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Winner of 13 Colorado Press Association and 9 Native American Journalists Association Awards



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Acoma Sky City Dancers and Howeya Family Dance Group performed the Corn Dance and other traditional Pueblo dances, Friday, Sept. 23, in the recently constructed amphitheater at Chimney Rock National Monument in honor of the 10th anniversary of the national monument designation.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Chimney Rock celebrates 10th anniversary of national monument designation

By Jeremy Wade Shockley

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Chimney Rock National Monument held special cultural presentations and other educational programs from Friday, Sept. 7 — Saturday, Sept. 8, recognizing the ten-year anniversary of national monument status, while also offering free admission to tribal members and the public. Friday's opening ceremony invited tribal dignitaries from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Santa Clara Pueblo, and Pueblo of Acoma to speak, along with representatives from the Forest Service.

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SAND CREEK

Interior Secretary Haaland welcomes expansion of National Historic Site

Staff report

OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR MICHAEL BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper joined Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, National Park Service (NPS) Director Chuck Sams III, and leaders from the Northern Arapaho Tribe, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes at the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site to remember the 1864 massacre and announce the addition of almost 3,500 acres to the Site. This addition is made possible with financial support from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

The Sand Creek Massacre occurred on November 29, 1864, when U.S. soldiers attacked an encampment of approximately 750 Native people. The soldiers killed 230 people — mostly women and children. The Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site was established in 2007 to preserve and protect the cultural landscape of the massacre and enhance public understanding of this horrific event.

"This is a long overdue step to respect and preserve land sacred to the Northern Cheyenne, Northern Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Arapaho Tribes," Bennet said. "Today's ceremony is about remembering the atrocity at Sand Creek and honoring our government's continuing obligations to Tribal communities."

"That something like Sand Creek could happen and go unacknowledged for so long is egregious. And it's why we come back and remember what happened here. We can't change the past, but we can ensure the victims are remembered,"

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30 years of Red Willow



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Tribal Council members, Stacey Oberly and Vanessa Torres gaze upon photos from the last 30 years of Red Willow Production Co. staff and events. Invited guests and employees gathered to celebrate three decades of excellence and well-deserved success.

See more Red Willow coverage on page 10.

2nd Annual Skate Jam



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Maynard Taylor attempts to do a trick on his skateboard. Taylor was one of many participants showing off their skateboarding skills at the second annual Skate Park Jam held at the Piinuu Nuuchi Skate Park on Friday, Sept. 24. The annual event is held to promote awareness for mental health and suicide prevention in the community. Held in conjunction with Suicide Prevention Month, the event introduced the new "988" number as the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, which recently went live, from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Ignacio travels, double-dips Lady Demons

Wins in Ridgway prep 'Cats for Homecoming Week

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Laci Brunson thought she'd received a curtain-call exit from Ignacio's second of two October 1 matches. But as the opposing Lady Demons started threatening again to steal at least one stanza, going on a 4-0 run — three points coming via IHS errors and one via an Ava Janda dig which ricocheted back over the net and into empty space — bringing Ridgway back to 23-16 late in Game 3, head coach Shasta Pontine had to re-insert her senior setter. Providing quality control, Brunson would then help sophomore Ollyvia Howe put down a cross-court roll shot bringing up match point, then set junior Solymar Cosio for a clinching kill through the middle — giving the Volleyscats a 25-15, 25-19, 25-16 sweep following their 25-8, 25-10, 25-5 morning rout.

"The first (match) was a little better than the second; we just had silly errors like hitting the ball out, passes not being perfect, and even sets not being perfect," said Brunson. "But it was good practice for the games that we'll have this week."

"(Pontine) wanted us to be prepared for our Homecoming games, and play like we're going to play then," senior Trinity Strohl said. "We may have been brought down a little bit this match, but we're definitely going to play up when we play Mancos."

Up next, Ignacio will host Nucla Saturday, October 8, with action beginning at 11 a.m. Results from the Volleyscats' crucial 10/6 rematch with Mancos — winners of a five-game thriller at MHS back on August 30 — were unavailable at press time.

Coming in off a four-game home win over Telluride, the Lady Jays stood 8-4 overall, 4-2 against the full 2A/1A San Juan Basin League, and 4-0 against its 2A side. NHS, meanwhile, was 13-4, 5-1 SJBL, 1-1 1A SJBL before visiting Dolores on Tuesday, October 4.

Early on at RHS, Ignacio (9-7, 5-1 SJBL, 4-1 2A SJBL) approached the Lady Demons (2-9, 0-5, 0-4) as though they were already facing Mancos or Nucla, playing with high energy and scoring via all possible means. Taking the 11 a.m. match's Game 1 lead for good at 2-1, Brunson polished off the 17-point win landing a service ace between four stunned players.

Somehow, Ridgway recovered and built a 5-2 lead early in Game 2, before IHS tied the score at 6-6 and then

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Sierra Red (14) serves against Ridgway, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 1, at RHS. Serving proved a potent weapon for the Volleyscats, who defeated the Lady Demons twice (25-8, 25-10, 25-5; 25-15, 25-19, 25-16).



## Box moves to Growth Fund



photos courtesy SU Council Affairs

Lindsay Box gathers with Tribal Council and other integral support staff members during a farewell luncheon held Wednesday, Sept. 21, to acknowledge her many contributions and dedication to the team and organization.



After six years with the Tribal Council Affairs office as the Communication Specialist, Southern Ute tribal member, Lindsay Box bids farewell to her position with the Permanent Fund to accept a position at the Southern Ute Growth Fund as the Compliance Specialist for Human Resources.

## Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Southern Ute tribal members and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students link hands with other community members during a historic undertaking on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, along the Animas River Trail. The event, dubbed "Durango Connect," was a first for the Colorado mountain town, celebrating the success of its river trail by linking more than 9,000 people, hand in hand, to commemorate the seven-mile stretch of paved trail that follows the flow of the scenic Animas River southward through town.

This photo was first published in the Oct. 5, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Bruce Valdez, Operations Manager for Red Willow Production Company, shows representatives of the Siksika Nation how Red Willow uses remote monitoring to keep track of production operations at individual well sites located across the Southern Ute Reservation.

This photo was published in the Oct. 4, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Dorothy Naranjo was hired as the new Ute Language Director. The Ute Language Department handled many projects including offering language classes to the membership as well as coordinating with cultural events.

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



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

Tribal member Linda Baker was crowned Miss NCAI and was also presented with a blanket. The NCAI meeting was hosted in Bismark, N.D.

This photo was first published in the Oct. 8, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



CELEBRATE

## Southern Ute Disability Awareness Day

WITH SOUTHERN UTE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12  
9 to 11 a.m.

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM COURTYARD

The Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation Program and CO State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation would like to honor and commemorate Disability Employment Awareness Month.



## TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of the tribal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Monday, October 10, 2022 for Indigenous People's Day.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, October 11, 2022!





Prayer trees and sacred places



courtesy Nathan Strong Elk

NASTaP President and Southern Ute elder, Dr. James Jefferson, Nathan Strong Elk, Nathan Elk III, and Jayden Elk — pictured at the La Foret Conference and Retreat Center, where they attended the Native American Prayer Trees and Sacred Place conference, in Colorado Springs, Sunday, Sept. 25. The annual event offered presentations by Native American elders, tours of modified trees and other sites, a tipi raising demonstration, campfire circles, vendors, and more.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

First Place – Best Environmental Story  
“Seasonal roundup keeps bison herd healthy”  
Jeremy Wade Shockley – The Southern Ute Drum

TRIBAL MEDIA

Drums wins 13 awards from Colorado Press Association

Better News Media Contest winners announced in Denver

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Drum newspaper won 13 media awards in Denver during the annual Colorado Press Association (CPA) conference; where award recipients of the Better News Media contest were announced. The tribal newspaper competes in the Class 8 division, based on circulation size. Awards recognized publications across a variety of Colorado based media platforms, from digital to print media – with a focus on editorial, photography, design, and advertising.

The Drum took home five first-place awards and eight second-place awards for news coverage in 2021. Earning accolades in the photo and design categories, as well as for editorial features. The Drum won for best environmental story, feature sto-

ry, education story and business/feature news story – in addition to garnering eight awards in photography.

CPA’s 144th Annual Convention was the first to be held in person since the start of the pandemic, under the banner — Stronger Together. “This was our first in-person gathering since 2019, and CPA staff and partners worked diligently to make this year’s convention one of the most memorable and useful conventions for attendees,” according to an association press release. Which also reiterates that the annual conference is an opportunity for newspapers to ... “Network with peers across the state, share ideas and learn from industry experts to produce better journalism, build more innovative and sustainable businesses and contribute to stronger and more informed communities.”

EDITORIAL

Best Environmental Story  
First Place – Jeremy Wade Shockley  
“Seasonal roundup keeps bison herd healthy”

Best Education Story  
Second Place – McKayla Lee  
“Ignacio School District welcomes one of their own”

Best Feature Story  
Second Place – Jeremy Wade Shockley  
“Seasonal roundup keeps bison herd healthy”

Best Environmental Story  
Second Place – Jeremy Wade Shockley  
“Tribe releases bear cubs into the wilderness”

Best Business News/Feature Story  
Second Place – McKayla Lee  
“Beadwork by Elisia”

PHOTO AND DESIGN

Best Photo Slideshow-Gallery or Photo Essay  
First Place – McKayla Lee  
“Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow”

Best Photography Portfolio  
First Place – Jeremy Wade Shockley  
“Jeremy Wade Shockley | Photography Portfolio”

Best Photo Slideshow-Gallery or Photo Essay  
Second Place – McKayla Lee  
“Southern Ute Heritage Dancers”

Best Sports Photograph  
Second Place – Robert L. Ortiz  
“Fun filled days of field events”

Best Feature Photograph  
First Place – Jeremy Wade Shockley  
“Horse Empower”

Best Feature Photograph  
Second Place – Jeremy Wade Shockley  
“Return of the Bear Dance”

Best News Photograph  
First Place – McKayla Lee  
“Over 700 vaccinations”

Best News Photograph  
Second Place – McKayla Lee  
“Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow”



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive  
Second Place – Best Sports Photograph  
“Fun filled days of field events”  
Robert L. Ortiz – The Southern Ute Drum



McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive  
Second Place – Best Photo Slideshow Gallery or Photo Essay  
“Southern Ute Heritage Dancers”  
McKayla Lee – The Southern Ute Drum

SAVE THE DATE

Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner

November 12, 2022  
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Sky Ute Casino Events Center

The Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members & Immediate Family, Ute Mountain Ute & Ute Indian Tribal Members.

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



JOIN US FOR

Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner

December 17, 2022  
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Sky Ute Casino Events Center

The Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members & Immediate Family, Ute Mountain Ute & Ute Indian Tribal Members.

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





HEALTHY RECIPES

Instant Pot style chicken and rice

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

Did you forget to take the chicken out of the freezer? No problem! Yes, you can make a dinner from frozen and raw with prep time under five minutes! It's true — our instant pot is the perfect place to do it; all you do is layer and cook.

If you don't have an instant pot, of course you can still make this delicious meal either using a slow-cooker or on the stove. The beauty, of course, is to get home and put this together in under five minutes, go do some chores or just relax and your dinner is finished in under 40 minutes.



courtesy Kristine's Kitchen

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

Instant Pot Chicken and Rice

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ onion, diced
- 2 large frozen chicken breasts (about 1 lb.)
- 2 teaspoons thyme
- 2 teaspoons oregano
- 4 carrots, diced
- 2 ½ cups brown rice
- 3 ½ cups water
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

Directions

1. Layer all ingredients in the order above in your instant pot and DO NOT MIX OR STIR!
2. Close lid and make sure to close the vent as well.
3. Turn pressure cook on high and set for 22 minutes. The instant pot will take about 15 minutes to build pressure, then it will cook for 22 minutes.
4. Once finished, allow it to rest for 5 minutes and then switch to venting/quick release.
5. Once the pressure is vented, open pot and remove chicken breasts.
6. Shred chicken breasts with a set of forks and add back to pot.
7. Mix all ingredients well and serve.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Community Safety: Rainbow fentanyl

Staff report  
Southern Ute Behavioral Health

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is advising the public of an alarming emerging trend of colorful fentanyl available across the United States. "In August 2022, DEA and our law enforcement partners seized brightly-colored fentanyl and fentanyl pills in 18 states. Dubbed "rainbow fentanyl" in the media, this trend appears to be a new method used by drug cartels to sell highly addictive and potentially deadly fentanyl made to look like candy to children and young people."

