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**GROWTH FUND**

# Tribe earns prestigious safety awards in energy sector

*Red Cedar Gathering Company and Aka recognized*



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Red Cedar Gathering Company and Aka Energy Group were awarded two prestigious oil & natural gas operation safety awards. The Growth Fund held a barbecue at the Three Springs Plaza in Durango, Colo. in recognition of their commitment to environmental and human safety, Wednesday, Aug. 17. The lunch was catered by Serious Texas BBQ.

*By Jeremy Wade Shockley*  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Red Cedar Gathering Company and Aka Energy Group were awarded with two prestigious safety awards in May of this year. GPA Midstream Association, one of the foremost organizations representing the oil and gas mid-stream industry in the United States, acknowledged the two tribal company’s commitment to environmental health and safety.

Both companies received the Second Place Safety Award and Perfect Record Award in their respective divisions for safety performance in 2021. Red Cedar Gathering Company and Aka Energy Group staff were recognized with an outdoor barbeque at the Three Springs Plaza in Durango, Colo., Wednesday, Aug. 17. “On behalf of both companies, I would like to ex-



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Red Cedar Gathering Company also invited Tribal Council and the Growth Fund Management Committee to the barbecue including council member Lorelei Cloud and Growth Fund Management Committee Tribal Member-at Large, Wendell Vigil.

press our sincere gratitude for the support we have received from the Tribal Council regarding the importance of safe operations,” said Coy Bryant, President & COO of Red Cedar Gathering Company/ Aka Energy Group. “The protection of our employees, contractors, the public,

and the environment is our top priority, and that begins with the emphasis placed on safety by the Tribal Council and the Growth Fund Management Committee – thank you for your continued support and leadership.”

Members of the Southern

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Matthew Box/SU Construction Services

Construction Services Heavy Equipment Operator, Matthew Box works to fix a dirt road in Deep Canyon with the use of the 2022 Caterpillar 120 AWD motor grader purchased by the Tribal Planning Department. The project to fix the dirt roads in this rural area started in July and is expected to be completed by early fall.

**TRIBAL PLANNING**

# Grading project fixes, improves rural route ... one road at a time

*By Fabian Martinez & Krista Richards*  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

As the summer monsoon rains end and the leaves begin to change, tribal hunters prepare for the upcoming season. For the Southern Ute Tribal Planning Department, the coming fall

season raises concerns over access to these traditional lands due to deteriorating roads on the reservation.

Tribal member and Construction Services Heavy Equipment Supervisor, Matthew Box is working on a project in collaboration with Tribal Planning to grade rural roads and access points

within Deep Canyon on the eastern side of the Southern Ute Reservation. The project started on Wednesday, July 20 and is expected to end early this fall.

The last time a similar program was conducted was about eight years ago

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Nate Hendren (6) spins through traffic while carrying the ball for 18 yards during the first half of the Bobcats’ 70-0 scrimmage-game victory Friday, Aug. 19, over Red Mesa, Ariz., at IHS Field.

**BOBCATS FOOTBALL**

# Bobcats roll in re-designated scrimmage

*IHS rips Red Mesa 70-0 in pseudo-opener*

*By Joel Priest*  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having learned just hours before kickoff Friday, August 19, that his team’s 2022 season-opener wouldn’t be a true season-opener but more an interstate scrimmage, Ignacio Football head coach Alfonso ‘Ponch’ Garcia wasn’t exactly over the moon about hosting Red Mesa, Ariz., for a reduced-stakes rumble.

“Before, the assumption was that it was going to be a game, and now it’s not. Well, it is, but it’s not,” he explained in a mid-day phone call. “Their A.D. told me, ‘We’re going to be wearing our practice stuff’ and I was like, ‘That’s fine; I don’t care.’”

“It’s a game, but it’s a ‘practice’ game ... if you want to call it that,” Garcia



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

A young fan receives a proper Ignacio Football greeting prior to the Aug. 19 scrimmage game between IHS and Red Mesa, Ariz., at IHS Field.

continued, “but I would like to keep this a ‘game’ situation instead of having to stop throughout the whole thing, you know?”

IHS’ players certainly agreed; action against a team which had narrowly qualified for the Arizona Interscholastic Association’s Class 2A State

Playoffs last fall would have to be as real as it gets. “Ponch said this was a real game,” said freshman Lincoln deKay. “We all took it like it was the start of our season.”

“Backyard football! That’s how we had to think about

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# Casino powwow graces Towaoc



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute veteran Gordon Hammond (USMC) shakes the hand of Ute Mountain Ute Little Brave, Kiowan Cantsee prior to Saturday evening’s Grand Entry. The Color Guard comprised of Ute Mountain and Southern Ute veterans led the dancers into the powwow arbor included, left to right, Grace Jacket (Army), Raymond Curley (USMC), Hammond, and Southern Ute Veteran’s Association members, Bruce LeClaire (Army) and Howard Richards (Army).

A young chicken dancer stops on the final beat of the drum during a Chicken Dance special held Saturday evening, Aug. 20.



**See more Ute Mountain Hotel Casino Powwow coverage on page 9.**





## Growth Fund General Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

### MEETING QUICK FACTS

### Questions & Answers

#### Will there be an open-mic?

No. All questions must be written down and submitted to a Council Affairs staff member.

#### Can I ask my question after the presentation?

All questions will be saved for the Question portion at the end of the meeting.

#### Can I submit my question now?

Yes! You can submit your questions prior to the meeting by emailing them to:  
GenMtgQA@southernute-nsn.gov

### MEETING QUICK FACTS

### WebEx Event Access

#### Will there be a virtual option to attend the meeting?

Yes! Tribal Members can attend the meeting via the Web-Ex Event. To register go to:  
<https://bit.ly/3pcjx24>

Or use the QR Code on the next page!

#### Is this meeting protected?

Yes! All requests go through a verification of tribal enrollment to protect confidential tribal information meant only for the membership.

#### Will the meeting be recorded?

Yes, recording will be available on the Tribal Member Portal the following week.

#### Use our new QR Code to quickly register and access the meeting!



### MEETING QUICK FACTS

### WebEx Event Access

### MEETING QUICK FACTS

### COVID Safety Guidelines

#### Is it safe to attend the meeting?

Yes! We have guidelines in place to help keep all those in attendance safe! Everyone must:

- Wear a face covering at all times
- Complete temperature screening upon entry
- Practice social distancing. Tables will be arranged classroom style to maximize space

#### What if I am not feeling well?

If you are not feeling good and/or if you have a temperature greater than 100.4°, you will be required to leave, but can participate virtually via the Web-Ex Event.

For additional information, please contact  
Mrs. Debbie Garner at 970.563.5007 or via email at [dgarner@sugf.com](mailto:dgarner@sugf.com)

P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo. 81137

970.563.0100

[www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov)

## Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

Durango hosted the first stage of the 2012 USA Pro Challenge, hailed as one of the largest cycling events in North America, on Monday, Aug. 20. The race will take riders through the Rockies and into the state capitol. Spectators, sponsors and support vehicles filled historic downtown Durango and Southern Ute cultural dancers gave a performance at Buckley Park before race spectators. The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy also hosted a field trip for young race fans to cheer the cyclists on with the familiar clanging of metal cowbells. Dixie Naranjo helps her grand daughter ahead of the Heritage Dance.

This photo was first published in the August 24, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

On August 17, 2002, the Ute Museum in Montrose, Colo. hosted "Chipeta Day" in honor of Chipeta, the wife of the Ute Chief Ouray. The observance included guest speakers, buffalo feast, followed by Ute dancers performing War Dances and Bear Dance demonstration.

This photo was published in the August 23, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

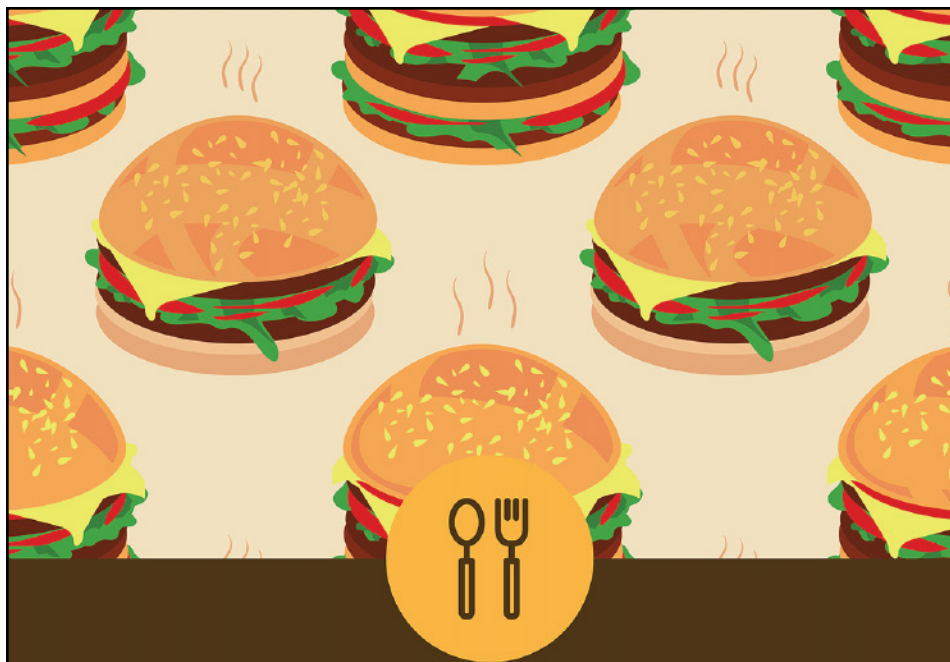
### 30 years ago

Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch was one of the guest speakers at the recent inauguration of elected Jicarilla Apache President, Leonard Atole. Faren Baltazar was also elected for his second term on the Jicarilla Tribal Council.

This photo was published in the August 21, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

### 40 years ago

A photo from the corresponding issue 40 years ago was not available in the Drum archives. Look for the 40 years ago photo in the Sept. 9, 2022, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



## Southern Ute Fair Kick-off meal

Open to Southern Ute Tribal Members & their Families, Southern Ute Tribal Staff  
(Permanent Fund, Casino, & Growth Fund)

September 9th, 2022 11:30 AM to 2 PM  
Multi-Purpose Field



For more information, contact:  
Marvin Pinecoose at (970) 563-2988



### Tribal Broadband Project Road Construction Reminder



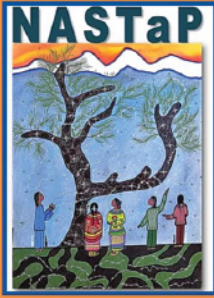
Traffic lanes will be narrowed along US Hwy 172 traveling northwest to the intersection of US Hwy 160. Motorists will be **required to reduce speeds** and travel safely around the construction taking place on the shoulder of the road. Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway.







The Association For  
NATIVE AMERICAN SACRED TREES and PLACES  
**ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE**  
**September 23-25, 2022**  
**Colorado Springs, CO**



**La Foret Conference & Retreat Center**  
**6145 Shoup Rd**  
**Colorado Springs, CO**  
**80908**

- Learn** about Native American Healing and integration of Indian Science and Western Science.
- Discover** culturally modified trees through a series of hikes and expeditions.
- Participate** in interactive keynote presentations and breakout sessions.
- Network** with others around the fire pit and during authentic Native meals.

HISTORY COLORADO

History Colorado to lead research into Indian boarding schools in Colo.

Staff report  
HISTORY COLORADO



The Native American Boarding School Research Program Act, HB22-1327, was signed into law by Governor Jared Polis on May 24, 2022, and directs History Colorado to investigate the lived experiences of students at the onetime federal Indian boarding school in Hesperus, Colo., as well as identify potential burial places of students who perished while attending the school. The site of the former school and potential burial places is owned today by Fort Lewis College.

History Colorado will spend the next year working closely with tribal partners, subject matter experts and other stakeholders to re-

search the events, physical and emotional abuse, and deaths in order to develop recommendations necessary to better understand the mistreatment and victimization that occurred and to support healing in tribal communities. This team will be led by Dr. Holly Kathryn Norton, who is the director of the Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (OAHP) at History Colorado and Colorado's official state archaeologist and has expertise in methods and approaches for sensitive cultural sites. History Colorado will

provide progress updates to the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA), the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe at CCIA Quarterly Meetings, which are open to the public. CCIA Quarterly Meeting information is located on the CCIA website. The first progress meeting will take place in September 2022.

