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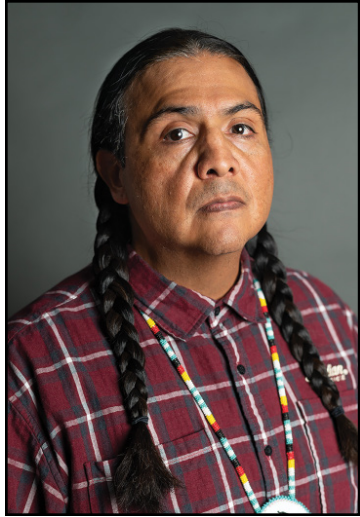
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**General Election 2022**




**Conrad Thompson**  
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**Matthew J. Box**  
Tribal Council Candidate



**Edward Burch Box III**  
Tribal Council Candidate



**Marvin J. Pinnecoose**  
Tribal Council Candidate


**VOTE: November 4, 2022**

See Candidate Statements on pages 11-12.  
Candidate photos Divine Windy Boy

TRIBAL HEALTH

Southern Ute Health Center sees higher retention rates for staff

By Krista Richards  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Nationwide, the COVID-19 pandemic has seen retention rates with employees in the healthcare system in a state of fluctuation. Yet, the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) is reporting high staff retention rates in recent years with only two staff members having left their positions. According to Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Richard Keller, the pandemic helped the retention rate at the Southern Ute Health Center due to no one wanting to constantly move from place to place and having to start over with new co-workers and bosses during a high-risk time.

“More importantly it is also huge for patient outcome,” Keller said. “If you go see a doctor and it’s someone new every time, they have no idea what your history is, what works and what doesn’t work. More people die more often in places with higher turnover rates, and they do best in places with less turnover rates”

Prior to the pandemic, a larger trend of permanent staff positions was filled with most employees on-

ly remaining for short periods of time. A higher turnover of medical staff, especially employees in higher managerial positions, can be a point of concern within Ignacio and surrounding communities. With medical providers remaining as long-term staff members,

**SUHC page 4**




courtesy Michael Judson/Office of Senator Hickenlooper  
President Biden signs the proclamation in Colorado designating Camp Hale – Continental Divide as a National Monument. Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute dignitaries attended the designation ceremony, Wednesday, Oct. 12.

NATIONAL MONUMENT

Tribal acknowledgement at Camp Hale

By Divine Windy Boy  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM



President Joe Biden signed the historic proclamation. According to a press release on Monday, Oct. 17 from Chairman Melvin J. Baker and Tribal Council Affairs — members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council and members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council had the honor of being present at Camp Hale when the proclamation was signed. President Biden speaks to the importance of the Camp Hale area during the dedication ceremony, “The Camp Hale and Tenmile Range area is also rich in ancient human history. The area bears the marks of centuries of habitation by Indigenous peoples who have called the region home since time immemorial and who referred to this area of the Rocky Mountains as Káava’avichi – meaning ‘mountains laying down.’ Forced from much of their homelands when precious minerals were discovered, their history serves as a stark reminder that the United States’ commitment to its highest ideals of democracy, liberty, and equality has too often been imperfect, particularly for Tribal Nations and Indigenous peoples.”

The acknowledgement of the Ute tribes and Indigenous peoples in President

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Autumn accents



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Fall foliage blazes orange and yellow across the mountainside neighboring the historic Cool Water Ranch south of Vallecito Reservoir, Wednesday, Oct. 19 – where fall colors are reaching their peak in the upper Pine River Valley. A wetter than average summer, and cooler temperatures set ideal conditions for fall colors in Southwest Colorado over the past few weeks.

Wet weather recedes from the Vallecito Valley, causing early morning fog to roll off the lake’s surface ahead of sunrise, Tuesday, Oct. 18.




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NATURAL RESOURCES

Whiteman looks back on 26 years with the Wildlife Division

Tribe bids farewell to longtime employee, wildlife advocate

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM



Jeremy Wade Shockleyw/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe held a farewell reception for long time Wildlife Division Head, Steve Whiteman, Wednesday, Oct. 8 in the Hall of Warriors, resigning from his position with the Wildlife Division after 26 plus years of service with the Division of Natural Resources. Whiteman accepted a biologist position with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service out of Sacramento.

Southern Ute Wildlife Division Head, Steve Whiteman receives a farewell gift from Southern Ute Tribal Council Member, Vanessa Torres during a farewell reception in the Hall of Warriors, Wednesday, Oct. 5.

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## DOE cultural retreat



photos Lindsay Box/SU Growth Fund

Jarid Yazzie, a fancy dancer from Farmington, N.M., excites the crowd with quickness and agility of the men's fancy dance during the Department of Energy's retreat, where attendees were treated to various cultural presentations at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center on Thursday, Oct. 13.

Eddie and Betty Box lead the audience in a round dance during the Department of Energy's retreat, where attendees were treated to various cultural presentations. The round dance focused on group participation and was opened with a group stretching exercise, Thursday, Oct. 13.



## TRIBAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT • FROM PAGE 1

Biden's proclamation is credited to the outreach and consultation performed by Senator Michael Bennet of Colorado, through his direction the Colorado Ute tribes were consulted when discussion of the designation of Camp Hale as a National Monument began. According to the press release, "the Biden Administration ensured that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and the Ute Indian Tribe of Utah each had the opportunity to express issues of cultural concern."

The Camp Hale – Continental Divide National Monument will preserve and protect the mountains and valleys that once served as a highly important training ground for the famed 10th Mountain Division, the Army's first and only mountain infantry division, that helped liberate Europe in World War II, but long before its establishment as a military camp, the area was home to the Núuchiú or Ute people. "Ute peoples traveled to the Pando Valley, where Camp Hale is currently situated, when winter snows melted as part of an annual circuit called the Míyatukhwatni – meaning 'moving locations as the seasons change' to hunt game and to gather plants and minerals for sustenance, medicine, and spiritual use," as stated in the Tribe's press release. "It remained home to the Ute people until they were forcibly removed from the area following the Treaty of 1868."



courtesy Chela Garcia Irlando

Southern Ute Council member, Lorelei Cloud shakes hands with President Biden, following the national monument designation at Camp Hale.

Despite relocation, the Ute people still hold on to their strong cultural ties to the Camp Hale and Tenmile Range area and maintain the connection established centuries ago. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe gives its thanks to President Joe Biden, Senator Michael Bennet, Senator John Hickenlooper, Governor Jared Polis, and U.S. Representative Joe Neguse for their efforts in establishing Camp Hale – Continental Divide as a National Monument. Within the press release from Chairman

Melvin J. Baker and Tribal Council Affairs, Chairman Baker states, "By preserving these areas of cultural importance to the Ute people, the President is reflecting the significance of Native people and tribal nations to the history and progress of this country."

"But this is only a first step," Baker said. "In the days ahead, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe looks forward to continued consultation, along with our sister Tribes, with this administration and federal agencies on the protection, preservation, and eventual co-management of these important cultural resources."

## Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

First lady Michelle Obama addresses attendees during a campaign stop at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. Obama rallied support for President Obama and the Democratic Party before a full house in the Whalen Gymnasium on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

This photo was first published in the Oct. 19, 2012, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Rod Grove, Dewitte Baker, and Terry Knight attended the VA Clinic Grand Opening Ceremonies as representatives for the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Veterans groups.

This photo was published in the Oct. 18, 2002, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

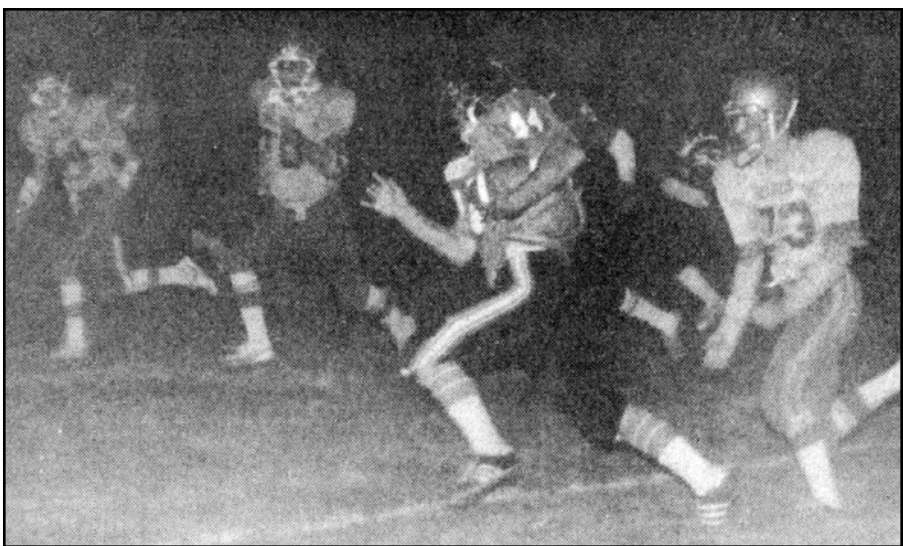


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## 30 years ago

Representatives from the Southern Ute Tribe, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Forestry Department were on hand to dedicate the "Old Ute Trail" near Glenwood Springs, Colo.