Seizures of "rainbow fentanyl" across the US have spiked recently, causing law enforcement officials to issue public health alerts to residents in their jurisdictions.

Rainbow fentanyl is a colorful version of the illicit synthetic opioid that can be found in a pill form, resembling candy or powdered blocks that look like sidewalk chalk. Batches of rainbow fentanyl have been seized in Arizona, Oregon,



courtesy DEA

California, and Washington, D.C. within the past week, including more than 15,000 pills at the Nogales Port of Entry in Arizona and 800 pills and 4 grams of multicolored powder during a search in Multnomah County, Oregon, according to a USA Today report.

Experts have differing theories as to why illicit drug manufacturers are producing brightly colored fentanyl. Some have suggested in public statements that the appearance of rainbow fentanyl is designed to appeal to young people.

Want to learn more about protecting yourself, our youth, and communi-

ty against opioid use and overdose? Want to learn more about substance use and how to talk to your youth about healthy choices and creating a family safety plan? Set up a free and quick Naloxone (Narcan) Training with us today! Or set up a meeting to talk about how to protect your youth against substance use and addiction. Please reach out to the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700

To report criminal, drug, or suspicious activity anonymously, please call the Southern Ute Police Department's Anonymous Tip Line 970-563-4999.

Elder Services Program  
Nana-pə-chiu Káni



October Activates

- 10<sup>th</sup> Tribal office Closed for Indigenous people day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Farmington Shopping Trip, Van will be Leaving at 9:00AM
- 18<sup>th</sup> Durango Movie Day, Van will be Leaving at 1:00 PM
- 25<sup>th</sup> Scenery Trip to Silverton, Van will be Leaving at 9:00AM
- 31<sup>st</sup> Happy Halloween – Monster Day - 'Ųrə'chi Tavay

Call Elder Services Office at 970-563-0156. If you have any Questions.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Staff report  
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, StrongHearts Native Helpline once again is raising awareness about domestic violence and supporting and honoring survivors and victims. As in past years, StrongHearts asks that domestic violence advocates, tribal leaders, reservation and urban Indigenous community members, service providers and Indigenous organizations come together to support and strengthen the movement to prevent and end domestic violence once and for all.

According to the National Institute of Justice, domestic violence disproportionately impacts Native Americans and Alaska Natives, with more than 1.5 million Native women and 1.4 million Native men experiencing violence during their lifetime, often by non-Native perpetrators. Domestic violence has many faces: physical, sexual, emotional, cultural, financial and digital. Domestic violence doesn't discriminate; and anyone can experience domestic violence, including chil-

dren, women, men, elders and LGBTQ2S+ individuals. There is also a strong connection between domestic violence and thousands of Missing and Murdered Relatives.

Native nations in the Lower 48 and Alaska Native Villages continually go underfunded for life-saving domestic violence services. Now in its fifth year of operation, StrongHearts has received more than 25,000 calls from relatives requesting critically needed support to deal with intimate partner violence.

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, StrongHearts Native Helpline is dedicated to eradicating domestic and sexual violence by utilizing a core message of healing.


"As traditional people, it is customary to put our loved ones before ourselves; we do this because we love them and want to take care of them," said StrongHearts Chief Executive Officer Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "When it comes to healing, we must make the fundamental decision to take care of ourselves and to teach our children that whatever it takes, it's okay to love ourselves enough to heal from

the trauma of domestic and sexual violence."

"With tenacity, StrongHearts Native Helpline will continue our mission to restore power to our relatives impacted by domestic violence by providing a system of safety, sovereignty, support and healing," Jump said. "During October and, indeed, throughout the year, we envision the restoration of our traditional lifeways where everyone is safe, domestic violence is eradicated, and sacredness is restored."

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon at strongheartshelpline.org. Advocates offer peer support, crisis intervention, safety planning and referrals to Native-centered services. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a proud partner of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center.




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.



HEALTH FAIR

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2022 FROM 9:00AM-4:00PM

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- PRIZES
- RAFFLES

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: COMMUNITY AND HOME HEALTH  
ADMIN ASSIST-DEJA HERRERA@  
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PINE RIVER SHARES

Local ‘substance use’ community dialogue sessions offered this fall

Bayfield, Ignacio, Vallecito, Tiffany, Allison, Arboles

**Staff report**  
**PINE RIVER SHARES**

Sessions are designed to help communities develop strategies that respond successfully to substance use.

Pine River Shares and Southern Colorado Community Action Agency are teaming with Pine River Valley residents to develop strategies to respond to substance use in our communities. Pine River Valley residents who care about or who have been impacted by substance use are encouraged to attend. Sessions are open to all community members living in Bayfield, Ignacio, Vallecito, Tiffany, Allison, Arboles and Sam Brito. Stipends will be paid to participants and meals will be provided.

Substance use prevention and intervention efforts, oftentimes, do not reach people living in isolated communities of the Pine River Valley. The consequences can be disastrous, leaving families and communities vulnerable. The dialogue sessions will help participants create useful strategies and related action plans that specifically address each community’s assessments and solutions.

Registration is required by calling Pine River Shares at 970-884-6040. Venue locations will be provided at time of registration. Transportation is available through Road Runner Transit by reservation only. Visit [RoadRunnerTransit.org](http://RoadRunnerTransit.org) or call 970-563-4545.

More information about Pine River Shares programs can be found at [www.pinerivershares.org](http://www.pinerivershares.org). Pine River Shares, a constituent-led social justice leadership project, brings together the knowledge, skills, and resources of people in the Pine River Valley to increase collective power and bring about positive social change resulting in healthy, thriving Pine River Valley communities. Pine River Shares: 658 S East Street (office), P.O. Box 993 (mailing) Bayfield, CO 81122, 970-884-6040.

**Thursday Community Dialogue Sessions schedule**

- Bayfield: Oct, 20, 5:45 – 8 p.m.
- Vallecito: Nov. 3, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Tiffany, Allison, Arboles and Sam Brito: Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

StrongHearts aims to eradicate domestic and sexual violence through a core message of healing

**Staff report**  
**STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE**

It’s easy to tell someone that it’s time to heal. What isn’t so easy is understanding that not everyone heals in the same way or at the same pace. StrongHearts Native Helpline understands that when it comes to healing there is no such thing as one size fits all. That is why it is so important to call attention to healing and to ask yourselves and relatives: How do you heal?

“As traditional people, it is customary to put our loved ones before ourselves. We do this because we love them and want to take care of them. But, when it comes to Native people loving and caring for themselves, it can feel like we are betraying our humble values,” said StrongHearts Chief Executive Officer Lori Jump.

“When it comes to healing, we must make a fundamental decision to take care of ourselves and to teach our children that whatever it takes, it’s okay to love ourselves enough to heal from the trauma of domestic and sexual violence.”

Make a commitment to yourself to identify what you can do to feel better, look better and live better. Please take time to review and enjoy the following tips on self-care and self-love.

**Self-love means accepting yourself as you are in this very moment for everything that you are. It means putting your physical, emotional and mental well-being first. It means that you recognize that through self-care you can accomplish your goals and live your best life. It means taking care of your own needs and not sacrificing your well-being for others. Self-love and care means not settling for less than you deserve.**

**WHAT IS SELF-LOVE?**

Self-love means accepting yourself as you are in this very moment for everything that you are. It means putting your physical, emotional and mental well-being first. It means that you recognize that through self-care you can accomplish your goals and live your best life. It means taking care of your own needs and not sacrificing your well-being for others. Self-love and care means not settling for less than you deserve.

**Culturally significant ways to practice self-care and self-love can include the following activities:**

- **Traditions:** Continuing or renewing traditions can promote healing especially when practicing the methods taught to us by our ancestors. It is through our connection to the past that we can find healing; and it is our link to the future that we can guide our children on their own healing journeys.
- **Ceremony:** There are a number of cleansing ceremonies that can induce healing such as participating in a sweat lodge where extreme heat helps our spirit to sweat the tears of trauma as we reflect on our own needs as well as those of our people.
- **Family, Friends and Community:** Recognize that as relatives, we are all connected and share a trauma bond born of historical and intergenerational trauma. As such, we must acknowledge that part of our history to begin the healing journey for ourselves and our people.
- **Bonding with Mother Nature:** Take a deep breath of fresh air. Walk in green grass with bare feet. A physical connection to Mother Earth can lead to healing especially when on ancestral lands.
- **Vacations:** A vacation can be as simple as vacating oneself from a bad conversation or situation, but it can also include longer planned excursions such as: taking a walk, visiting childhood playgrounds, or exploring distant lands. Vacations can restore, refresh or reset a peaceful mindset and spirit.

**For starters, you can practice self-love by:**

Trusting yourself. Everyone makes mistakes and learns from them. Trust your instincts. You know more than anyone what is best for you.

Talking to and about yourself with love. Honor yourself with praise and love for your personal and professional achievements. Greet your daily activities with a determination to love yourself. You are worthy.

Giving yourself a break from self-judgment. Indigenous people were harshly judged by people who didn’t understand our ways. We lived in harmony with nature – that is something so special that it shouldn’t be hard to see the good in our people. So go easy on yourself. You deserve it.

Forgiving yourself when you make a mistake. Survivors of domestic and sexual violence are often blamed for their abuse. Victim blaming relieves the perpetrator of any wrongdoing. Victims who feel shame should feel strength and resilience in their ability to survive. When you do make a mistake, understand that making mistakes is a learning experience and that self-love and care includes forgiving yourself.

Being nice to yourself. Understand that violence against Indigenous peoples began with colonization and healing from that trauma can begin with being nice to yourself. After all, you deserve to be happy.

Setting healthy boundaries. Set healthy boundaries in all your relationships. You can start by telling people when they’ve made you feel uncomfortable. Healthy boundaries may also include ending an unhealthy relationship and doing so may also help you to develop healthy relationships.

**PRACTICE SELF-CARE**

Self-care involves making healthy choices such as eating nutritious foods and exercising. When you feel healthy, you are more likely to hold yourself in high esteem. Self-care is especially important when setting a good example for the next generation to witness and emulate.

**Go back to the basics:**

Listen to your body. If you are feeling tired – take a nap. If you are hungry – eat nutritious food. If you are weak – get up and exercise. Take breaks from work and move or stretch. Take a sandwich to work and walk off the calories during your breaks.

Put the phone down. Instead, visit someone you’ve been missing or connect with yourself by meditating or doing something creative.

Eat healthily but allow yourself to indulge in your favorite foods. For example, dark chocolate is high in antioxidants, which in moderation can actually be good for you.

**Self-love and care can include:**

- Mindfulness. Know what you think, feel and want.
- Stay focused on your needs and give yourself what you would freely give to others.
- Practice good self-care by eating healthily, exercising and getting enough sleep which can lead to developing healthy social interactions and intimacy.
- Give yourself enough time and space to develop healthy habits. Do things, not to “get them done” or because you “have to,” but because you “want to” develop healthy habits.
- Be kind, patient, gentle and compassionate to yourself. Take care of you the way you would take care of a loved one.
- Manage stress and go for regular medical check-ups.
- Practice good hygiene because it is good for social, medical, and psychological reasons and reduces the risk of illness.
- Do something you enjoy every day. Dance, watch a favorite TV show or work in the garden.
- Find ways to relax. Meditate, do yoga, get a massage, take a bath or walk in the woods.
- Build a sense of belonging by making and maintaining new friendships. Consider joining a health or social club. Sign up for art and/or recreation classes where you can interact with and enjoy meeting new people.

At StrongHearts Native Helpline, we understand that during Domestic Violence Awareness Month we must be mindful of self-care and self-love in our quest to heal. That is why it is so important for you to ask yourself, “How do you heal?” and let the journey begin.

**SUBSTANCE USE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE SESSIONS**

Are you a Pine River Valley resident who has been impacted by substance use? We want to hear from you. Help create strategies that work in our communities.

