. “I feel amazing about it, I was renting here in Durango for a while and that got really expensive, so once I heard about this program going on I just couldn't wait to get it going,” Walton says. “Zeb was a great help – he is a fantastic guy, and I was so glad to work with him.” Walton is especially thankful to his brother and Real Estate Agent, Ty Lovato, for his guidance on the road to homeownership. “My brother was a really big help with this, I definitely wouldn't have done this if he wasn't there with me – at first it was scary to think about owning a home at such a young age and dealing with everything that comes with it, like utilities and everything like that,” Walton emphasized. “Scary

at first, but I had him to help me out – so it is always good to have someone there with you, being a guide.” Tribal members can acquire loans to pay off an existing mortgage company for a lower interest rate, to help remodel or finance additions to an existing home, improve a tribal assignment or allotment with a modular or mobile home, and loans to purchase an existing home. “That's what we are here for, most people will purchase a home once or twice in their life,” said Vogenthaler. “We are the experts on it, and we are here to help them through that process.” Tribal Credit is available to assist all tribal members in the property and home buying process, for more information contact the Tribal Credit Division Head, Zebulan Vogenthaler at 970-563-2458 or email zvogenthaler@southernute-nsn.gov.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Tonemah signs on as new Tribal Health Director

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

David Tonemah is the new Tribal Health Department Director. He is a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. His unique lineage is half Tuscarora on his mother's side and half Kiowa Comanche on his father's side. Tonemah has a combined 30 years of experience working in Indian Health. He worked for Indian Health Service (IHS), a tribally operated health program, and an urban Indian health program – providing health services to Natives living in urban settings. His experience has provided him with a wealth of knowledge, he has seen firsthand how health care is delivered to Indigenous people. “I had the opportunity to see the three different perspectives of how health care is delivered to Native people,” Tonemah stated. “As stewards to this community, we all have that responsibility.”

Tonemah was the Acting CEO at Hopi Health Care Center, Polacca, Ariz. prior to accepting the position at the Southern Ute Health Center in June. Tonemah received his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Tonemah's personal mission is to improve access and quality of care for the Southern Ute tribal membership and patients of the Southern Ute Health Center. His plan for the department includes increased and improved communication. “I am committed to giving this community the best health care that we can offer, the health care that they deserve,” Tonemah said. “My goal as the director is to push our staff to do that. One of the main things on my agenda is to improve



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

David Tonemah is the new Southern Ute Tribal Health Department Director.

customer service.”

“I want better, I want to be the best in universe... why not. Our people deserve the best,” Tonemah emphasized.

“How do we improve access to care, and quality of care – those are my two drivers,” Tonemah said. “One of the things I am looking at is contracted services. Do we need a cardiologist that we can bring into this community on a once a week, or once a month basis? Addressing these needs, which again speaks to access of health care for this community. We can provide those services here, not having our patients drive to Durango, or Farmington. Transportation is often an issue, do we have enough appointment slots available, are those an issue for this community?”

Tonemah started his position in Ignacio, Monday, June 6. The Southern Ute Tribal Health Director title was previously held by Anita Brock, which was vacated in late 2021. Since that time three individuals

have served as interim director for the Southern Ute Health Center, acting directors included Margo Yeager, Dr. Richard Keller, and Charles “Lee” Williamson. “I think a lot of people still perceive this place as constantly turning over, but the truth is we have the lowest turnover of any health facility within the region,” Dr. Richard Keller explained. “We have not had a single provider leave in the four years that I've been here; it really is a stable place.” Under public law 93-638 the Southern Ute Indian Tribe assumed management of the health center in 2009. “We are not an IHS facility, but we do take federal funds as seed money, to help us grow the health system locally,” Tonemah said. The Southern Ute Health Center serves all American Indian and Alaska Natives, even those who are not technically enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe but can still prove descentancy.

Vice-Chair signs proclamation



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

During the Tribal Council regular meeting held on Tuesday, June 14, Vice-Chairman Ramona Eagle signed the Native American Responsible Fatherhood Proclamation. Tribal Council expressed their gratitude to the Social Services Division for honoring Native American fathers and each Council Member shared their fond memories of their fathers. This proclamation was approved two days before the annual Fatherhood is Sacred Walk events which took place on Thursday, June 16 behind the SunUte Community Center and in front of the Leonard C. Burch Building.

BGC kicks off the summer



photos Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe began their Summer Club, Friday, June 10 with a Kickoff BBQ! BGC board members and Tribal Council joined in on the celebration.

BGC board members, Hil-da Burch, Edward Box, III, and Amy Barry assisted with the preparation and serving for the BBQ. Club Members spent the afternoon enjoying the meal and playing a variety of water games.



Chairman Melvin J. Baker joins the BGC club members eager to snack on refreshing watermelon, Friday, June 10.

Many Moons Ago



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

On behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, Executive Officer Steve R. Herrera Sr. hands Crystal Rizzo a plaque in recognition of her achievement in earning a master's degree in gender and cultural studies from Simmons College. The Tribe recognized all tribal member graduates of 2012 at the annual Education Banquet on Saturday, June 23 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Durango, Colo.

This photo was first published in the June 29, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

A "microburst" caused severe damage to the east section of the Ignacio Elementary School Roof on the evening of Thursday, June 20, 2002.

This photo was published in the June 28, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Summer Youth Employees Wahleah Silva and Yvonne Phillips enjoy their lunch with employee Davetta Taylor while on break at the Sky Ute Downs.

This photo was published in the July 2, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

30 years ago

A photo from the corresponding issue 30 years ago was not available in the Drum archives. Look for the 30 years ago photo in the July 15, 2022, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Monday, July 4, 2022 for Independence Day.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

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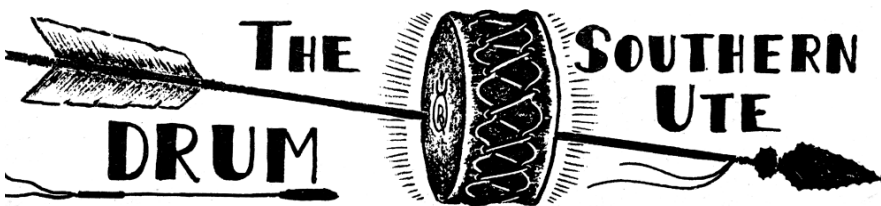
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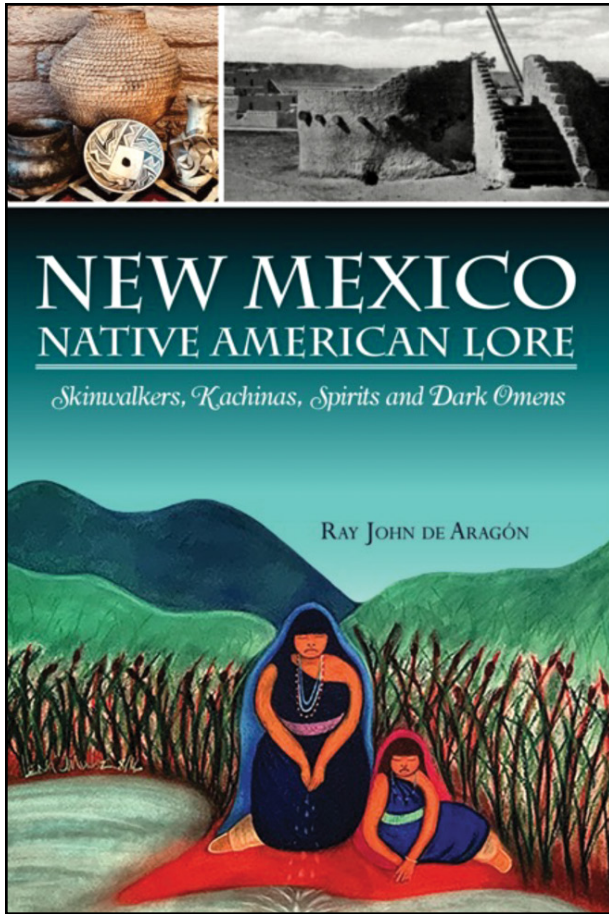
New Mexico Native American Lore: Skinwalkers, Kachinas, Spirits and Dark Omens

By Ray John de Aragon
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Skinwalkers, Kachinas, Spirits and Dark Omens by Ray John de Aragon.

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CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

Renowned artist Jd Challenger featured in new exhibit

By Logan Gasdia
SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL
CENTER AND MUSEUM

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum announces the opening of its new temporary exhibit – Jd Challenger: Works from the Artist's Private Collection.

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit featuring works from the personal collection of the artist Jd Challenger. Challenger is considered one of America's leading painters of Native Americans; his pieces can be found in major museums and private collections across the country; at least one former U.S. president owns a Jd Challenger original.

The exhibit came about when private collectors, Robert and Laura Gray of Ohio, purchased, "Hear the Voices of the People" from Exposures Gallery International based in Sedona, Ariz., which represents Challenger. The Grays understood the significance of the piece immediately and decided that it should travel for the benefit of Native American artists and tribes. Soon thereafter, Expo-



courtesy Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum

"Hear the Voices of the People" – Jd Challenger Oil on Canvas, is on display the Southern Ute Museum.

sures Gallery International owner, Marty Herman, was discussing the idea with his friend, Arthur Piubeni who is president of Essential Magazine. Piubeni suggested the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum as an opening venue. Discussions were soon held with museum director, Susan Cimburek, and Challenger about additional pieces that might be available to create a full exhibit featuring the artist's work. Challenger generously

provided 28 additional pieces from his and his wife's personal collection, including each of their favorite works. The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum is grateful to all involved who have provided both financial support and logistical and promotional assistance for the exhibit. The exhibition is located at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum in Ignacio, Colo. and will run through December 31, 2022.



2022

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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AUGUST 20, 2022

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Age: 16-25

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Age: 10-15

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Age: 5-9

Southern Ute Brave
Age: 5-15

Seal of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

HEALTHY RECIPES

Grains and greens can make a quick and healthy dinner alternative!

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

Pairing whole grains with fresh greens and other vegetables is an easy and inexpensive way to make a healthy balanced meal. Using seasonal ingredients can not only keep the cost down but can be a way to add locally sourced produce.