This photo was published in the Oct. 16, 1992, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

The Ignacio Bobcats Varsity Football Team were up for their homecoming game and ran rough shod over a brave crew from Dove Creek. The Bobcats won 56-27.

This photo was first published in the Oct. 22, 1982, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



**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 Pinnecoos at (970) 563.2988





## Indigenous People’s Day dance



courtesy Heather White Thunder

Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzales, introducing herself to attendees at the Indigenous People’s Day Social Dance at Fort Lewis College, Monday, Oct. 10, alongside: Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Myla GoodTracks; Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Osias GoodTracks; and Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate Shayne White Thunder.



courtesy Stephanie GoodTracks



courtesy Heather White Thunder

Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Osias GoodTracks; Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Myla GoodTracks; and Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate Shayne White Thunder stand together for a photo before the Indigenous People’s Day Social Dance at Fort Lewis College,

Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Myla GoodTracks; Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Osias GoodTracks; and Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate Shayne White Thunder playing an interactive game at the end of the evening.

## SMITHSONIAN

# Celebrate Native American Heritage Month at NMAI

**Staff report**  
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE  
AMERICAN INDIAN

The Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian celebrates Native American Heritage Month in November with numerous events honoring American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian veterans. Visitors can celebrate the diversity and contributions of these Native cultures with a variety of free public events in Washington, D.C., New York City, and online. Programs include festivals, performances, talks and family activities.

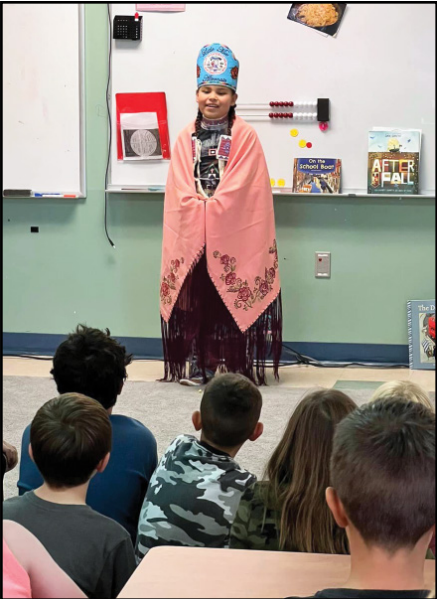
**Youth in Action: Reclaiming the Stage**  
*Tues., Nov. 1, 1–2 p.m.*  
Can changing theater mean changing the world? Join in a conversation with young Indigenous actors and playwrights who are reimaging

Native representation on the stage. DeLanna Studi (Cherokee) will moderate the discussion between panelists Tara Moses (Seminole Nation of Oklahoma), Emily Preis (Citizen of the Osage Nation) and Isabella Madrigal (Cahuilla and Turtle Mountain Chippewa). This program is free, but advance registration is required. A direct link will be emailed to registrants 24-48 hours in advance. A recording will be available on demand following the premiere. This program is part of the Youth in Action: Conversations About Our Future series, which features young Native activists and changemakers from across the Western Hemisphere who are working towards equity and social justice for Indigenous peoples. This program generously supported by The Coca-Cola Foundation.

**Native Veterans Procession and Dedication**  
*Fri., Nov. 11*  
*Washington, D.C., and Livestream*  
**Weekend Celebration**  
*Sat. and Sun., Nov. 12–13*  
*Washington, D.C.*

All are welcome to join as the museum honors the military service of Native American, Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native veterans, Friday, Nov. 11. The Native veterans’ procession and dedication ceremony will take place beginning at 2 p.m. on the National Mall as part of a three-day celebration featuring hands-on activities, films, performances, and a veterans hospitality suite. The procession and dedication will be livestreamed. For more information about the weekend program visit [AmericanIndian.si.edu/visit/washington/nnavm-dedication](https://AmericanIndian.si.edu/visit/washington/nnavm-dedication).

## Sharing culture in the classroom



photos courtesy Heather White Thunder

Little Miss Southern Ute First Alternate, Shayne White Thunder represented at her school on Indigenous People’s Day and gave her royalty introduction to her third-grade class and Malia’s first-grade class at Florida Mesa Elementary.

Shayne and Malia White Thunder presented the jingle dress dance to the students and teachers at Florida Mesa Elementary. There was a Q&A after their dancing and they explained to them about the significance of the dance, how they have been both dancing since babies, and the importance of recognizing their Southern Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapaho culture and heritage — which they are proud of.

## Honoring all relations



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Following the sold-out screening, a Q&A panel was held for participants of the film. Dorsey Dick, Bird Red, Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, Connor Ryan, Lorelei Cloud, and Ellen Bradley shared their insights on the film and discussed restoring balance with all inhabitants of the mountains by illuminating the Utes’ culture and traditional knowledge that will benefit all in the fight to preserve the land. Co-director Ryan is a proud Hunkpapa Lakota and passionate skier who seeks to decolonize, reconnect, and learn to better honor all his relations through adventure and activism.

Tim Ryder and his son Bird Red sing a song composed by Ryder to a full house after the screening of “Spirit of the Peaks” at the Sunflower Theatre in Cortez, Colo. on Friday, Oct. 14. The film features Red and Tribal Council member Lorelei Cloud; the pair share their cultural connection to the land and give insight to how they individually show reciprocity with the area.



## 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.

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## Masquerade



## Pow~Wow

Saturday November 5, 2022

6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Potluck Dinner - 5:00 PM - Please bring a dish to share

Family Fun  
Costume Contest  
Cake Walk



Round Dance  
Hand Drum Contest  
Switch Dance

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Fentanyl, the real poison candy

By James Hayes  
SOUTHERN UTE  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Halloween + Fentanyl = Community Awareness

Halloween is less than two weeks away. It is a time in many cultures to commemorate those who have passed on, and to celebrate life. Most of all, Halloween is a special time for children. Trick or treating is a time-honored tradition but is not without its risks. The reports of children getting candy that had been poisoned has been an urban legend that in recent years has been debunked. However, these days, there is poison that some may mistake for candy. It is called “rainbow fentanyl.”

Knowledge is Power!

Sometime in the past year or two, fentanyl has been made by drug cartels into a pill that resembles Oxycodone. In more recent months, these same pills are showing up in a multitude of different colors, while still resembling the Oxycodone pill. The colors are similar to the colors of sidewalk chalk that children play with. It is unknown how potent these fentanyl pills are but is estimated that most pills have enough fentanyl to lead to overdose or death.

Fentanyl, Oxycodone, and Oxycontin are all synthetic opioids. Fentanyl is



courtesy dea.gov

“Rainbow fentanyl,” one pill can kill!

50 to 100 times more potent than other synthetic opioids and heroin. Fentanyl began to show up in heroin, then found its way in to other drugs like cocaine and meth. Now it is everywhere, and drug suppliers have started distributing it more, in place of heroin. More than 100,000 people died last year from fentanyl overdoses. The opioid epidemic has not slowed down.

Safety First

For parents out there, it is important to be mindful of what substances children may be exposed to. Many teenagers and children begin to experiment with marijuana, and research has shown they are moving from marijuana in to fentanyl. These are dangerous times, and there are reasons why manufacturers are making their drugs with bright, friendly colors. If you think something doesn’t look right, like

tampered candy containers or unfamiliar candy that’s bright in colors or chalky, please throw it away in a manner where others will not have access to it. Although it may be difficult, only take candy from trusted people and organized Halloween events.

If you suspect someone is suffering from an overdose, please call 9-1-1 immediately. Even if the person wakes up or seems better after one or two doses of naloxone, emergency medical assistance is still necessary. A medical professional should evaluate anyone who has experienced an overdose as soon as possible.

If you need to talk to someone, please reach out

It’s okay not to feel okay. If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections Program at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.

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NEW Nationwide Suicide and Substance Use Crisis line: 9-8-8

Simply calling or texting 988 or chatting 988Lifeline.org will connect you to compassionate care and support for mental health-related distress. #988Lifeline

HEALTHY RECIPES

Roasted acorn squash

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

Loaded with nutrition and easy to roast. One cup of acorn squash has 9 grams of fiber and is loaded with a variety of vitamins and minerals. It contains vitamins C, A, B1, B6 and the minerals iron, magnesium, potassium, and manganese. How’s that for a deliciously and naturally sweet winter squash?

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



courtesy The Wooden Skillet

Easy roasted acorn squash

Ingredients and instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Cut 2-4 acorn squash in half through the stem, scoop out strings and seeds.
3. Place on baking sheet, cut side up.
4. Brush with olive oil.
5. Sprinkle with salt.
6. Bake for 30-45 minutes. When squash is done, it should be easily pierced with a fork and slightly browned.

Serve as above or try one of toppings

- Maple syrup or brown sugar with a pat of butter added at the beginning of cooking.
- Pumpkin seeds or sunflower seeds added half-way through.
- Stuff with cooked wild rice, mushrooms, and onions.
- Stuff with cooked quinoa and herbs.

Serving size: ½ squash  
Nutrition per serving: 106 Calories, 2.6g Fat, 22.5g Carbohydrates, 3.2g Fiber, 1.7g Protein.