**OUR COMMUNITY YOUR VOICE! Sign up Today!**

THURSDAYS	THURSDAYS
<b>IGNACIO</b> Open to all community members <i>September 29, 2022</i> 5:45PM- 8PM	<b>VALLECITO</b> <i>November 03, 2022</i> 11:30AM-1:30PM
<b>IGNACIO</b> Open to Native American community members <i>October 06, 2022</i> 5:45PM-8PM	<b>TIFFANY, ALLISON, ARBOLES, SAM BRITO</b> <i>November 10, 2022</i> 11:30AM—1:30PM
<b>BAYFIELD</b> <i>October 20, 2022</i> 5:45PM-8PM	<b>Registration Required.</b> Venue locations provided at time of registration. <b>Please call Pine River Shares at (970) 884-6040</b>

Transportation available through Road Runner Transit by reservation only. Please visit [roadrunnertransit.org](http://roadrunnertransit.org) or call: (970) 563-4545

SoCo CAA SOUTHERN COLORADO Community Action Agency

Pine River SHARES

Funded by: OBH / West Slope Case

- \* Stipends paid to participants.
- \* Meals provided.

The Southern Ute Health Center is now offering the COVID-19 Omicron booster to all eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives. Call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-2298 to schedule an appointment.

**Here are some answers to frequently asked questions:**

*I already had a COVID vaccine. Why do I need this one?*

- Because this one is targeted at Omicron. The previous vaccines didn’t work as well against Omicron
- Omicron looks like it isn’t going away soon

*When should I get it?*

- 2 months after your last booster

*What if I had COVID?*

- Your immune system doesn’t protect you as well after a while
- You should get this booster 3 months after your last infection
- Even if you had Omicron already you should still get the booster to prevent from getting Omicron again

*Can I get the flu shot at the same time?*

- Yes
- The health center does not have flu shots yet but will get them soon

*Can children get this booster?*

- Children 12 and up can get it
- Younger children may be able to get it soon

*Who can get the shot at the Southern Ute Health Center?*

- American Indians and Alaska Natives
- Tribal employees and community members who are not Native American can find out how to get their shot here: <https://sibpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>

*What type does the Health Center have?*

- Both Pfizer and Moderna are available at the Health Center

Please reference these CDC websites:

- Omicron booster: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0901-covid-19-booster.html>
- General COVID vaccine info: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

69 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137 Tel 970.563.4581 Fax 970.563.4833 [www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-health/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-health/)

**STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE**

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon at [strongheartshelpline.org](http://strongheartshelpline.org). Advocates offer peer support, crisis intervention, safety planning and referrals to Native-centered services. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a proud partner of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center.

**Source**  
*Self-Love and What It Means. Jeffrey Borenstein, M.D. February 2020. <https://bit.ly/3CkW3iV>*  
*Taking Good Care of Yourself. Mental Health America. <https://bit.ly/3LUXuHN> (Accessed Sept. 29, 2022)*

**PRACTICE SELF-CARE**

Self-care involves making healthy choices such as eating nutritious foods and exercising. When you feel healthy, you are more likely to hold yourself in high esteem. Self-care is especially important when setting a good example for the next generation to witness and emulate.

**Go back to the basics:**

Listen to your body. If you are feeling tired – take a nap. If you are hungry – eat nutritious food. If you are weak – get up and exercise. Take breaks from work and move or stretch. Take a sandwich to work and walk off the calories during your breaks.

Put the phone down. Instead, visit someone you’ve been missing or connect with yourself by meditating or doing something creative.

Eat healthily but allow yourself to indulge in your favorite foods. For example, dark chocolate is high in antioxidants, which in moderation can actually be good for you.





BOBCAT BULLETIN

Autumn is in the air

Ashley Johnston, Principal  
IGNACIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Happy fall, from Ignacio Elementary School! We are grateful for this wonderful weather and the opportunity it brings for some “cooler” fun at recess. So many activities have taken place since the start of school, and we have many more to enjoy just around the corner.

Very soon, we’ll be inviting families to attend our first Bobcat Assembly to recognize our Bobcats and the great things they are doing. Our Rise-and-Shine Committee is also working on our 1st morning assembly for students and families, so stay tuned for more information. Also, mark your calendars for Oct. 14, as our second-grade students will be singing the National Anthem at our High School Football game. Oct. 31 will be here before we know it, and our PTO is working overtime to bring the trick-or-treating fun



Ashley Johnston  
Principal  
Ignacio Elementary School

back to town for our kid-dos – more information will be headed your way for this too! Whew, we’ve got a ton going on...


It really does feel like we have a lot to celebrate, especially with the growth our students showed for our 21-22 CMAS scores. Over the past five years, our building has undergone continuous improvement: the elementary building is now off of performance watch status! Our staff and students

proved that through hard work and commitment, we can overcome hardships and achieve great things. I could not ask for a better group of Bobcats; time and time again, our staff comes together in a positive and impactful way to meet the needs of our kids and it shows in so many ways.

We’d like to give a special thanks to our community partners that are engaging our students in fun learning experiences during activity Fridays; Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center, Ignacio Public Library and Powerhouse Science Museum – we give you many thanks for your continued support. Also, we want to show our continued gratitude to those that make it all come together for the kids; our coordinators, Angela Ballew and Cindy Valdez, our Transportation and Nutrition departments, and the many staff members that come together to make our program a success.



**No School Reminder!**  
**OCT. 10**  
We will see you Tuesday. Oct. 11

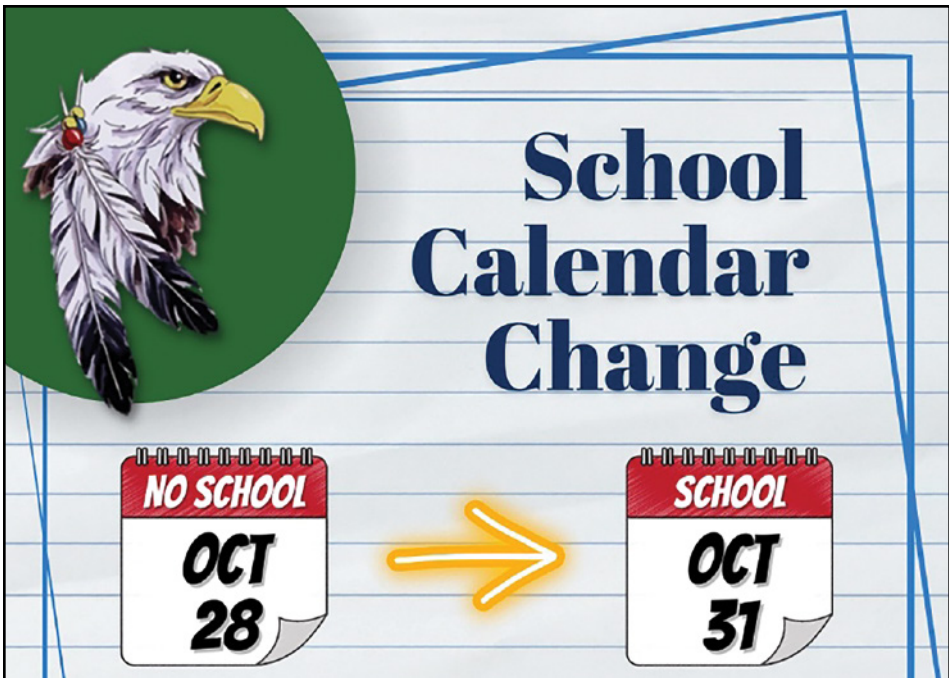


**SUIMA**  
Parent Advisory Group  
(PAG) Meeting

Student: Dawnnetta Scott-Silva

**TUES. OCT. 18**  
**6:00 TO 7:00 P.M.**

A virtual meeting link will be sent via remind text messaging to SUIMA families.  
Attendance will be counted towards Parent Commitment Contract.



**School Calendar Change**

**NO SCHOOL**  
**OCT 28**

**SCHOOL**  
**OCT 31**

SUIMA School Board approves calendar change.  
There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, Oct. 28 for a Teacher Work Day.  
**There will be school** Monday, Oct. 31!

Trick or Treat

**Ag Welding Workshop**

4 Tuesdays in a Row:  
Oct. 18, 25; Nov 1, 8  
3-6 pm | \$100/person

Learn basic welding skills for the farm and ranch.  
No previous welding experience required.  
Class limited to 15 participants.  
Registration required.  
For more information, contact Heather Houk at (970) 564-6230 or heather.houk@pueblocc.edu



PCC Southwest Mancos Campus  
Welding Building  
33057 Highway 160  
Mancos, CO 81328

Pueblo Southwest Community College  
MONTEZUMA COUNTY  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S

**CAREER FAIR 2022**

For Area High /Middle School Students and Community Members

**Thursday, October 27th**  
**Sky Ute Casino Event Center**  
**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**PARTICIPATING COLLEGES**  
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
METRO STATE UNIVERSITY  
AVEDA INSTITUTE DENVER  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
AND MANY MORE...

**HAVE PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS WITH CAREER REPRESENTATIVES**

**PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES**  
SUIT DEPARTMENTS  
HISTORY COLORADO  
CROW CANYON  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER  
AND MANY MORE...

Contact Izabella Cloud at:  
**(970) 563-2784**  
icloud@southernute-nsn.gov

Vendors Register Here!

Register Students Here!

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!







Growth Fund talks potential



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Growth Fund Finance Director, Darrell Owen was the keynote speaker at the annual Southern Ute Growth Fund’s Environmental, Health, and Safety Retreat, held at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort, Tuesday, Oct. 4. Owen welcomed attendees to the Casino and commended them for hard work and dedication to the Tribe, while highlighting the fiscal success that the Growth Fund has seen over the past two years — citing strong profits across a diversified portfolio of assets and revenue streams.

Southern Ute Council Member, Linda Baker, welcomes attendees during the first day of the annual Southern Ute Growth Fund’s Environmental, Health, and Safety Retreat, where she spoke on the topic of potential – the theme of this year’s training conference held at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort.



Attention Southern Ute Tribal Members:

2022 Annual Salmon Give-Away  
Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>,  
Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> &  
Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>  
By Colorado Parks & Wildlife



With permission from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Animas-La Plata Association, Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) is again conducting its annual Lake Nighthorse kokanee salmon spawning operation. This spawning operation is important for fisheries within the Southwest Region and across the State of Colorado.

CPW wants to let the Southern Ute Tribe and its members know about the spawning and fish giveaways. We are inviting Southern Ute Tribal members to share this fish resource.

- Fish giveaways are scheduled for 3:00pm on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Tribal Members need only to present their Tribal Identification Card and do NOT need to possess a state fishing permit.

The giveaway will take place at the boat ramp starting at 3PM sharp. The Nighthorse staff typically allows participants access to the parking area at 2PM. It is first come first serve as well. Please bring your own containers to hold fish.

For the latest information on the giveaways, please contact the CPW Area Office at (970) 247-0855 or the SUIT Wildlife Division at (970)563-0130.



FLY FISHING

Blast and cast

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Recently two good friends, from Texas, invited my friend Sam and me to come to Texas to dove hunt and fly fish. Our invitation had us staying at the ranch of one friend where we would tune-up for the dove hunt and bass fishing. Sam and I were really looking forward to being with our two friends. To tune up for the hunt we shot clay pigeons and stationary targets. To tune-up for our day of fly fishing, on a river, we fished in my friend’s stock pond for catfish, bass, and pan-fish. The tune-ups were very successful, and we celebrated with several meals, great wines, cocktails, and the telling of tall tales.

The dove hunt was reminiscent of past dove hunts I had participated in many years ago. The field where we shot was not overgrown, so finding downed birds was easy. The field had been a grain crop, so the birds were looking for the harvested grain on the ground. There were trees for shade on the edges of the field, plus the temperature was in the low nineties with a mild breeze. In short, we were in a great location. The dove agreed with my assessment. There were five in our group of hunters, our host had the enjoyment of his son and daughter hunting with us.



We all shot well and had our limits in about two hours. It truly reminded me of the dove hunts I participated in when I lived in Texas.

Now for the piece de resistance, fly fishing for bass. Our hosts had arranged a day of guided fly fishing on the Brazos River. Our guide was Ben Tabor, owner of Fatties on The Fly, and his associate J.D. I’m sorry to say one of our hosts was not feeling well, so there were only three of us fly fishing. The Brazos is a river that is approximately two thousand miles long, flows through several states, and is dammed in multiple locations forming many great lakes. We were going to fish below the dam that creates Possum Kingdom Lake. Having spent many summers, when growing up, on Possum Kingdom Lake, it was like old home week for me.