In addition to the school site in Hesperus, History Colorado has been conducting similar research at a second federal Indian boarding school site, known as the Teller Institute, in Grand Junction, Colo. The property currently serves as one of three state regional centers for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

WHITE MESA SLEEPING UTE DIABETES PROGRAM

# BEARDANCE WALK

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

REGISTRATION 7AM - 8AM | WHITE MESA RECREATION CENTER

WALK 8AM | START & FINISH AT WHITE MESA RECREATION CENTER

Event may change without notice due to Early Closure, Weather & Covid Restrictions  
-CDC Guidelines will be followed during this event  
-The Diabetes Program WILL NOT be held responsible for accidents/injuries during this event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
435-678-2261  
970-564-5391

## Native Art Market and Juried Show

### SOUTHERN UTE Cultural Center & Museum

# SPECIAL RATE

Booths \$25 with student I.D.

**Open**

Friday 1:00-5:00  
Saturday 10:00-4:00  
Sunday 10:00-2:00

**Location**  
Field between Museum and Casino

**Workshop**  
Emerging Artists Workshop: Intro to Marketing and Sales  
Presented by Oreland C. Joe, Sr.  
Free but Pre-Registration Required

More info at [www.southernutemuseum.org](http://www.southernutemuseum.org)  
970.563.9583

Save the Date

## The 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Ute Fair

**Exhibits**  
Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum Large Classroom

Wednesday, September 7, 2022  
Homemaking, Agriculture, Arts & Crafts

Thursday, September 8, 2022  
Baking & Livestock

**Fair Events**  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds  
September 8, 2022 to September 11, 2022

**Rodeo**  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds  
September 16, 2022 to September 17, 2022

**Stickgame Tournament**  
Sky Ute Event Center  
September 16, 2022 to September 18, 2022

**Artist Market**  
Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum  
September 9, 2022 to September 11, 2022

### SOUTHERN UTE Cultural Center & Museum

'REZ'ILIENCE 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair

## Calling Native Artists!

**Artist Market and Juried Show**

September 9-11, 2022  
Ignacio, Colorado  
Registration information at: [www.southernutemuseum.org](http://www.southernutemuseum.org)  
970.563.9583





HEALTHY RECIPES

Peaches! Peaches! Peaches!

By Lisa Smith, RDN, CLC  
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Peaches are delicious, nutritious, and abundant! Enjoy fresh peaches in season and frozen during the cold months. They contain fiber, vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that help fight disease, they are low in calories and make a great snack.

Another way to enjoy them is to grill them. This recipe also works for nectarines, apricots, and plums. With a little bit of butter and brown sugar, they caramelize into a glaze of super deliciousness!

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This recipe also works for nectarines,



courtesy Amee's Savory Dish

apricots, and plums. With a little bit of butter and brown sugar, they caramelize into a glaze of super deliciousness!

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

Grilled Dessert Peaches

Ingredients

- 4 ripe peaches, cut in half and pitted
- 2 tablespoons of butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons of brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- Vanilla Greek yogurt

Grill for three minutes and turn over, grill for an additional three minutes or until golden brown and tender.

4. Serve with a scoop of Vanilla Greek yogurt.

Directions

1. Preheat grill to medium-high.
2. Brush the cut side of peaches with butter and sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon.
3. Place peaches on grill, cut side up.

\*To pit a peach, run a knife along the outer flesh, turning around the pit as you cut. Then twist apart and remove the pit.

\*To use the oven, preheat to 350 and place the peaches on a rimmed baking sheet, cooking on each side for 5-7 minutes or until browned and tender.



Tribal employees and community members walked along the Justice Department past the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum to the Sky Ute Casino Resort, attendees use their new umbrellas to shield themselves from the bright sunrays. Diabetes Program Manager Morgann Graham and Health Center Clerk Alma Dance lead the walk that began at SunUte Community Center on Thursday, Aug. 18.



Tribal elders, Yvette Cuthair and Debra Lucero walk alongside each other during the Breastfeeding Awareness Walk event on Thursday, Aug. 18. Cuthair and Lucero hold their new Shining Mountain Health and Wellness umbrellas they received while attending the event.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy  
The Southern Ute Drum

Southern Ute Behavioral Health  
970.563.5700  
Mary Trujillo-Young & Jennifer Goodtracks  
M-F 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

Colorado Crisis Services  
1.844.483.TALK(8255)  
or text "TALK" to 38255

Local 24-Hour  
Crisis Hotline  
970.247.5245

Crisis Text Line  
text "HOME"  
to 741741

National Suicide  
Prevention Hotline  
1.800.273.TALK (8255)

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I'M LISTENING

Southern Ute  
Health Center

After Hours  
Care Line  
(970) 287.1180

Photo Credit | Lindsay J. Box

In the event of a health-related illness or emergency after hours, tribal members and SUHC patients may use the After Hours Care Line to speak with a on-call health provider to address your health-related questions.



Shining Mountain Health and Wellness team and April Chavez, Community Health Representative, smile proudly standing in front of an array of healthy snacks and colorful decorations displayed in the Mouache and Capote meeting rooms at SunUte Community Center.

Shining Mountain Fresh

August

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

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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshAugust22>

**Sign-up Deadline:** Monday, August 29th  
**Pickup Date:** Wednesday, August 31st

Month Recipe:  
Zucchini Shrimp Boats

Meal Kit Includes:

- Primary Ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

Contact:  
Morgann Graham (970)-563-2349

\*If you need to schedule a different pickup time/date, please reach out to Morgann\*

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

Positive Indian Parenting was designed to help parents and families remember our teachings and practice them. In part one of each session we will discuss examples of traditional practices and teachings from several different tribes. Instructors also share teachings from local areas and communities. Part two of each session discusses how to apply those teachings and values today.

**Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children**

This class is free of charge and consists of 8 weekly sessions that will last up to three hours. We ask that you commit yourself to completing each session. You will need access to a video camera and speaker (smart phone or laptop computer will work) and an area free from distraction. Please call Social Services at 970-563-2332 for more information or to sign up.

**Positive Indian Parenting**  
TAUGHT VIRTUALLY BY SOCIAL SERVICES





SU Behavioral Health: Life The Label

The Behavioral Health Division is so excited to have Marvinna Olguin, Peer Recovery Coach, represented in the statewide Lift the Label Campaign. Lift The Label is a public awareness campaign that strives to remove damaging labels and stigma that prevent those with opioid addiction from seeking effective treatment. Marvinna and other featured individuals are Coloradans sharing their personal stories of overcoming the stigma associated with addiction, proving that there is hope for recovery. The campaign is run by the Behavioral Health Administration, and is funded through a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Thank you for sharing your story Marvinna!  
You truly represent hope for our community!  
<http://liftthelabel.org/stories/?story=marvinna>

CORONAVIRUS

SJBPH amends COVID-19 local public health advisory

Amendment will reflect updated CDC guidance

Staff report  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) amended its local public health advisory to reflect updated guidance and language provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as COVID-19 cases continue to level or decline nationally and locally. COVID-19 hospitalizations have also decreased locally and statewide in recent days. Both La Plata and Archuleta counties moved to the CDC's Community Level Low last Thursday. Community levels are a measure of the impact of COVID-19 illness on health and our healthcare system and are based on data on hospitalizations and cases. SJBPH amended its public health advisory with significant changes to align with the CDC's updated language which loosened protocols regarding quarantine, connecting recommendations for face coverings based on CDC's community level, updated recommendations around serial testing and other guidance. SJBPH's public health advisory directs residents and businesses to the CDC's guidelines on prevention strategies based on CDC's community levels. CDC prevention guidance as well as guidance on isolation and precautions for people with COVID-19 can be found on-

line. The public health advisory also recommends that businesses, public institutions and special events follow CDC recommendations for prevention based on Community Levels. Finally, the public health advisory recommends that schools and childcare follow the CDC's and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) updated guidance on prevention and mitigation in these settings. While COVID-19 cases have leveled or declined, the virus is still circulating in the community and can cause severe illness especially for individuals of advanced age and people with certain medical conditions. SJBPH urges individuals to follow CDC guidance if they are sick or exposed. In all COVID-19 Community Levels, individuals are encouraged to stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters, and test if experiencing symptoms. There is free community PCR testing available at the La Plata County Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon, Friday and Saturday. At-home tests are available free at the SJBPH offices in both Durango and Pagosa Springs or can be ordered directly from the federal government (covid.gov/tests). More informa-

tion about testing is available on SJBPH's website. Vaccines are the safest, most effective way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death caused by COVID-19 and its variants. CDPHE, with coordination from SJBPH, have continued to provide vaccines and boosters in long-term care facilities in recent days. It remains especially critical for older adults and high-risk individuals to be up to date on vaccinations in advance of the fall and winter when more activities move indoors, and the spread of respiratory illnesses can increase. More information about local COVID-19 vaccine providers is available on SJBPH'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. KN95 masks are also available at SJBPH front desks in Durango and Pagosa Springs. COVID-19 treatments are available if you test positive. 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.



**Tribal Health Department & Southern Ute Health Center**

+ introduce +

**Patient Advocate Line**

**(970) 563.4757**

Tribal members and Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) patients can utilize the new Patient Advocate Line for issues and concerns regarding the provision of their healthcare. This will help the Tribal Health Department and SUHC ensure that we are providing the highest quality care for tribal members and our patients. The line can also be used to give shout-outs to healthcare staff who are going above and beyond.

Try it out today!

Produced by Lindsay J. Box




# FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

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

Will you help?

CONTACT DSS TODAY!  
FOSTER CARE COORDINATOR KELLIE YAZZIE  
CALL/TEXT: Cell/Text: 970-749-7420  
Email: [kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov)


## SOUTHERN UTE DENTAL AND OPTOMETRY CLINIC

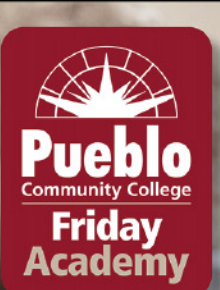


### Update

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".





## Become a CNA in PCC's Concurrent Enrollment

High school students: Are you considering entering the medical field? Looking for a fulfilling, sustainable career in nursing? Don't delay, apply today for **PCC's Concurrent Enrollment program**.

Complete your prerequisites for the nursing program, which includes the Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) program. This is a semester-long course, and upon successful completion you will graduate with a certificate of completion and be eligible to test for your Colorado CNA license.

Contact us for more information:  
• [Bethany.Powell@puebloc.edu](mailto:Bethany.Powell@puebloc.edu) 970.385.2098  
• [Chase.Watts@puebloc.edu](mailto:Chase.Watts@puebloc.edu) 719.549.3056



### Our clinic is involved in a project that is gathering input from people who identify as American Indian and smoke commercial cigarettes on ways to quit smoking

- You do not have to quit smoking to participate.
- Your involvement would entail an interview lasting about 30-45 minutes that could take place over the phone or computer.
- You will receive a \$50 gift card for your time and input.
- This research project is being done through a partnership between University of Southern California, American Indian Cancer Foundation, and University of Minnesota.







# Back-to-School Bash, block party



Southern Ute tribal member Terrance Barry and daughter Symone Barry create splatter paint art at the Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center booth using acrylic paints in water guns, a creative way to get students painting. The booth was located outside of the Ignacio Elementary School and welcomed students and their families.



Southern Ute tribal member Osias Goodtracks bounces pencils into cups as part of a timed game at the Boys and Girls Club booth outside the Ignacio Middle School.



Southern Ute tribal member Lane Frost at the petting zoo provided by the Ignacio FFA, students were able to pet goats, sheep, chickens, and rabbits.

**Ignacio School District welcomed all students and their families to attend the Back-to-School Bash block party held on Thursday, Aug. 18 along Romero Ave. between the Ignacio Elementary School and the Ignacio Middle School. The event gave students the chance to meet their teachers, enjoy local food trucks, games, and various activities. Food trucks, painting activities, petting zoo, bouncy house, kiddie train, and various games lined the street as families walked from school to school.**

Photos by Divine Windy Boy  
The Southern Ute Drum

## Celebrating teachers



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ute Language Guide Shawna Steffler talks with other educators during the Teacher Breakfast hosted by the Southern Ute Education Department on Thursday, Aug. 18 outside of the Education Department Building in Ignacio. The event welcomed Ignacio School District and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy educators; attendees enjoyed breakfast catered by the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Southern Ute Council Member, Lorelei Cloud and Lisa Pratchett, Public Education Counselor with the Southern Ute Education Dept., enjoy breakfast on Monday, Aug. 15.




Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Council Members, Vanessa Torres and Linda Baker wish the Southern Ute Education staff and Ignacio School District faculty the best for the coming school year! The breakfast was hosted by the Southern Ute Education Department for all faculty members under the Ignacio School District.



August 29, 2022


### Back-to-School Message

For the last two years, students have faced uncertain and significant challenges which required students & their families to adapt. While we are still living with the pandemic, Tribal Council hopes that this year students can return to some sense of normalcy. Doing so will help students achieve academic success. Education is a priority of Tribal Council past and present. It is important in building the next generation of tribal leaders, business owners, parents/guardians, and employees.



It is also important that our students and their family live healthy lifestyles to foster academic success. Students need plenty of sleep and healthy food to fuel brain power. It is also important to attend school consistently and arrive at school on time.


On behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, we would like to share how proud we are of each of you and wish you the most successful school year. We pray the Creator watches over each one of you

*- Southern Ute Tribal Council*



# SUIMA Open House






**Thursday, August 25 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
**@ SUIMA Campus**

SUIMA students and families are invited to this year's Open House!

Come meet the School Board, teachers, and school faculty. We would also like to introduce Dr. Bierre from the Southern Ute Health Center, who will be providing in-school clinic health services. Parents/Guardians may bring your student's school supplies early, to make the first day of school a little bit easier. Our staff will be on-site to answer any questions.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Mari Jo Ownes, SUIMA Principal, at (970) 563.2711 or via email at [mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov). The registration period has closed, but individuals may contact the office to add your student(s) to the wait list.





PUBLIC RADIO

# KSUT presents 26th annual Four Corners Folk Festival

*Venue in Pagosa Springs over Labor Day weekend*

**Staff report**  
**KSUT PRESENTS**

Yonder Mountain String Band, Darrell Scott’s Electrifying Trio, Heartless Bastards and Dirtwire will headline the 26th annual Four Corners Folk Festival on Reservoir Hill in Pagosa Springs over Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-4. A variety of tickets are available at [ksutpresents.org](http://ksutpresents.org), including single-day, week-end, camping, patron and vehicle passes.

“We’re excited to welcome music fans back to Reservoir Hill,” KSUT Executive Director Tami Graham said. “The Four Corners Folk Festival is a cultural and social highlight for thousands of people across the region and we can’t wait to be sitting under the big tent with them.”

This year’s lineup includes a variety of artists in a range of genres reflective of the Music Blend, which airs from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. each weekday and noon to 3 p.m. each Saturday on KSUT’s Four Corners Public Radio signal.

The festival’s roots lie in acoustic styles like folk, bluegrass and Americana. Acts such as Yonder Mountain String Band, Darrell Scott, Amy Helm, and Eliza Gilkyson, all of whom will perform on Reservoir Hill, have been core artists on The Music Blend for decades.

Most of the music heard on KSUT’s Four Corners signal falls into the Triple-A and Americana categories. Triple-A, an acronym for adult album alternative, is a radio format that traces its roots to both the classic album stations of the 1970s and alternative rock radio programming that developed in the ‘80s. Americana radio blends artists based in traditional American genres like folk, bluegrass, country, blues, jazz, R&B and early rock & roll, plus regional or ethnic styles such as Cajun, zydeco, Celtic and old-time Appalachian music. KSUT’s Triple-A side is reflected in festival artists like Dirtwire, which blends electronics with indigenous music from around the world; Gangstagrass, which fuses bluegrass with rap and hip-hop; Heartless Bastards, an indie rock band from Cincinnati; and War & Pierce, a contemporary R&B and soul duo from the West Coast comprised of

punk-influenced folkie Sunny War and blues singer and songwriter Chris Pierce.

Americana acts appearing in Pagosa Springs include Yonder Mountain String Band, Darrell Scott’s Electrifying Trio, Amy Helm, Eliza Gilkyson and a half-dozen others.

Based on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Campus in Ignacio, KSUT is one of the nation’s oldest tribal radio stations and is committed to including Native American artists on its festival lineups. This year, William Prince, a member of the Peguis First Nation in Canada, will appear. Prince is a noted songwriter whose award-winning compositions include “Breathless,” “The Spark” and “Sing Me a Song.” Past indigenous artists on KSUT festival lineups have included singer/songwriter Bill Miller (Mohican) and bluesman Cary Morin (Crow).

Following the vision of festival founders Dan Appenzeller and Crista Munro, KSUT remains committed to booking artists from a variety of ethnicities, genders, ages, and musical styles.

“The music industry has struggled with equity and inclusion since the advent of phonograph records and radio broadcasts,” said KSUT Development Director Chris Aaland, who secures the talent for the festival and also hosts two weekly music programs on the station’s Four Corners signal. “Yet the roots of America’s greatest musical innovations – rock, blues, jazz, R&B and even country and bluegrass – can be traced to African Americans, Native Americans and immigrants from around the world. KSUT’s music programming and festival lineups are reflective of this diversity.”

Whether or not a group fits into a narrow definition of folk music is subjective. “Louis Armstrong once famously said, ‘All music is folk music ... I never heard a horse sing a song,’” Aaland noted.

KSUT is also committed to introducing listeners to rising stars. Take, for example, Cristina Vane, a young blues guitarist and songwriter who was born in Italy, raised in England and France, and educated at Princeton University in the United States. In the past two years, she’s released two albums, shot to

the top of the Americana, alternative country and blues charts, toured the nation extensively, and even took time to learn new musical styles like old-time and bluegrass by jamming with local musicians like Durango’s Six Dollar String Band.

Vane will perform Friday afternoon and Saturday morning on Reservoir Hill.

Armchair Boogie is another newcomer. The quartet is a favorite in the Upper Midwest, where their fusion of bluegrass and rock has led to major festival appearances and opening slots for groups like Yonder Mountain String Band and The Infamous Stringdusters. Armchair Boogie will play Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Other artists appearing at the festival include longtime festival favorites JigJam from Ireland; New England indie rocker Sarah Borges; the Asheville, N.C.-based alt-country group, Amanda Anne Platt & the Honeycutters; Piedmont bluesman Seth Walker (who also appeared in 2021); the folk duo The Honey Dewdrops, who are based in the Pacific Northwest; and local bluegrass favorites, The Badly Bent.

In addition to performers on the Dan Appenzeller Memorial Stage, the festival also includes a Late-Night Stage sponsored by San Juan Vans; a Children’s Tent sponsored by Jann C. Pitcher Real Estate in Pagosa Springs; a Workshop Stage generously funded through a La Plata Electric Association grant; and the Breckenridge Beer Garden, which will sell Breckenridge and Riff Raff beers and Talbotts ciders and wines to attendees aged 21 and over. A variety of arts & crafts and food vendors will also be on site.

The festival receives additional support from Express Employment Professionals, Four Corners R.V., Southwest Ag, Visionary Broadband, Overlook Hot Springs & Spa, the Hillside Inn, The Springs Resort, the Town of Pagosa Springs, the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Pagosa Area Tourism Grant, and Colorado Creative Industries.

For a complete schedule, to purchase tickets, or find out information about each performer, visit [ksutpresents.org](http://ksutpresents.org) or email [festivaldirector@ksut.org](mailto:festivaldirector@ksut.org). Volunteer opportunities are still available.

## Studio time at KSUT



photos courtesy Stasia Lanier/KSUT

KSUT Tribal Media Center Coordinator, Colton Ashley interviewing Dream Warriors recording artists Tall Paul, an Anishinaabe and Oneida hip-hop artist, and singer-songwriter, emcee, published poet and author Jessa Calderon of the Chumash and Tongva Nations about their training program “Awakening the Warrior.” KSUT hosted the multimedia training for tribal youth August 3-5. The project was a partnership between KSUT, Colorado Health Foundation, and the Dream Warrior Collective.

Visiting artist Jessa Calderon works with local youth from Ignacio in the Tribal Media Center. During the three-day workshop, Calderon and her Dreamworks colleague Tall Paul taught the students how to write, mix, and create a music recording among other aspects of their work.



KSUT PRESENTS

FOUR CORNERS FOLK FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 2-4, 2022 \* RESERVOIR HILL \* PAGOSA SPRINGS \* COLORADO

Yonder Mountain String Band \* Darrell Scott's Electrifying Trio  
Heartless Bastards \* Dirtwire \* Gangstagrass \* Amy Helm  
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War & Pierce \* Sarah Borges \* Eliza Gilkyson \* Seth Walker  
Archie Singleton \* Cristina Vane \* The Honey Dewdrops \* The Badly Bent

PASSES ON SALE NOW:  
[www.ksutpresents.org](http://www.ksutpresents.org)

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## MPF Haunted House Volunteers Needed



**Multi-Purpose Facility  
Planning Meeting  
Monday August 22, 2022  
5:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Dinner will be served**



**256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or  
e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)**



### TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Monday, September 5, 2022 for Labor Day.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 6, 2022!







Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Housing Director, Gavin Martinez has homeowners Frank and Angela Richards sign up to meet with him one on one during the Cedar Point housing replacement project meeting that was held at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

CONSTRUCTION & PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Cedar Point home replacement project underway

Staff report  
CONSTRUCTION & PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Construction & Project Management office is managing the Cedar Point home replacement project. A Town Hall Meeting was held on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the Southern Ute Multi-Pur-

pose Facility, with homeowners to discuss changes that have been approved by Tribal Council on the buyout option for homeowners, as well as to discuss Tribal Council’s approved resolution to proceed with the project.

Homeowners will be finalizing changes to their home plans in the weeks to come. When finalized, the

project will be bid this fall by contractors. New home construction is scheduled to start in the spring of 2023, and rebuilding of existing homes scheduled to start the spring of 2024.

For additional information please call 970-563-2224 or email Yumi Johnson at yjohnson@southern-ute-nsn.gov.

Tribe’s statement on affordable housing in Ignacio

Dear Tribal Members and Staff,

Tribal Council has identified the need for affordable housing located in the Ignacio area which would provide new, modern housing options for the membership and tribal workforce. Since the beginning of the year, administration and hiring managers for each tribal entity have expressed that the lack of housing poses a significant challenge for recruiting and hiring of staff. Adequate housing has been a longstanding and ongoing project for Tribal Council. Leadership encourages participation in this study.

As background, in 2014 a Tribal Housing Study was commissioned to determine the scope and demand of housing for tribal members. A survey of the tribal membership was completed, and interviews were held with key tribal staff. This data was used to conduct plans and construction of the Cedar Point Townhomes. The study also resulted in the creation of the Tribe’s Secured Home Loan Program. On March 10, 2022, Tribal Council approved an expansion of the program to include loans on fee and allot-



ted lands within the exterior boundaries of the reservation.

In April of 2022, Tribal Council directed the Southern Ute Growth Fund and the Executive Office, to review the 2014 Tribal Housing Study, conduct an updated needs assessment in the community, and report the findings to Tribal Council. Based on the findings, Tribal Council would utilize the data captured to understand the current tribal community needs, develop a plan to address the concerns, and implement an approved plan.

Tribal Council requested GF Properties Group (the real estate business arm of the Southern Ute Growth Fund), in collaboration with the Ex-

ecutive Office, to oversee an Ignacio Area Housing Study. GF Properties Group has hired SEH Inc. to create the study and the team is currently developing a survey for tribal membership and tribal staff. Key individuals will also be interviewed for a more in-depth analysis of current tribal housing operations, needs, and challenges.

Once again, we are requesting your participation in this study. The feedback collected will serve as the foundation of future tribal housing developments for generations to come.

This project will take a considerable amount of time and effort and it is very important that we begin this process sooner rather than later. Please stay tuned for details on the survey which will begin in the coming weeks.

For more information on this project, please contact Patrick Morrissey, President/COO, GF Properties Group, 970-764-6474 or via email at pmorrissey@sugf.com.