SUHC SEES HIGHER RETENTION • FROM PAGE 1

the patients are more likely to return and receive their yearly medical checkups.

“It takes people more than three or four years to say, ‘I know and trust this person.’” Keller said. “Not just here but other places.” In a health care system where doctors and nurses have consistently high turnover rates, even pre-pandemic, it also begs the question of — how much does it take to replace employees from an economic standpoint. “When a doctor leaves Mercy Medical Center, it costs

them about \$150,000 dollars to replace that person,” Keller said.

Recently, with the help from Southern Ute Department Health Director, David Tonemah, the SUHC is keeping the community informed with the innerworkings of the health center. “David’s focus is trying to let people know we’ve got a pretty good facility here, turn over being one of those things.” Dr. Keller expressed. “He’s trying to make us more presentable at events, but it’s an uphill battle for sure.”

The Southern Ute Health Center has recently acquired a full time Pediatric Physician, Dr. Sandra Beirne, to see patients and help the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy staff and students through the school year. Beirne writes a monthly column, published in the Southern Ute Drum, on the topic of children’s health, titled – Tüchupikivi Süumu-guavi “Good Brain, Strong Heart” – which addresses new topics every few weeks to benefit parents and children in the community.

Local Resources

**Southern Ute Health Center, Behavioral Health Division:** 4101 CR 222 Durango, CO 970-563-5700. For local Native Americans. We are here to support mental health, substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Please call to schedule an appointment to talk to someone.

**Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-2331 or dss@southernute-nsn.gov for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.

**Southern Ute Police Dept. – Anonymous Tip Hotline:** Do you have information about a crime? Please call 970-563-4999. This “Tip Line” was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously, if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The “Tip Line” is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it DOES NOT replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police number 970-563-4401.

**St Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4241.

**Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave, Ignacio, CO 970-759-3633

**Second Wind Fund of the Four Corners:** Believes that every child and youth at risk of suicide should have access to the mental health treatment they need. We match children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities, 720-962-0706.

**Women’s Resource Center:** Creates personal, social, and professional growth opportunities for all women in La Plata County, 970-247-1242.

Elder Services Program  
Nana-pø-chiu Káni




October Activities

25<sup>th</sup> Scenery Trip to Silverton, Van will be Leaving at 9:00AM

31st Happy Halloween – Monster Day - `Ürø`chi Tavay

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



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

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UTE MOUNTIAN UTE TRIBE

U.S. Attorney’s Office announces over \$1 Million in Justice Department grants to Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

**Staff report** U.S. ATTORNEY’S OFFICE OF COLORADO

The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Colorado announced grant awards of \$1,194,246.00 to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Towaoc, Colo., to fund community projects and improve services for victims of crimes. The awards are administered through the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) at the Department of Justice.

“Our partnership with tribal leaders to strengthen public safety, improve victim services, and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts is a key objective for our office, and funding programs that support victims and promote public safety is a priority,” U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado, Cole Finegan said. “The U.S. Attorney’s Office remains committed to making tribal communities safer and ensuring access to justice for all.”

OJP’s Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) awarded the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe \$784,000 under the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program to establish a law enforcement presence in the White Mesa community in Utah. The White Mesa officers will lead the Community Response Team to address suicide prevention, domestic violence, human trafficking, child abuse, and substance use challenges, and offer quarterly awareness and education events for the public. These funds will support benefits and salaries for the officers, support the purchase of patrol vehicles, officer uniforms, and gear.

OJP’s Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) awarded the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe \$410,246.00 under the Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Grant Program, part of more than \$246 million in grants to American Indian and Alaska Native communities to improve public safety and serve crime victims. The program is open only to federally recognized Indian tribes and is administered via a formula. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe will use the award to implement services for victims of crime that meet needs identified by the community and reflect tribal community values and traditions.

More information about OJP and its components can be found at [www.ojp.gov](http://www.ojp.gov).

CHILDREN’S HEALTH

Tùuchupikivi Sùumuguavi “Good Brain, Strong Heart”

Understanding school refusal

By Sandra Beirne, MD  
Southern Ute Health Center

In an ideal world, by now school-aged children have settled into their school-year routines and are up in the morning in time for a nutritious breakfast and off to school, rested and fed, and eager to learn. That idyllic version is not a reality for many of us, at least not most of the time. For many kids, school is a complex place and sometimes fear or worry about going to school shows up as a refusal to go.

There are many reasons for children not wanting to be at school and the ways it shows up are also varied. It is very common for kids to resist going to school when they are starting for the first time. Fortunately, that tends to get better quickly as they get more used to the change and the routine. Sometimes moving to a new school or a new home, loss of loved one, or other changes within the family can manifest as school refusal. Other reasons are if school is a stressful or scary place due to bullying, exclusion, perfectionism in schoolwork, or fears about violence.

Some kids are able to identify what it is they are worried about, but many will not, and it will show up as crying and refusal to go to school, or vague illness symptoms such as nausea, headache, stomachache, and dizziness. Very often kids know they feel bad, but they don’t connect it to the stress they are experiencing at school. Sometimes these symptoms are caused by physical disease and sometimes they are the physical signs of fear and



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum



worry. That can be really hard to figure out as a parent. The first step, if your child is regularly complaining of these symptoms, and are unable to go to school because of them, is to take your child to see a provider. They can look for any evidence of a physical disease. If none is found, you can create a plan together to help your child feel safe to go back to school.

Usually that plan involves partnering with the school to explore if there are things going on there that are making your child feel unsafe. It also is important to talk to their teachers and the school nurse about what is going on and what symptoms you should be called for to pick them up and when they can gently return your child to class. The key part of treating school refusal is that once there is no physical disease found, the goal is to get the child back in school as soon as possible. The longer they are out, the harder it is for them to return.

At a time that is not on a school morning, talk and listen to your child about their experience with school, anything they are finding hard there, anything they are worried about, and validate their feelings, but also make it clear they need to be back in school. Make school mornings simple with the clear expectation that they are going to school – this is not a time for exploring their worries and opening the door to resistance. If, despite these efforts, school refusal persists for longer than a week, behavioral health provider support can help address the fear, grief, or worries of your child and help build tools for them to start feeling better.

Even kids who have school avoidance will get sick sometimes. If they have symptoms such as fever, earache, vomiting, diarrhea, severe cough, then keep them out of school and see a provider.

For more information about school refusal or avoidance, check out <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/emotional-problems/Pages/School-Avoidance.aspx> or <https://www.stanfordchildrens.org/en/topic/default?id=school-refusal-90-P02288>. You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Clinic for school refusal concerns or anything else by calling 970-563-4581.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



**TUESDAY**  
**October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00AM - 3:30PM**

**VETERAN BENEFIT OUTREACH EVENT**

Event to be held at **Sky Ute Casino Resort** in conjunction with VISA 18 & 19 Veteran Health Administration, Veteran Benefits Administration, Native Direct Home Loan, State Veteran Service Officers will be in attendance to assist veterans and their family members.

**Sky Ute Casino**  
14324 Hwy 172 North  
Ignacio, CO 81137

**\*\*Bring your DD214 if possible\*\***

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://sjbpublichealth.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/)

JOIN US FOR A

**CANDY COLLECTION DRIVE**

Bring Candy to Southern Ute Dental Clinic  
109 Capote Drive  
November 1-18, 2022

**ALL COMMUNITY WELCOME!**

Everyone who brings candy in will receive:

**\*Prizes**

- \*Raffle ticket for Big IHS Prize and Raffle ticket for Water Flosser

Competition between all Albuquerque Area Dental Clinics

All candy collected is donated to Operation Shoe Box for Troops around the World.

**Southern Ute Dental is Reigning CHAMPIONS!**

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SUIMA

Kwanachigani pə'əkwatu
Eagle's Nest

Students gearing up for Halloween

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
So. UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI
ACADEMY

The students are looking forward to Halloween. With the date change on our calendar, we will be trick-or-treating around Tribal Campus! Most classrooms will start their yearly "haunting" around 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 31.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive

Thank you to Krissy Velasquez who has volunteered to help the upper elementary students with some fundraising activities. The first school fundraiser of the school year will be a bake sale on Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the Hall of Warriors start-

ing at 9 a.m. They are raising money for an end-of-the-year field trip. This sale will take place from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. (or sooner if sold out) with some delicious, devilish, delights! Please come purchase some wickedly, wonderful treats.

SUIMA School Board, Parent Advisory Group, and Family Nights

The SUIMA school board meets the first Tuesday of the month, having work sessions only at this time. If you would like to contact

the Board, go to our website: www.suima.org, click on the School Board tab, and submit your question, concern, or comment.

Our PAG meetings will be the third Tuesday of every month, having held two so far this year. This is a good time to find out what all the levels are doing as well as what events or activities are happening.

Family Nights have not yet been scheduled but we do have some parents who will be overseeing the Family Nights. Details will be coming out soon.

Nuu'apaghapi (Ute phrases and sentences)

With the weather changing, we now see students and staff getting autumn colds. And what a perfect time to practice our Ute Language! Here are some phrases to use at home.

- 'ámpu 'áa' naghami? Are you sick?
'ámpu naghamin. Yes, I am sick.
Kachin, naghami wa. Not me, I am not sick.