We launched in two inflatable rafts and begin catching small mouth bass,

almost immediately. The fly of choice was a bass popper, cast using six and seven-weight rods. The poppers were everything from big white bugs that looked, and cast, like big marshmallows, to small poppers usually used on pan fish. While we did see pan fish, they weren’t interested in our flies. In addition to the large number of small mouth bass eating my poppers, I had an alligator gars try to eat one. However, he couldn’t get his mouth around the fly. We also saw carp, but similar to the pan-fish they weren’t interested.

This cast-and-catch frenzy lasted for the two hours that we floated several miles downriver. Once we reached the turn-around spot our guides begin to row us back upstream to where we had launched. This took another couple of hours that produced more bass, one weighing in around six pounds. In addition to the six-pound bass, one of the fly fishermen, who will remain nameless, thought swimming in a deep pool in the river was a good idea. However, as it was warm with a little breeze, he dried out quickly.

This was a great few days. I got to do three of my most favorite things, see old friends, hunt dove, and fly fish. My advice, as we get older, never pass up this type of get together. It’s good for your soul.

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DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Big Game Hunting Season

Big Game permits are now available for the 2022/23 Season.

Big Game Season Dates:

SUIT Reservation

Deer, Elk & Fall Turkey

General

Sept.6 – Dec.31

Brunot Area

Deer, Elk & Fall Turkey

Aug. 27 – Nov. 27



FIELD DRESSING WORKSHOP

The Wildlife Division and The Wildlife Advisory Board will be offering a demonstration on how to field dress a big game animal for Tribal Members and immediate family.

- Learn the steps to dress an animal properly in the field
- Learn what equipment you should have with you while hunting to properly care for a harvested animal
- Get hands on experience (if you like) or just come and observe.

The workshop will be held Thursday, October 27th, 2022, at the Tribe’s Buffalo Pasture at 124 CR 324, Ignacio, CO.

Tribal Members are invited to the Sunrise Blessing at approximately 7:20 a.m. and the workshop will begin at 8:00 a.m.



For more information please contact Nicole Black at the Wildlife Division, (970) 563-0130.



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://www.southernute-nsn.gov/)

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



## MPF: Halloween fundraiser



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Volunteer LeAnn Wesley takes an order for a customer at a Halloween Haunted House Fundraiser hosted by the Multi-Purpose Facility on Wednesday, Sept. 21 in the Gathering Room. All proceeds from the fundraisers will go towards the annual Haunted House, which is set to take place at the end of October.

Multi-Purpose Facility Coordinator, Dennis Vicenti gives a bag of popcorn to a customer as part of the fundraising lunch.



## FINANCIAL AID

### Colorado Creates grants to further the arts in 28 Colorado counties

**Staff report**  
COLORADO CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Colorado Creative Industries (CCI), a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OED-IT), announced the FY2023 recipients of the Colorado Creates Grant Program. A total of 121 grants will distribute \$834,500 to arts organizations and communities across 28 Colorado counties, including Routt, La Plata, Weld and Pueblo counties.

Margaret Hunt, Director of CCI, says, "Now more than ever, the arts create community and bring people together to experience joy and celebration. Colorado Creates grants provide critical financial support to nonprofit cultural or-

vide critical support to arts and cultural organizations across the state as they provide these opportunities. Over time, we have also seen that these grants position recipients to apply for and receive additional funding, extending the impact even further. We're proud to help communities bring their visions to life."

In this grant cycle, 46% of grant funds were awarded to rural communities, and the recipient category that received the highest number of grants represented Colorado's smallest arts and cultural organizations – those operating with less than \$100,000 annually.

Colorado Creates is CCI's oldest grant program, providing critical financial support to nonprofit cultural or-

ganizations and government agencies of all sizes as they produce arts and cultural activities that enhance quality of life and bring jobs to their communities. As part of the award, grant recipients will be eligible for a second round of funding within 12 months after submitting a mid-cycle report. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and the next application deadline for Colorado Creates is spring 2023.

#### LA PLATA COUNTY

- 3rd Ave Arts
- Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center
- Durango Choral Society
- Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering Inc.
- Imaginary Friends
- Music in the Mountains

## Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Craft Day

**Monday October 17, 2022**

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

**Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun**  
**Elders Only Please**

**Please call to sign up**  
**- space is limited -**

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



## Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility Haunted Experiences



**Saturday October 29 - 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

**Sunday October 30 - 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**Halloween Night October 31 - 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**\$10 - Horror World** Skip the Line Fare - \$20/person or 5 for \$80

**\$10 - Night Terror** Leaving every 15 Minutes

**Support the Boys & Girls Club's concession while you wait!**



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

## MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

**Canning, Jam & Jelly**  
**October 11, 2022**

**Jerky and Drying**  
**October 13, 2022**

**10:00 AM - 2:30 PM**

**Beef, Elk & Bison Jerky - Fruits, and Vegetables**



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



## Multi-Purpose Facility October 2022 Events

**Canning & Jam Workshop Tuesday October 11, —10:00 AM—3:30 PM**

**Jerky & Drying Workshop Thursday October 13— 10:00 AM—3:30 PM**

**Sip, Chat & Chew Lunch Friday October 14, - 11:30 AM—1:30 PM**

----All Three Ute Tribes & Families-----

**Elder Crafting Monday October 17, - 10:00 AM—3:00 PM**

----- Elders or Adults Only Please-----

**Quilt Class—October 18 & 20 10:00 AM—3:30 PM**

**Yard Sale Saturday October 22, 2022, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**Beading Class—Tuesday & Thursday October 25 & 27, Two Sessions**  
**10:00 AM—3:30 PM or 5:30 PM—7:30 PM**

**MPF Haunted House**

**Saturday—6:00—11:00 PM**

**Sunday October 30—6:00 -10:00 PM**

**Monday October 31—6:00 —10:00 PM**



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



## Multi-Purpose Facility October Sip Chat & Chew

**Friday October 14, 2022**

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



**Luncheon for the Three Ute Tribes & Their Families**  
**Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute & Northern Ute**

**Door prize donations are welcome**

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







# Skate Jam advocates for mental health



A young rider looks off into the distance towards her family before hopping on her scooter. Skaters, bike riders, and scooter riders of all ages were able to enjoy the Piñuu Nuuchi Skate Park as they saw fit.



A local skater works his way up the side of the bowl, perfecting his form, during the Skate Park Jam. The event was open to all members of the community.



Curtis White Thunder stands with Precious Collins after winning a skate deck in the raffle event hosted by the SunUte Community Center and the Behavioral Health Division. All participants of the event were able to sign up for the raffle, and additional tickets were given out to those who completed a scavenger hunt.



Staff from San Juan Basin Health hosted one of the many booths at the Skate Park Jam that featured mental health and suicide prevention resources. Attendees could pick up stickers, pens, and pamphlets with information on the services provided within La Plata County.

**The second annual “988” Skate Park Jam was held at the PiñuuNuuchiSkateParkonFriday,Sept.24,in collaboration between the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division, SunUte Community Center, various tribal departments, and community programs within the area. As part of Suicide Prevention Month, the event introduced the new “988” number as the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, which recently went live, from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Booths from the Behavioral Health Division and San Juan Basin Public Health gave mental health resources to those in attendance and helped reiterate the importance of reaching out for help. The Skate Park was open to all members of the community and allowed for all skaters to showcase their skills and enter a raffle to win skate gear. A prayer was given by Southern Ute tribal elder, Bryon Frost in remembrance to those who have passed on. Music was provided by Oscar Cosio, with a meal provided by SunUte Community Center, and food booth by Rez Girls Catering with additional food options for purchase. An outdoor film screening of the Disney feature film, Encanto, was shown after sunset.**

**Photos by Fabian Martinez**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Tribal member, Maleina Caryl throws a bag in hopes to make it on the board during a game of Cornhole with her mother, Marie Joy. A game of cornhole was one of many options outside of skating.



Cutline Southern Ute Brave, Henry Whiteskunk introduces himself to the community and thanks attendees for their interest in the event.



Cyrus Cosio paints a rock to feature the number “988” as part of the newly created Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.



SunUte Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth and Southern Ute Health Center Native Connections Program Specialist, Precious Collins gives a special thanks to tribal elder Byron Frost and a warm welcome to attendees — kicking off the start of the annual Skate Park Jam.





# Red Willow turns 30



Red Willow Production Co. President Jason Hooten introduces Chairman Melvin J. Baker following his opening speech at the 30th Anniversary luncheon.



Warming up for the Cornhole Tournament, Executive Director Shane Seibel takes a turn tossing a bag.



Frances Richards takes a turn at a Connect4 game.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy  
The Southern Ute Drum

**Red Willow Production Company celebrates their 30th Anniversary with a catered lunch, cornhole tournament, and field games. Opening the event with stories and memories given by Red Willow President Jason Hooten, Growth Fund Executive Director Shane Seibel, and Southern Ute Tribal Council, employees reminisce on the many achievements earned over the last 30 years. Held at the LePlatt's Pond on Wednesday, Sept. 28, the event tent was filled with employees and invited guests for music, mingling, games and food to celebrate each other and Red Willow.**



Tribal Council Chairman Melvin J. Baker welcomes all attendees to the Red Willow Production Co. 30th Anniversary.



Throughout the afternoon attendees enjoy warm weather and field games.



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beginning on  
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**SPIN  
TO WIN**

**ALL CASH GIVEAWAY**



**WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$24K  
IN CASH PRIZES WEEKLY!**

For every 100 points earned in October, Ace's Club Members will earn an extra entry ticket for the Spin to Win All Cash Giveaway! Drawings to be held hourly every Saturday in October from Noon to 9PM. Each lucky winner will get to spin the Casino Cash wheel for a chance to win cash prizes from \$250-\$5,000!

**SATURDAY, OCT 8, 15, 22 & 29** | **NOON- 9PM**

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

DISCLAIMER: Ace's Club Members must earn 100 points during the promotional period to qualify to be entered into a drawing to spin the Casino Cash Wheel for a cash prize. Prizes are non-transferable. Sky Ute Casino Resort reserves the right to modify or cancel promotions at any time without notice. Must be 21 or older to enter casino. Rules apply. See Ace's Club for details.





# Chimney Rock event welcomes visitors



A family of traditional Fancy Dancers, Shawn Yazzie and daughter, Jessica Yazzie and son, Jarid Yazzie performed on Friday morning, as part of the tribal exclusive day, organized for tribal members and dignitaries.



Silhouetted by the late afternoon sun, a Pueblo dancer moves to the rhythm of the drum, performing songs traditional to the Pueblo of Acoma.



The Acoma Sky City Dancers and Howeya Family Dance Group performed traditional songs on Friday, Sept. 23 as part of the tribal exclusive day, organized for tribal members and dignitaries.



Southern Ute Royalty members, Little Miss Southern Ute (First alternate), Shane White Thunder, Miss Southern Ute, Graze Gonzales and Junior Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz listened to the presentation of speakers, prior to introducing themselves.

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“This is a footprint of our ancestors, this is just a small piece of the pueblo culture — we need them to be protected in perpetuity,” emphasized All Pueblo Council of Governors Chairman, Mark Mitchell. “We as state, federal, county, and tribal governments, we got to find a way to work together. Places like this are never far behind in our prayers ... the tribal footprint extends far.”

“We would like to thank the Department of the Interior for fulfilling their trust responsibility to the tribes,” he said.

“Chimney Rock embodies spiritual, historic and scientific resources of great value and significance,” according to Scott Owen, public affairs officer for San Juan National Forest. “Designation of Chimney Rock as a national monument honors the anthropological, geologic, hydrologic, biological, and scenic resources and enhances the understanding and appre-

ciation of these resources for visitors. Chimney Rock National Monument was designated by presidential proclamation on Sept. 21, 2012, making it the seventh national monument managed by the USDA Forest Service.”

Chimney Rock National Monument was closed to the public on Friday, Sept. 23, for exclusive use of the monument by tribal members and their families. A second day of free, interactive, and educational public events took place on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Chimney Rock National Monument, drawing over 400 visitors. The events not only recognized the 10th anniversary of the designation of the site as a national monument, but also showcased a new visitors center built in 2021, with interactive exhibits and storyboards – and a gift shop.