If you keep the ingredients separated, then everyone can choose what they want.

Get creative and add any veggies you like!



courtesy RecipeTin Eats

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

Southwest Salad with Brown Rice

Ingredients:

- 2 cups brown rice, cooked and cooled
- 6 cups variety lettuce: romaine, spinach, kale, arugula, leaf lettuce, etc.
- 1 15oz can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 15oz can corn, rinsed and drained
- 1 bell pepper, diced (orange or yellow)
- 2 large tomatoes, diced
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 6 oz. cheddar, shredded

Directions:

1. Cook brown rice according to package directions. Can be made a day ahead.
2. Wash and dry greens well. Large leaves should be ripped, not cut, to avoid browning edges.
3. Wash and prep all vegetables as directed above.
4. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except the brown rice and cheese.
5. Pour dressing over salad mixture and

toss to coat*.

6. For each serving, place 1/3 cup rice, 1 cup salad mixture and top with 1 oz cheddar.

*Green Chili Citrus Dressing:

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 3 Tablespoons lime juice
- 1 Tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 Tablespoon Green chilies
- 1 teaspoon honey
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Place all ingredients in a mason jar or other container with a tight-fitting lid and shake vigorously. Dressing may be stored up to 10 days in fridge.

Serves 6; Nutrition per serving: 383 Calories, 21g Fat, 39g Carbohydrates, 8g Fiber, 15g Protein

PRIDE MONTH

In two spirit kinship, allies during pride month and beyond

By Courtney McCusker
TRIBAL TTA CENTER

For a community, pride could be defined as confidence and self-respect expressed by individuals who share similar identities, cultures, or experiences.

Two Spirit and LGBTQ pride means positive acceptance of one's self on an individual level as well as a sense of honor in belonging to the greater Two Spirit community. Demonstrating pride in everyday life can be more than a celebration; it is a way of protesting the injustices, violence, and inequities many in the TSLGBTQ community continue to face.

What is Pride Month? Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is currently honored in June each year to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall uprising. LGBTQ Pride Month celebrations might include parades, gatherings, workshops, concerts, and memorials. The purpose of Pride Month is to recognize the impact LGBTQ individuals have had on history, celebrate their ongoing contributions to society, and honor those lost to hate crimes and HIV/AIDS.

How can you help celebrate Pride Month and be an ally all year long? As allies, we can participate in the June Pride Month festivities, but we can do more than just show up for Pride. The Stonewall riots were a form of active resistance.

While Pride Month is celebratory, it should always center the community's struggle and resilience, and

we should keep the issues that impact the Two Spirit community in the forefront all year long.

Here are some ways to put ally-ship into action:

- Shop at Two Spirit-owned small business and/or donate to non-profits. There are many national organizations that work on behalf of the Two Spirit and LGBTQ community, but it's often most impactful to donate locally.
- Contribute your time to TSLGBTQ organizations and causes. You might research Two Spirit organizations in your own community or tribes to support.
- Vote for tribal, local, state, and national candidates who recognize and prioritize the needs of the TSLGBTQ community in their platforms and legislative priorities. Supporting funding for community resources (such as libraries, local community centers, and mobile health clinics) that are TSLGBTQ-inclusive can also be impactful.
- Listen to, uplift, and center TSLGBTQ voices and demands for change. Continuing to show up where asked is a powerful kind of support for real, lasting change.
- Confront your own biases, do not take offense if someone corrects you, and don't make assumptions about people (give them the space they need). Part of being a good ally is remaining open-minded

and being willing to learn and change.

- Have open and honest conversations, speak out against anti-TSLGBTQ jokes and sentiments, and defend your friends against discrimination when you see it - even if/especially when it's uncomfortable!
- Read Two Spirit writers, support Two Spirit artists, and amplify Two Spirit experiences. Stories are powerful; do not support misrepresentations of Two Spirit people in the media.

In February 2021, the Native Connections Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Center and the Tribal TTA Center – both funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – introduced a new monthly newsletter called Spirit-Honor-Inclusion. The newsletter was distributed via email and shared current information related to Two Spirit and LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) topics. Each issue highlighted resources, articles, and news or events, plus a featured guest contributor whose work informed the monthly topic themes. The newsletter also regularly featured articles from Two Spirit allies and relevant cultural Two Spirit teachings. Happy Pride Month!

**This article, originally published in TSLGBTQ magazine, was provided by Precious Collins through the Native Connections Program.*

AWAKENING THE WARRIOR 2022

A no-cost, multi-media training opportunity with two Indigenous recording artists. Program dates, July 26th- 28th in Ignacio.

Open to youth ages 13-18 • Space is limited to 15 participants Applicants must provide a letter of interest by Friday, July 15, 2022.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Heat stress prevention: heat illness

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE RISK
MANAGEMENT

It is important to reinforce awareness of dangerous heat illnesses, including symptoms, treatment procedures, and safety precautions. When the body is unable to cool off by sweating, heat-induced illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke can occur. These illnesses are very serious and can sometimes result in death.

High temperatures, humidity, direct sun or heat, limited air movement, physical exertion, poor physical condition, some medications, and inadequate tolerance for hot workplaces or areas can all contribute to heat stress. To control this hazard, take precautions, be able to recognize the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke, and know what to do in the event of a heat-related illness.

COMMON SYMPTOMS OF HEAT ILLNESS

Heat exhaustion

- Headaches
- Dizziness, lightheadedness, or fainting
- Extreme weakness
- Profuse sweating
- Irritability
- Nausea or vomiting
- Cramps

Heat stroke

- Dry, hot skin with no sweating
- Strong, rapid pulse
- Dizziness and nausea
- Confusion or irrational behavior
- Seizures or convulsions
- Loss of consciousness

Planning and Monitoring

- Have a written emergency action plan:
 - Determine a means of effective communication between supervisors and employees.
 - Establish procedures for contacting emergency response services and administering first aid and train employees on them.
- Monitor weather events or major changes in temperature throughout the workday.
- Establish and maintain communications between employees and supervisors.
- Close monitoring by supervisors should be supplemented by peer monitoring by employees.
- If the temperature reaches or exceeds 95°F, additional steps

must be taken to monitor employees for water intake and symptoms of heat illness.

- Closely observe new employees during their first 14 days of employment in high heat areas as they acclimatize.
- Always staff the work area with at least one person capable of administering first aid.

General Controls

- Provide shaded areas large enough to accommodate all employees during meal, rest, or recovery periods. This can be achieved through rotation of employee breaks.
- Locate shaded areas and drinking water as close as feasible to the areas where employees are working.
- Provide employees with one quart of water minimum per hour for the entirety of shift.
- If any employee feels the need for protection from overheating, allow a rest period of at least five minutes.
- Encourage employees to stay in the shaded areas during rest periods.
- Acclimatize employees by having them work for short periods of time in the heat and gradually increase their time in the heat over a two-week period.
- Use cooling fans or air-conditioning if possible.
- Employees should wear lightweight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothes.
- Employees should avoid alcohol, caffeinated drinks, and heavy meals.

Control Requirements for High-Risk Temperatures

In addition to general heat illness prevention measures, employers must establish the following controls for heat waves and extreme heat conditions:

Heat Wave Conditions: Temperatures equal to or exceeding 80°F or anytime the temperature is 10°F higher than normal

Extreme Heat Conditions: Temperatures equal to or exceeding 95°F

Shaded Break Periods

- Provide shaded areas large enough to accommodate all employees during meal, rest, or recovery periods. This can be achieved

through rotation of employee breaks.

- Locate shaded areas as close as feasible to the areas where employees are working.
- The provision of seating is recommended.

In addition to heat wave controls:

- Institute a mandatory 10-minute break period after every two hours worked.
- Supervisors must remind employees to rest.

Fluid Intake

- General controls apply.

In addition to general controls:

Require supervisors to remind employees to drink water.

Employee Monitoring In addition to general controls:

- Increase the number of supervisors to provide adequate close observation and monitoring of employees. In addition to heat wave controls:
- Assure failsafe communication methods between supervisors and employees.

Employee Right-to-Know All employees working in high heat conditions must know their rights:

- Freedom to exercise their rights to a heat stress-free workplace without retaliation.
- Access to first aid and emergency response procedures.
- The employer's responsibility to provide water, shade, cool-down rests, and access to first aid.
- The employer's use of acclimatization methods and principles.

Responding to Heat-Related Illnesses

- Never order employees back to work if they exhibit symptoms of a heat illness.
- Notify a supervisor or appropriate individual with first aid training.
- For heat stroke, follow the emergency procedure in the heat stress prevention plan.

The individual giving care must:

- Move the affected person to a cool, shaded area.
- Loosen or remove any heavy clothing.
- Provide cool (but not cold) drinking water.
- Fan and mist the person with water.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Bat found in La Plata County home tests positive for rabies

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

A bat found in a home in the Bayfield area last week tested positive for rabies. While a bite has not been reported, the humans and pets living in the home are receiving post-exposure and preventive treatment.

Rabies is regularly found in Colorado wildlife, especially skunks and bats. Interaction between humans and wild animals, particularly bats, skunks, foxes, and raccoons, increases the risk of rabies exposure to pets and people. If you see wildlife that is acting unusual, call La Plata County Animal Protection at 970-385-2900 or Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife at 970-247-0855 immediately.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) urges residents to stay away from stray and wild animals, check pets' vaccination status, and take other precautions to avoid rabies. The vaccine can prevent companion animals from getting rabies from wildlife and possibly exposing your whole family to the disease.

Rabies is spread primarily through the bite of rabid animals. It is almost always fatal in humans once symptoms appear. People who have been bitten or scratched by an unfamiliar animal should contact their health care provider immediately to reduce the risk of rabies.

SAN JUAN BASIN public health

The public and environmental health agency for Archuleta and La Plata counties

To avoid rabies:

- Never touch or feed wild or stray animals. Don't leave pet food outdoors. If you see a sick or orphaned animal, do not touch it; instead contact La Plata County Animal Protection.
- Vaccinate your pets. Use a licensed veterinarian, and make sure you keep up with pets' booster shots.
- Leash your dog. Protect dogs and wildlife by keeping your pet on a leash while walking or hiking.
- Keep cats and other pets inside at night. Keep dogs within your sight (in a fenced yard or on leash) during the

day while outside.