Upcoming events

- Oct. 26 - Bake sale in the Hall of Warriors
Oct. 27 - Elementary students participating in the field dressing workshop
Oct. 28 - No school for students
Oct. 31 - Halloween: Trick or treating around campus

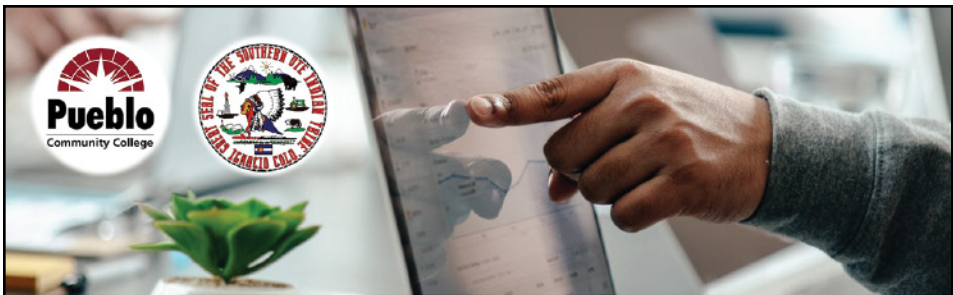


KSUT Eddie Box Jr. Media Center
OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, October 26, 2022

15150 Hwy 172, Ignacio

Everyone welcome to drop in anytime between

9:00 am - 6:00 pm



Southern Ute Education Department
IT Fundamentals Certification



A collaboration with
Pueblo Community College &
Southern Ute Education Department

CompTIA ITF+
COURSE

Who can participate?

Tribal members &
Local community

How long?

Free 8-Week Course

Where?

Southern Ute
Education Center

Join local community members and
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ITF+ is the only pre-career
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determine if they have a
talent for information technology.

For more details, contact:

Nicole Cabral
(970) 563-2789

ncabral@southernute-nsn.gov

Deadline to register: Monday, October 31st

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!

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN
Ute Word Game
The Upper Elementary students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy have created a game involving Ute words.
Ute/English Word Match
1. Káaravasi
2. 'urusuwashi
3. puikivi
4. nuka'ara
5. mukwapi
6. núúsáaqachi
a. Leaf
b. Spider
c. Ghost
d. Pumpkin
e. Witch
f. Snot

CAREER FAIR 2022
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...
PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES
SUIT DEPARTMENTS
HISTORY COLORADO
CROW CANYON
ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER
AND MANY MORE...
Vendors Register Here!
Contact Izabella Cloud at: (970) 563-2784
icloud@southernute-nsn.gov
Register Students Here!



Bobcats celebrate homecoming



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Senior Class at Ignacio High, rally together during their last Homecoming Parade, on Goddard Avenue in Ignacio, Thursday, Oct. 6. Tribal members, Jasmyn Doyebi, Autumn Sage and Alexis Ortiz are shown together with their classmates.

SunUte Community Center staff throw out candy in support of the Ignacio High School's football team to the community, students, and staff. The now infamous Sasquatch "Darrell" makes an appearance.



Homecoming Royalty



Ignacio seniors John Riepel and Trinity Crane were named Homecoming 2022 King and Queen during halftime of the Bobcats' football game Friday night, Oct. 7, versus Center. Riepel had a game to remember, rushing for 285 yards (with five touchdowns, including a 95-yarder) on 19 carries, plus returning a kickoff 70 yards for another score. Faye Hackett and Zane Ross were named Senior Royalty, First Attendants while Eppie Quintana and Laci Brunson were named Senior Royalty, Second Attendants.



Kristianna Brann and Corey Gomez: Junior Royalty.

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

Kendrick Nossaman (54) and Marissa Olguin: Sophomore Royalty.



Lincoln deKay (44) and Madison Egger: Freshman Royalty.

Photos by Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum



MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY  
Beaded Earring Class



Tuesday & Thursday - October 25 & 27, 2022  
Two Sessions  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Supplies:

Seed Beads size 11 or Three Cut size 9

Beading needles - long & short

Nylon thread size A or O

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

Multi-Purpose Facility  
November Senior Breakfast

Wednesday November 2, 2022  
10:00 - 11:30 AM



Open to all Community Senior Citizens  
55 years and older



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





FOOD SECURITY

Pine River Shares to receive funding from American Rescue Plan Act

Field to Fork Project will address food insecurity

By Jules Masterjohn  
PINE RIVER SHARES

Pine River Shares has been selected by La Plata County Commissioners to receive \$390,000 through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to implement its valley-wide Field to Fork Project Plan. According to Pam Willhoite, director of Pine River Shares, the ARPA funding will “activate agricultural capabilities for a sustainable independent food system that supports the food and nutritional needs of our residents.” Additionally, the Field to Fork Project Plan aims to keep Pine River Valley food and food purchases in the Pine River Valley.

“The ARPA funding will assist valley residents in returning to practices that once existed here of growing food for you and your neighbors. And working together to harvest, process, transport, share, and store food grown by and for Valley residents,” Willhoite said. The American Rescue Plan Act was established by the federal government and funds distributed to counties throughout the United States to “provide additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

Long before the COVID-19 pandemic, Pine River Shares (PRS) began work on the Field to Fork (F2F) Project Plan in response to rising food insecurity in the valley. The Plan provides a blueprint for rebuilding an independent food system in the Pine River Valley that will provide for the food and nutritional needs of its 16,000 residents. PRS, along with its partner the Pine River Garden Club, developed the Plan over eight years ago from input by over 200 valley residents gathered at numerous community conversations throughout the valley.



The process of researching and sharing 100-year-old narratives, collected by Dr. Jim Fitzgerald and others about Native and non-native food production practices in the Valley, was central to developing the F2F Plan. Following historic practices, key themes of the F2F Plan are growing food at home, community food production, and sharing labor and resources for other food system functions including food processing, preservation, and storage.

The Plan seeks to revive agricultural practices in the Pine River Valley where there was once a vibrant and self-sustaining food system comprised of people growing food at home, family farms, grain mills, and dairies. Areas earmarked for infrastructure support are food production, food processing and storage, and community education. Geodesic grow domes, season extension high tunnels, a tractor and trailer, and community compost shredders will assist in food production. Community and commercial kitchens equipped with food dehydrators, food processors, freeze dryers, refrigerators, and a walk-in freezer will support food processing and storage. The shared kitchens will be used by community members to process food grown at home and in the high tunnels, greenhouses, gardens, and orchards.

Also included are funds to begin the rehabilitation of the historic Harrison Farm as a teaching facility near downtown Bayfield, a joint project of PRS and the

Town of Bayfield. Throughout 2023, PRS will host meetings in Pine River Valley communities to inform residents about the impact ARPA funding will have on local food production and processing capacity, helping to further grow food security in the Pine River Valley. During 2022, the F2F Plan moved forward significantly when PRS partnering with Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project, gave away over 100 heritage apple trees to valley residents.

During the summer of 2021, the Plan took hold on the PRS campus in downtown Bayfield, where a 33’ geodesic grow dome and a 2000 square foot garden were installed along with 25 heritage apple trees planted by Bayfield School District’s Wolverine Academy. The greenhouse and garden are currently producing food for PRS Food Share programs. This production area is the established model for three new garden sites in the Pine River Valley that ARPA will fund, making strides toward a food secure future in the Pine River Valley. More information about the Field to Fork Project can be found at <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.

Strong Elk



courtesy Nathan Strong Elk

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

Sacred First Nations for Peace is bringing a new message and vision of world peace and the Creator, our Heavenly Parents’ true love to North, Central, and South Indigenous Americans to validate our Creator has guided and loved First Nations Peoples towards a new dispensation, a new era of unification of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children

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

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

WHERE: Online – Virtual sessions –

Download the “Microsoft Teams” App for access

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays in November 2022

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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

SEED SAVING WORKSHOP

LEARN HOW TO

SAVE SEEDS

AND GROW PLANTS THAT WILL THRIVE IN SPECIFIC CLIMATES & SOILS

TO BUILD A RESILIENT COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEM

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

9am-3pm

@Pine River Shares

DETAILS

Come ready to be outside!

Lunch Provided

RSVP by calling PRS at

970-884-6040

FIELD & FORK



SEEDS IN COMMON  
CARING FOR LAND, WATER, PEOPLE & SEEDS



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Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children

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



Positive Indian Parenting  
TAUGHT VIRTUALLY BY SOCIAL SERVICES





WHITEMAN LOOKS BACK • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder, Vietnam veteran, and former Tribal Chairman — Howard Richards Sr. thanks Steve Whiteman for his years of service to the Tribe. Richard’s grandkids, Aeden Richards and Joe Howell also wrapped Whiteman in a Pendleton blanket, as a token of gratitude from their family.

to, Calif., in order to be closer to family. The farewell reception was attended by many of Whiteman’s longtime colleges, friends, and family.

“Working for the Tribe was a privilege that I’ll always be thankful for,” Southern Ute Wildlife Division Head, Steve Whiteman said. “I felt like I was part of something unique and special; helping to uphold the Tribe’s sovereign ability to manage and protect its wildlife resources for the benefit of the people. I don’t think I would have gotten that experience working for a state or federal wildlife agency.”