Dance performances were scheduled in the amphitheater throughout the week-

end, including performances by Southern Ute Heritage Dancers, Sky City Buffalo Ram Dancers, Pueblo Dance Group, Oak Canyon Dance Group, Third Mesa Dancers, Laguna Pueblo Dance Group, Acoma Sky City Dancers and Howeya Family Dancers.

“Dances connect us to our ancestors, community, and traditions while honoring gifts from our Creator,” according to a cultural statement by the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. “They ensure that life continues and connections to the past and future are reinforced.”

Chimney Rock National Monument lies on 4,726 acres of San Juan National Forest land surrounded by the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Chimney Rock Archeological Area was first listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1970, according to Wikipedia, and consists of a central 960 acres.

Photos by **Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin J. Baker gave a warm welcome to attendees at the 10th anniversary celebration. Baker spoke of his hunting experiences in the hills and mountains neighboring Chimney Rock over the years and reminded people to leave behind artifacts they might come across, as he was culturally taught to do.



Little Miss Southern Ute (First alternate) Shane White Thunder offered a traditional prayer in Ute, alongside Southern Ute Brave, Henry Whiteskunk, Little Miss Southern Ute, Cyana Whiteskunk, and Junior Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz.





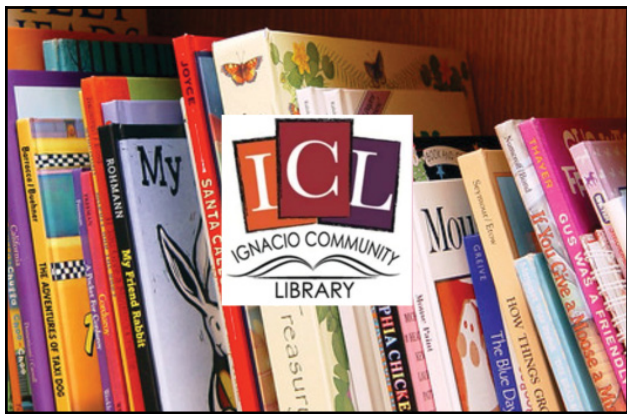
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Fall is in the air!

By Marcia R. Vining  
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

I know that people generally say that when spring is in the air, but I really love autumn and it does feel like fall is here. I like the return to the school routine, the fall colors, homecoming, and Halloween, and I LOVE the cooler temps. I hope there are things you like about this time of year as well, and I hope some of them relate to the library and our activities. Lindsay, our newest employee and our programming specialist, along with all the library staff, is creating some activities just for you this fall.

For you bookworms: Our book clubs meet each month where good food and good conversation can be found. We have a family literacy night featuring the book Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs coming up. This is a great opportunity to highlight the importance of reading with the fun of a family gathering. Meet new friends at ICL with this family program. And, of course, dinner will be provided. Also, Storytime is held on Wednesday mornings at 10 and families with kids 0- Pre-K are welcome. The kids and their



courtesy Ignacio Community Library

caregivers have a great time with songs, movement, and stories. We also have author talks that are accessible through our website. These are interviews with well-known authors that are fascinating to watch or listen to.

For fall and Halloween, we have a family craft time where you can create some spooky or autumn crafts. We provide the materials, and all ages are welcome. Ron is ready in the IdeaLab to help your family create one-of-a kind costumes or props each Friday and Saturday in October. Our second Trunk or Treat will be on Monday, Oct. 31 starting at 4p.m. and we are hosting a Spooky House contest this month for those creative kids!

For those of you who like me, enjoy the return

to routine, all of our regular programs are happening; our knitting group has grown over the summer, and they are working on beautiful projects, and Christmas is right around the corner! They are a fun group and always willing to help you get started, admire your work, or help you stay on track to finish your projects.

Greg Dotson, the veteran services officer is here the first Wednesday of the month and no appointment is needed, and our free legal clinic is on the second Friday. We have tech support and an open art studio during the month. Call or stop in to check out any of these programs.

There's a bunch happening just up the road at ICL, and we'd love to have you join us.

Mastering the machine



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Food Distribution held a free forklift training which was open to staff from tribal departments, individual tribal members, and other Native Americans, who wanted to be forklift certified. Southern Ute tribal member and TIS front desk receptionist, Elijah Weaver moves wooden pallets as part of his forklift training, Thursday, Sept. 28.

Tribal Information Services Administrative Assistant, Samantha Maez, hones her skills at operating an electric forklift during a certified forklift training, Thursday, Sept. 28. The program was hosted by Southern Ute Food Distribution in an effort to get more tribal departments qualified as forklift operators.



COMMUNITY EVENT

Community fruit harvest in Bayfield area benefits humans and bears

Staff report  
PINE RIVER SHARES

Pine River Shares and Bear Smart Durango have teamed up again this year to present the 4th Annual Bayfield Area Community Fruit Harvest with activities and events taking place October 13-15 in the Pine River Valley. Community members are invited to join in the fun and productive activities from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. that include joining a gleaning team to harvest apples and/or dropping off donated apples, and helping to wash,

sort and press apples into cider. On Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., stop by for the Community Apple Share and free Community Cook Out as well as apple cider vinegar making demos, along with and free apples and mash and cider for all. Bring your favorite apple pie dessert of recipe.

Not only is the community fruit harvest a celebration of the rich and long agricultural heritage in the Pine River Valley, but it is also a proven strategy in reducing bear-human conflict. Bryan Peterson, Di-

rector of Bear Smart Durango offered, “Many residents think apples are a natural food for bears; they’re not. Apples are another human food source that brings bears near people, increasing the likelihood of something unfortunate happening. Removing that food source really helps in making our communities safer for both people and bears. And gleaning apples feeds the community! Win, win.”

Call Pine River Shares at 970-884-6040 if you have apples you have picked and want to drop off for donation.

Paving the way



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The intersection of Rolling Thunder Ave. and Elk St. receives a new layer of pavement by Four Corners Materials, a subcontractor of WCA Construction LLC, on Monday, Oct. 3. This is the final intersection to be completed in the Cedar Point Housing Road Improvement Project which was started in July to fix roads within the subdivision and was led by the Tribal Planning Department. The project will be stopped for the winter season and will resume in the spring or summer of 2023.

*Dancing Spirit*  
**Calling all Artists**  
Our Artist Co-op Gallery will be hosting a grand opening on November 17-19th! We are looking for local artists who want to display their work and share their knowledge of the arts!  
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BUILDING A HEALTHY FOOD SYSTEM IN THE PINE RIVER VALLEY  
**BAYFIELD AREA ANNUAL COMMUNITY FRUIT HARVEST**  
**COMMUNITY APPLE HARVEST DAYS**  
OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> THRU 15<sup>TH</sup>  
10AM-2PM DAILY  
• JOIN A GLEANING TEAM!  
• DROP OFF APPLES TO SHARE  
• HELP SORT, WASH & PRESS  
**COMMUNITY APPLE HARVEST FRIDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
CREWS AND VOLUNTEERS GLEANING TREES IN DOWNTOWN BAYFIELD  
ALL ACTIVITIES AT:  
PINE RIVER SHARES  
658 S. EAST STREET, BAYFIELD  
**COMMUNITY APPLE SHARE & COOKOUT**  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
10AM-2PM  
JOIN US SATURDAY FOR FREE COOKOUT  
APPLE CIDER VINEGAR MAKING DEMOS, & MORE.  
FREE APPLES, APPLE MASH, AND CIDER FOR ALL.  
BRING YOUR FAVORITE APPLE PIE, DESSERT OR RECIPE  
TO LEARN MORE, CALL PINE RIVER SHARES AT 970-884-6040





HAALAND WELCOMES EXPANSION • FROM PAGE 1



courtesy Patrick Barham Quesada

Colorado U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper joined Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland (second from left) at the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site.

Hickenlooper said. “It is our solemn responsibility at the Department of the Interior, as caretakers of America’s national treasures, to tell the story of our nation. The events that took place here forever changed the course of the Northern Cheyenne, Northern Arapaho, and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes,” Secretary Haaland said. “We will never forget the hundreds of lives that were brutally taken here – men, women and children murdered in an unprovoked attack. Stories like the Sand Creek Massacre are not easy to tell but it is my duty – our duty – to ensure that they are told.

This story is part of America’s story.” Bennet has long supported the expansion and improvement of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site. In 2015, Bennet secured an amendment in the National Defense Authorization Act allowing federal funding to be used on non-federally owned property in certain circumstances, enabling the completion of the visitor center. In May 2020, Bennet wrote to the acting NPS director supporting the addition of this acreage to the National Historic Site. The acquisition was made possible through funding from the LWCF. Since his arrival to the U.S. Senate, Bennet has championed

LWCF, introducing legislation to fully fund the program in every Congress since 2010. In 2020, he introduced the bipartisan Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) to permanently and fully fund LWCF. GAOA was signed into law in August 2020. The land addition announced today will allow the NPS to increase public opportunities to experience and interpret the site’s stories and history. In addition, the expansion of the historic site will contribute to one of the most intact shortgrass prairie ecosystems within the National Park system, providing habitat for a wide range of plants, wildlife and species of special concern.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Ignacio Area Housing Needs Study



Survey Information

Who Should Participate?  
Tribal Members, Staff, and Community Members

How to Participate?  
Visit <https://bit.ly/3Rac6xR> or scan QR Code

Deadline

October 7, 2022 by 5 p.m.



In collaboration with  
GF Properties Group and SEH, Inc.

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. Adequate housing has been a longstanding and ongoing project for Tribal Council.

Tribal Council requested GF Properties Group, in collaboration with the Executive Office, to oversee the new Ignacio Area Housing Study. The feedback collected will serve as the future tribal housing developments for generations to come. Leadership encourages participation in this study.

Questions?

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Save the Date

2022 General Election  
Meet-the-Candidates Night

Tuesday, October 11, 2021 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

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

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

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

970.563.0100

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE  
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE  
GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 04, 2022

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS  
NOTICE – VOTE FOR TWO (2)

- ☐ Marvin J. Pinnecoose
- ☐ Edward Burch Box III
- ☐ Matthew J. Box
- ☐ Marjorie D. Barry
- ☐ Conrad Thompson

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE(S) RECEIVING  
THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES  
SHALL BE ELECTED.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
TWO (2) TRIBAL COUNCIL SEATS

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

GENERAL ELECTION

Friday, November 04, 2022, 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. held at 285 Lakin Street in Ignacio

NOTICE OF ELECTION – Wednesday, October 05, 2022

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Wednesday, October, 26, 2022

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE – Wednesday, October 26, 2022

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE REQUEST DEADLINE – Thursday, November 03, 2022

Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2729  
Off reservation tribal member: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
Email: [election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)

ELECT  
MARVIN  
PINNECOOSE



Southern Ute Tribal Council



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BOTH THE RESERVATION &  
THE BRUNOT AREA  
During Office Hours  
Mon- Fri  
Please call 563-0130





Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Nate Hendren (6) cuts in behind a Zane Ross (52) block for a big-gainer during the Bobcats' 38-0 road win Friday, Sept. 30, at Trinidad.

## BOBCATS FOOTBALL

# Bobcats bounce back from blowout loss

*Shutout win lights IHS' fuse for Homecoming*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Tightly sandwiched between the sideline and a boundary fence, Ignacio's bench area still wasn't as crowded Friday night, Sept. 30, as one would expect, and head coach Alfonso 'Ponch' Garcia couldn't help but grin.

"I've got 14 players," he said as warmups wound down. "Well, a couple are still learning the game, so ... 13-and-a-half?"

Considering sophomore Kendrick Nossaman was playing with a re-injured left hand, that number could have been rounded down to 13-and-a-quarter – and still it was enough to trounce Trin-

idad 38-0 in 1A Southern Peaks Conference action.

"It was pretty crazy," said junior Marcus Maez, who recorded one of IHS' two interceptions. "We only had three subs, and really had to condition ourselves. So, we ran this whole week of practice, got our conditioning in and I think we all did fine."

"Don't get tired," sophomore Charlie Pargin summarized. "We only had, what, 14? It was rough but we got 'er done."