- Call your veterinarian promptly if you believe your pet has been exposed to a wild animal.
- Vaccinate pastured animals annually. Have a licensed veterinarian administer an approved large-animal rabies vaccine.
- Bat-proof your home. Information is available at www.cdc.gov/rabies/bats/management.
- If a bat has been present in a room in which people have been sleeping, it is important that the bat is safely trapped and tested for rabies. If a bat cannot be tested or there are multiple bats in the home, post-exposure treatment of anyone living in the home is recommended. Please contact SJBPH for guidance on safe capture, testing of bats, and follow-up.



Medicine Wheel & 12-Step Program

White Bison's

TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE THE COMMUNITY, WE HAVE CHANGED THE MEETING DAYS TO THURSDAYS.

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


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Topics covered will include definitions of trauma types; how trauma affects the brain, development and behaviors; and the interconnected nature of historical and current traumas that communities continue to experience.

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The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Program in collaboration with Telluride Arts and the Transfer Warehouse...

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JULY PROMPT: CELEBRATING RUINS



BOBCAT BULLETIN

Greetings from the Ignacio School District

By Christopher W. deKay
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT,
SUPERINTENDENT

Both successes and challenges marked the 2021-22 school year. As I reflect on my first year as Superintendent, I understand that preparing children for their future takes true partnership. My continued focus in my tenure will be on establishing collaborative relationships with the community, while creating an atmosphere of high expectations for our students. Despite the educational challenges brought about by the pandemic, there are many things to celebrate as the 2021-22 school year has now ended.

Ignacio Graduating Seniors were celebrated, Saturday, May 28. The ceremony was well attended with a lively and beaming crowd. This group of students needs to be commended for their positive attitude and resilience as they worked through the trying times of the pandemic. The same could be said of the entire student body and staff. There will be a smaller second celebration at the end of the summer in August for those students who need a little extra time to complete the necessary requirements.

Community stakeholders came together to successfully put together a five-year strategic plan. The plan created a new mission statement for the school district: "Together, we will engage, empower, and prepare all of our students for the future." The statement embodied a commitment by all attendees to work together in partnership to prepare Ignacio students to be successful.

The strategic plan created three to four SMART goals in focus areas that included Academics, Climate and Culture, Staff development and Retention, and District Operations. Each smart goal required a series of action plans to ensure the completion of each goal. The participation, in a series of ten meetings from January to May, by over 80 communi-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive
Christopher deKay, Ignacio School District, Superintendent

ty members was impressive. The plan will be reviewed yearly in March in a meeting with stakeholders. The board officially adopted the plan at the June 16 board meeting.

Summer activities are in full swing. With the support of the ESSER funding from the federal government, the district has worked with local youth groups to provide both enrichment camps and support for loss of learning due to the pandemic. Southern Ute Education Department (SUED), Southern Colorado Community Action Association (SoCoCAA), the school district, the Ignacio Library, and the SunUte Community Center have collaborated to ensure youth engagement throughout the summer. June activities provided summer school for the high school and weeklong enrichment camps at the schools that include Art and Cooking, STEM, Music, and Theatre. Camp Sasquatch will take place in June and is an overnight trip hosted by the SUED. Bobcat Boost, Kinder Kamp, and Jump Start will occur in August for the Elementary and Middle Schools.

As a result of several surveys to gather feedback from the community, staff, and students, the Ignacio School District moved to change the 2022-23 school calendar to enact a four-day school week. Almost all school weeks take place Monday through Thursday. While the number of student school days is reduced to 146 days, the length of each

day will be increased by around forty minutes. The school is working with local youth groups and businesses to provide activities and loss of learning support on 25 activity Fridays throughout the school year. The new schedule also provides staff with consistent professional development days. With the new schedule there must be a renewed focus on school attendance.

With fewer school days, the importance of regular school attendance increases. We are requesting that parents and guardians schedule appointments, family trips, and other personal items on the available Fridays. The district has been working with Southern Ute Education on revitalizing the attendance policy. We ask for both Tribal Council and family support to ensure each of our students reaches a district goal of 93% attendance next year. We will be working to schedule school sports and activities to take place on Friday and Saturday. This will ensure that active students and staff will be in class more as well.

I have no doubt that the upcoming school year will bring new challenges. As a community, facing the challenges together will ensure the best support and the best outcome for our youth. I implore you to continue to work in a positive way with school staff and leaders.

Please access the Ignacio School District Website at www.ignacioschools.org for more information on the 2022-23 school calendar and the strategic plan.

Tribe honors students



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Dominika Joy receives a congratulatory check from the Southern Ute Education Department for her academic achievements as a student at Fort Lewis College during the 21st Annual Recognition, Friday, June 24. Joy made the Fort Lewis College Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester and is one of six collegiate honor students.



Southern Ute tribal member Angela Baker, a recent Ignacio High School graduate, is honored with a brand-new Pendleton blanket embroidered with the Southern Ute Tribal Seal and her name, at the 21st Annual Recognition hosted by the Southern Ute Education Department in the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. Council Member Stacey Oberly draped the Pendleton over Baker's shoulders and gave a brief congratulations on her educational accomplishments.



Southern Ute tribal member, Rhianna Carel embraces Council Member Lorelei Cloud after receiving her brand-new, personalized Pendleton blanket celebrating her recent graduation from Ignacio High School. Carel among other tribal and Johnson-O'Malley students received congratulations from members of Tribal Council, Education Department staff, Ignacio School District Board members, and Johnson-O'Malley Committee members.

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Supporting Native American Fathers



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Chairman Melvin J. Baker welcomes all participants of the 2nd Annual Fatherhood is Sacred Walk, in front of the Leonard C. Burch Building. Chairman expressed his gratitude to the Native American fathers striving for good health, supporting their families, and their people.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Eugene Bereza, Family Court Case Manager, proudly displays a Fatherhood is Sacred Walk t-shirt while walking along the course with Vice-Chairman Ramona Eagle and Council Member Linda Baker.

Following the signing of the Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day Honorary Proclamation by Vice-Chairman Ramona Eagle on Tuesday, June 14, the Division of Social Services hosted the annual Fatherhood is Sacred Walk on Thursday, June 16. The event welcomed members of the community as well as Permanent Fund employees to show support for father figures and Native American men. Participants listened to the experiences of Southern Ute fathers, received a blessing from Sundance Chief Byron Frost, enjoyed light refreshments and walked a mile-long course.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Police Department coordinated with event organizers to ensure that the route was as safe as possible and helped direct traffic as needed.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

NAGPRA Coordinator Trainee, Xavier Watts participates in the annual Fatherhood is Sacred Walk with coworker and Culture Department's Media Technician Assistant, Juliya Valdez.

The Southern Ute Education Department,
Public Education

THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



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

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The youth council meets twice a month for regular meetings



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dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov

- ✓ Age 14-19?
- ✓ Want to make policy to help Colorado youth?
- ✓ Join COYAC!

Apply by July 10, 2022 if you
live in State Senate District 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 19, 21, or 34 or
if you are a member of the Ute Mountain Ute or Southern Ute Indian tribes

The Colorado Legislature created the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (COYAC) to give Colorado's youth a voice in the lawmaking process. COYAC consists of 40 youth members who propose policy ideas to state legislators.

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- Communicate with students and youth organizations in about youth-related issues and the work of COYAC
- Attend two in-person meetings each year (Retreat and Day at the Capitol) and virtual meetings multiple times a month on Zoom and Google Meet
- Participate in at least one student-led policy committee

Apply by July 10, 2022 at www.coyac.org

Tribal Broadband Modernization Project Update



IMPACTS TO TRAVEL BETWEEN JUNE 20 - JULY 22, 2022


Traffic lanes will be narrowed on CR 318 northbound. Motorists will be required to reduce speeds and travel safely around the construction taking place on the shoulder. Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway.



SLOW DOWN



ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS



DRIVE WITH CAUTION



Tribal Broadband Modernization Project Update



ON JUNE 20TH, FIBER CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON CO HWY 172 INTO IGNACIO

To learn more about the project visit the project website at:
<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/broadband-modernization-project/>





AGRICULTURE PRACTICES

That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

By Marvin Pinnecoose
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

“WATER” PART I:
RESPECT

In the business world, hope is not a commodity that is smiled upon. In fact, much is invested up front through capital expenditure to make sure that hope is not an underlying factor in the success of a business. We buy backup generators in case of a power failure. We invest in quality materials up front in order to avoid costly repairs down the road. We buy overpriced maintenance packages to protect our investments.

We plan, we plan, and then we execute the plan because it has been well thought out and should take into account all the contingencies. The business day is occupied by revenues and expenses, traffic and transactions, maximizing sales and minimizing costs. There is no appetite for things such as setbacks, delays, and the idea of hope is something best left to other industries.

Alas, in the current business I find myself in ... Hope is a major player. Growing up, I never thought I had to hope for rain. It just seemed to always come. Even if it didn't come, we had plenty of water to irrigate and the country seemed to have enough water and resources that it was rarely an issue worth making the news. Was I blind in my youth or has the world changed that much? This year alone, I calculated less than one-tenth of an inch of rainfall through April and May. We also received six weeks of nothing but wind. I think about water and how respect comes into play when working with water as a farmer. I think of two major points: The creator and currency.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Gated pipe delivers water with more control, but also relies on pressure to be effective.

THE WAYS OF THE
CREATOR

Off the top of my head, I can think of about five country songs that talk about rain. “She’s My Kind of Rain,” “Bring on the Rain,” “I Love a Rainy Night,” “Like the Rain,” and “Rain is a Good Thing.” Rain and its role within the farming community have elevated the importance of it comparatively to a worship status. We rely on rain. We plant, we fertilize, we prepare what we can...and then we wait for the rain.

In elementary school we used to have a saying for the seasons and in this I remember seeing and saying that “April Showers Bring May Flowers.” History has shown us that snow that accumulates in the winter melts in the spring and fills the streams. Tilt-ing the Earth creates longer or shorter days and creates a predictable pattern of seasons. These seasons are what we use as a calendar for when plants wake up, need water, and are ready for harvest. Is some places in the world (and within our own country), the history of how things have been is all

there is. There is no irrigation to rely on outside of the thought that spring rain will give hydration to seeds and root beds. History and hope are all that exist.