“I think the cultural connection between the people and the land and wildlife made the work very special, too,” he emphasized. “The Utes have a very strong history and tradition with subsistence hunting. Ensuring that the resources are managed well and protected is very important to keeping this tradition alive.”

“Steve was always a consummate professional in his role with the Tribe,” Aran Johnson said. “He knew who he worked for and never strayed from getting the best result for the Southern Ute people in whatever project he was working on. Under Steve’s leadership the Wildlife Division excelled in all its programs and is recognized today as a top wildlife agency in Indian Country.” Johnson was recently hired as the Division Head for Wildlife, taking over Whiteman’s responsibilities for the Tribe.

In California, Whiteman will be joining the fight to restore salmon and other fish and wildlife impacted by federal water projects, climate change, and a myriad of other threats in his new role with U.S. Fish & Wildlife. “This is no small task, to be sure, but I’m excited about the challenge and hope to make a real difference,” he said.

Steve Whiteman originally hails from Walnut Creek, Calif., he graduated from University of California, Davis with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fish and Wildlife Biology prior to accepting a position for Southern Ute Natural Resources in 1996 — straight out of college. Whiteman came on as the Fisheries Biologist, then five years later he moved to the position of Wildlife Division Head, replacing Terry Stroh. Whiteman worked in that capacity over the past two decades — until the departure of the DNR Director in 2020, at which point he assumed the responsibilities of acting DNR Director until Andrew Frost was hired for that role in March of 2021.

“Steve was an amazing boss and mentor to our crew,” Wildlife Division Administrative Assistant, Nicole Black said. “I wholeheartedly know how much he loved working for the Tribe and advocating for the tribal membership’s sovereignty. He will be dearly missed”

Steve Whiteman’s notable accomplishments include being part of the Animas LaPlata Project Task Force, working with the State of Colorado Wolf Reintroduction program on Tribal sovereignty and protection of tribal resources, implementation of the Lake Nighthorse Kokanee Salmon give-away, treasurer for the Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission, advocate for sister tribes hunting opportunities through Special hunt requests, and the cultivation of the Tribe’s Bison Program which provides meat to the membership.

Whiteman was very proud to be a part of the 2008 agreement with the State of Colorado for the Utes to resume exercise of their reserved Brunot hunting rights in the San Juan Mountains. The “Brunot Agreement” was an agreement between the Ute people and the U.S. Government, dating back to 1873 — and according to the Tribe’s website, the agreement represented a major loss to the reservation land base and was yet another blow to the Utes’ traditional hunting-and-gathering way of life.

As stated in the Southern Ute Tribe’s Brunot Area Hunting & Fishing Proclamation, “in 2008, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe entered a new agreement, this time with the State of Colorado, addressing the Tribe’s exercise of its long-held Brunot Area hunting and fishing rights. This agreement — or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) — details how the Tribe and State approach Brunot Area hunting, fishing, and wildlife law enforcement, and expresses the intent of both governments to work cooperatively toward long-term conservation of wildlife within the Brunot Area. With the completion of the MOU, tribal members are once again able to exercise the Tribe’s long-held rights to hunt and fish within the Brunot Area, in accordance with regulations established by the Tribe.”

Steve Whiteman, Sam Maynes at Maynes Bradford Shipp & Sheftel, and the Tribe’s Legal Department were all instrumental in seeing the Brunot Area Hunting & Fishing Proclamation come to fruition on behalf of the tribal membership.

“It has also been an honor to help manage the Tribe’s bison herd for the membership’s cultural and nutritional benefit, to improve the membership’s access to eagle feathers for spiritual and religious uses, to help support the cultural hunting needs of other tribal nations, and many other great accomplishments,” Whiteman said.

“All of this can be attributed to the strong vision and support of Tribal leaders over decades, and the dedicated efforts of a team of professional staff at the Tribe,” Whiteman emphasized. “I am extremely grateful to have had this opportunity and to have been welcomed into the Tribal community. I will always cherish the time I was able to work for the Tribe and look forward to seeing the Tribe’s continued progress — Tuvuchi tog’oiak’ Núchiú.”



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

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
7TH ANNUAL  
ELK HUNT RAFFLE  
SIX PRIZES  
TWO CHANCES TO WIN A TAG!

Raffle tickets will be sold through November 30th, 2022

Tag winners must attend a MANDATORY orientation when permits are picked up. Cow tags are nontransferable.

Tickets are \$10.00/each and are sold by BGC Board & staff or at the BGC Office inside the Sun Ute Community Center

More information call 970.563.2666



Hunt will take place on the Southern Ute Reservation in the Sandoval unit from Dec. 13th –15th, 2022. One free guest allowed. Additional guest requires an additional fee. Both require crossing permit which can be obtained from the Southern Ute Wildlife. Ages 12-21 will need to have their Hunters Safety license. Winners will be drawn December 1st, 2022, at 4:30pm online via Facebook live. Tune in on the Boys & Girls Club page. Winners will be notified via phone immediately.

All funds raised will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
For questions, call BGC at (970)563-2666



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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





AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

Invasive trees



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

In an area near the barns, I had a corner that had been neglected for years. You can see how the elm trees took over the land and even began to consume the frame of a hay wagon left out as early as three years ago.

By Marvin Pinnecoose  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The world is small

In my sophomore year of college, I remember writing a paper for my ecology class. The paper was about a devastating phenomenon happening along some of the major rivers in the United States. Somewhere along the line, people had imported Tamarisk trees in from Japan. These trees had found their way to riverbanks and the biological mix of water, nutrition, sunlight, soil, and seasonal conditions favored an accelerated growth of the species. As these trees grew, they became very dense and crowded out other vegetation along the rivers. People began noticing that familiar water levels seemed to be dropping and it was caused by a consistent thirst from the tree.

The Tamarisk trees also expelled salt into the water. This changed the tolerance ability of plants and animals. In Australia, the overgrowth changed the water so much that it began to invite certain sharks to swim upstream into the rivers and salt-water fish began to inhabit inland rivers. In the U.S., Arizona, California, and Nevada were impacted significantly from the Tamarisk tree and efforts were made to limit its growth along the water ways. I found that research interesting, but at the time, it was purely academic.

“We are the music makers, and we are the dreamer of dreams,” Willy Wonka

Over the years, the introduction of foreign species has jeopardized native plants in our farm habitats. Our Southern Ute Agricultural

Division hosted some Wednesday night classes over the spring and summer. In one of these classes, they talked about weeds that were dangerous to livestock and invasive plants. It seems that many of the attendees had issues of their own with plants and trees that hindered the quality of their crops.

In my case, I spoke about the infamous elm trees that had been growing on the property. I’m no hater of trees. In fact, I find much value to having shade in the field and trees add to the landscape of a farm. The problem I have is that the trees that have started to quickly grow in my irrigation ditches are elm trees.

I’m not familiar with many types of trees so when I first saw the trees on the other side of the primary irrigation

ditches, I let them be. Over the year, I started to see smaller ones start popping up in my secondary irrigation ditches. This is where I set my canvases. I took some loppers out to the field to chop these and noticed that after cutting them low to the ground, they tend to sprout new branches right from the side of the stumps. I then decided to dig them out with the shovel, only to discover that these small trees were underground branches of the bigger trees that were sometimes over 40 feet away. Apparently, these trees grow like a spider web and when you start pulling up the roots, you’ll find that they originate from further away. If left unchecked, these will creep into your fields and begin to take over.

So, I spent most of last summer and fall cutting down elm trees, finding their tributary branches, and locating sprouts. These are stubborn trees to eliminate, but I was able to get rid of most of the ones in the field and along the secondary ditches. Some of the more stubborn trees require digging out the stump to eliminate branching. I was lucky to have someone with a backhoe come over and help dig out these stumps. This will prove to be essential in the actual fields. This will keep us from breaking agricultural equipment by cutting large branches or running over stumps. I know some farmers tend to work around trees. I would prefer to, but this species is aggressive.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Renting a backhoe for a day can run a few hundred dollars, but the time saved makes it more than worthwhile. It’s also kind of fun ripping out invasive trees knowing that they will not be growing back in that spot again.

Perhaps you have something similar growing on your land.

Take-a-ways

As I am learning, it seems like fall and winter are the best times to cut down invasive trees. In these seasons, the sap flow is dominantly running toward the roots which helps if you are using herbicides. In the spring and summer months, the tree is busy growing and so cutting and pruning may actually be helping the tree grow

or spread.

Digging Out the stumps seems to be the definite way to solve the problem. Be careful. Stumps are big and will be wide. What looks like a small project will probably be deceiving.

Renting a backhoe or knowing someone who owns one is a plus. Digging a stump with a shovel can be an all-day task. Put up the extra money to secure the right equipment and save yourself the headache and time.



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changing to  
our Fall hours  
beginning on  
**October 1st**

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**HOCUS  
POCUS**  
HOT SEAT DRAWINGS

**WIN UP TO \$1000 CASH!**

Celebrate Halloween at Sky Ute Casino Resort and you could spook up some cash! Ace’s Club personnel will conduct a random hot seat drawing every 30 minutes from 5PM to 9:30PM and each lucky winner will pick a jack-o’-lantern filled with fun Halloween-themed prizes and a cash surprise up to \$1,000!