Respectfully,  
Melvin J. Baker,  
Chairman

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

TRIBE EARNS SAFETY AWARDS • FROM PAGE 1

Ute Tribal Council were invited to the barbeque luncheon catered by Serious Texas BBQ; the Tribal Council expressed their appreciation and commitment for environmental and personal safety.

“The culture of safety has permeated throughout the entire organization,” Bryant emphasized. “If we achieve our environmental health and safety goals, we will be sure to achieve our financial goals, the great work on behalf of each of you have demonstrated that over the last year.”

Red Cedar Gathering Company is a midstream energy company that gathers, treats and compresses natural gas from producers within the tribal boundary and then delivers the gas to



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Growth Fund Executive Director, Shane Seibel talks with Kenneth Garcia who is employed with Red Cedar Gathering Company. Staff enjoyed a quick lunch and then went back to the field to ensure operations were maintained.

various interstate transportation pipelines. Red Cedar is a division of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Growth Fund. GPA Midstream Association’s mission is to responsibly serve and repre-

sent the midstream energy industry through collaborative expertise, safety and advocacy from its member companies and staff, focused on sustainability, to the benefit of all.

HR hosts meet & greet



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Human Resources Generalist Mary Gwinn welcomed fellow Permanent Fund Employees during the HR Open House Event on Friday, Aug. 19. During the event employees had the opportunity to meet with HR, Benefits and Risk Management teams to answer any questions they may have as well as enjoy light refreshments or enter a raffle for various prizes.



Robin Everett, Human Resources Generalist, encourages attendees to enter the HR Open House raffle on Friday, Aug. 19, the Human Resources Department invited all Permanent Fund employees to visit, meet the team, and enjoy light snacks and coffee.

GRADING PROJECT FIXES • FROM PAGE 1

by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Since then, the Southern Ute Tribe and BIA did not have the proper equipment to properly maintain these rural roads.

“There’s 800 miles on the reservation,” Tribal Planner Douglas McDonald explained. “About 150 miles of state highways, about 400 are county roads, about 200 miles that are tribal or BIA roads – it’s a joint responsibility of the BIA agency and the tribe.”

The Southern Ute Planning Department has introduced the Transportation and Maintenance Program to begin work on repairing and maintaining existing roads, with financial assistance from the BIA, within the interior or reservation boundaries. The department aims to fix and maintain 10 to 40 miles of BIA and Southern Ute Reservation roads a year throughout the interior boundaries.

To help maintain roads, the Planning Department purchased a brand new 2022 Caterpillar 120AWD motor grader for projects within the Tribe. One of the first projects to use the equipment, included the grading of the road to the Sundance Grounds by Matthew Box who is certified to operate the motor grader.

“When it did finally come in [the motor grader] the Tribal Planning Department thought about the reservation,” Box said. “I am proud of the direction the Planning Department had with the very first groundwork [of the grader].” Box explained that the Tribal Planning and Construction Service Division has a mutual agreement to use the grader on similar projects. The most recent project has been the Deep Canyon grading project which is expected to fix BIA and tribal access roads – finishing up once they reach County Road 151.



Matthew Box/SU Construction Services

This is an example of a recently repaired road using a culvert to divert water and improve drainage areas on the Southern Ute Reservation.

With the newly acquired grader, Box is able to fix the deteriorating roads with ease and create a “crowned” surface after grading the road – so water can easily shed off into side ditches. The main goal after plowing is to make sure it maintains a gravel like quality within three to four inches of new and existing surface materials. Over time, dirt roads lose this crowned middle surface and revert to a flatter shape. A flat surface does not allow water to flow off very easily and can cause large ruts once larger vehicles use to the roads.

“This wouldn’t occur if the roads surface had been drained well,” McDonald said. “And that’s what a grader does the best. It shapes the road’s surface better than any other piece of equipment, so that the water quickly drains off into the side and stays in the ditches.”

One of the biggest challenges to this project has been the higher amounts of rain within this year’s monsoon season. The fluctuation of rain patterns has halted progress on the project, as Box is unable to plow the roads if they are too wet as that often makes the roads worse. The danger of lightning strikes has also been a concern. “There has been a decent amount of moisture this season. It’s been hit and

miss,” Box said.

While the rain has halted some progress, the main goal of this project is to help those tribal members and elders access those roads to get home, to get to their land assignments, and to those traditional and sacred places important to the Tribe. According to Box – when these roads were initially established – their main goal was for them to be used as access points for these areas. As time moved forward, the roads fell out of disrepair due to the lack of funding or machinery.

The Tribal Planning Department wants to ensure that roads will properly be maintained in the future with the help of the newly introduced Transportation and Maintenance program. The program will help allocate funding and provide machinery for projects like the Deep Canyon project and the recent development with the Cedar Point Housing Road Improvement Project.

“It’s always my goal to provide a safe road for generations to come,” Tribal Planning Project Coordinator, Mary Evening Star Eagle said. “It’s not just for here and now. It’s for our future hunters; it’s for future family members; it’s for our future cultural resources – we’re the people of the land.”





# Utes host Casino Powwow



The Ute Mountain Ute Casino Hotel hosted the annual two-day powwow in Towaoc, Colo. The Color Guard comprised of Gracious Jacket (Army), Conrad Jacket (Army), Gordon Hammond (USMC), Bruce LeClaire (Army) and Howard Richards Sr. (Army) carried the flags into the powwow arbor Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19 and 20.



Southern Ute tribal member Marty Pinnecoose dances his style into the powwow arena during the Saturday evening Grand Entry.



A gourd dance special honors the younger generation of gourd dancers during the evening gourd dance session Saturday evening.

**The Ute Mountain Casino Hotel hosted their annual two-day powwow on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation Aug. 19 and 20 in Towaoc, Colo. The annual event included the Blessing of the Grounds and Flag Raising prior to the powwow by Ute Mountain Ute Veterans and spiritual leaders, Gourd Dancing as well as the Indian Market with food, arts & crafts vendors. Leading the dancers into the powwow arbor were the staff carriers, head staff and tribal leaders and the Color Guard comprised of both, Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute veterans. A Hand Game tournament also took place in the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Village, which hosted 25 teams from across the country.**

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum



Hal Eagle Tail of the Tsuut'ina Nation was the powwow emcee for the two-day powwow.



A traditional dancer, in the golden age category, displays his traditional style on Saturday.



Bruce LeClaire (Army) prepares to carry in the MIA/POW flag during the Saturday evening Grand Entry.



Henry Whiteskunk and his son Henry Whiteskunk II dance in together during Saturday evening's Grand Entry.



The Natives from White Mesa, Colo. compete against team Brandon from Ft. Hall, Idaho during the hand game tourney.





Academy readies for new year



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Tribal Council and the SUIMA School Board attended the SUIMA hosted Back-to-School Breakfast. Each of the leaders spoke from the heart with their best wishes and reminder for a successful school year, Monday, Aug. 15.

The Southern Ute Tribe Vice Chairman, Ramona Eagle wished the faculty at SUIMA a great and memorable school year.



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

The intimate SUIMA breakfast allowed for Tribal Council and SUIMA School Board members to mingle amongst staff to hear their plans and preparations for the incoming students.

Gov. and Council meet at FLC



Heather Shotten, the Fort Lewis College new VP for Diversity Affairs, also participated in the tour of the exhibit. Shotten and Southern Ute Council Member Linda Baker listen to a featured artist explain the symbolism and meaning behind their piece in the exhibit.



Ute Mountain Ute Chairman, Manuel Heart and Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin J. Baker sit alongside Colorado Senator John Hickenlooper during a regional meeting held at Fort Lewis College, Thursday, Aug. 18.

Photos by Lindsay Box  
Southern Ute Council Affairs



Tribal leadership from Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes met with Colorado Senator John Hickenlooper to discuss important tribal issues at a national level.





## VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

With Council Member

+++ Lorelei Cloud +++

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

August 31, 2022  
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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





HOW TO UPSCALE YOUR BUSINESS: MARKETING



# Hillary Frost

Hillary is a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Program Manager at New Mexico Community Capital. She is an entrepreneur, a mother, and the proud owner of Ora Louise Boutique. Join us as Hillary Frost shares her knowledge!

AIBE CONFERENCE  
AUGUST 26, 2022  
INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER ALBUQUERQUE, NM



### 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](mailto:swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov)

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# Southern Ute Tribal Fair

## Royalty



**1975 Royalty Crowning:** 16-year-old Linda Baker was crowned Miss Southern Ute in September of 1975. Baker was assisted in pinning her sash by Margaret Mouser and Shirley Frost at the Sky Ute Downs Racetrack.



**2000 Royalty Crowning:** Deanna Frost, Miss Southern Ute for 2000-2001, is all smiles immediately after her coronation by former Tribal Chairman John E. Baker Jr. on Friday Sept. 8, 2000, during the Royalty Crowning Ceremony at the Sky Ute Downs. The entire Southern Ute Royalty was honored during the Tribal Fair Powwow.



**1986 Royalty Crowning:** Lucinda Cloud was crowned Miss Southern Ute for the 1985-86 season on Friday, September 13, 1985, at the Sky Ute Fair Grounds. Mikki Naranjo was crowned Junior Miss Southern Ute, and Jody Beth Dickson was crowned Little Miss Southern Ute.



**1984 Royalty Crowning:** Miss Southern Ute, Diane Millich; Junior Miss Southern Ute, Leigh Sage; and Little Miss Southern Ute, Frances Bison were crowned royalty for the 1984-85 season. That year's royalty made an appearance at the Head Start Gymnasium in August of 1985 during the Royalty Pageant.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is fortunate to have very prominent tribal members serving as royalty. Each year our Royalty Committee spends much of their personal time ensuring that the image of the Tribe is embedded and reflected in the ambassadors that are selected to serve. Each contestant that starts down this road commits to the culture and discipline that the crown requires. Much time is spent on the road at venues, conferences, powwows, festivals, and celebrations.

The Tribe is proud of each person who has worn a sash or crown for the people; each of them is a champion in their own discipline and each has been a positive reflection of the direction of the Tribe. In this issue of the Southern Ute Drum, we would like to celebrate our Southern Ute Royalty and the parents or supporters who spent countless hours preparing them for such an honor.

– Marvin Pinnecoose, Events Coordinator,  
Cultural Preservation Department

**Photos Courtesy**  
The Southern Ute Drum Archives



**1993 Royalty Crowning:** Leila Baker was crowned Miss Southern Ute at the Sky Ute Downs on Friday, Sept. 17, 1993. Baker would again hold the Miss Southern Ute title during the 1995-96 season.



**1990 Royalty Crowning:** Faren Burch was crowned Junior Miss Southern Ute at the Royalty Pageant on Sept. 10, 1990. Sky Dawn Baker was the First Attendant for the title.



**1989 Royalty Crowning:** Sheila Ryder was crowned Junior Miss Southern Ute in September of 1989. Ryder would later be crowned Miss Southern Ute in 1991 and again in 1996.





## 3D Archery Shoot Out Archery Tournament

**Youth Open:** 6-17 Years Old

**Youth Traditional:** 6-17 Years Old

**Hunter Class:** 18 Years and Up

**Senior Hunter Class:** 50 Years and Up

**Saturday September 10th**

**Starting Time 7:30 AM**

**Meet up at the NEW Archery Range** (north of softball field by MPF)

For more information call 563-0214 (ask for Rec)

SunUte and the Vigil Family Present:

## Honoring All Veterans

### Run/Walk

**Friday, 9/9/22**

**Registration- 8:15am**

**Run/Walk- 8:45am**

**FREE!!!**

**Multi-Purpose Facility**

**Parking Lot**

**First 50 participants  
will receive a free t-shirt!**

For more information, please contact Abel Velasquez, Fitness Director at (970)563-2651

## SUIT Employee Softball Challenge!!

**When:** September 9, 2022 @9am

**Where:** Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field

**Who:** All SUIT employees (CO-ED)

(Register with your department captain)

**Prize:** Traveling trophy and bragging rights

**Captain contact info:**

**BIA:** Richard Gustafson (970) 563-4571

**PF:** Wendell Vigil (970) 563-2338

**GF:** Adrian Abeyta (970) 563-5554

**Casino:** Jeff Lyman (970) 563-1757

If you have any questions please contact SunUte front desk at (970) 563-0214

Thank You!