THE WAYS OF
CURRENCY

O&M charges are nothing new to tribal assignment holders on agricultural land. In fact, most of the agricultural lands in the area rely on some type of similar water delivery system. And to those readers who are new to farming on tribal land or are thinking of beginning farming, let me explain O&M charges as I know it (I promise there is a lot more to it to understand and research, if you choose to).

If you are on agricultural land that borders a paid water delivery ditch, chances are that you will receive a bill at the beginning of the year that says that you must pay a certain amount of money for water and the ability of bringing the water to your land for use (Operation & Maintenance).

The amount you will pay depends on how many acres you have. A formula is then used to calculate how many

Cubic Feet per Second (CFS) your property is expected to use based on that acreage. Your bill reflects the water used ... before you even use it. So, for me, this bill arrived either in early March or April. The kicker is that you will be expected to pay this bill regardless of whether you use that water or not. There are plenty of ways to use this water to your benefit and I am hoping to cover that in Part II of “Water.” For now, just know that most farmers in the area pay similar charges to water and ditch companies in order to receive the ability to irrigate land.

NOW THE RESPECT

When the creator provides rain, everyone benefits. There is no marginal cost or additional fee associated. It just happens when it does, and it is welcomed with open arms. When water is delivered via a paid system, respect is a bit more complicated. You see, we are expected to use the amount of CFS that we pay for, and the ditches are filled with plenty of water to carry down to the last customer in the ditch delivery system. If a person upstream in the

ditch takes too much water, then the people downstream suffer with less quantity and less pressure (which is detrimental for gated pipe users). If multiple people upstream get used to doing this, the person downstream has to call the water authorities to investigate and every day without water is a day without the land working for the farmer. This process has the ability to stress the relationship between neighbors along the ditch line. I’ve seen (and heard about) some ugly confrontations. Let us just promise to be nice to each other and have an awareness of our own impact.

GET TO KNOW YOUR
NEIGHBOR

My neighbor Dublin came over the road to see me in the field one day while I was irrigating. He showed me how he irrigates, and it helped me

see how important it was for me to help make sure that he gets the water that he is paying for. He gave me some advice in his practices, and we are off to a good start. I find value in being friendly with neighbors. It helps during the good times and the bad.

SLOSH AROUND OFTEN

Walk your fields often to find out where potential pitfalls lie. I found two areas on my land where standing water is an issue, and these are things I want to address after harvest and before next season. Doing so will make watering more efficient, lower chances of fungus, and to target water more precisely. I also have many dry spots that drive me crazy. Corrugating the fields next year will help, but just trying to maximize productivity through efficient water management is crucial to being a good hay producer.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

A tarp dam redirects water from a feeder ditch to a strip of targeted land to be irrigated.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s
Environmental Programs Division

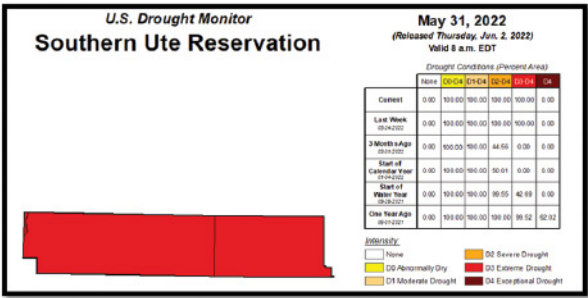
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division operates three air quality stations on the Reservation and maintains a website that provides real-time air pollutant and EPA Air Quality Index (AQI) health alerts from data collected at these stations. High wind and smoke from wildfires can cause unhealthy levels of particulate matter (PM) in the air. Particulate matter is continuously measured at the Ute 3 monitoring station near Bondad Hill and the Ute 1 monitoring station in Ignacio. To view the ambient monitoring program website, and for more information about how to understand the AQI forecast, follow the links below:

EPA Air Quality Index Information Website
<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/.../ambient-monitoring/>
Fire and Smoke Map (airnow.gov)
<https://www.airnow.gov/.../how-smoke-from-fires-can-.../>
<https://fire.airnow.gov/>



ATTENTION
IRRIGATORS!

The Southern Ute Indian Reservation is currently in an Extreme Drought (Figure 1) due to rapid snowmelt, warm temperatures, and lack of spring precipitation.



The 2022 Summer drought forecast shows average precipitation and above average temperatures for southwest Colorado.

Pine River

- 93% Irrigation Supply
- Likely full season, but depends on monsoons

Florida River

- 50% Irrigation Supply
- Irrigation season will end mid-late July

Outlook

- Warm Summer
- Potential for average precipitation
- Drought persists but is slightly better than last year

Southern Ute
Water Resources

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AGRICULTURE DIVISION
PRESENTS
U.S.D.A. PROGRAMS

Date: July 13, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Ag/Custom Farm shop located at 655 CR 517

- The meeting will be discussing the different USDA Programs that are available:
 - Irrigation Programs.
 - Emergency/Drought Relief.

For more information, please contact the Agriculture Division at 970/563-0220.

Southern Ute Sun Dance

July 8 – July 11
Sun Dance Feast: July 11



CORONAVIRUS

CDC approves Moderna vaccine for children and adolescents

Ages of 6 and 17 are now eligible for vaccine

Staff report
DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) gave final approval for use of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 6 through 11 years and adolescents aged 12 through 17 years. This announcement followed the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' unanimous recommendation and FDA's approval of emergency use authorization for the vaccine. With this approval, parents and guardians now have more choice in determining which COVID-19 vaccine is right for their children. Moderna submitted two requests for authorization. Both age groups are recommended to receive two doses, between four and eight weeks apart. Those between the ages of 12 and 17 will receive the same dosage as the Moderna vaccine for adults, and those between the ages of 6 and 11 receive one half of that dose. A third primary dose is also recommended for immunocompromised individuals at least four weeks after their second dose. "After CDC approved COVID-19 vaccines for our youngest Coloradans last week, Moderna's availability for older children and adolescents adds even more options for Coloradans to protect their children, loved ones, and the community from COVID-19," said Heather Roth, Immunization Branch Chief, CDPHE. "This approval expands our toolkit to make sure Coloradans of all ages can easily access a free, lifesaving vaccine." Getting vaccinated means the youngest Coloradans and their families can look forward to summer activities and see family and friends with the peace of mind that comes with being able to choose to protect their children through vaccination. As both vaccines require multiple doses, children vaccinated during the summer months will have enough time to build their maximum protection before returning to school in the fall. CDPHE recommends parents and guardians make a plan to get their children protected from COVID-19. Adolescents aged 12 and older can get vaccinated at any provider that has Moderna vaccines for adults. Moderna vaccines for children aged 6 through 11 years are expected to become available in Colorado the week of June 27. Talk with your health care provider or visit covid19.colorado.gov/vaccinefinder for more information on where to find COVID-19 vaccines for children. Additional resources are available at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/kids-vaccines>. Continue to stay up to date by visiting covid19.colorado.gov.

CORONAVIRUS

La Plata, Archuleta counties in Community Level Medium

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Community Levels for COVID-19 in La Plata County dropped to Medium on Thursday. Archuleta County remained in Level Medium. La Plata County has a case incidence rate of 195.6 per 100,000 and Archuleta County has a case incidence rate of 156.8 per 100,000 residents over the past seven days (CDC data). Community levels are a measure of the impact of COVID-19 illness on health and healthcare systems. Statewide data shows that cases and percent positivity of laboratory tests are beginning to decrease, as are hospitalizations. Modeling indicates that this trend is likely to continue into August. However, the risk of getting COVID-19 is elevated at this time. The Colorado School of Public Health estimated that between 1 in 42 to 55 Coloradans were infectious with COVID-19 on June 14. Based on these levels of COVID-19 in both communities, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) recommends continued precautions to slow the spread of the virus, prevent severe illness and hospitalizations, and protect essential services. In both La Plata and Archuleta counties, those at high risk for severe illness should talk to their health

care provider about taking additional precautions such as masking. Mask wearing is also encouraged on public transportation. In both counties, individuals are advised to follow CDC isolation and quarantine guidance if they have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19. The CDC advises mask wearing until at least day 10 for individuals coming out of a five-day isolation period. For all CDC Community Levels, individuals are encouraged to stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters, and test if experiencing symptoms. Vaccines are the safest, most effective way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death caused by COVID-19 and its variants. Local providers administering COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are available on SJBPH's website. More information about COVID-19 vaccines, as well as assistance scheduling an appointment, is available on the state's website. The public can also call SJBPH (970-247-5702) or Colorado's Vaccine Hotline (877-268-2926) to get help finding a vaccine. COVID-19 testing options are available in both La Plata and Archuleta counties. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) announced earlier in June that the community

testing sites hosted at Fort Lewis College and Pagosa Springs Medical Center will close June 30. The community testing site at the La Plata County Fairgrounds will remain open past June 30, per CDPHE. At-home tests are available free at the SJBPH offices in both Durango and Pagosa Springs or ordered directly from the federal government (covid.gov/tests). Tests can also be obtained through health care settings and residents are advised to inquire about costs and show health insurance information if necessary. Local information about testing is available on SJBPH's website. Free KN95 masks are also currently available at SJBPH front desks in Durango and Pagosa Springs. These are available on a first come, first served basis until they run out. COVID-19 treatments are for people who currently have mild to moderate symptoms and are not in the hospital for COVID-19, but who are at high risk of getting very sick. You should get treatment as soon as possible when you start to feel symptoms. If you are at high risk and have COVID-19, ask your health care provider about treatment as soon as you can. Telehealth is also an option for receiving treatment. Learn more about how to access COVID-19 treatments via the State of Colorado or SJBPH.