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 | 5PM - 9:30PM**

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# Election 2022: Candidate Statements

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

## Conrad Thompson

My fellow Tribal Members,  
We have to start asking difficult questions.

*Is this Organization more important than its Membership?*

The Tribal Members have helped to build this Organization into the wealthy powerhouse it is today. The Organization stands on a Triple A credit rating. The Rating was built on all of our Investments. However, the Membership is not allowed to use the same Triple A credit rating that we help to build as individual Investors.

We have been divided into several groups by our Organization. Those of us who have more than enough and are comfortable with the way things are now, and those of us who struggle from month to month. The Organization does this by nurturing the idea that some of us are better than the others because we have Tribal jobs.

Even though some of us have had more Opportunities, we are all the same.

*How many Tribal Members work for our Organization? How many even apply?*

The Organization has stated the Membership does not want to work. Meanwhile the Organization has kept the same outdated policies and procedures that might prevent the Membership from working.

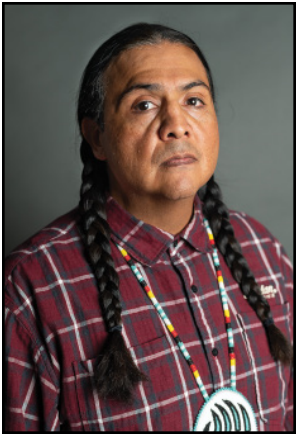
*How many Tribal Members hold Directors Positions?*

The Organization has stated in the past, its stance is to train the Tribal Members to become Directors and Department heads. The majority of the jobs held by Tribal Members are labor positions and lower tier positions.

*How many Tribal Members do we have?*

The Town of Dolores has about 1017 people and they spent around \$2 million on their 2021 budget.

The Town of Ignacio has roughly 1500 people and they spent \$1.7 million on



their budget.

We are spending **A LOT** more than that for services the majority of us are not receiving. What is being provided by our Organization that costs so much?

*If the Organization has so much to give, shouldn't the Organization invest some on the majority of the Tribal Members as well?*

We have the power to fundamentally change our organization, if we just started voting more. Instead of competing with each other, we could just put aside our differences and work together. We could stop looking down on each other and help out with advice instead of ridicule.

Now more than ever is a moment for change.

My name is Conrad Thompson and I am running for Tribal Council.

I am very thankful for everything we have.

I am not a politician. I am a Father and a Ute man who practices our Mouche Capota Traditions daily.

Since I was a child, every year that I could, I have sang and danced and participated in our annual Pino Nuche Ceremonies. I travel to our sister tribes, the Ute mountain and Fort Duchesne Reservations, to participate in the different Ute Ceremonies throughout the year. I sing for celebrations, I sing at powwows, and I also sing for our loved ones who have passed.

I am a painter and I have

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT

## Marjorie D. Barry

Mike Nuchu,

My name is Marjorie D. Barry and I am asking for your support to serve on the Southern Ute Tribal Council. I was born on the Southern Ute Reservation and was raised by my grandparents Bryan and Alice Washington Rock, and my late father William S. Thompson. My late husband Ben Barry was also a member of the Southern Ute Tribe. I have two adult children, Amy and Preston, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. I attended school in both the Ignacio and Bayfield school districts, and college at Pueblo Community College and Fort Lewis, both in Durango, Colorado.

During my career I have worked for the tribe in the Tribal Council PR department, Office of the Vice-Chairman, and the Executive Office. I worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Forestry, Irrigation, Administration and Superintendent's office, and the Indian Health Service in administration and the Optometry program. After working for the government for over 17 years, I returned to tribal employment. I worked in the Division of Gaming for 13 years, returned to college for four years (2009-2012), and then worked in the Culture Department and finally the Tribal Health Department.

I was elected to Tribal Council in November 2019, and suddenly Covid struck; our tribal offices closed in March 2020, as did the rest of the country. This didn't stop tribal government from working, we continued tribal operations in a new way. Along the way we discovered how ill equipped we were in providing core services, health care and education needs to our people due to our poor broad band service. Not only did covid



affect the health of our people it also required that we adopt a new way of operating our tribal government.

When I first ran for tribal office my goals were water, trust responsibility from the BIA and other government agencies, preserving our natural resources, language revitalization and culture preservation; and ensuring that vital core services continued for the membership. Not only should efforts continue on these important issues we must invest in our most important asset, our people. We must maintain our relationships with our elders and nurture our tribal youth. We must maintain good health care programs for our people, and a solid health benefits program for off-reservation health care referrals; a sound higher education program; enhanced financial literacy programs; and agricultural services for our people who are working on land assignment improvements, just to name a few. I will continue my efforts to support these programs by utilizing my knowledge of tribal programs, policies and maintaining consistent tribal operations.

My goals have not changed, instead the list has increased. We are working on substance abuse prevention and seeking avenues to re-establish a substance facility on the reservation. We

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT

## Matthew J. Box

Mique Puome, Nunay nia "I am a Buffalo too", that was a name given to me when the great Rolling Thunder buffalo was taken, for the people. Before then, I was called "Buffalo". That name was given to me by my Grandma Dorothy Box. I am the grandson of aka nuu chi (Eddie Box Sr.) and the son Eddie Box, Betty Box, and this Pino Nuu chi community.

With great humbleness, I offer myself to serve the people as your Southern Ute Tribal Council Member.

For some time now I've had a vision for our tribe becoming completely self sufficient as a nation. I can see a future where my vision of sovereignty for our people comes to fruition and want to work for you as your Southern Ute Tribal Council Member to take the steps to make this a reality, for us all and those of us yet to come. I want us to keep our strengths and inherent Ute ways and see us as a united people keeping our perpetuity while we continue to strengthen and build upon the quality of life we have been blessed with. My vision, that I share and hold with you all as "our vision" honors our ancestors and speaks love and care to our children and their children.

Our way of life, the Ute way, who we are, and where we are going must be cherished and saved for not just us, but far into the future for many generations to come. Our museum is the cradle of our knowledge and it's still in its infancy. The Ute artifacts in this world have not found their way back home. There is much work to be done and my shared vision, with all of you, encompasses this foundation of our being and helps facilitate an environment where our way of life is protected and nurtured towards growth while maintaining our beautiful traditions.

We Utes, aa nuu chi u, of today are not complete as a nation in this modern time. Part of my shared vision, with all of you, includes our tribe becoming self sufficient. The following are examples and steps to aid us in our goal of, how I envision us, accomplishing complete sovereignty as Southern Ute people.

To become self sufficient and complete as a nation I'd like to help facilitate our tribe to have:

- The ability to be in control of our own power grid at homes and lands within the exterior boundaries of our lands.
- The maximization of all lands and water rights in full production with a co-op to gather that resource.
- A hospital/ healthcare center, the size of the growth fund building, with a trauma helicopter pad for when time is of the essence.
- An FDCI Bank of the Southern Utes.
- Legislative uniform building codes.
- and future plans for the perpetuity of our people.

I see the above as just the beginning of my shared vision for our people and feel good knowing that if we could implement all I've mentioned our tribe will have an umbrella of self protection and indepen-



dence as a nation.

The complexity of this vision takes a great deal of work and I promise to be stubborn in "not giving up" and rolling up my sleeves when the work needs to be done. I would welcome the many great ideas that you, our great Southern Ute people, all hold to help further our goals to make our people prosperous and self sufficient. For example, a tribal member may have an idea where the tribe would purchase and maintain tribal homes with home insurance like Home Shield. This service would be available to all tribal members similarly to health benefits. This home insurance would benefit and serve all tribal members with many household needs and home emergencies. If the services were needed, the tribe would then react with a professional status to be the contractor who would address those home needs. This idea, that a tribal member may have, could fall apart easily unless all the answers are met, hard work is put in and support from Tribal leadership is given. If honored to be your Southern Ute Tribal Council Member I will work hard to listen and support individual member ideas and needs. I know this work is not easy but I am ready to take on the responsibilities and hard work needed to move our tribe forward in a positive and self sustaining direction. I will earnestly and with great tenacity work for us all and in turn hopefully make you all and our ancestors proud.

If honored with the position of your Southern Ute Tribal Council Member, I understand the way a council member is able to address the concerns of the people or help in assisting each of you in the services available. Not only will I stand with you and advocate for you as you navigate through the administration, but I will also be vigilant in updating and creating policies that are for the people. I will focus on and ensure that there is accountability in the budget vs. the actual services offered equally. And finally, no matter what needs to be addressed and no matter the cost, I would make sure we never veer off or back track from the financial plan that has provided the tribal trust we have today and look towards a future that not only helps us all today but builds a future that is secure and self sufficient for many generations to come.

May-kya-nu-s-ura-sapa/ I'm again humbled to speak to you all, my Ute people, and would be honored to serve you all as your Southern Ute Tribal Council Member.