## OUTDOOR CO-ED

**3 VS 3**

## VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

(4 MAN ROSTER, 1 FEMALE ON COURT AT ALL TIMES)

**SATURDAY, SEPT 10TH**

**@ SUNUTE PARK. STARTS AT 12PM**

**1ST PLACE WINS A FABULOUS PRIZE!**

**ALL TEAMS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 11:AM ON  
SATURDAY, SEPT 10TH**

CONTACT SAGE @ 563-2656 FOR MORE INFO

## 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair

### Cornhole Tournament

This event is for  
Enrolled Ute Tribal Members  
and SUIT Employees only.  
Thank you.

**Friday, 9/9 at 11:30am**

**Multi-Purpose Facility Field**

**Prizes for 1st and 2nd Place!**

**FREE!**

## 100th annual Southern Ute Fair Skate Park Competition

**Saturday, September 10, 2022**

**5:30pm @ Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park**

### Age groups:

\*13 and under

\*14 and up

\*35+ and up (skateboard only)

### Events:

\*BMX Bikes

\*Skateboards

\*Scooters

Open to everyone

**FREE EVENT**

**Prizes for top 3 per age group  
per event.**

If you have any questions contact SunUte Community Center at (970)563-0214

## 62nd ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR POWWOW

**SEPTEMBER 9, 10, & 11, 2022**

**Sky Ute Fairgrounds**

**200 East CO 151 - Ignacio, CO**

**DRUM CONTEST**  
1st Place—\$16,000  
2nd Place—\$13,000  
3rd Place—\$10,000  
4th Place—\$8,000  
5th Place—\$6,000  
6th Place—\$4,000  
7th Place—\$2,000  
8th Place—\$2,000  
9th Place—\$1,000

**SPECIALS**  
Men's "Old Style" All Around  
Fri - Traditional  
Sat - Fancy  
Sun - Grass  
Women's "Old Style" All Around  
Fri - Traditional  
Sat - Fancy  
Sun - Jingle  
War Bonnet (35+)  
Red Dress (All Ages)



### POWWOW COMMITTEE

**Chairman:** Mikki Naranjo—970.317.1740  
**Vice-Chairman:** Tara Vigil—970.563.2667  
**Treasurer:** Dona Frost—970.553.9291  
**Secretary:** Rochelle Aguilar—970.759.1722  
**Members:** Jalisa Paul, Brandi Raines, and Edward Box III, Heather White Thunder

### POWWOW & GOURD DANCE TIMES

**Grand Entry**  
Fri. 7 PM  
Sat. 1 PM & 7 PM  
Sun. 1 PM

### Gourd Dance

Fri. 5 PM—6:30 PM  
Sat. 11:00 AM—12:30 PM & 5 PM—6:30 PM  
Sun. 11:00 AM—12:30 PM

### CONTEST CATEGORIES

**Golden Age: (60+) Men & Women**  
**Senior Men: (35-59) Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Northern Traditional & Southern Straight**  
**Senior Women: (35-59) Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Northern & Southern Cloth, Southern & Northern Buckskin**  
**Junior Men: (18-34) Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Northern Traditional, Southern Straight**  
**Junior Women: (18-34) Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Northern & Southern Cloth, Southern & Northern Buckskin**  
**Teen Boys: (13-17) Fancy, Grass, Northern & Southern Traditional**  
**Teen Girls: (13-17) Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Northern & Southern Traditional**  
**Junior Boys: (6-12) Fancy, Grass, Traditional**  
**Junior Girls: (6-12) Fancy, Jingle Traditional**

### VENDOR INFORMATION

**Arts/Craft:** Edward Box III — (702) 305-0790  
**Food:** JD Brunson — (970) 759-5794

### POWWOW REGISTRATION

Fri—5 PM to 7 PM  
Sat—Closes at 1 PM

## POWWOW HEAD STAFF

**Northern MC - Bart Powauke (Utah)**

**Southern MC - Erny Zah (New Mexico)**

**Northern Host Drum - The Descendants (North Dakota)**

**Southern Host Drum - Blazing Bear (Oklahoma)**

**Drum Judge - Ignacio Colorow (Utah)**

**Arena Director - Marty Pinnecoose (Colorado)**

**Head Gourd Dancers - Jack Frost Jr (Colorado) &**

**Afrem Wall (Colorado)**

**Head Man/Woman - Picked Daily**

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will not be responsible for any accidents, injuries, theft, or food borne illness. Alcohol, drugs, and weapons are prohibited.

## 20TH ANNUAL JALAPENO EATING CONTEST

**CASH PRIZES!**  
**\$300 GRAND PRIZE**

**SAT., SEPT. 10, '22**  
**SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS**  
**SIGN UP AFTER PARADE \* CONTEST 2 PM**

**MEN & WOMEN DIVISIONS**  
**FIRST TO EAT 5 JALAPENOS WINS! INFO: ROBERT ORTIZ - 970-903-0346**

THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Invites You

## 100th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Parade

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022**

Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

Theme: "REZ'ILIENCE"

Parade lineup and registration will begin at  
Ignacio High School at 7:30 a.m.

For more information, contact:

Sapphire Ortiz at 970-563-2985 or sortiz@southernute-nsn.gov





Prizes  
1st - 3rd



# GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, September 11, 2022  
This competition is open to all ages

**ENTRY FEE: \$300 PER TEAM OF 4 (\$75/PLAYER)**  
Includes 18 holes, golf cart, custom golf tees, & water bottle


**Hillcrest Golf Club**  
2300 Rim Drive, Durango, CO 81301


SHOTGUN START 8:30AM

Registration Contact  
Kim Morris at (970) 759.0048



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022  
9 AM  
SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS (INFIELD)  
NO ENTRY FEE  
3-MAN TEAM  
PRIZES: 1ST - 3RD PLACES





**TIPI-RAISING**  
CONTEST

**TIPI-RAISING JUDGING RULES**

- CONTESTANTS WILL USE TRIBAL TIPI PROVIDED
- FASTEST TIME TO ERECT THE TIPI
- EACH TEAM WILL BE GIVEN 45 MIN. TO ERECT THE TIPI
- TECHNIQUE OF ERECTING THE TIPI
- EACH TEAM WILL HAVE ONE CHANCE TO ERECT THE TIPI

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
BYRON & ETTA FROST AT (970) 946.4061



## YOUTH STICK HORSE RACE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 | 3:30 PM  
SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS HORSE TRACK  
IGNACIO, CO 81137



**must provide own stick horse  
10 & under**

For more information, contact:  
Marvin Pinnecose at (970) 563.2988

All Native American  
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Prizes  
1st -3rd

Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022  
3:00 PM  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds Horse Track  
All Decisions Are Final!





**Categories**  
Adult: 18 & older  
Teen: 13-17  
Junior: 12 & under

**Must provide your own paint**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
LYNSEY HANNA AT (970) 764.6990

Southern Ute Tribal Fair

# STICKGAME TOURNAMENT

September 16-18, 2022  
Sky Ute Casino Events Center

<b>2-Man Stickgame Tournament</b> Entry Fee: \$50 Registration: 4 p.m. -6 p.m. <b>Not Indian Time</b> Single Elimination <b>Prizes</b> 1st: \$1000 2nd: \$700 3rd: \$300	<b>Main Stickgame Tournament</b> Entry Fee: \$150 Registration: 11:30 a.m. -2 p.m. <b>Not Indian Time</b> Double Elimination <b>Prizes</b> 1st: \$5000 2nd: \$4000 3rd: \$3000 4th: \$2000	<b>3-Man Stickgame Tournament</b> Entry Fee: \$100 Registration: 12:00 p.m. -2 p.m. <b>Not Indian Time</b> Double Elimination <b>Prizes</b> 1st: \$1500 2nd: \$900 3rd: \$600
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Consolation Bracket  
\$1000.00  
Teams that loses their first two games automatically enter the consolation bracket

**BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will not be held responsible for injuries, accidents, theft, or underfunded travel during this community event.

Hotel Information:  
Sky Ute Casino Resort  
14324 Hwy 172 North  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
(970)563.7777

For information contact:  
Handgame Superintendent,  
Mike Santistevan at  
(970)422.1625

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR RODEO



SU DRUM! McKayla Lee

**\$11,000 Added Purse**

Sky Ute Fairground, Igancio, CO 81137  
September 16 -17, 2022-7 PM Each Night  
SLACK September 17- 9 am

**Entry Fee**  
Adult-\$15  
6-12 years old-\$5  
5 & under- Free  
No Parking FEE

**NO stock fees for contestants 100% payback**

**Added Attraction**  
**Mutton Busting**  
Open to first 12 individuals who sign up 1 hour before each perf

**OPEN RODEO**  
Not a sanctioned event

Event	Entry Fee	Added
Bareback	\$100.00	\$1,000
Saddle Bronc	\$100.00	\$1,000
Ranch Bronc	\$100.00	\$1,000
Bull Riding	\$100.00	\$2,000
Tie Down Roping	\$100.00	\$1,000
Steer Wrestling	\$100.00	\$1,000
Team Roping (x2)	\$100.00	\$1,250
Ladies Breakaway	\$100.00	\$1,000
Barrels	\$100.00	\$1,000
Jr.Bull Riding	\$60.00	\$250
Jr.Barrels	\$60.00	\$250
Steer Riding	\$40.00	\$250

For more information contact:  
Bucking H  
(505) 330-4612  
buckinghrodeo@yahoo.com









## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE!

**\*Registration begins as early as August 26th!\***  
Deadline for registration will be September 26th. The registration fee will be \$175. Late registration will be open until September 30th & includes a late fee of \$25.

*Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning October 3rd.*

- 8 player roster, high school age eligible
- Matches will be the best of 3 games
- All players must sign the roster/release form prior to playing in the league
- Number of males on the court cannot outnumber the number of females on the court
- PLEASE READ ALL RULES WHEN SIGNING ROSTER



For info contact the Recreation Department at 563-0214

Virgil @ ext. 2652  
Daphnee @ ext. 2655

Tara @ ext. 2667  
Bird @ ext. 2664

## BOBCATS ROLL IN SCRIMMAGE • FROM PAGE 1



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Football co-captains Devante Montoya (11) and John Riepel (4) greet their Red Mesa, Ariz., counterparts prior to kickoff of the teams' Aug. 19 scrimmage game at IHS Field. Montoya would score three touchdowns, while Riepel would total four – and be responsible for five – as the Bobcats prevailed 70-0.

it," senior John Riepel said. "There's nothing to it; that's our home turf and we've got to protect it."

"To be honest, I was a little nervous; they were some big kids," said senior Anthony Toledo. "I was thinking, 'Don't mess up!' 'Don't forget the plays!' But once we got out there, all my nerves went away."

Save for several false-start or illegal-procedure penalties – one of which wiped out a 50-yard deKay touchdown run during the fourth quarter – plus a fair amount of mistimed center-quarterback exchanges, the Bobcats were nothing if not relentless in gouging the guests at IHS Field by a final 70-0 margin.

Toledo logged rushing touchdowns of 23 and 2 yards, junior Devante Montoya rushed for 13- and 19-yard scores and al-

so caught a 29-yard score from Riepel – who also rushed for TDs of 56 and 80 yards, plus returned not one, but two interceptions for scores covering 81, and 25 yards respectively. Able to plow in for two two-point conversions, deKay managed to register a touchdown via a 1-yard fumble return, increasing Ignacio's lead to 48-0 with 0:57 left in the first half.

Using CHSAA's mercy-rule running-clock rules, IHS' advantage still grew to 64-0 through three quarters and maxed out with 1:34 remaining in the fourth when Riepel ran back his second pick-six.

"Their quarterback, his number-one wide receiver was No. 2," Riepel said. "So anytime he'd look over to his side I'd just jump the route. Look for him, look where his eyes were going, and just sit on it."

Still with time to run at least another play after re-starting from their own 20-yard line (by design there were no kickoffs, point-after kicks, or punt returns in the clash), RMHS ended the game completing a 14-yard pass – equaling a third-quarter hook-up for their second-longest gain, with both bettering an 11-yard throw recorded on the evening's very first play.

Aerially, Red Mesa unofficially netted 63 yards on five completions, but was intercepted three times (immediately after a 16-yard RMHS pass, Marcus Maez booked the third INT with about nine minutes left in regulation). All told, the 'Cats claimed six takeaways, including fumble-recoveries by Elliott Hendren and squad newcomer Zane Ross, while los-

ing the ball just once.