Approximately **1 in 5 adults** ages 18+ have a health condition that might be related to their previous COVID-19 illness, such as:

- Neurologic and mental health conditions*
- Kidney failure
- Musculoskeletal conditions
- Cardiovascular conditions
- Respiratory conditions
- Blood clots and vascular issues

Talk to your health care provider if you have symptoms after COVID-19

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* Adults aged 65 and older at increased risk

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SOUTHERN UTE DENTAL AND OPTOMETRY CLINIC

Update

Tribal Health is closely monitoring the high, local COVID cases. *Due to an increase of COVID-19 cases on and around the Reservation, staff will begin testing patients prior to their appointment.* To avoid a scheduling conflict which may occur, please schedule your dental and eye appointments now by calling the front desk at [970] 563.4719.

This process will remain while the COVID Community Levels are listed as "Medium" and "High".

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PCC Southwest in Bayfield offers a **Certified Nurse Aide** certificate

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Bethany Powell
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Community College

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

CANCERandCOVID-19

CONGRATULATIONS!

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

CANCER SCREENING

CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

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

COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

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

ORAL CANCER SCREENING

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

BREAST CANCER SCREENING

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

LUNG CANCER SCREENING

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

SKIN CANCER SCREENING

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

CANCER PREVENTION

HEPATITIS B VACCINATION

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

HPV VACCINATION

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: WWW.AICAF.ORG



Black Bear onsite tour



photos Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Prior to any new surface disturbance on tribal lands, a thorough environmental impact survey must be completed. Southern Ute Growth Fund Operating Director, Kourtney Hadrick, explains the process that requires various departments with the Growth Fund and the Permanent Fund to collaborate. Tom Shipps, MBSS, and Doug Krueger, Department of Energy, also discussed the environmental impact review process for a proposed site development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Southern Ute Council Member Dr. Stacey Oberly looks at the proposed site for development. If the environmental survey comes back with no significant findings, the project will begin.



Chairman attends conference



courtesy SU Tribal Council Affairs

Chairman Melvin J. Baker attended the Mountain Connect Conference which brought professionals from the communication, technology, and construction sectors together with government leaders to learn more about broadband infrastructure. Chairman Baker speaks with Emily Meisner on how the Tribe and Archuleta County can partner to expand service and broadband to the eastern portion of the Reservation. The Mountain Connect conference was held in Keystone, Colo.

Council tours Oceanside



courtesy SU Tribal Council Affairs

The Southern Ute Tribal Council joined executive leadership from the Southern Ute Growth Fund on a trip to Oceanside, Calif., Wednesday, June 22 –Thursday, June 23, to tour the investments in the area. The Pierside North and South Apartments in Oceanside are two of the investments of the Tribe. The multi-family apartment complexes are next to the Pacific Ocean and also have a pool on the property.



Council Members Lorelei Cloud and Vanessa P. Torres and Growth Fund Operations Manager, Madiline Chavarillo observe the ocean from the top of the Pierside Apartments.

With limited space, common areas are an attractive part of the Pierside Apartments. The group toured the buildings to get a feel for the amenities.



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.



VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

With Council Member

+++ Lorelei Cloud +++



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

NEW TIME!

July 27, 2022
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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





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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RECREATIONAL AREAS IMPACTED BY BEAR DANCE FIRE • FROM PAGE 1

there. That crew is coming in from Zuni, New Mexico.”

“We will work with the Tribal Range department for those specifications [regarding noxious weeds],” Gustafson said. “Luckily with this rain, there is a break in the fires, so we are able to get in there right away - and now we are ahead of schedule. Still no definite time-frame for opening up the rest of the reactional trail to Scott’s pond - that date is still to be determined.”



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) Team is currently assessing and developing a plan for the impacted area near Scott’s Pond; the foot trails and burned areas along the Pine River are closed until further notice.

SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

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

FIREWORKS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED



PREVENT WILDFIRES ON OUR RESERVATION



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, June 21, 2022 and will remain until conditions improve.

Photo Credit: Lindsay J. Box

Designed & Published by Lindsay J. Box

Officer, Rich Gustafson updated Tribal Council on the investigation determining the cause of the fire. Gustafson also covered the minute impacts of the retardant dropped from air resources to suppress the fire.”

The BEAR Program brings in experts in biology and water resources to meet with tribal professionals to develop a plan to address safety hazards for the area and plans for restoration. There are four phases to the program: suppression repair, emergency stabilization, burned area rehabilitation, and future plans.

“Everyone is working as quickly as possible on getting the area open and accessible, Tribal Council’s priority is restoring it back to where it was pre-burn,” Communication Specialist Lindsay Box said. “It’s really just going through the BAER process to reduce the risk and restore the environment to pre-fire conditions.”

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division, under the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also plays a key role, assessing the impacts to wildlife – both in terms of the immediate impacts caused by the fire and the long-term impacts of recreational use.

The BAER Team is in consultation with the DNR staff, monitoring for safety, in terms of getting rid of hazardous trees, and replacing any infrastructure that was lost in the fire, such foot bridges and benches.

“It’s all sort of inter-

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

BIA Southern Ute Agency, Fire Management Officer, Rich Gustafson and John Gilbert, Captain with Los Pinos Fire Protection District walk the burn scar with members of the Tribe’s Department of Natural Resources.

twined,” Southern Ute Wildlife Biologist Aran Johnson explained. “Ultimately what’s good for the river bottom and what’s good for habitat is good for wildlife. There is the safety component, because that’s a recreational area, because of the trails that go through there. Then there is the habitat component.”

“We need to deal with the safety aspect, so that staff can go in there and work, that safety aspect is first,” he said.

“The way it looks now is going to change rapidly,” Johnson emphasized. “There is water close to the surface, and these rains are going to get things sprouting – especially species that respond well to fire. Willows, cottonwoods, and buffalo berries are examples of species that are quick to rejuvenate. Those river bottom habitats are the most productive areas we have for wildlife, and the impact of the fire was most

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

An abandoned truck, which likely dates back to the middle of last century, was exposed in the burn scar, along with other debris. Mitigation efforts in the Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) process will work to clean up these areas for future use.

likely felt by nesting, migratory birds.”

“I don’t think we saw any direct loss with those younger deer, elk populations. The birds were the most impacted but will return and take advantage of that habitat in the spring cycle; some birds will benefit from the new

growth,” Johnson said. “The elk and deer were already back in the burn area, withing a few days of the burn.”

“We are of course going to have those skeletons of trees that will remind us of what went through, but it is going to look real different, real quick.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Southern Ute Reservation rescinds Stage II Fire Restrictions

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Due to recent rains and moderating fuel conditions, Stage II Fire Restrictions have been rescinded for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Stage I Fire Restrictions remain in place. Everyone on reservation land is still asked to be cautious and use common sense with fire, as conditions may dry out and Fire Restrictions may again be implemented.

Since May, Southern Ute Agency Fire

Management has responded to several fires including the 89-acre Bear Dance Fire that burned near the Tribal Campus and Sun Ute Community Center. A Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) Team is currently assessing and developing a plan for the impacted area.

For more information regarding Fire Restrictions, please contact Southern Ute Agency Fire Management at 970-563-4571.

Stage II Restrictions were officially rescinded at 6 a.m., Wednesday, June 22.





Bear Dance Fire

Recreational Area Closures

The map shows both open and closed areas. Individuals are restricted to only the area around Scotts Pond for personal safety. In the event of an emergency, please contact SUPD by dialing 911 or the non-emergency line at (970) 563.4401. For more information, please contact BIA Fire Office at (970) 563.4571.

BEAR DANCE FIRE
BURN AREA CLOSURE

The Bear Dance Fire has left a significant safety issue in its wake. Fire damage to vulnerable trees which remain standing are at real risk of falling, becoming what are known as “widow makers.” All areas affected by the fire south of Scotts Pond to Bear Dance Road are CLOSED to public access until further notice. Plans are currently under way to mitigate this hazard. We expect this to take weeks or even months to complete. In the meantime, the danger will persist. Trees that may appear to have survived are at risk due to scorching and damage to their bases. The trail to Scotts Pond from the parking area at the north end of Ute Park Road will remain open as well the trail around the pond itself. Recreational activities must remain to the trail only. DO NOT ENTER THE BURN SCAR. We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of everyone in maintaining the safety of the public. In the event of an emergency, please contact Southern Ute Police Department Dispatch by dialing 9-1-1.

LA PLATA COUNTY

Regional Housing Alliance seeks Interim Executive Director

Staff report

REGIONAL HOUSING ALLIANCE OF LA PLATA

The Regional Housing Alliance of La Plata County is seeking applicants for an Interim Executive Director position.

This position will support the RHA's efforts to restore itself to a fully functioning agency with the roles of sponsor, funder, and developer of affordable workforce housing following a period of dormancy. The job description can be found at: www.swccog.org/documents/other/#jobs. The deadline for responses will be Friday, July 15, or until filled.

For information, contact Jessica Laitsch at info@swccog.org or 970-759-4134.

Tech talk with elders



photos Terrance Whyte/SU Drum

Marvin Cook reads instructions on how to prepare his computer, Tuesday June 14, at the Leonard C. Burch building. Tribal elders will utilize these computers for personal use, as well as accessing the new Tribal Member Experience portal.

Tribal Information Services Administrative Assistant, Samantha Maez helps tribal elder, Dell Solomon set up her new computer.



Roadwork at Cedar Point

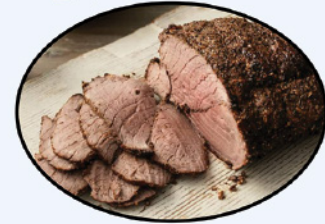


Roman Seibel/SU Tribal Planning

A view of Rolling Thunder Ave. shows work performed by WCA Construction, LLC to completely replace the roadway in a procedure called full-depth reconstruction. This method is required in this area, and four others in the Cedar Point subdivision, because the roadway has completely failed below the paved surface. All Cedar Point roads will be repaved this summer, with most scheduled for less intensive chip seal or two-inch overlay. Other areas with broken pavement are being crack sealed now. The work is administered by the Tribal Planning Department with 100% funding support from the BIA Tribal Transportation Program. Two-week rolling schedules of activity will appear each week in The Southern Ute Drum. For more information, contact Project Coordinator Mary Evening Star Eagle 970-563-2270.



Multi-Purpose Facility July Sip, Chat & Chew



**Friday July 15, 2022
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Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
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**Wednesday July 6, 2022
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**Monday July 11, 2022
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Elders Only Please



256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or
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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.