*Sincerely,  
Matthew J. Box  
I am a Buffalo too*

# VOTE

## Matthew J. Box




### Tribal Council 2022



# I am a Buffalo too

# VOTE

## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL



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- RESPECTFUL
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- SUPPORT TRIBAL ELDERS
- PROTECT OUR LANGUAGE

## "PROTECT OUR UTE WAY OF LIFE"









Touring Cedar Point



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Mary Evening Star Eagle, Tribal Planning Project Coordinator, begins the tour of the new Cedar Point Road Repair beginning at the intersection of Shadow Spirit St. and Lodge Pole Way, Eagle presented the logistics of the project to Tribal Council members, Ramona Eagle, Stacey Oberly and Vanessa Torres on Friday, Oct. 7. Eagle would like to thank the Cedar Point community for their patience throughout the duration of the project. The paving project went smoothly without serious injury or damage reports.

Vice Chairman Ramona Eagle and Council Member Vanessa Torres view the new asphalt pavement on Rolling Thunder Ave., concluding the event Tribal Council members gave thanks to all the hard work contributed by Southern Ute Tribal Planning, lead contractor Weeminuche Construction Authority, project manager Paul O'Neal with SEH Russell Planning & Engineering Inc., BIA Branch of Roads, Vickie Begay, and subcontractors; Western Milling LLC, Four Corners Materials, ACM Construction, B&M Service, AAP, A&B Lines, Trautner Geotech LLC, Bear Creek Surveying Inc., and material suppliers; Four Corners Materials, C&J Grave Products Inc. & Redi-Mix Concrete, and Grand Junction Pipe.



Farewell to Maestas



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Legal Department and members of Tribal Council bid farewell to Anthony Maestas as he left his position within the department. During the potluck celebration attendees presented gifts to Maestas and praised him for his dedication and service. The event was held on Thursday, Oct. 6 in the Buckskin Charley meeting room.

Meet the Candidates Night



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

General Election candidates Marjorie Barry, Marvin Pinnecoose, Matthew Box, and Conrad Thompson prepare to answer pre-prepared questions and tribal member questions on Tuesday, Oct. 11 during the 2022 General Election: Meet the Candidates Night held online through WebEx and in-person at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Council Affairs Office Manager Sunshine M. Whyte served as the Meet the Candidates Night Moderator. She led the event in a professional manner, assuring all appropriate questions were answered and made sure the event stayed on schedule.



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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

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 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/>

Tribal Broadband Modernization Project Update

**IMPACTS TO TRAVEL BETWEEN SEPT. 23 - NOV. 23, 2022**

Traffic lanes will be narrowed on CO Hwy 151. Motorists will be required to reduce speeds and travel safely around the construction taking place on the shoulder. Motorists are also urged to watch for workers and equipment along the roadway.

**SLOW DOWN**

**ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS**

**DRIVE WITH CAUTION**



## BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

# Volleycats foiled in furious five-gamer

Road loss dings IHS in league standings

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Fate played a fiendish trick on Ignacio Volleyball's varsity Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15.

Not only did IHS lose 17-25, 25-22, 25-17, 25-27, 13-15 at Telluride, but the Volleycats then went into a new week needing the Lady Miners' help to continue contending for first place amongst the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's 2A-level teams.

Having dominated struggling Ridgway in back-to-back matches on the 8th, Mancos stood 6-1 in 2A SJBL play – before a 10/18 trip to THS – while the full-pull setback set the 'Cats, owners of a 5:4 sets won/lost tiebreaker over MHS, back to 5-2.

Despite facing Ignacio with four players – two injured – benched altogether, and having survived a 22-25, 19-25, 25-15, 25-20, 15-11 full pull against 3A Gunnison the previous night, Telluride improved to 3-3 with not only the Lady Jays' visit remaining, but also a trip on the 20th to Dolores (2-3 2A SJBL).

IHS (11-8 overall, 7-2 2A/1A SJBL) got an im-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Ollyvia Howe (8) follows through on a spike over Telluride's Delia Noel (10) during SJBL road action Saturday, Oct. 15, at THS.

pressive 19-kill, 25-dig double-double against THS (9-11, 3-5) from senior Harmony Reynolds, and classmate Laci Brunson booked one of her own with 36 set assists and 14 digs. Junior Solymar Cosio nearly made it three for the

'Cats, registering nine kills and as many digs.

Offensively, Ignacio's 39 charted kills were largely offset by 22 errors – leaving the squad with a collective .085 hitting percentage

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Solymar Cosio uses her height advantage over teammate Kacey tipping a shot over Telluride's Delia Noel Brown (4) to successfully reach and pass a ball in Telluride, Colo.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Harmony Reynolds tries height advantage over teammate Kacey tipping a shot over Telluride's Delia Noel Brown (4) to successfully reach and pass a ball in Telluride, Colo.

## BOBCATS FOOTBALL

# Run-based Pirates overpower Bobcats, 54-6

IHS avoids shutout with fourth-quarter TD

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

From its inception, the play should have resulted in an interception.

But if freshman Zane Pontine's overthrow followed the rule, junior Devante Montoya created an exception.

Seeing the football float over his own head and into Monte Vista defensive back Ismael Medina's hands, Montoya, not giving up without a fight, wedged his left hand between the Pirate and the pigskin. And as both players crash-landed at the MVHS 5-yard line he somehow swiped possession, completing a 24-yard reception – setting up senior John Riepel's subsequent touchdown run, Ignacio's only points in a 54-6 home loss Friday night, Oct. 14.

Riepel's two-point conversion run failed after he was pushed out of bounds at the 1-yard line by, ironically, Medina.

Perhaps somewhat salty over losing a shutout – in what ended up being head coach Manny Wasinger's 250th prep-level win – Monte Vista responded with a game-ending 4-play, 57-yard drive capped by sophomore reserve Jacob Pacheco's 40-yard TD carry with 2:15 left on the mercy-rule running clock.

Fellow sophomore Kevin Cisneros ran in the two-pointer, and neither side stressed out about lining up for a hurried, unnecessary kickoff as time ran out in the Southern Peaks Conference clash.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Anthony Toledo (1) tries fleeing Monte Vista's pursuit during 1A Southern Peaks action Friday night, Oct. 14, at IHS Field. Rushing proved difficult in a 54-6 loss; the Bobcats as a team netted just 55 yards on 19 carries.

Ahead 12-0 after one quarter and 32-0 through two, the Pirates (No. 5 in the CHSAA Now.com Class 1A poll), got 141 yards and four TDs – the last a 15-yarder with 8:39 left in the third quarter, capping a 9-play, 66-yard slog and enacting mercy-rule play – on 16 carries from senior DeAngelo Archuleta. Senior Khegan Gunter totaled 97 on 12 with one score, Pacheco gained 51 yards on two runs, and senior Andrew Chavez netted 101 on eight with a TD.

Attempting but one pass (deflected by Montoya) from scrimmage until after halftime, he ended up 3-of-5 for 57 yards, including a 40-yard TD to a diving Azariah Hurtado – the freshman's first-ever catch, according to Wasinger – with 1:50 left in the third. IHS' Charlie Pargin broke up Chavez's conversion-pass try, but the quarter ended with the guests in control, 46-0.

Bobcat D.J. Hendren managed to return MVHS' squib

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## BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

# IHS harriers eyeing last-chance meet

State trips on the line at Delta regional

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Electing to forego events like the Sargent-hosted Eric Wolff Invitational, Oct. 14 in Monte Vista, in which runners sought to sharpen their skills and stretch their strides in preparation for their respective postseason races, Ignacio Cross-Country will be rested, if nothing more, going into the Class 2A-Region IV Championships.

Beginning at 11 a.m. on the 21st, the meet will be held in Delta at Confluence Park – a course known to be just as fast, if not faster than the last upon which the Bobcats ran.

Competing most recently at the 2022 Four Corners

Southwest Classic, Oct. 7 in Durango, IHS' first four fellows, despite a mid-pack result, were separated by fewer than 90 seconds – a positive sign for success at the 'Delta Speedway.'

Senior Eppie Quintana was back in action, placing a team-best 35th overall at Hillcrest Golf Course in 19 minutes, 59.76 ticks. Freshman Trace Crane took 43rd in 21:00.67, junior Corey Gomez placed 46th in 21:13.52, and freshman Aven Bourriague ended up 49th in 21:22.43.

Completing the contingent, freshman Dillon Brann (23:05.63) finished 62nd out of 75 – all paced by Durango sophomore Luke Swenk, who clocked a winning 16:26.72 and won by more

than 32 seconds over Alamosa senior Isaac Higareda.

In the girls' race, Ignacio junior Lauren deKay placed 41st in a time of 26 minutes, 51.65 seconds. Leading the field of 59 was Alamosa junior Sarah de la Cerdá, who recorded the only sub-19 effort with her 18:55.12. DHS senior Willow Lott was runner-up in 19:40.17.

To qualify for the State Championships, set for Oct. 29 at Norris-Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs, a runner must either place top-15 at the regional, or be on one of the top five teams in its score-4 setting. Such teams must consist of four to eight entered individuals – meaning the Bobcat boys, at least, could potentially advance as a squad.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE!

# Rescheduled!!

Deadline for registration will be October 21st. The registration fee will be \$175. Late registration includes a late fee of \$25.

Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning November 2nd.