Able to drop RMHS' passer behind the line of scrimmage no fewer than a half-dozen times, IHS unofficially allowed just five positive-yardage totes while keeping the enemy overwhelmingly in the negative from start to finish.

En route to building a 20-0 lead after the first quarter, despite three failed conversion attempts, Ignacio initially took the lead when the visitors fumbled a punt snap out of the end zone, surrendering the Bobcats a two-point safety with 9:50 left.

"Starting off, it was a little bit scary, but that went away," said deKay. "I think the coaches would have appreciated, like, zero mistakes; we have a lot to work on."

Unofficially, Riepel gained 139 yards rushing on five carries and was 2-for-2 passing for 41 before giving way to backup Zane Pontine (0-for-0). Toledo carried eight times for 45 and Montoya three for 23. Nate Hendren picked up a promising 40 yards on just four carries, and deKay ended up netting 27 on two.

"If they wanted to keep score or not ... I don't care," Garcia said. "The idea is for us to learn and move forward, to give us an idea of what's going on."

Up next, Red Mesa is slated to visit 3A Page, Ariz., on August 26 for a 7 p.m. non-conference kickoff. Due to a scheduling snafu – involving original 8/26 opponent Parachute Grand Valley, elevated this year to CHSAA's Class 2A – leading to RMHS' inclusion on the schedule, Ignacio will have an extra 'bye' week before finally hosting Montezuma Creek, Utah, Whitehorse on September 9 at 7 p.m.





### SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER COVID VACCINE AVAILABLE

Southern Ute tribal members and eligible patients can schedule an appointment for a COVID vaccine today! Adults Clinics take place Monday through Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Pediatric Clinics can be scheduled as a nursing visit.



AUGUST 27

# \$10,000

## "JUST BECAUSE"

# HOT SEAT DRAWINGS

## WIN \$500 CASH INSTANTLY!

August 27th is National Just Because Day, and just because we can, we are giving you a chance to win your share of \$10,000 in CASH!! All Ace's Club members who are playing on the slots during the promotional times will be eligible to win. Every half-hour, from Noon until 9:30PM Ace's Club personnel will conduct a random hot seat drawing for one winner\* using the Super Playmate software. Each winner will automatically receive \$500 in Cash!  
\*One win per person for the entirety of the promotion.\*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup> | NOON UNTIL 9:30PM**

**14324 Hwy 172 North, Ignacio, CO 81137 | skyutecasino.com**

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# 9-8-8

## National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Call or text 988 from any phone to be connected to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, where compassionate, accessible care and support is available for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress





## Bean receives honors at CU



courtesy SU Education Dept.

Southern Ute tribal member Cameron Bean was among 180 students that were honored at the White Coat Ceremony for students beginning their medical education at The University of Colorado School of Medicine located at the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, Colo., Friday, July 29. The class of 2026 was called "empathy and healing" as they begin their studies. Bean recently completed his Master of Public Health degree and now is in the final stage of earning his medical degree.

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### DONATIONS FOR COLLEGE FUNDRAISING

Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for your generous donation to my college fundraising event that took place on several different days. I am thankful to have your support as I worked hard to raise college funds since I will be attending Bacone College in Oklahoma this Fall semester. Through your donation, I will be able to pay for college expenses and continue my education. In addition, I will be playing for the Bacone Warriors Men's basketball team. I look forward to my bright future.

With Kind Regards,  
Gabe Tucson

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this as a thank you to acknowledge those who have supported me along my journey. As many of you know I am attending Bacone College in Muskogee, OK this fall of 2022. I will also be a lady warrior playing basketball. It has been my dream to play college ball and Bacone College offered me that opportunity. Every step of the way I have had support. Thank you, Coach Damon, for believing in me when no one else did. Thank you to my friends and family who were there behind the scenes, who saw every emotion of this journey. Thank you to all the businesses who donated a piece of their hard worked earnings. All of this was such a wonderful experience, and I am truly blessed to have supporters who donated in all forms. My heart is with you, and I will keep pushing myself for you.

Lots of love,  
Elisia Cruz



Terence Whyte/SU Drum

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**Sheryl McManus**



## SPECIALS REQUEST Southern Ute Fair Powwow

**September 9,10,11, 2022**

Anyone requesting a special during the Southern Ute Fair Powwow, on September 9, 10 or 11, 2022, must submit in writing two (2) weeks in advance to the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. Specify the date and time, include a phone number and submit to the Committee's Secretary Rochelle Aguilar at PO Box 737 #16, Ignacio, CO 81137 or you can email to: [soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov). Should you have any questions please call 970-563-2990.

Thank you,  
Rochelle Aguilar,  
Secretary, Powwow Committee

### In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2022-0026-CV-PR  
Samantha A Rock, Deceased

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 **SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 at 11:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 12th of August, 2022.  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2022-0084-CV-NC  
Shivon Tia Herrera, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Shivon Tia Herrera filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Shivon Tia Young. As of August 16, 2022 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Shivon Tia Herrera name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Shivon Tia Young.

Dated this 16th day of August, 2022.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
William Lloyd Richards Jr., Deceased  
Case No.: 2022-0065-CV-PR

Notice: 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 **SEPTEMBER 19, 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 28th of July, 2022  
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2022-0071-CV-NC  
Chispas Root, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Chispas Root filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Xispas Root. As of July 12, 2022 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Chispas Root name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Xispas Root.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2022.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee will be selling the remainder of t-shirts to the public. The Southern Ute Powwow Committee wants to remind everyone to do your part to stay safe and healthy through this pandemic.

**PURCHASE PRICE  
\$20 EACH**



**SOUTHERN UTE  
POW WOW  
COMMITTEE**

**If you have any questions please contact:**  
**Mikki Naranjo - 970-563-2441**  
**Rochelle Aguilar - 970-563-2990**

**Drum  
Deadline**

**Next issue  
Sept. 9**

**Early Deadline  
Sept. 2**

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## CEDAR POINT HOUSING ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



### TWO-WEEK SCHEDULE (Aug. 16 – Sept. 2, 2022)



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

Total project duration – June 2022 through November 16, 2022  
**Standard work days/hours – 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

#### FDR (FULL DEPTH REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT)

**Work Scope:** Full Depth Removal and Replacement of select problem areas within the roadway. Also, install flow fill protective cap over top gas lines within FDR areas.

**A) Location:** North end of Rolling Thunder Ave. over to Intersection of Arrow St. with Fry Bread Ave. FDR work continues along the north end of Rolling Thunder.  
**Traffic Control Impacts:** (see 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. **This section of roadway will be closed to thru traffic and will remained closed throughout the length of the project for staging purposes.**

**Dates of Impact: July 27 – November 16, 2022 (paving dates below).**

**B) Location:** Work at the intersection of Arrow St. and Fry Bread Ave. will be performed in half the intersection at a time.  
**Traffic Control Impacts:** (see map) – Close half of the intersection at a time.

**Dates of Impact: August 16 – September 30, 2022 (Paving dates below).**

**C) Location:** Work on Lodge Pole Way between Burning Cedar Ave. and Sagebrush Ave.  
**Traffic Control Impacts:** (see map) – Road Closure on Lodge Pole Way between Burning Cedar Ave. and Sagebrush Ave.

**Dates of Impact: August 16 – August 31, 2022 (paving dates below)**

**D) Location:** Shadow Spirit – West  
**Traffic Control Impacts:** (see map) – Close half the roadway at a time.

**Dates of impact: August 16 – August 26, 2022 (paving dates below).**

**E) Location:** Elk Street/Sage Brush Intersection  
**Traffic Control Impacts:** (see map) – Close half the roadway at a time.

**Dates of impact: August 16 – September 2, 2022 (paving dates below).**

#### CRACK SEALING OF CRACKS WIDER THAN 1-INCH:

**A) Location:** Lodge Pole Way, Arrow Street, Burning Cedar, Rolling Thunder Ave., Sagebrush Ave., Fry Bread Ave., & Elk Street.  
**Traffic Control Impacts:** (see map) Shoulder Closure.

**Dates of Impact: August 22 – Sept. 2, 2022 (paving dates below).**

#### PREP-WORK AND ASPHALT PATCHWORK/PAVING

**Work Scope:** Prepare the top road base (fine grade and compact) section followed by placement/compaction of hot asphalt patchwork.

- Location:** FDR – Lodge Pole Way
- Location:** FDR area along North end of Rolling Thunder.
- Location:** FDR – Arrow Street/Fry Bread Intersection.
- Mill/Overlay:** Rolling Thunder from property line at CR110/318 to Rolling Thunder/Elk Street intersection.
- Mill/Overlay:** Elk Street from Rolling Thunder/Elk Street intersection to Sage Brush/Elk Street intersection.
- Mill/Overlay:** Lodge Pole Way from property line at CR110/318 to Burning Cedar Ave.  
**Traffic Control Impacts:** Single Lane Closure (1/2 roadway at a time) with alternating lanes of traffic as needed.

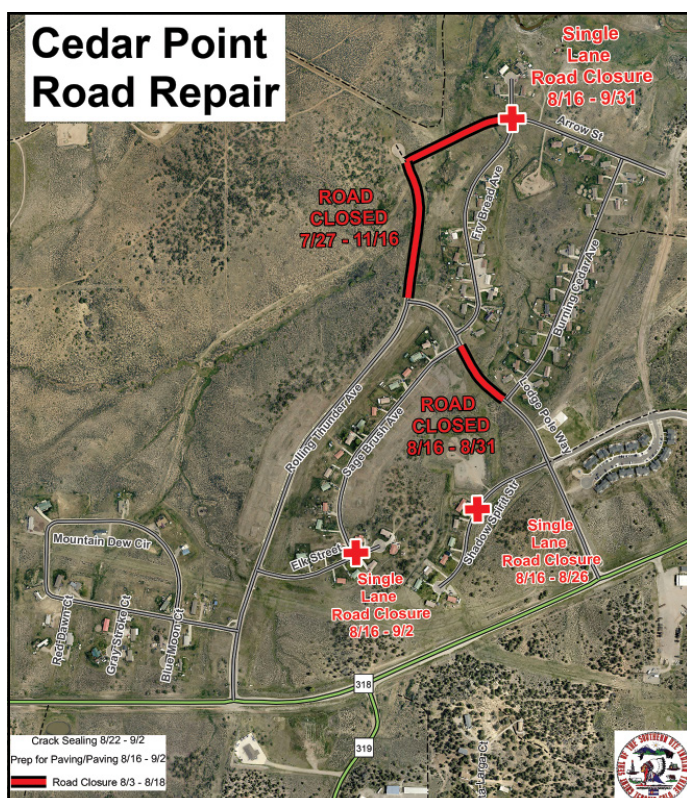
**Dates of Impact: August 16 – September 2, 2022**

\*Four Corners Materials is scheduled to begin paving on August 24, 2022 and will most likely continue through September 2, 2022.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

**What is needed of Residents:** Please be sure to keep vehicles, trash cans, toys, pets, and any other objects off of the roadways within the areas mentioned above throughout the dates of impact. Also, please keep sprinklers and other water from draining onto the specified street/sidewalk areas. Please note that schedules can, and do change depending upon actual field conditions, unforeseen conditions, weather, etc. **Recent, severe thunderstorms have setback the schedule on the project.** 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 at 970-563-2270



### ATTENTION

The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department is seeking 200 bales of hay for the Southern Ute Rodeo. To support Tribal Members, we are requesting those who grow hay to contact us if they would like to be considered for our purchase. For more information, contact Marvin Pinnecoose at 970-563-2988 or mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov.

## Request for Bids Catering and Cleaning Staff for Tribal Fair Powwow

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for the Southern Ute Fair Powwow on Sept. 9, 10 and 11, 2022.

#### CATERING

Catering for 30 people, Sept. 10 and Sept. 11, 2022.

- SATURDAY MORNING: Brunch Beginning 10 am – 12 pm.
- SATURDAY EVENING: Dinner Beginning 5 pm – 7 pm.
- SUNDAY MORNING: Brunch Beginning 10 am – 12 pm.
- SUNDAY EVENING: Dinner Beginning 5 pm – 7 pm.

Please provide a menu for each day. The Southern Ute Powwow Committee will provide the drinks and paper products.