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For more information please contact:
Sun Dance Chief, Bryon Frost at (970) 946-4061



Youth explore Ute Culture



Cultural Camp attendees and staff were brought onto the 350-acre fenced pasture to get a closer observation of the bison and learn about their behavior. During their trip attendees learned about the distribution of culled bison to the Tribe and the cultural uses.



Ezra Watts and Ammonie Johnson observes different types of small and medium animal pelts as well as a Bull Bison Skull which is part of a presentation given by Wildlife Technician Jon Broholm during their trip to the Southern Ute Bison Corral with Southern Ute Wildlife on Tuesday, June 28.

The Cultural Preservation Department hosted their annual Youth Culture Camp for children ages six to ten years old on Tuesday, June 28 through Thursday, June 30. During Culture Camp, participants enjoyed onsite Ute language, cultural activities, tour of the Southern Ute Bison Corral with Southern Ute Wildlife, swimming at SunUte Community Center, and field trips to Treasure Falls and Lake Capote for fishing. The Youth Culture Camp is led by employees of the Cultural Preservation Department.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Wildlife Technician Jon Broholm lead camp goers through the Southern Ute Bison Corral and explained each station's purpose to the children, throughout his presentation Broholm spoke of the cultural significance of the Bison to the Ute people.



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BOBCATS BASEBALL

Ignacio infielder scores statewide salute

Gallegos' year ends with All-2A nod

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Already named the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's top baseball player for 2022, Ignacio's Jacob Gallegos recently added another honor to his developing diamond résumé.

Following a lengthy process including nominations from leagues and then a vote of head coaches, the Colorado High School Activities Association announced on Tuesday, June 21, its All-State teams, with the short-stop/pitcher Gallegos receiving Honorable Mention All-2A distinction.

He was one of 33 players so honored.

Limon senior Brady Rockwell was named 2A Player-of-the-Year after helping undefeated LHS repeat as Class 2A State Champion. Colorado Springs St. Mary's skipper Bill Percy was chosen as Coach-of-the-Year, after his Pirates (19-9 overall) nearly upset the Badgers (26-0) in the grand finale but couldn't hold a 2-0 first-inning lead in losing 3-2.

Reaching the State Tournament's 'Sweet 16,' Ignacio ended up 15-8 in 2022, including a SJBL-winning 4-2 mark.

ADDITIONALLY

Also recognized from the San Juan Basin League as All-Staters were Nucla seniors Carson Gardner and Jar-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Jacob Gallegos enjoys a pregame laugh prior to action at IHS Field. Already named the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's Player-of-the-Year, the sophomore shortstop/pitcher most recently was named Honorable Mention All-2A.

ret Sinks. Both were named Second Team All-1A, while Steele Arnold, a sophomore, was an Honorable Mention All-1A pick along with senior Brayden Magallon.

Dove Creek wasn't left out either; senior Ryan Jarmon was voted Honorable Mention All-1A.

Junior pitcher/infielder Julian Terrazas was named 1A

Player-of-the-Year after helping Holly (20-4 overall) reach the State Championship. The Wildcats, however, then fell 4-3 in ten innings to Merino (24-2 overall), guided by Coach-of-the-Year Logan Tharp, a 2014 Holyoke grad.

The Rams had reached the State Tournament semifinals in 2021, losing to Holly, the eventual State Champion.

Ignacio claims champ rings!



photos courtesy Laura Sanchez

Ignacio Sharks: Coaches Left to Right – Xavier Watts, Ray Sanchez, Mark Garcia, Cassandra Sanchez, and Nick Sanchez, Team Left to Right – Mason Evers, Sophia Romero, Noah Baker, Charles Alston, Ezra Watts, Ray Sanchez III, Ivan Watts, Ethan Rhode-O'Leary, Caiden Hight, Jax Pena, Kai Seibel, and Roger Tenorio.



Ignacio Spartans: Coaches L to R – Ray Sanchez, Olin Goodtracks, Nick Sanchez, Orion Watts, and DJ Pacheco. Team L to R – Top Row – Landyn Bravo, Wes Nossaman, Christian Cosio, Osias Goodtracks, and Orion Watts Jr. Bottom Row – Tommy Seibel, Mirra Bourriague, Abel Redman, and Frankie Tarrant (Not Pictured: Tristyn Price).

Two of Ignacio's youth teams took the championship in Durango's youth baseball leagues, Thursday, June 16 and Saturday, June 18, respectively. The Ignacio Sharks 8U (green) and the Ignacio Spartans 10U (red) did great and worked hard. Congratulations!



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LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

\$4.5 million in Capital Credit refunds headed to LPEA members in July

Staff report

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

People who were members of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) in 1998, 1999, or 2021 will receive Capital Credit refunds in July, based on the amount of electricity they used in those years. Amounts over \$100 will be mailed as a check, while amounts under \$100 will be applied as a bill credit.

LPEA is a not-for-profit utility delivering electric services to its members at cost. As such, any payments made by members over what is needed to provide their electric service are placed into a Capital Credit account in each member's name. When LPEA is financially able, those Capital Credits are returned to members as part of LPEA's CashBack program. Since its incorporation in 1939, LPEA has returned close to \$90 million in Capital Credits to its members.

"This year and moving forward, we are conducting Capital Credit allocations and retirements together and earlier in the year," said

LPEA

La Plata Electric Association, Inc.

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LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "We hope this will raise awareness of this key benefit of being a co-op member. When our members pay their electric bills, they are also investing in the cooperative, and we enjoy being able to return that investment."

The decision to retire Capital Credits and the amount retired is determined by the LPEA Board of Directors on an annual basis, as financial circumstances permit. This year, the board decided to retire Capital Credits using both the "first in, first out" (FIFO) and "last in, first out" (LIFO) methods, which will return some of the remaining capital investment of LPEA's older members while also showcasing the benefits of being a co-op member to LPEA's newest members.

Dollars become unclaimed after three years when LPEA cannot locate members deserving of the refund and are then reinvested in our community through LPEA's various grant programs. Get more details on LPEA's CashBack program at lpea.coop/capitalcredits.

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral, and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to its approximately 35,700 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at 970-247-5786 or visit lpea.coop.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

THOMPSON THANKS KSUT

I would like to thank KSUT [Tribal Radio] for the drawing I won to attend the 2022 Gathering of Nations Powwow. I enjoyed going and the accommodations were excellent, as Albuquerque is so busy during that time. I was able to attend the pow wow, took advantage of the arts and crafts, and met people while taking breaks. Although I missed the Miss Indian World competition, it was a great trip.

Davuche toghoyak
Willette Thompson

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TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of the Southern Ute Sun Dance, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Monday, July 11, 2022.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, July 12, 2022!



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SAVE THE DATE

KSUT Eddie Box Jr. Media Center Open House

Thursday, July 28, 4-7 p.m.
Drop-ins Welcome

- Refreshments and light appetizers
- Honorary guests: Eddie Box Jr. & Southern Ute Tribal Council
- Southern Ute Singers
- The Dream Warriors: An Indigenous Collective of performing artists
- Jonas Grushkin on piano and more!



Correction

A caption in the June 3 issue of the Drum read, that the Tribe acquired a brand-new Caterpillar AWD motor grader, when in fact it was the Tribal Planning Department, which acquired the grader.

Drum Deadline

Next issue
July 15

Early Deadline
July 8

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Tribal Council on KSUT Tribal Radio

The Southern Ute Tribal Council provide updates Friday mornings at 9 a.m. to share updates from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe!

Tune in at 9 a.m. sharp, in Ignacio at KSUT 91.3 FM, in Farmington at KUUT 89.7 FM and on the Ute Mountain Ute reservation tune in at KZNM 100.9 FM! KSUT Tribal Radio also streams online at www.tribalradio.org



CEDAR POINT HOUSING
ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



TWO-WEEK SCHEDULE
(June 27 – July 8, 2022)



Work being performed by: WCA Construction, LLC.
Work being performed for: SUIT

Total project duration – June 2022 through October 31, 2022
Work days/hours – 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

I.) FDR (FULL DEPTH REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT)

Work Scope: Full Depth Removal and Replacement of road base and asphalt in select problem areas within the roadway.

- **Location:** North end of Rolling Thunder Avenue, and Intersection of Arrow Street with Fry Bread Ave.

Dates of Impact: June 27, 2022 through July 8, 2022

Traffic Control Impacts: (see attached map) Road Closure from Intersection of Lodge Pole Way/Rolling Thunder Avenue north to Rolling Thunder Avenue/Arrow Street intersection, then east to Fry Bread Avenue/Arrow Street Intersection. Work at the intersection of Arrow Street and Fry Bread Avenue will be performed in half the intersection at a time. Closure will remain throughout the length of the project. This section of roadway will be closed to thru traffic.

II.) CRACK SEALING

Work Scope: Cleaning and Filling of select cracks with in the roadway from curb-to-curb using asphaltic resins combined with synthetic polymer rubber.

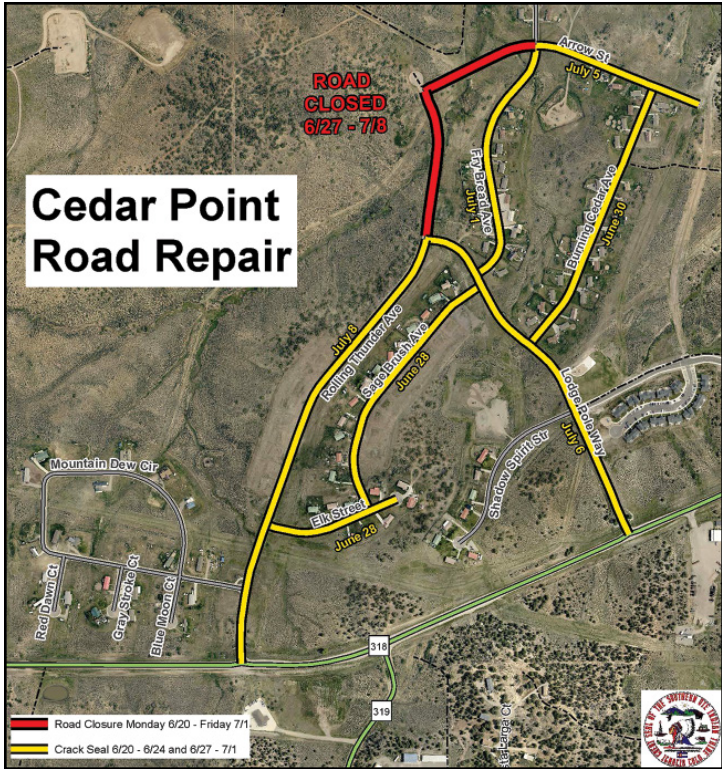
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| • Location: Fry Bread Avenue | Date(s) of Impact: July 1, 2022 |
| • Event: Fourth of July | NO ON-SITE WORK PERFORMED |
| • Location: Arrow Street | Date(s) of Impact: July 5, 2022 |
| • Location: Lodge Pole Way | Date(s) of Impact: July 6 – 7, 2022 |
| • Location: Rolling Thunder | Date(s) of Impact: July 8 – 12, 2022 |

Traffic Control Impacts (see attached traffic control plan): A single lane closure with flaggers will be in place to allow for one-way traffic around the crack sealing operation.