And it didn't take long for the Bobcats to establish dominance upon Dutch Nogel Field at Miners Stadium, with Zane Ross recovering a THS fumble on the very first play from scrimmage. Set up at the Trinidad

45 with 11:42 left in the first quarter, Ignacio scored eight plays later when senior John Riepel hit junior Devante Montoya for a 13-yard touchdown 3:27 later.

Riepel then threw a dart to Gabe Archuleta for the two-point conversion, giving the freshman his first prep-level points.

Off tracked by two penalties pushing them from mid-field back to their own 36, the Miners' second possession then ended when Montoya intercepted sophomore running back Jayden Maxfield's option pass at the THS 49 and returned it 25 yards to the 24 with 5:08 left. Almost comically, the 'Cats (3-1, 1-0

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## IGNACIO TRAVELS, DOUBLE-DIPS • FROM PAGE 1

went ahead for good via a four-contact violation resulting from a Harmony Reynolds spike. Marissa Olguin would bring up game point, 24-9, with a cross-court kill assisted by Howe, and after RHS avoided defeat when Reynolds served out of bounds, the 'Cats went up 2-0 in the contest when Lady Demon senior Ashleigh Richards attacked into the net.

Beginning with a Brunson serve unable to be fielded, IHS led Game 3 wire-to-wire and secured victory – requiring less than an hour – when Sierra Red served back-to-back aces after a Cosio kill.

"It's like they were sleeping," lamented Ridgway head coach Shantel Messer. "I think they kind of got into their heads, like most the girls do, when they started making bad touches. From this, you just have to (address) being a team not pumping each other up and blaming each other for missed stuff."

Brunson finished the morning match with a 15-assist, 10-ace double-double. Cosio totaled nine kills while Howe and Reynolds were each credited with three. All told, Ignacio racked up 29 aces, with Strohl, Kacey Brown, and Red each logging five.

In the afternoon affair, Cosio downed a dozen kills and Reynolds upped her count to seven as Brunson (seven aces) again totaled 15 assists. Howe and Strohl each recorded four kills and Brown three out of the back row, and Howe booked four aces out of the Volleys' 21 (Reynolds and Strohl each chipped in three).

"We actually played pretty hard," said RHS senior Claire Lindley. "Usually we start off



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Solymar Cosio (20) blasts a kill shot against Ridgway's Sophia Scranton (6) during SJBL road action Saturday afternoon, Oct. 1, at RHS. Cosio totaled 21 kills as the Volleys twice defeated the Lady Demons (25-8, 25-10, 25-5; 25-15, 25-19, 25-16).

bad, but we got it back a bit more ... even though we lost. We still fought for it more than usual; I think we learned to play how we wanted to play, play for fun more than just, like, being super-hard on ourselves."

Other than early in Game 2 during the first match, the Lady Demons' closest brush with victory came midway through Game 2 in the second. Trailing 16-6 after Brown aced Anikah Jordan, Lindley hammered RHS' first real kill shot, getting herself on serve at 16-7. She would hold serve until Howe finally smashed down

a RHS over-pass, regaining Ignacio the serve at 17-14.

"It was a little nerve-wracking, for sure," Lindley said. "I was very scared to mess up, but I was focused and ready."

More or less content with bagging two largely lopsided road wins in league play, the 'Cats know they'll have to be even more focused and ready for the battles to come.

"I think we all have to be playing our best right now," Brunson stated. "I mean, it's going to be tough; there's going to be a lot of people, a lot of noise, a lot of pressure. So, we're all going to have to play our best."

## BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

# 'Cats accept Chicken Creek Challenge

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Putting forth the type of 'pack' performance all cross-country coaches preach, Ignacio High's four boys, stuck in the middle of 67 entrants competing in Mancos' 2022 Chicken Creek Challenge, nevertheless managed to cross the finish line in succession, helping IHS record a seventh-place adjusted score-4 result of 90 points.

Freshman Aven Bourriague was the top 'Cat in the race, placing 32nd in 22 minutes, 10.19 seconds. Classmates Dillon Brann (22:10.68) and Trace Crane (22:18.27) finished 33rd and 34th, and junior Corey Gomez (22:18.34) took 35th overall.

Winning the individual title was Blanding, Utah, San Juan junior Edward Lyman, who clocked 18:09.56 and beat Monticello, Utah, junior Jesse Pettit (18:20.40) by near-

ly 11 seconds. First to finish from a Colorado school was Sargent junior Westen Burkhart, who placed third in 18:56.98 (Bayfield junior Tristan Sager was the second to finish, placing eighth in 19:46.78).

SJHS totaled a winning-low 20 points, while Monticello placed second with 27 and BHS third with 47. Shiprock, N.M., took fourth with 59 points, and Montezuma Creek, Utah, Whitehorse rounded out the top five with 79. Monument Valley, Utah's 89 points ranked sixth, and Shiprock, N.M., Northwest (117) finished eighth.

Shiprock sophomore Taylor Begay earned the girls' championship, with her 22:00.39 well ahead of Mancos sophomore Teagan Archer's 22:27.83. Clocking 23:27.18, Monticello sophomore Mariah Long came in third with classmates Lilly Burton (23:27.81) and Ayla Carling (23:30.09) round-

ing out the top five.

Had the Lady Buckaroos entered one more runner, the team title would likely have been theirs. Instead, the first-place chase came down to a tiebreaker; Many Farms, Ariz., and the meet-hosting Lady Jays each tallied a score-4 total of 32 points, meaning first place was determined by each crew's No. 5 runner – with Mancos sophomore Sarah Knezek placing 21st and MFHS soph Abrianna Chato 28th.

Third place went to Dolores (35), with Whitehorse (59), Shiprock (63), Montezuma-Cortez (86) and SJHS (99) following.

Posting a time of 28 minutes, 40.96 seconds, Ignacio junior Lauren deKay placed 33rd out of 55 finishers.

Now in the 2022 season's final month, IHS will next lace 'em up to compete Friday afternoon, Oct. 7, in Durango at the Four Corners Southwest Challenge held at Hillcrest Golf Course.

## X-country thrives in 3rd season



courtesy Dana Talamante-Montoya

Ignacio Middle School cross-country athletes competed Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Pagosa Springs meet held at Reservoir Hill. The weather was a brisk 51 degrees, perfect for running. The ground was damp from the recent rains, but runners were calm, cool, and confident. The course is situated above Pagosa Springs, Colo. with twists and turns that take runners through hills, trees, and spectacular views of the mountains; it is both an amazing and challenging course. In spite of the challenge the course presented to our athletes, all students who competed Saturday, achieved new personal records. It was a fantastic day for IMS cross country athletes, coaches, and families. This is IMS' third year competing in this running sport. IMS cross-country is coached by Spencer Cone and Celeste Haverkamp. The staff of IMS are so proud of our students and how much they have grown this cross-country season. Pictured left to right: Samara Valdez, Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz, Coach Cone, Selia Montoya, Thunder Windy Boy, Judah Ashley, Elias Pena and Coach Celeste.

## FLC meet & greet at SunUte



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Local soccer fans had the opportunity to meet the Fort Lewis Men's and Women's Soccer teams on Thursday, Sept. 29 at the SunUte Community Center. Children of all ages enjoyed spending time with the Fort Lewis Men's and Women's Soccer teams, dribbling soccer balls, playing games, and enjoying dinner provided by SunUte Community Center.

SunUte Community Center staff stand alongside Fort Lewis Men's and Women's Soccer Coaches at the conclusion of the meet and greet event. The following day, SunUte Community Center shuttled local youth to watch the Skyhawks Soccer Games on Friday, Sept. 30 at Fort Lewis College.





## EXO awards parade winners



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Wildlife Division Head Steve Whiteman proudly holds the first-place Executive Office award during the celebratory luncheon for the Division of Natural Resources (DNR) on Thursday, Sept. 22 at the SunUte Community Center. During the 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair Parade all Permanent Fund departments that participated in this year's parade were judged for an award given by Executive Officer James "Mike" Olguin. The winners of the Executive Office award were selected based on float design, detail, float assembly and parade participation.



Chief Financial Officer Christine Hudgens displays the Second Place Executive Office Award on Wednesday, Sept. 21. The Finance Department celebrated their accomplishments with lunch at the Willows Bistro restaurant.



The Southern Ute Education Dept. placed third for the Executive Office award for their entry into the 100th Annual Southern Ute Fair Parade, the department accepted the award on Friday, Sept. 23 at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

### 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,  
**Christina Jean Herrera, Deceased**  
Case No.: 2022-112-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **NOVEMBER 14, 2022 at 3:00 PM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

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

#### LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF TRIAL

To: **Christopher Joseph Ralph Cloud.**  
In The Case Of  
**Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority, Plaintiff**  
**V. Valerie C. Thompson (F/K/A Valerie C. Eustace)**  
**and Christopher Joseph Ralph Cloud, Defendants**  
Case No. 22-CV-047

Take notice that Plaintiff has filed in this Court a complaint seeking damages against you. You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of Plaintiff by filing with the Court Clerk an answer or other response to the complaint within twenty-one (21) days after service of this summons upon

you, or before your hearing date of Monday, December 5, 2022, at 9:30 A.M. Service will be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint and all filings in the case may be obtained from the Court Clerk. Trial in this matter is set for **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022 at 9:30 A.M.** at Southern Ute Tribal Court, 149 CR 517, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-0240. If you fail to answer, or appear for said trial, the Court may grant the relief sought by Plaintiff. On the trial date, you should bring with you all books, papers, witnesses needed by you to establish any defenses you might have to Plaintiff's claims. If you wish to present a counterclaim, you must pay a fee of \$50.00.

Done and signed this 26th Day of September, 2022  
Paul W. Whistler, Tribal Court Judge

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND SETTING HEARING**  
**Priority Sales & Rental, Plaintiff,**  
**V. Adelia Scott, Defendant.**  
Case No.: 22-CV-106

This matter came before the court for a hearing on October 3, 2022. Plaintiff appeared, but service has not been made on the Defendant. The Court Finds And Orders: Plaintiff appeared and was present in court, but service has not been made on the Defendant Adelia Scott, who did not appear. The Court FINDS reasonable efforts have been made to serve the Defendant, and personal service has not been possible. Therefore, the Court hereby ORDERS that Defendant Adelia Scott shall be served by publication pursuant to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code ("SUITC") §2-1- 103(2)(d). Plaintiff shall cause notice of the summons and complaint, and notice of the next court hearing, to appear in the Southern Ute Drum, a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the Defendant's last known address for three (3) consecutive publications, and shall return proof of such publication on or before the next hearing date. This matter is set for hearing on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

Done and signed this 3rd Day of October, 2022  
Paul W. Whistler, Tribal Court Judge

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### GENEROSITY APPRECIATED

We would like to extend our Thank You to all who individually donated within the Southern Ute Tribe and the Growth Fund to the Taypotat Yazzie Family from Canada. Your support and generosity are appreciated.

*Toghoayagh,  
Kaylee Cuthair and Rochelle Aguilar*

### HERRERA FAMILY THANKS

We wish to thank every person and Tribal Department that came to help our family and loved ones during the passing of our sweet beloved Christina Jean Herrera last month (Sept. 2, 2022). All the prayers, hugs, food, respect and thoughtfulness has been much appreciated.

Those families and individuals that brought food and water, those who watched her fire during the four days, those who brought fire wood, those who provided tables and chairs, all the singers (family and friends) and the drum and those who helped and shared during our sorrows while giving loving support, those who shared stories

of their moments with Christina and all the laughs and pranks, those who offered personal memories of the encouraging words and support given them by Christina, those who remembered the beauty that shined from her and her smile and laughter.

To all the Tribal departments and agencies that assisted and showed their professionalism and utmost respect for Christina and our family – So. Ute Police Dept., officers and dispatchers and coroner and investigators, Pine River and Ignacio Emergency Services, So. Ute Victim Services, Sun-Ute Community Center and Multipurpose Facility as well as numerous other Tribal departments that gave support, and Hood Mortuary and staff for their patience and professionalism and respect.

We are humbled and thankful for the flowers, baskets, cards, calls, texts, messages and prayers given from your hearts to our family during our mourning. Please know that you are all in our prayers as well and there are no words to express our thanks.