#### CLEANING CREW

Trash pickup and cleaning of Indoor Arena. A schedule will be given at the beginning of the Friday evening session. Cleaning Crew; should consist of (3) cleaning staff.

- FRIDAY, Sept. 9, 2022 Check-in time: 4 pm

**DEADLINE IS AUGUST 26, 2022 AT 5 PM**

Please submit bids to Rochelle Aguilar, Secretary, Southern Ute Powwow Committee, P.O. Box 737 #16, Ignacio, CO 81137 or soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov

Should you have any questions, please contact Rochelle Aguilar at 970-563-2990.

## Multi-Purpose Facility August Quilt Class



**Tuesday August 30  
&  
Thursday September 1, 2022**

**10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Call 970-563-2641 for the supply list  
(Class is limited to 6)**



**256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call the MPF to reserve your space - 563-2640 or  
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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION  
(2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2022 General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

General Election -	Friday, November 04, 2022 - 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Residency Deadline -	Saturday, August 06, 2022
Statement of Intention Deadline -	Monday, September 05, 2022, by 5:00 P.M.
Election Board Decision Regarding Eligibility Deadline -	Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Notice of Election -	Wednesday, October 05, 2022
Voter Registration Deadline -	Wednesday, October 26, 2022, by 5:00 P.M.
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline -	Wednesday, October 26, 2022, by 5:00 P.M.
Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline -	Thursday, November 03, 2022, by 5:00 P.M.

THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT 285 LAKIN ST, IGNACIO, CO  
Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2303/2305/2729  
Off-Reservation Tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
Email is [election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)



Southern Ute Election Board  
Office Hours

The Election Board will resume normal business  
hours Monday-Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. starting in  
August.

Thank you and please remain safe.



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

5-Years Grazing Permits Available

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting Southern Ute Tribal Member applications for 5-year grazing permits for 2023-2027 on the following range units: Coyote Gulch, Soda Springs, Picnic Flats, Pump Canyon, Archuleta Creek, Vega, Cat Creek, Trail Canyon, Beef Canyon, Kearns and Archuleta Mesa. Those applicants who currently possess a valid grazing permit shall be given preference for renewal. All requirements to obtain a grazing permit must be met, including possession of base property. If you would like to apply, please contact the Range Division at 563-4780 to obtain an application. Applications will be accepted until 5 pm on Sept. 12, 2022.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado  
Environmental Commission Vacancy

Tribal Appointed Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado  
Environmental Commission

Closing Date: 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on Sept. 12, 2022

**Vacancy Description:** The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking applicants to fill one Commission member vacancy on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and State of Colorado Environmental Commission. The selected applicant would serve a three-year appointment to the Commission.

**Commission Purpose:** Determining and prescribing air quality rules and regulations that should apply on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation; and Reviewing appealable administrative actions; Any other duties necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

**Summary of Commission Duties:** Conduct public hearings pertaining to adoption of rules and regulations for the Reservation Air Program or review of appealable administrative actions, and issue subsequent orders. Determining which administrative actions are appealable to the Commission. Review and approve the long-term plan of the Reservation Air Program. Facilitate relationships between agency liaisons and representatives from the EPA, State, County and Tribe. Approve and adopt fees for permits and other regulatory activities conducted by the Tribe. Ensure consistency and adherence to applicable standards and resolve disputes involving third parties. Request administrative or clerical assistance from tribal staff when necessary to issue orders and conduct Commission business; and Review emission inventories developed by the Tribe and State.

**Preferred Commission Member Qualifications:** Knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order; Knowledge of Federal, State and Tribal air quality regulations; Strong ethics and integrity; Ability to identify conflicts of interest; Knowledge of environmental issues affecting the Reservation; Able to attend regular Commission and stakeholder meetings; and Cooperative and able to work as a team player.

**Commission Member Appointment Terms and Conditions:** Commission members are appointed by the Tribal Council. Commission members serve for three-year appointment terms and are not subject to term limits. Commission meetings are generally held twice per year, but more frequent meetings are possible. Stakeholder meetings occur on an as-needed basis and may require Commission participation. Meetings are to be held in person or on virtual meeting platforms. Failure to attend two consecutive Commission or Stakeholder meetings or demonstrated unethical conduct may result in appointment removal by Tribal Council. Compensation is \$100.00 per half-day meeting for Commission members who are not employees of the Tribe. If employed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, a short letter or email from the employee's supervisor approving of appointment to the Commission is required.

**Meeting Location:** Justice & Regulatory Administration Building. EPD Large Conference Room, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 or Virtual Meeting Platform.

**How to Apply:** Send letter of interest to: email to: [airquality@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:airquality@southernute-nsn.gov) or by mail to (must be postmarked by the closing date): Air Quality Program Office, PO Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, CO 81137

**For Questions about the Commission Vacancy or Environmental Commission:** Contact Air Quality Program Manager, Danny Powers at [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov) or 970-563-2265 or Visit the Environmental Commission Website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/>

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KSUT now has two openings on our board of directors – one for a Southern Ute Tribal Member and one for a member of a federally recognized Native American tribe. KSUT board meetings are the second Wednesday of every month, at 5:30 pm. For more information or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director, at [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org), 970-563-5780. Open until filled.

POWWOW COMMITTEE

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

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. 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

Open Until Filled – 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. If you are interested, contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

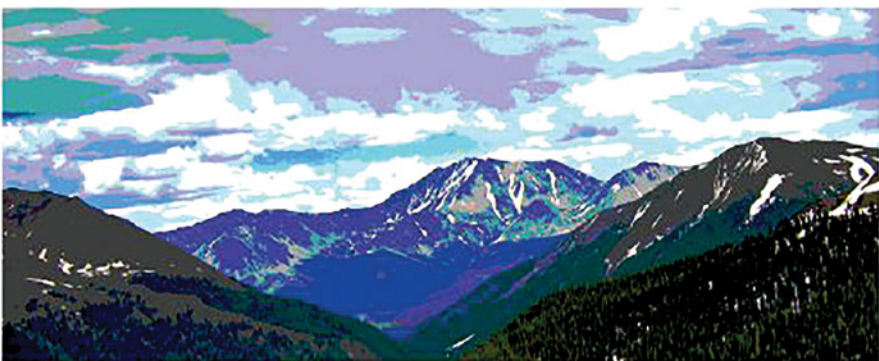
Open until filled – JOM has TWO (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov).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

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.

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 to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way.



KSUT  
public radio

Serve Your Community

Board Member Wanted

KSUT seeks an individual to fill the open  
Southern Ute Tribal Member seat  
on the Board of Directors.

Did you know...

The Southern Ute Tribe was one of the earliest pioneers of Native American radio? When KSUT signed on for the first time on June 14, 1976, it was one of only eight tribal stations in the country.

Interested?

Please submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham at [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org) or mail to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. This seat will be open until filled.





## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

#### Boys & Girls Club Aide (Full-time)

Closes 9/1/22 – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade N4; Starts at \$12.32/hour.

#### Chief of Police

Closes 8/29/22 – Under general supervision of Justice and Regulatory Director, provides consistent and fair law enforcement and public safety services for persons living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Pay grade E18; Starts at \$86,609.29/annually.

#### Detention Officer

Closes 9/2/22 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade N11; Starts at \$19.93/hour.

#### Lands Technician

Closes 9/1/22 – Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provides general information to the Tribal Membership and general public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. Pay grade N8; Starts at \$15.61/hour.

#### Receptionist (Part-Time)

Closes 8/26/22 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade N5; Starts at \$12.54/hour.

#### Small Business Specialist Trainee (Southern Ute Members Only)

Closes 8/26/22 – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal Member. Under general direction of the Economic Development Manager, will learn how to develop, plan, organize and implement economic development functions from conception to completion, involving incentive programs related to Tribal Member small business development. Will learn how to promote the small business and economic development interests of the Tribe. The length of this program is designed to last (2) years but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below the entry level for a grade N12 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases. Upon successful completion of the training curriculum, the incumbent will assume the Small Business Specialist position.

#### Water Quality Technician

Closes 8/29/22 – Under direct supervision of the Environmental Programs Manager and general supervision from the Senior Water Quality Specialist – 106, the Water Quality Technician position is responsible for performing field data collection, computer data input, and other duties associated with water quality management under the \$106, \$319, and wetlands water quality programs. Position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade N11; Starts at \$19.93/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; Starts at \$12.32/hour.

#### Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers 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. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; Starts at \$67,244.15/year.

#### Community Resource Officer

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Senior Community Resource Officer, provides prevention awareness activities to the community and serves as a liaison between the Southern Ute Police Department and the community. Pay grade N7; Starts at \$14.48/hour.

#### Construction Services Repairman

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

#### Custodian

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

#### Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon

successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

#### Elementary Teacher

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

#### Elementary Teacher Trainee (Southern Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – 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.

#### Farm Heavy Equipment Operator (Temp.)

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. Pay grade N9; Starts at \$16.88/hour.

#### Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

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

#### Internal Auditor

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision, performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of moderate difficulty involving a variety of auditing tasks that include, but are not limited to, assessing risk, and identifying control deficiencies, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. In order to gain experience in the practical application of program auditing and government accounting, duties assigned are to familiarize employee with the more complex auditing work found at the next higher level; performs related work as assigned. Reports to the Director of Internal Audit and other internal audit personnel as assigned. Pay grade E16; Starts at \$67,244.15/year.

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

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Starts at \$12.54/hour and includes a \$200 sign-on bonus.

#### Optometric Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under dentist supervision, Optometric Assistant is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Optometry Clinic including, but not limited to, providing chair side optometry assistance, administrative and records duties, Optos, Lensometry, FDT, Tonometry, OCT, and Dilation of patients. Pay grade N11; Starts at \$19.93/hour.

#### Patrol Officer I

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

#### Patrol Officer II

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; Starts at \$23.81/hour.

#### Public Education Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Public Education Department. Teaches/tutors Southern Ute students or Johnson O'Malley Program students in the Ignacio Elementary School and develops an afterschool program to strengthen academic skills throughout the school year. Designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing the programs and reviewing their success. Successful applicant will support established curriculum/management and is expected to work in different subject areas and classrooms as determined by the Director and building principal. 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; Starts at \$41,456.65/year.

## Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

#### Assistant Operating Director – Growth Fund Admin. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 9/2/22 – Oversees certain non-energy Operating businesses in the Growth Fund. Develops new business opportunities with an emphasis on non-energy related fields including real estate, infrastructure, telecommunications, etc. Assists the Operating Director with the oversight of all energy Operating businesses.

#### Vice President of Engineering and Development – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Close 9/12/22 – Manages Operations engineering and development functions; including facilities/process engineering, drilling, completions, construction, downhole well intervention, plugging/abandonment, and reclamation/sustainability engineering. Ensures safe and efficient design and operation of development projects. Monitors and manages capital projects and major expense projects to develop reserves in line with annual budgets and company goals. Assists the President and Chief Financial Officer in developing and managing corporate annual budgets and in the development and maintenance of strategic annual and long range plans, including outside operated properties.

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221  
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)  
Positions are open until filled unless otherwise noted

### OPENINGS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

- Bus Driver
- Elementary Teacher
- Reading/Language Arts Interventionist
- Middle School Head Wrestling Coach
- High School Cross Country Assistant Coach
- High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- Substitute Bus Drivers
- Substitute Cooks
- Substitute Custodian
- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Custodian
- Substitute Teachers

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ignacio School District is looking for passionate teachers and staff who are interested in working in a multi-cultural community to ensure that all students reach their potential for college and career. Become a part of this wonderful Bobcat Family who cares about education in this close-knit rural community.

Ignacio School District has the following benefits: Free health, hearing, vision and dental for the employee including a Non-Stop Wellness card preloaded with \$5,000; Employee paid insurance for spouse or family; PERA Retirement; American Fidelity insurance for additional coverage; School housing depending on availability; and 4-day school week - Monday through Thursday.

## SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

Apply on-line at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org) or call Nita Emerson, HR Admin. Mngr. 970-563-4517.

- Addiction Specialist/Program Coordinator
- Bus Driver
- Bus Cleaner
- Monitoring Technician
- Program Coordinator w/ Youth Services
- Substitute Teachers

SoCoCAA is recruiting Board members. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact Nita Emerson at 970-563-4517 or visit our website at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org).