What is needed of Residents: Please be sure to keep vehicles, trash cans, toys, pets, and any other objects off of the roadways in the areas mentioned above throughout the dates of impact. Please keep dogs safely kept away from construction personnel. Also, please keep sprinklers and other water from draining onto the specified street areas.

Schedules are subject to change pending the weather and other conditions beyond the Contractor's control. Thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout the road repair work.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact
Mary Evening Star Eagle, Project Coordinator
Southern Ute Tribal Planning
970-563-2270



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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
SaRya Ruth Marie Coyote, Civil Subject
Case:2022-0078-CV-NC

Notice is hereby given that SaRya Ruth Marie Coyote has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as SaRya Ruth Marie Yellow Moon Coyote. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than July 25, 2022. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2022.
BY THE COURT,
Marlene Price, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2022-0069-CV-NC
Trinidad Mary Martinez, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Trinidad Mary Martinez has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Trinidad Mary Pena. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than July 11, 2022. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 13th day of June, 2022.
BY THE COURT,
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 022-0071-CV-NC
Chispas Root, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Chispas Root has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known here-

after as Xispas Root. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than July 11, 2022. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 13th day of June, 2022.
BY THE COURT,
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Aleksandr Bear Soldier Gill, Deceased
Case No.: 2022-0044-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO:

Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof.

You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on July 25, 2022 at 10:30 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 3rd of June, 2022
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE
Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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

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



Multi-Purpose Facility
July Events

Sr. Breakfast—Wednesday, July 6, 2022 10:00 — 11:30 AM

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

Elder / Adult Crafts—July 11, 2022 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Adults only Please

Sip, Chat & Chew— Friday July 15, 2022 11:30 AM –1:30 PM

3 Ute Tribe Members & family

July Quilt Class—Tuesday & Wednesday July 19 & 20, 2022

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Must know how to use a sewing machine

July Loom Beading Class—Tuesday & Thursday

July 26 & 28— 2022 Day Session 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Evening Session 5:30PM—7:30 PM

Specify which when signing up

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

multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



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.

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



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Ta'waqaruru Wáygya
“Southern Ute Talk”

Find the newest edition on the
Tribal Member Experience





ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SUIT-Sky Ute Fairgrounds

Site Improvements and Boat Storage Building Construction project

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds division of the SUIT is accepting proposals from qualified contractors for construction services of the following project: Sky Ute Fairgrounds – Site Improvements and Boat Storage Building Construction project. Bids will be received by Goff Engineering & Surveying until 3:00 PM (local time) on July 21, 2022.

The Project requires site grading, utility installations, and construction of buildings. Site work will include gravel paving, asphalt patching, fencing, and installation of water, sewer, and electrical services. Work includes construction of concrete building foundations and erection of Owner furnished metal storage buildings and modular ice house. Owner will procure and deliver metal buildings on-site to be erected by contractor in accordance with the construction documents. Owner will furnish and install modular ice house on contractor constructed foundation as detailed in construction plans.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American-owned company. Please go to <https://www.goffengineering.com/project-bidding/> to view the project and obtain Bidding Documents. For questions, please email Tory Autry at tautry@goffengineering.com.

UTILITIES SHUT-OFF REMINDER

The Southern Ute Utilities Division will be conducting shut offs on July 6, 2022.

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

Payments can be processed in the following ways:

1. Online at <https://www.suitutil.com/pay-my-bill/>
2. Southern Ute Utilities Drive-thru
3. Utilities Division Lobby Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
4. Wells Fargo Bill Pay at the Ignacio branch
5. Tribal Deduction (request form from Utilities Division)
6. By mail to Southern Ute Utilities Division, P.O. Box 1137, Ignacio, CO 81137

The Utilities Division Drive-thru Window is OPEN Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and CLOSED Saturdays and Sundays.

The Waste Transfer Station is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office can be reached by dialing 970-563-5500.



Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 06/21/22



UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS



TRANSFER STATION

2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION
MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5PM / CLOSED SUNDAY

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

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

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

Friendly Reminders

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

**July 6th / August 3rd
September 7th / October 5th**
Settle your payments before 10AM

PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES

- Happy 4th of July! Offices & Transfer Station Closed
- July Shut-Off Day is Wednesday, 7/6/22



FRIENDLY TIPS

- Watering Lawns? Use timer to better control water use
- Save money and fix any leaks at faucets, toilets, or outdoor spigots!
- Bag Trash securely before placing in Trash Container

NEW 2022 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per Household.

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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

SO. UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Closing 9/2/22 – The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill TWO seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, Sept. 2, 2022.

ETHICS COMMISSION

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

GAMING COMMISSION

The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions for specified terms, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age. Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation. Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures. Applicants must

have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality. Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. Positions are open until filled. If you think you might be interested, please contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

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

TERO COMMISSION

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) commissioners; A person with Tribal Regulatory knowledge and experience and; Southern Ute Tribal member at-large to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: Tribal Regulatory Knowledge and Experience; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. 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).



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



Board of Directors Vacancy



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

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

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

For more information, contact Bruce LeClaire, CEO
970.563.2694 or 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

SunUte Community Center will be CLOSED Monday, July 4th

24/7 Access will remain OPEN

Everyone have a WONDERFUL
4th





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

Clinical Supervisor

Closes 7/5/22 – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Position also provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

Communications Manager

Closes 7/7/22 – Under general supervision of the Administrative Police Lieutenant (Lieutenant), provides day-to-day management and oversight to the Communication Center operations staff (Dispatchers) including planning, developing, coordinating, supervising, and reviewing all aspects of the work of employees. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Elementary Teacher Trainee (So. Ute tribal member only)

Closes 7/1/22 – A trainee position developed for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in teaching with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. 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. The length of this program is designed to last three (3) years but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N11 and be subject to annual evaluations and pay increases. Upon successful completion of the training requirements, incumbent will assume the Elementary Teacher position.

General Assistance Program Manager

Closes 6/23/22 – Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Lifeguard

Closes 7/13/22 – Responsible for 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; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

Medical Assistant

Closes 7/1/22 – Medical Assistant position providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

Patrol Officer II

Closes 7/13/22 – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$23.81/hour.

Teacher Aide

Closes 7/1/22 – Supporting the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After-School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$12.32/hour.

Animal Control Officer

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Tribal Ranger Sergeant, assures compliance of the Tribal Animal Control Code through enforcement and education. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

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; Pay 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 25 to Aug. 12. Pay grade N4; Pay 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; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

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; Pay starts at \$19.93/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; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern

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

Distance Learning Specialist Trainee (So. Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member under the supervision of the Director of Education. The length of trainee program is approximately two years with bi-annual evaluations based upon performance. The beginning wage is 20% below a grade E11 / \$41,456.65/annually. Upon the completion of the program, incumbent will work in coordination with Tribal Organizations, Universities, Colleges, local schools, and community members to provide long distance telecommunications, educational resource information, and classes for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and assists the Academic Advisor in supporting associate degree students.

Early Childhood Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide SUIMA students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Elementary Teacher

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

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator Trainee (So. Ute tribal member only)

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; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

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; Pay 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; Pay 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; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour and includes a \$200 sign-on bonus.

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; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

Public Education Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Public Education Department. A teacher in this position 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. The teacher also 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

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.

Human Resources Compliance Specialist – Human Resources (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 7/8/22 – Development, review and implementation of policies, job descriptions and database maintenance and oversight; conducting investigations, writing disciplinary actions, assisting with compensation, training content development and HR reporting. Provides support with other related functions of the HR Dept.

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

Closing 7/8/22 – Supporting investment analysis, due diligence, and investment monitoring tasks.

Maintenance Technician – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing 7/21/22 – Operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Plant and Field Compression facilities, including amine plant equipment, engine/compressor, generators, and

dehydration. Performs work related to the repair and ongoing maintenance of equipment

Maintenance Technician Trainee – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing 7/21/22 – Trainee program is designed to provide training and experience for up to three years in order to learn and assume responsibility operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Plant and Field Compression facilities, including amine plant equipment, engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration.

Gas Measurement Technician Trainee – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing /22/22 – This four-year trainee program is designed to provide training, mentoring and on the job experience in order to learn and be responsible for the completion of daily operational and technical assessment of all gas measurement related activities and work tasks.

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.

Front End Developer I – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 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 – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 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.

Network Administrator – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 7/8/22 – Enterprise network maintenance, troubleshooting, and issue resolution. Responsible for add/move/changes in all voice and voice mail systems. Assists network group and Senior Network Administrator with managing information systems, servers, routers, and other network infrastructure appliances.

Senior Network Administrator – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 7/8/22 – Designing, developing, implementing, and integrating all network communication requirements for SUSS and the support of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe entities. Technical lead for the SUSS network and manages the information systems, routers, switches, and other network infrastructure appliances.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

building principal. The intent of this teaching position is to 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; Pay 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. Tutor will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Position pays \$30/hour.

Social Services Division Head

Open Until Filled – 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; Pay starts at \$75,321.13/year.

Swimming Instructor (Part-time)

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

TEAM Worker (So. Ute tribal member only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (So. Ute tribal member only)

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

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

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



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Reservations can be made on-line with a

minimum 72 hours in advance, based on availability.