*May God bless!  
The Washington and Herrera families*

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#### 2022 Annual Fall Clean-Up

**October 17 through 21 only! No pickups over the weekend or the week after.**

Southern Ute Property and Facilities  
Tyson Thompson, Director  
970-563-2945

Tribal Departments, Tribal Members, and any tenant of the Southern Ute Housing Authority. We will not pick up for non-tribal tenants living in Tribal Member owned rental homes. All pick-ups must be within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation only. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE AREA** and general trash **MUST BE BAGGED FOR PICK UP.** No Pickups will be made without prior scheduling with the homeowner or department. **APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

If you have tires, only 4 tires per household will be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

We will not pull your trailer to the transfer station for you.

**Tribal Elders. If you need assistance with bagging and piling of your trash, please contact the TERO Department at 970-563-0117.**

All vehicle disposals please call Building Maintenance at **970-563-0265.**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE.** If think your trash is hazardous waste, or you cannot identify the waste, please call the Assistant Environmental Programs Manager (AEPM) at 970-563-2272. If the pickup teams suspect that your trash may contain hazardous waste, or it is not identifiable, we will call Environmental Programs.

**Large site or dangerous HAZARDOUS WASTE** testing and cleanup will be completed at the homeowner's expense.

Motor Pool, 970-563-0280, Tribal Member homes west of the Pine River except those listed below.

Building Maintenance, 970-563-0265, Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes on Cr 314, Cr 315, Cr 316, and Cr 311. **ALL VEHICLES.**

Grounds Maintenance, 970-563-0272, Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes located in Cedar Point East & West, Ignacio Peak and the La Boca area west of the Pine River, Tribal Member tenants of Quicha's Apartments.

Construction Services, 970-563-0260, Tribal members within the Town of Ignacio and Tribal Member homes east of the Pine River.

Southern Ute Housing Authority, 970-563-4575, Southern Ute Housing Authority renters and Senior Center occupants are to contact the Southern Ute Housing Authority.



## did you know?

**Chlorophyll, the chemical that allows plants to make their own food from sunlight, also gives leaves their green color. Shorter days and cooler temperatures in the fall are a signal for plants to stop making chlorophyll. As the chlorophyll breaks down, the green color disappears, and the color of other pigments within a leaf become visible.**

Source: <https://sciinks.gov/leaves-color/>



Image Sources: <https://www.pinterest.com/jresortapoco/fall-in-colorado/> and <https://education.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/fall-colors>

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division Assistant Programs Manager, Brenna Kampf, at 970-563-2272 or [bkampf@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bkampf@southernute-nsn.gov) with any questions or comments.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| • Distribution, Fri., Oct. 28  | NOON, Tue. Oct. 25, 2022                |
| • Distribution, Thur., Nov. 10 | NOON, Mon., Nov. 7, 2022 (Changed Date) |
| • Distribution, Wed., Nov. 23  | NOON, Fri., Nov. 18, 2022               |
| • Distribution, Thur., Dec. 8  | NOON, Mon., Dec. 5, 2022                |

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

## Drum Deadline

Next issue  
**Oct. 21**

Deadline  
**Oct. 17**

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

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## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSURE

Southern Ute Tribal Administrative Offices will be closed, Monday, Oct. 10, 2022 in observance of Indigenous People's Day. Offices will reopen Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022.





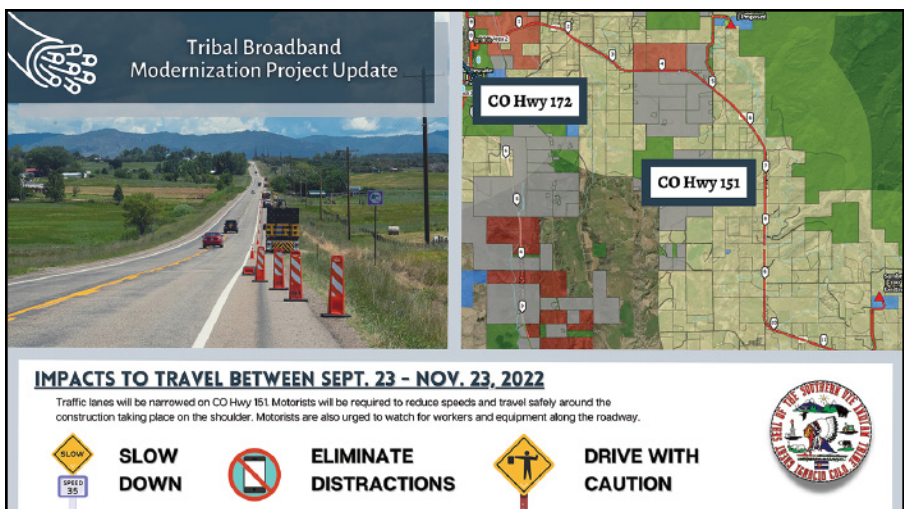
## Tribal Broadband Modernization Project Construction

### Travel Impacts on CO Hwy 151

Bonfire Engineering will begin construction on two separate sections as outlined in Phase I of the tribal broadband project. The first section will begin at the intersection of CO Highway 172 and CO Highway 151, heading east on CO Highway 151. Crews will start on construction at the intersection of CO Highway 172 and CO Highway 151 working east on CO Highway 151 to mile marker 12. Construction will take place along the shoulder of the roadway. Please see attached map. The broadband project will include trenching, boring, and plowing to lay fiber, as well as reclamation and seeding. Construction vehicles and fiber spools will be visible on the shoulder. Construction will begin on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, and conclude on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022. Hours of operation will be from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Travel Impact: Traffic lanes will be narrowed on both CO Highway 172. Motorists will be required to reduce speeds and travel safely around the construction taking place on the side of the road. Please remember to slow down in construction zones, eliminate distractions and drive with extra caution. Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway.

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

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



## Notice: Firewood Distribution

Firewood season begins Monday, Oct. 3, 2022 through April 30, 2023

You may call the Forestry Division at 970-563-4780 Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to place an order for firewood. Firewood may be picked up from the Forestry Fuels Yard Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and from 12:30 – 4 p.m. Firewood deliveries for Tribal member elders residing within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Reservation occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the order in which they are received. No firewood pickups or deliveries will occur on Fridays. To be eligible for the firewood program you must be a Southern Ute Tribal member 18 years and older and have a functioning firewood place or wood stove at your primary residence.

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**



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

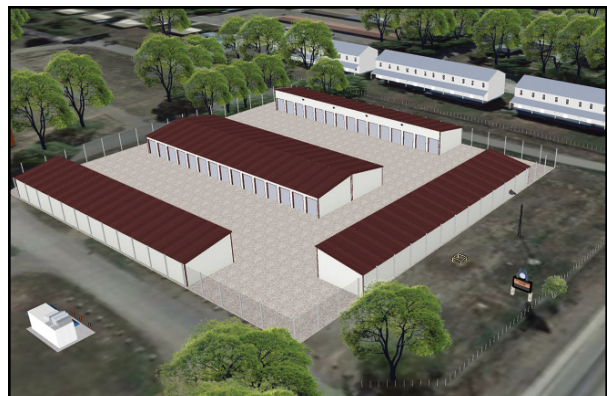
## SUFG boat storage



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Contractors break ground on the Tribe's proposed boat storage facility, with dirt work and excavation underway – concrete foundations are set to be completed ahead of winter. The project was scheduled for the summer of 2022, but due to factors beyond the Tribe's control, such as inflation, lack of contractors bidding on the project, and overall economic downturn – the project was pushed back until the fall season, with completion slated for late spring of 2023.

Architectural rendering for the boat storage project, located off of Hwy. 151, at the entrance to the Southern Ute Fairgrounds, east of Ignacio. The storage facility will benefit the Southern Ute Fairgrounds operations as a year-round revenue driver for years to come.



## ENTER FOR LOGO CONTEST WINNER TAKES ALL

SEPTEMBER 19



NOVEMBER 21

Tribal Planning is looking to the membership for a talented artist to create their very own Tribal Department Logo.

Cash Prize: \$300

Contact for more info:  
Roman Seibel – Admin Support  
[rseibel@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:rseibel@southernute-nsn.gov)  
(970) 563-2283

## RULES

1. MUST BE TRIBAL MEMBER.
2. LOGO CONTEST STARTS SEPT 19<sup>TH</sup> AND ENDS NOV 21<sup>ST</sup>. THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED NOV 26<sup>TH</sup>.
3. SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FULL NAME(S) OF THE PERSON(S) WHO DESIGNED THE LOGO, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND/OR POSTAL ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER.
4. LOGO CAN BE SUBMITTED IN A TEAM OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION.
5. THE LOGO MUST BE APPROPRIATE FOR A PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS SETTING.
6. ALL SUBMITTED WORK MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF ENTRY AND MUST NOT INCLUDE, OR BE BASED ON, OR DERIVED FROM ANY PRE-EXISTING OR THIRD-PARTY DESIGNS, TRADEMARKS, OR COPYRIGHT IMAGES.
7. THE SELECTED WINNER WILL BE ASKED TO RE-SUBMIT THEIR LOGO, SO THAT IT CAN BE SUBMITTED IN JPEG OR PDF FILE.
8. BY SUBMITTING ANY LOGO INTO THE CONTEST, THE WINNER AGREES THAT ANY AND ALL WORK IN THE CONTEST ARE ASSIGNED TO TRIBAL PLANNING.
9. EACH CONTESTANT WILL SUBMIT THEIR WORK TO MY EMAIL PROVIDED OR DROPPED BY MY OFFICE AT THE ANNEX BUILDING (116 MEMORIAL DR. COLORADO 81137 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR OFFICE 211).
10. CONTESTANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT WE DO AS A DEPARTMENT. <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-planning/>
11. THIS LOGO WILL BE USED ON OUR TRIBAL PLANNING WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, POSTERS, AND ANYWHERE TP DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

Southern Ute Tribal Planning





## Public Notice of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/ State of Colorado Environmental Commission Meeting

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission (Commission) will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022 at 2 – 5 p.m. at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building- EPD Large Conference Room located at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137. The agenda will include Call to Order/ Introductions, New Business, Tribal Air Quality Program Updates, 2020 Comprehensive Emission Inventory Update, Minor Source Program Update, Long Term Plan Update, Reservation Air Code Revisions, CDPHE Updates, Open Discussion/Questions and Public Comment, and Schedule Next Commission Meeting. For more information or a copy of the meeting agenda please contact Mr. Matt Wampler, Air Quality Technical Manager at 970-563-2202 or visit the Commission website at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/>

### Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 09/21/22

**UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRANSFER STATION  
2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**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:

**October 5th / November 2nd  
December 7th / January 4th**

*Settle your payments before 10AM*

**FALL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- October Shut-Off Day is Wednesday, 10/5/22
- Utilities Office & Transfer Station CLOSED on OCTOBER 10th.
- New Utility Rate Sheet mailed out September 15th. New rates are effective October 1, 2022
- Need help unloading heavy items at the Transfer Station? Call Utilities Office to coordinate assistance at the ramp with mattresses, large items, heavy trash bags, etc.
- Tribal Fall Cleanup Dates: October 17th– 21st.

**2022 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per Household.**

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

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one Priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the [www.bgsu.org](http://www.bgsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

### POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – Mâykh! 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).

### KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open until filled – KSUT now has two openings on our board of directors – one for a Southern Ute Tribal Member and one Native American at Large, 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.

### 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?

### 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.

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Call for more info or to apply.  
**Bethany Powell**  
**970.385.2098**

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

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**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

**Cultural Preservation Director (So. Ute members only)**  
Closes 10/17/22 – A professional management position with the overall responsibility for supervising the Culture Department to ensure the provision of cultural related services and the formulation, planning, implementation and management of tribal language, cultural and historic programs and various related activities. Provides direction, support, guidance, and information to external departments and other organizations and/or individuals to promote and maintain the integrity and continuity of all cultural aspects and interests of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Shall ensure all actions of the Department are based upon and effectively express the cultural values, principles, and perspectives of the Southern Ute Tribe and made in best interest of the tribal membership. Pay grade E17; Pay starts at \$75,321.13/year.

**Gaming Investigator I**  
Closes 10/18/22 – An entry level position located under the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (DOG). Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, incumbent works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement / Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

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

**Cashier**  
Open Until Filled – Provides general clerical support to the Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable and Payroll offices and serves as cashier. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

**Chief of Police**  
Open Until Filled – 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; Pay starts at \$86,609.29/annually.