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

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

#### Teacher Aide

Open Until Filled – 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; Starts at \$12.32/hour.

#### 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 (Southern Ute Members 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.

#### Tribal Ranger

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

#### Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

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

#### Ute Language Teacher (Part-time w/benefits) (Southern Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Curriculum Specialist in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff, and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Will be trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system by the Curriculum Specialist. Pay grade E12; Starts at \$27,141.75/year.

Persons who identify as American Indian and smoke commercial cigarettes are needed to provide about 30-45 minutes worth of input on ways to help people quit smoking

- You do not have to quit smoking to participate.
- You will receive a \$50 gift card for your time and input.
- Your involvement would entail an interview over the phone or computer.



If interested, please text or call  
**612-443-2037**

Or reach us by email  
[FOUNDATIONS@UMN.EDU](mailto:FOUNDATIONS@UMN.EDU)







### Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

#### Job Openings as of August 15, 2021

- Human Resource, Generalist – Closes 8/31/22
- Public Works, Maintenance – Closes 8/26/22
- Public Works, Technical Specialist – Closes 8/26/22
- Public Works, Facilities Maintenance – Closes 8/26/22
- Public Works, Plumbing Supervisor – Closes 8/26/22
- Public Works, PT Janitor – Closes 8/26/22
- Resources, Fence Crew – Closes 8/26/22
- Social Services, Domestic Violence Advocate/Specialist – Closes 8/26/22
- Vol. Rehab., Director – Closes 9/2/22
- WIC, Nutrition Educator – Closes 8/26/22
- Behavioral Health, Assistant Administrator – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Education Manager – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, PT-Assistant Cook – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, 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
- Finance, Accountant – Open Until Filled
- Housing Authority, Maintenance – Open Until Filled
- Housing Authority, Maintenance Supervisor – Open Until Filled
- Human Resource, Director – Open Until Filled
- Member Services, Window Support – Open Until Filled
- Minerals, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- Planning, Transportation Specialist – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Representative – Open Until Filled
- Peak Grant, Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, FT-Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B, IV – Open Until Filled
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open Until Filled
- Sunrise Youth Shelter, FT/PT – Houseparent – Open Until Filled
- THPO, Contract Administrator – 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
- WM-Public Works, Supervisor – Open Until Filled
- WM-Public Works, Transit Driver – Open Until Filled
- WM Recreation Center, PT-Assistant Director – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Adult Education Coach – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled
- WM-PEAK Grant, PEAK Coordinator – Open Until Filled

### Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.  
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome  
Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

#### Audio and Video Lead System Engineer (Full-time)

Maintains and is responsible for the support and repairs of all AV equipment within fully integrated conference rooms, boardrooms, hotel rooms, public areas, Casino floor and other similar rooms containing AV equipment throughout the property. Will interface directly with customers on a daily basis and is responsible for setting up and the functionality of all AV components. Reports to the Facilities Manager.

#### \*Bingo Staff (Part-time)

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

#### Cafe Cashier (Full-time)

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

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

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

#### \*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the Gaming Revenue Departments. The Count Team 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.

#### \*Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

#### Event Staff (Full-time and/or On-call)

Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up, and re-set of events in all Banquet areas. Will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events.

#### Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the facility. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles Hotel guests to and from the airport as needed.

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

Reports to the Facilities Manager and was established for the purpose/s of supervising individual shifts to include facility and deep cleaning staff within the maintenance department. Coordinating all repair and alterations of the property including the exterior and grounds and to work in conjunction with facility technicians.

#### \*Fine Dining Line Cook (Full-time)

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

#### 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. High school diploma or equivalency preferred.

#### \*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.

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

Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Guest and employee safety on property.

#### \*Rolling Thunder Cashier (Full-time)

Greet guests in a friendly manner, take and deliver orders, calculate checks and receive payment for the Bowling Grill Window and Restaurant.

#### \*Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. requires the ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. Physically demanding and may be stressful at times, particularly during peak season periods. You will be cleaning an average of 16 guest rooms, and during peak season, up to 20 guest rooms per shift, depending on whether you are working as an individual or a pair.

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

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.

#### \*Senior Facilities Staff Member (Full-time)

This position reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Responsible for the operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building.

#### \*Sports Book Ticket Writer (Full-time)

Providing outstanding guest service while writing and paying Sportsbook tickets and providing information to guests. This includes collecting bets, cards, or tickets from players and ensuring that all bets are placed before the game begins. Verifying tickets and paying out winning tickets.

#### \*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

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

#### \*Surveillance Agent II (Full-time)

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

*\*Must be 21 years of age to apply.*

**SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION**  
**FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED**  
**CONTINUE TO PRACTICE CAUTION & PROTECT TRIBAL LANDS**

**Bear Dance Fire Recreational Area CLOSED**

The map shows both the closed area. Individuals are restricted to only the area around Scott's 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 Southern Ute EPD at (970) 563.2206.

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**UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRANSFER STATION 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

SEPT. 5<sup>TH</sup> LABOR DAY — **CLOSED**

OCT. 10<sup>TH</sup> INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY — **CLOSED**

NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY — **CLOSED**

NOV. 24<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING — **CLOSED**

DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — **CLOSED**

DEC. 26<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY — **CLOSED**

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION**  
**MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM / 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:  
**September 7th / October 5th**  
**November 2nd / December 7th**  
*Settle your payments before 10AM*

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- Online at: [www.suitutil.com](http://www.suitutil.com)  
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- Mail payment made payable to "Southern Ute Utilities Division" PO Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137
- Phone (970) 563-5500 during office hours.

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AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

# That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

## Asset Protection

By Marvin Pinnecoose  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

### It’s Hard Enough

Farmers are a frugal bunch. I can say, from my first year of experience doing this on my own, that running a farm is a labor of love. Spending every moment of daylight doing some type of chore around the farm is required. Madness may be defined as waking up to work a full-time job just to support the habit of spending every other moment of daylight doing chores around the farm. Money is needed to buy seed, fertilizer, water, contracted work, tools, and such.

Time and effort will keep most people away from farming because they feel they have better things to do with their time. Factor in the money that is required to play the game and you will find that saved money dries up fast. We begin to make do with what we have. We begin to utilize tools in ways that they weren’t meant to be used.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

This was my mother’s all-terrain vehicle. She bought this so that her and Fred could go riding around campsites as they enjoyed their weekends at various lakes. I added a toolbox and bucket to it when it was handed to me so that it could help me with chores on the farm.

We begin to bend our own practices to just get by. Needless to say, the job is hard enough. There is no guarantee that the crop will grow. If the crop does grow, you would be lucky to break even, let alone generate a profit.

Acquiring the tools, vehicles, implements, and storage structures needed is a slow road of accumulation. A farmer learns to appreciate every ounce of help that is given.

### Focus

The focus of the day is based upon the season and month. Give a farmer a day and month out of the year and they can tell you where they would be on their property and what tasks would be doing their priority on that given day. This is based on experience and accumulated knowledge from over the years. Take July 1st for example. My neighbors and me would say that on July 1st, we had better have bales in the field that need to come into the barn or at least have grass on the

ground that needs to be baled. Water is shut off while this is happening, and irrigation will be turned on right after harvest. This would be the pinnacle of first cut.

Days off from work may be required to focus on bringing in the harvest. We then can look at how many bales we have off from each field. This will give us a “tons per acre” calculation that we can use to compare this year’s harvest to last. It is also a time to make adjustments as we go into dormant season of our cool season grasses and watch weeds take over the ditch banks and empty spots in the field. The point of all this is that our focus is on our daily tasking. All these tasks require knowledge and some type of equipment. A big hiccup to the mountain that we are trying to move is in the distraction that the tool or asset that we need is missing.

### It Needs Saying

I’ve struggled with myself in whether to talk about this topic in this arti-



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Cutting down invasive trees and willow was the bulk of the fall and spring months. This all-terrain vehicle was crucial in making the property manageable and to prepare for haying season this year. It will always be worth more to me in sentimental value than it could ever possibly to the person who stole it.

cle, but I truly think that it needs to be said. I came to this property with no equipment to farm. I only have my recollections of farming as a younger version of me (and with the support of my parents and brothers). Now it’s just me doing this and of the things that remained from my parents’ time here on the farm, we had one working all-terrain vehicle (ATV). I used this ATV to get around the ditches and in my endless quest to cut down all the elm trees on the property. Elm trees are an invasive tree that spreads its roots and spreads like wildfire. It is basically a very, very large weed. I will have an upcoming article about invasive plants, but more on that later. I woke up this morning to notice that the area where I normally keep

my ATV ... there is nothing there. I walked the property to see if I might have parked it somewhere else and simply forgot. No, it really was gone ... taken at some point in the night or early morning. Either way, it is gone and that simply adds to the frustration of farming through a drought. Like I said, it’s hard enough.


The reason I wanted to write about this in this article is because in talking with our membership, it seems like many of us have a story to tell of property invasion, trespassing, theft, and deviant behavior. This seems to be a problem that affects most of us.

In gossip, I hear how certain areas should be avoided based upon crime and drug use. I was oblivious to think that my small acre farm away from town

was safe. My story of an asset purchased by my mom is sentimental only to me. To whoever took it, it will be just a dollar figure of worth for whatever they get for it when they sell it.

More importantly, it hurts the morale of what we are trying to do with whatever tools we have when trying to do the right thing, keep to ourselves, and steward the land with whatever we have. I feel bad for people who must stoop down to stealing from others to feel complete. I wish they could feel the way that they make others feel when they do that to someone. I feel the need to say this out loud because I now know that I am not the only one who feels this way. Like I keep saying, it’s hard enough to do this. Protect your assets.

A crossword puzzle is not available for this issue of the Southern Ute Drum. Look for the next crossword puzzle in the Sept. 9, 2022, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.




## did you know?!

Degraded streams and riparian areas are a large contributor of nonpoint source pollution. Healthy riparian areas are not only good for water quality but also provide essential habitat for many important species of plants and animals as well. Since 1996, the \$319 program has completed fifteen restoration projects in watersheds throughout the Reservation.

Images: Photos showing before and after restoration efforts by the \$319 program on Beaver Creek.

You can view maps and examples of restoration projects throughout the reservation on the 319 Stream Restoration Story Map. See the link below.




Source: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/god/water-quality/stream-restoration/>

Please contact the 319 Program Coordinator, Steve Kem (skem@southernute-nsn.gov), or Environmental Programs Manager, Mandy Eskelson (meskelson@southernute-nsn.gov), with questions or comments.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER


### Your weekend forecast!

#### Friday, August 26




**Partly sunny 81°F**  
Showers & thunderstorms 60%

#### Saturday, August 27




**Mostly sunny 83°F**  
Chance showers & thunderstorms

#### Sunday, August 28




**Mostly sunny 86°F**

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



August 27      September 3      September 10      September 17      September 25



## The 2022 First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt

The First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt is a limited-draw hunt held from December 1st – December 31st, 2022, on the Southern Ute Reservation. There will be only ten permits allotted for this hunt.

### Important Information

- All hunters must comply with all rules set forth in the Southern Ute Reservation Hunting Proclamation.
- Permitted 1st Descendants are only allowed to hunt on tribal trust lands within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Access permission must be obtained to hunt on tribal land assignments. Private property (including allotted parcels) and San Juan National Forest lands are not available for 1st Descendant hunting.
- All applicants must submit a Descendancy Letter to the Wildlife Division. These can be obtained from Tribal Information Services (TIS).

### Hunt Information

- The hunt is open only to Southern Ute First Descendants.
- Season Dates: December 1 – 31, 2022.
- Weapon Type: Any Legal Weapon.
- Application Period: September 1 – October 28th, 2022 (Applications must be submitted by October 28th, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.).
- Application fee is non-refundable.
- Applicants must submit a descendancy letter from Tribal Information Services.
- Ten permits will be available by limited draw only.
- The drawing will be in early November.
- Permits will be issued beginning November 14th, 2022.
- Successful hunters must have their elk validated.

- Bag Limits: 1 Antlerless Elk.

For More information and to find a link to the SUIT Store please visit the Website at: [First Descendant Antlerless Elk – Southern Ute Indian Tribe \(southernute-nsn.gov\)](https://southernute-nsn.gov)

**Please call the Wildlife Division (970) 563-0130 for more information**