Fixed Route Service to Durango Monday through Friday.



Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

OPENINGS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Positions are open until filled unless otherwise noted

- High School Gifted and Talented Teacher
- Native American Studies Teacher
- MS Science Teacher
- Bus Driver
- Permanent Substitutes
- High School Cross Country Assistant Coach

- High School Assist. Girls Basketball Coach
- Middle School Head Football Coach
- Substitute-Bus Drivers
- Substitute-Cooks
- Substitute-Custodian
- Substitute-Teachers

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

- Behavioral Health, Assistant Administrator – Closing 7/8/22
- Energy, Administrative/Accounts Receivable Tech. – Closing 7/8/22
- Member Services, Window Staff – Closing 7/8/22
- Public Works, Lead Plumber – Closing 7/8/22
- THPO, Contract Administrator – Closing 7/5/22
- Child Development Center, Education Manager – Open until filled
- Child Development Center, PT-Assistant Cook – Open until filled
- Child Development, FT-Assistant Head Start Teacher – Open until filled
- Child Development Center, FT – Day Care Teacher – Open until filled
- Child Development Center, Paraprofessional – Open until filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open until filled
- Education, Director – Open until filled
- Energy, Director – Open until filled
- Finance, Accountant – Open until filled
- Human Resource, Director – Open until filled
- Public Health, Community Health Representative – Open until filled
- Peak Grant, Teacher – Open until filled
- Public Safety, WM-Security – Open until filled
- Public Safety, FT-Security – Open until filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B, IV – Open until filled
- RISE Grant, Grant Project Manager – Open until filled
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open until filled
- Sunrise Youth Shelter, FT/PT – Houseparent – Open until filled
- Tribal Parks, PT-Maintenance Worker – Open until filled
- Ute Counseling, Director – Open until filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open until filled
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehab Counselor I – Open until filled
- WM-Administration, Member Service Technician – Open until filled
- WM Recreation Center, PT-Assistant Director – Open until filled
- WM-Education, Adult Education Coach – Open until filled
- WM-Education, Juvenile Interventionist – Open until filled
- WM-Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open until filled
- WM-PEAK Grant, PEAK Coordinator – Open until filled

Diversion Program Manager

The Diversion Program Manager's primary responsibility is to provide leadership, management, and oversight to ensure the ongoing sustainability and vitality of La Plata Youth Services community- and school-based Diversion & any Restorative Practices programming. The Diversion Program Manager will oversee specific casework, professional concerns, and development of direct service staff including Youth Advocates. Visit the La Plata Youth Services website for more information www.lphys.org/employment

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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.

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.

*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.

*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.

*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.

*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the Gaming Revenue Dept. Pulls the containers, and counts or verifies the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

*Cage Staff (Full-time)

Providing fast, accurate, and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls. Exchanges cash, coins, checks, and Tito tickets for all gaming customers, performs functions for Slot and Pit areas as required, reconciles impress back at the end of shift.

*Fine Dining Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under direct supervision of the Chef De Cuisine. Preparation of the A la Carte menu and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness.

Employee Relations Specialist

Performs Human Resources related duties at the professional level, including fostering a positive Employee Relations climate at the Sky Ute Casino Resort under the supervision of the HR Director. Managing Employee relations matters by providing day-to-day leadership and guidance to all level of employees, develop cohesive, effective working relationships with management for mediation of resolution of employee issues, and providing support, advocacy, and guidance as appropriate.

**Must be 21 years of age or older to apply.*

*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. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property.

*Security Supervisor

Ensures the safety and welfare of the guests and employees at all times. Supervision of Security Officers for day to day operations on the Casino Floor and surrounding property. Must carry out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with Gaming Code, Internal Controls, and Casino policies and procedures.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

*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.

*Revenue Auditor (Full-time)

Daily auditing of revenue transaction records that are turned in to the Accounting department from the Casino's profit centers. Will be required to follow written procedures and conduct an independent and in-depth review of: cash receipts, register tapes, sales records, gaming summaries, shift balancing reports, and other raw documentation submitted to Accounting.

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.

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.

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.

*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.

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FLY FISHING

Hooked on no hook

Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Fly fishing with barbless hooks, especially for trout, has been the standard for a long time. It is less harmful to the fish, and with practice you won't lose many fish. While fly fishing, not long ago, I remembered reading a comment a fly fisherman made. His spouse, not SWMBO, had asked him "Just how many more grip-and-grin photos do you need? How many more fish do you need to touch? Why not fish hookless?" It was a slow day, and my mind was wandering. But it made me think, why not? So, I decided to conduct a two-day experiment on fly fishing hookless.

The experiment was conducted on two of my favorite small streams that have an abundance of brook trout. The plan had me fish a half day with the hook cut off, and a half day with just the barb pinched flat. The reason for two days on small streams was, if I could duplicate the experience, I was probably onto something.

To start the experiment, I picked my favorite dry fly, a Royal Wulff, size-16. The size was determined for two very important reasons. First, my 73-year-old eyes can see the eye of the hook for threading purposes. Secondly, those same eyes could see where to cut the hook. I cut the hook just above where the barb starts. This allows a fly fisher to feel the tug of a strike, but not hook the fish. If the fish should get the bend stuck



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in the lip, it easily comes out with some slack put in the line. For the afternoon I tied on a new Royal Wulff with the barb bent down. Now, fly fishing in a conventional way, I was hooking trout. To add credibility to my experiment, the next day I went to another favorite small stream and repeated the previous day's activities. I had the same results.

Having an inquiring mind, you are probably asking yourself, what were the results? First and foremost, I had as much, if not more fun, hookless as I did with a hook. That same mind is now asking, how can that be? Well, I didn't have to take a fish off my hookless fly. So, not hav-

ing to spend time holding the fish to remove the hook, I discovered my fly spent more time on the water. With my fly on the water more, there was more opportunity for fish to strike my fly. I also discovered, with a fish not able to hold my fly in his mouth while I used forceps to remove it, it stayed together longer. I wasn't having to replace a fly as often. That meant not only were the fish being treated more gently, but I was also saving money on flies. That seemed like a win-win deal.

What was the downside? I discovered that after fishing hookless for the morning I stopped trying to set the hook. If you don't have a hook to set why bother trying? Therefore, for the afternoon, I missed a large number of fish. I think this has something to do with muscle memory. But, even missing lots of fish, I found I was having a great time. It was just more relaxing; I wasn't playing the who catches more fish game. Will I get the same thrill fishing hookless for bigger fish? I don't know. I'll just have to take my scientific study to rivers that have larger fish.

There are two groups that should not try fly fishing hookless, youngsters and people new to the sport of fly fishing. When I'm fly fishing with folks from those two groups, I really enjoy hearing them yell in excitement when they hook and land a fish. Hookless will come, just many years and fish, in the distant future.

World's largest swim lesson



photos Kelsey Frost/SunUte Community Center

Swimmers in the World's Largest Swim Lesson held at the SunUte Community Center are a part of a global event. Swimmers from all over the world swam in various waterparks, pools, and other aquatic facilities in effort to promote that swimming lessons save lives. The World's Largest Swimming Lesson was created in 2010 by the World Waterpark Association to serve as a platform to help local community aquatic facilities and the many different national, regional and statewide water safety and drowning prevention organizations work together to tell this important story on a local and national level.

Aquatics Coordinator Roman Vasquez assists student James Neil with a back float position during the SunUte Community Center World's Largest Swim Lesson event held, Thursday, June 23. Lifeguard staff and students practiced the fundamentals of swimming and expressed the importance of water safety.



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The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Falsely incriminate
- 6 U.S.A.F. awards
- 10 Season highly
- 11 Sag --- (curried spinach and potatoes)
- 12 Best possible
- 13 Continue
- 14 The Inaja- --- Reservation, near San Diego
- 16 Easily tickled?
- 18 Dr. Livingstone ---?
- 20 Chewy but non-nutritious product
- 23 Bro or sis
- 24 People of the South Wind
- 25 --- and out the other
- 28 "--- life!"
- 29 Colorist's vessel
- 33 Peccadilloes
- 35 Picturesque Ontario gorge town
- 36 Chic Chanel
- 37 Orion's brightest star
- 38 Ornamental chalcidony
- 39 Bar furniture

Down

- 1 Federal banking backup agency
- 2 Make over
- 3 Roman greetings
- 4 The Atchakangouen
- 5 Orbit of a satellite
- 6 Bumstead, to his pals
- 7 Beats severely
- 8 Vermont Abenaki Nation with a Nulhegan Band
- 9 Napa neighbor
- 15 Attempted
- 17 Shape with an ax
- 19 Online auction site frequenters
- 20 Comedian's date
- 21 Organization with Goodwill Ambassadors
- 22 It may be slow or perpetual
- 26 "You Only Live Twice" singer --- Sinatra
- 27 Ignited again
- 30 Old comic strip set in the Okfenokee Swamp
- 31 Triple-decker cookie
- 32 Far-fetched
- 34 "Red" or "White" baseball team

Answers for this crossword will appear in July 15 issue of the Drum.

Answers for June 17, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Wpm, 4 Sis, 7 Jab, 10 Wee, 11 Hot, 12 Oil, 13 Fax, 14 Enamels, 16 Isleta, 18 Local, 20 End it, 24 Ajax, 25 Nero, 26 Conoy, 28 Becky, 29 Nevada, 31 Grayson, 34 MVP, 37 Our, 38 Nod, 39 Pop, 40 Bet, 41 OMB, 42 Sam.
Down: 1 WWF, 2 Pea, 3 Mexican, 4 Shell, 5 lone, 6 State, 7 Joe, 8 Ail, 9 Bls, 15 Manned, 17 Saxony, 18 Lac, 19 Ojo, 21 Decamps, 22 Irk, 23 Toy, 27 Yes-No, 28 B and B, 30 Voom, 31 Gob, 32 Rue, 33 Art, 35 VoA, 36 Ppm.



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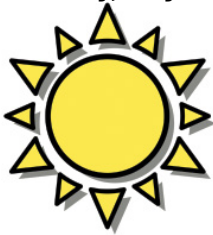
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