**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; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

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

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

**Dispatcher**  
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

**Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute 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. 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; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

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

**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; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

**Grant Writer**  
Open Until Filled – Planning, writing, editing, and preparing grant applications, conducting prospect/foundation/federal agency research, working closely with Tribal staff members on grant application matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations including financial and budget reporting. Pay grade E11; Pay starts at \$41,456.65/year.

**Grounds Maintenance Worker**  
Open Until Filled – Performs daily grounds maintenance and repair of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

**Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)**  
Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

**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, 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; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

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

**Loan Coordinator**  
Open Until Filled – Provides clerical, secretarial, and client support to the Tribal Credit Division as needed. Presents positive and professional image to Tribal employees and the public. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/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; Pay 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; Pay starts at \$23.81/hour.

**Peer Recovery Coach (Part-time)**  
Open Until Filled – Will engage individuals with substance use disorders with a goal of referral into treatment and recovery services. The goal is to connect people in need of treatment to services within their communities and across the state. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

**Public Education Tutor (Temp/Part-time)**  
Open Until Filled – Guiding students to improve their academic performance through extended lessons, creative teaching, and interactive materials. Will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Position is temporary/part-time at a pay rate of \$30.00/hour.

**Small Business Specialist Trainee (So. Ute members only)**  
Open Until Filled – 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

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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. Position 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.

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

**Social Worker**  
Open Until Filled – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/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; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

**TEAM Worker (So. Ute members only)**  
Open Until Filled – The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. For both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

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

**Tribal Apprenticeship Program (So. Ute members only)**  
Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SU Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. 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 depts. 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 access what options may be available.

**Tribal Attorney**  
Open Until Filled – Works with other attorneys in the Tribe's in-house Legal Department to provide legal representation, advice, and support to Tribal Council, Tribal officials, and Tribal Departments on a broad range of subjects. A strong command of Federal Indian law and understanding of tribal sovereignty in this position is essential, as is an ability to provide legal advice on a variety of topics in a fast-paced environment.

**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; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

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

**Water Quality Specialist – Animas River Coordinator**  
Open Until Filled – Develops and administers the San Juan Watershed water quality program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is solely grant funded. Employment is contingent upon annual funding from the US EPA grant funding or other outside sources. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.63/year.

**Wildlife Biologist**  
Open Until Filled – Development and administration of the Terrestrial Wildlife program addressing wildlife resources management and conservation for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on the Reservation. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

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The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Permanent Fund is looking for TEAM Temporary Workers. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member. The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions. Contact Rochelle Aguilar Southern Ute Human Resources Assistant, 970-563-2990 or stop by at Leonard C. Burch Bldg., 356 Ouray Drive Ignacio, CO 81137 to complete the employment application.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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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 daily and is responsible for setting up and the functionality of all AV components.

**\*Banquets Manager (Full-time)**  
Oversees the catering operations of the Sky Ute Casino Resort, directly managing the Banquet Coordinators and Event Staff. Oversees client events and relations, manages a collaborative team, and maintains vendor relations. Provides a consistent product and experience, achieving revenue targets, managing costs, and ensures and Event Staff are focused and demonstrating Guest Centric attitude and culture.

**\*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.

**Bowling and Rec. Counter Clerk (Full-time)**  
Greeting guests in a friendly manner, informs guests of center services, promotions, and prices. Rents, sells, or issues sporting equipment and supplies such as bowling shoes and golf balls. Responsible for operating the cash register, computer, and equipment in the bowling alley. Properly assigns guests to lanes, monitors activity to ensure adherence to rules and safety procedures, keeps track of open play lanes, and handles telephone inquiries.

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

**\*Count Team Staff (Full-time)**  
Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the Gaming Revenue Departments. Pulls the containers and counts or verifies the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming’s Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

**\*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)**  
Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms.

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 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.

**\*Facilities Tech (Full-time)**  
Electrical and mechanical functions, operations of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and ap-

pearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment and building by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

**\*Kitchen Steward Supervisor (Full-time)**  
Training, supervising, and working with utility staff to provide a clean and safe working environment, exceeding all health and sanitation requirements from the county and state. Ensures proper receiving, storage, and rotation of food products; schedules utility staff with proper coverage; and adheres to control procedures for cost and quality.

**Line Cook (Full-time)**  
Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

**\*Night Auditor (Full-time)**  
Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers and promotes the Casino Hotel. Answering phones, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

**\*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.

**\*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.

**\*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 maintain a professional, courteous, and communicative relationship with the Casino customers and employees.

**\*Senior Facilities Staff Member (Full-time)**  
Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

**\*Slot Technician II (Full-time)**  
Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation, and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal gaming device performance. Reports to the Slot Technician Supervisor.

**\*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 Video Technician (Full-time)**  
Installing, repairing, and performing preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV cameras, recording devices, upgraded equipment, and related wiring on property. Technical troubleshooting using basin electronic testing equipment.

**\*Willows Server (Full-time)**  
Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages. Taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Shift Covers Breakfast and Lunch only.

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BOBCATS BOUNCE BACK • FROM PAGE 14

SPC) then gifted the football back to Trinidad in the form of a botched center-quarter-back exchange.

Bouncing back from the previous Friday’s 42-0 blow-out loss at 2A Montezuma-Cortez, in which two regulars were ejected for fighting and thus ineligible for the trip to Trinidad, it would be the only turnover IHS would commit – and the Miners (0-5, 0-1 SPC) failed to capitalize, with David Romero punting the pigskin away on the 15th play of a drive which gained just 34 yards but consumed about 8 minutes, 20 seconds as it plodded into the second stanza.

Montoya returned the kick an impressive 35 yards out to the IHS 44, and four plays later was called for holding while throwing a pancake block along the Bobcats’ sideline, right as Riepel sped by en route to an apparent 27-yard score. Ignacio’s series would die on downs after a Riepel toss to Montoya was snuffed out for a five-yard loss, but points would quickly come.

Pargin would snuff out Romero’s next punt and drop him for a six-yard loss, setting the ‘Cats up at Trinidad’s 18 with 3:48 left until half-time. Two penalties and three plays later, Riepel (unoff. 15-126 rushing; 4-of-10 passing, 60 yards) crashed in from six yards out – then added a two-point keeper increasing Ignacio’s lead to 16-0 with 2:41 left in the second quarter.

Archuleta planted Maxfield for a 10-yard loss on THS’ very next offensive play, and Maez then picked off quarterback Xavier Garcia, returning the takeaway 13 yards to the Miner 44 with 1:47 remaining.

“At first they’d tried, like, a quick bubble screen ... and I bit on it,” explained Maez, himself with one catch for 17 yards. “But the next time they



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Gabe Archuleta (21) latches on to Trinidad quarterback Xavier Garcia (7) during the Bobcats’ 38-0 road win Friday, September 30.

tried it, I just stayed back, read the ball and picked it!”

Riepel connected again with Montoya (3-43 receiving) on first down, the completion netting 35 yards, then carried in a nine-yard TD himself with 1:18 left. Nate Hendren toted in the two-pointer, and the Bobcats went into the locker room up 24-0.

The third quarter was mutually scoreless, but not uneventful; Garcia was removed from play for the remainder of the night after being shaken up by a hard fourth-down tackle – producing a turnover-on-downs – with 7:35 to go.

Set up at the Trinidad 17 with 7:38 left in the fourth, after a 15-yard Miner punt and six-yard Montoya return, Ignacio got on the board again three plays and 0:56 later when freshman Zane Pontine dove in behind and left of center Cruz Martinez for a one-yard TD. Hendren rushed in the two-pointer, and the lead grew to 32-0.

Riepel then recovered Pargin’s onside squibber at THS’ 42, 6:41 still remaining on the clock, and five plays (plus two THS penalties) later Hendren (18-72 rushing) carried for a two-yard TD with 5:01 left. Pontine’s conversion carry, however, fell short as Trinidad avoided a

mercy-rule shutout. Which wasn’t a bad thing; a running clock likely would have denied everyone the sight of the site’s sprinklers activating with 2:01 left, immediately after the Miners exited their third and final timeout.

With the Miners at the Ignacio 35, the decision was made to move the action to the opposite end of the ground, and Maxfield promptly gained ten yards on third-and-15. Still needing more, Anthony Sandoval was stopped for just one yard and Trinidad relinquished possession with 67 ticks remaining – time enough for Riepel to kneel twice with IHS in ‘victory formation.’

Hyped for Homecoming Week, Ignacio will next host Center at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, with the Vikings (2-3, 0-1) coming off a 54-0 home loss to reigning conference and State Champion Centauri (3-2, 1-0).

“Last year we lost to them pretty bad,” said Pargin, “so we’re coming back with some vengeance ... this time.”

“Yeah, I think we’re going to play really good because we’re actually going to have a lot of players back,” Maez added.

THS, meanwhile, will visit Monte Vista on the 7th for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Softball teams rally for win



photos Virgil Morgan/SunUte Recreation

SunUte coed softball championship winners for the fall season, team Bat and Boujee under Captain Kelsey Frost — take home the trophy, Tuesday night, Sept. 27, at the SunUte softball field in Ignacio. The annual competition is sponsored by the SunUte Recreation Dept.



The runner up for fall season SunUte coed softball is team ShoNuff under Captain Mike “MT” Toledo. Game play took place at the SunUte softball field in Ignacio, Thursday, Sept. 29.

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 “To thine own --- be true”
- 5 --- Québécois (political party)
- 9 Triangular house part
- 10 Organic fertilizer
- 11 Mosque leaders
- 12 Daisy lookalike
- 13 “My kingdom --- a horse!” (Shakespeare, “Richard III”)
- 14 El --- (Tu-Tok-A-Nu’-La)
- 16 The Bulbul Ameer
- 18 Unagi, at sushi bars
- 19 An oboe needs a pair of them
- 21 Stan --- of Marvel Comics
- 23 Acknowledged
- 26 Freaking out
- 28 British rule in India
- 30 “--- It Goes” (Billy Joel song)
- 31 “My Friend Flicka” author Mary ---
- 33 Clay pigeon
- 34 Characterized by sudden bursts
- 35 Baghdad’s --- City
- 36 They were fatal to Caesar in March

Down

- 1 Girl Scout cookie
- 2 Louisiana locale for a Choctaw-Apache community
- 3 Advanced degree for an attorney
- 4 Classroom pointer
- 5 Most hectic
- 6 Coffee drink that simply means “milk” in Italian
- 7 Shaq’s surname
- 8 Historically cropped by native Americans with beans and squash
- 9 Web pic file
- 10 Empty space
- 15 Smart --- (wise guy)
- 17 “Sister Carrie” novelist
- 20 Navajo rug
- 21 Sri --- (Ceylon)
- 22 Broke off
- 24 Rub out
- 25 Feathered missiles
- 26 Decline to bid
- 27 “M\*A\*S\*H” prop
- 29 Tonto portrayer --- Silverheels
- 32 Agency with an Office of Native American Programs

Answers for this crossword will appear in October 21 issue of the Drum.

Answers for September 23, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Dania, 6 Scam, 10 Alibi, 11 Aura, 12 Telex, 13 Grins, 15 A sea, 16 Siesta, 17 Meanders, 19 Cot, 22 PvA, 23 Nah, 24 Air shows, 27 Slicer, 28 Into, 32 Times, 33 Steel, 34 Elnu, 35 Ok’ing, 36 Ryes, 37 Yalta.  
Down: 1 Data, 2 Ales, 3 Nile, 4 I-beam, 5 Aix, 6 Saginaw, 7 Cured, 8 Arisen, 9 Mantra, 14 Sash, 16 Savor, 18 Ephesus, 19 Cast, 20 Oilier, 21 Trimly, 25 Scene, 26 Sitka, 29 Neil, 30 Tent, 31 Olga, 33 Soy.



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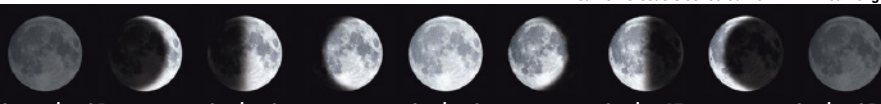
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Sunday, Oct. 9



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