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

For info contact the Recreation Department at 563-0214

Virgil @ ext. 2652  
Daphnee @ ext. 2655

Tara @ ext. 2667  
Bird @ ext. 2664

### Are you ready for some Youth Basketball?! Participants must be ages 4-12 yrs old. Coaches are needed for all age groups.



Registration opens October 10th!

Registration fee is \$15 for enrolled Ute tribal members & 1st descendants. All other participants are \$30

\* Deadline to register is November 18th.

\* Practices will begin in January. Schedules will be made after Coaches meeting (TBD).

\* Games will be every Saturday beginning in February.



For more info on registration and coaching, call the Recreation Department 563-0214:

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## TRIBAL OBITUARIES



Christina was born July 3, 1984, to Franklin Harrison Bixby and Cecelia Tabatha Ojohn in Denver, Colo. She grew up in Denver and Graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. She attended Arapahoe Community College and obtained an associate's degree.

She was a loving mother, daughter and sister. She'll be missed by many. Family and friends are to remember the good she did for herself and her family.

She is survived by a son: Devin James Ojohn (15); mother: Cecilia OJohn; siblings: Franklin Ojohn, Milo Ojohn, Darwin Ojohn, Darrin Ojohn and Davin Ojohn; and her partner: Tanya.

She is preceded in death by her father: Franklin Harrison Bixby; and her cousin: Wilson Ojohn.

A Funeral Service will be held Monday, Oct. 24, 2022, at 11 a.m., at Southern Ute Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Ouray Memorial Cemetery.

**OJOHN** – Christina Marie Ojohn passed away Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022, in Phoenix AZ. She was 38 years old.



practiced martial arts; he was the next Bruce Lee! He also obtained numerous certifications from the NRA (National Rifle Association) for his skilled shooting abilities. Robert worked for 17 years at the Sky Ute Casino & Resort as a Surveillance Agent. He caught a lot of bad guys and was a workaholic.

Robert was the World's Best Break Dancer! He loved animals and collecting and shooting guns, he was in fast cars and 4x4 trucks, always upgrading his rides. He faithfully listened to his favorite podcasts (Sasquatch Chronicles, Aliens Stories, Dogman Encounters). He also enjoyed collecting and making art; he kept journals of everyday life; he enjoyed playing guitars with family; and taught himself how to play the flute.

He was always happy, respectful, and enjoyed dressing fancy. He was known for his long, gorgeous hair. Robert loved to eat, when he was eating he always wore a bib. He would say, "I'm not ruining my clothes for anyone!" He always gave the best gifts. He was very thoughtful, kind, and respectful person. He enjoyed making new friends. Robert would always be laughing and joking around. He was the funniest guy on the Rez.

Robert's favorite quotes were "My little girl is Honey Ham", "Honey Cat", "Eye Candy", and "Hey, Chicky-a-dee".

A Celebration of Life for Robert was held on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022 at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Memorial Chapel, with a Graveside Service at the Ouray Cemetery. A Reception in Robert's honor was held immediately after Graveside Services at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Multi-Purpose Center.

**CASIAS** – Andrea F. Casias passed on Friday, Oct. 14 surrounded by family and friends after a long battle with cancer.

Andrea was born in Tiffany, Colo. on May 18, 1952.

She attended school in Ignacio, Colo. As a young adult her dream was to visit all 50 U.S. States. Andrea was able to visit over 40 states before her passing.

Andrea has worked several jobs, including hospitality, before retiring to become a home maker and rancher.

Her son Melvin Valdez was born in 1972. On Aug. 18, 1993, she married her husband, Irvin Casias. They celebrated 29 years of marriage and have been together for over 30 years.

Andrea was an excellent cook and has fed many friends and family members over the years. Andrea always helped any one down on their luck and in their time of need. She had a way of making people feel like they were at home.

Her hobbies included cruising on her buggy with her furry companions Max and Maisie while farming, checking on her animals, and gardening. During her quiet time, she crocheted, sewed, read, played handheld video games, and liked talking to her friends on the telephone. She adopted and took care of many, ma-

ny animals from the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs.

Andrea lived life to the fullest and did it her way. Friends and family had a saying, "That's Andrea." So, if you knew her, you knew what that meant.

She is survived by her husband of 30 Years, Irvin Casias, her son Melvin Valdez. Her favorite spoiled niece that counted as her granddaughter, Victoria K. Trujillo-Weaver, she could do no wrong according to Andrea. Her brothers: Patricio (Kathy) Trujillo, Fernando (Deb) Trujillo, Her sisters: Agnes Christiansen, Mary Lopez, Gloria White, Lucy Stewart (Ron), Elaine Trujillo, MariaEliza Trujillo (Phillip), Ava Trujillo (Frank), and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was proceeded in death by parents, Maria E. and Victoriano Trujillo. Siblings: Aurora Archuleta, Lucella, Avelino "Joe" Valdez, Connie Albo, Robert Trujillo, Victor Trujillo, Marcos Trujillo, and Jose "Moggs" Trujillo.

Andrea's services were held on Thursday, Oct. 20 at Saint Ignatius Catholic Church.

Donations can be made on her behalf to the Pagosa Springs Humane Society and the American Cancer Center.

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### VOC REHAB GRATITUDE

The Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation Program humbly thanks all who helped make the Disability Employment Awareness Day proclamation event possible: The Southern Ute Tribal Council and Executive Office, and their staffs for their unwavering support; the Southern Ute Veterans Association, for the presentation of the flags always reminding us what an honor it is to be citizens of this tribe and country; Southern Ute Tribal Elder, Russell Box, Sr., for your prayer to start the event and your willingness to share your perspective and story with those in attendance; the Southern Ute Singers for their strong voices and powerful songs; the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, for providing the space to hold the event and such wonderful customer service to our guests; Miss Southern Ute First Alternate, Izabella Cloud, for your presence, kind words, and willingness to be open and answer any questions our state visitors had; the Southern Ute Tribal Services Department staff, for being there and always supporting the Vocational Rehabilitation program; the State of Colorado

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation staff members who traveled here from across the state to take part and collaborate; the Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation participants who helped and attended, the Southern Ute Native Connections Program, for the use of their speaker and microphone helping to make our voices heard, Lindsay Box, for your help creating the event flyer, the Southern Ute Tribal Information Services Department for getting the message about the event out to the community, the Sky Ute Casino and Resort, for accommodating our state visitors, and the Southern Ute Grounds Maintenance and Custodial crews, for maintaining the inside and outside spaces on our tribal campus making and keeping them so beautiful.

We thank everyone who was able to take the time to join us and those who could not be there, but wanted to attend, we understand that work must be done, and our health is most important of all.

*Togoyaqh,  
Southern Ute  
Vocational Rehabilitation Program*

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## COMMUNITY GREETINGS



### Cyana Birthday shout out

To a courageous and fearless daughter whose spirit touches the hearts of those around her. Wishing Cyana Whiteskunk a Happy 9th birthday!

As you came into this world I placed my hand on your head and prayed you will be wise. On your body to pray for a kind heart and a strong body.

On your feet so you can walk a straight path. On your back so you will stand straight and tall.

*From mom, dad and your big brother.  
All your family and friends near and far.*



### To: My true (Uncle Alan Herrera)

Sorry about the loss of your family members, I love you so much.

*You have my deepest regrets "from me"  
Joseph Rael Jr.*

## VETERANS DAY FRIDAY, NOV. 11, 2022

**Southern Ute Tribal Administrative Offices  
will be closed in observance of Veterans Day**

## Drum Deadline

**Next issue  
Nov. 4**

**Deadline  
Oct. 31**

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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## Membership Memories



courtesy Cynthia Buckskin

In Memory,  
Robert Buckskin  
1940-2005

Celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day, formerly known as Transform Columbus Day, formerly known as Columbus Day. In loving memory of Saa 'swanis'hiswaqs.

From your Family Circle

### 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.



### 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.

### In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
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#### 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

### 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.**

## ENTER FOR LOGO CONTEST WINNER TAKES ALL

SEPTEMBER 19



NOVEMBER 21

Tribal Planning is looking to the membership for a talented artist to create there 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

## Multi-Purpose Facility October Indoor Yard Sale Saturday October 22, 2022 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Join Sandy Seibert for scrapbooking  
(Bring Photos)

No Admission Fee - No Set-up Fee  
(Doors open at 8:00 AM)

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call the MPF to reserve your table 563-2640 or  
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## CALL FOR APPLICANTS! for the AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM 2023

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Environmental Programs Division (EPD) is now accepting applications for the 2023 Cost-share program (CSP). The purpose of the CSP is to work cooperatively with landowners to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on lands within the Reservation. BMPs are designed to help reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients being added to our waterways. Water quality, fish and wildlife habitat deteriorate with sediment and nutrient loading into our creeks and rivers. BMPs may include replacing flood irrigation with gated pipe or sprinklers, off-source watering developments, conservation plowing, riparian fencing and re-vegetation. The program pays 95% of the cost of the BMPs utilized with the participant providing the remaining 5%. Due to limited funding not all applicants will be chosen. Projects are judged based upon the potential to reduce agriculture related pollution and to improve water quality. Contact project coordinator Steve Kem at (970) 563-2295 or [skem@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:skem@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information. Applications are due November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.



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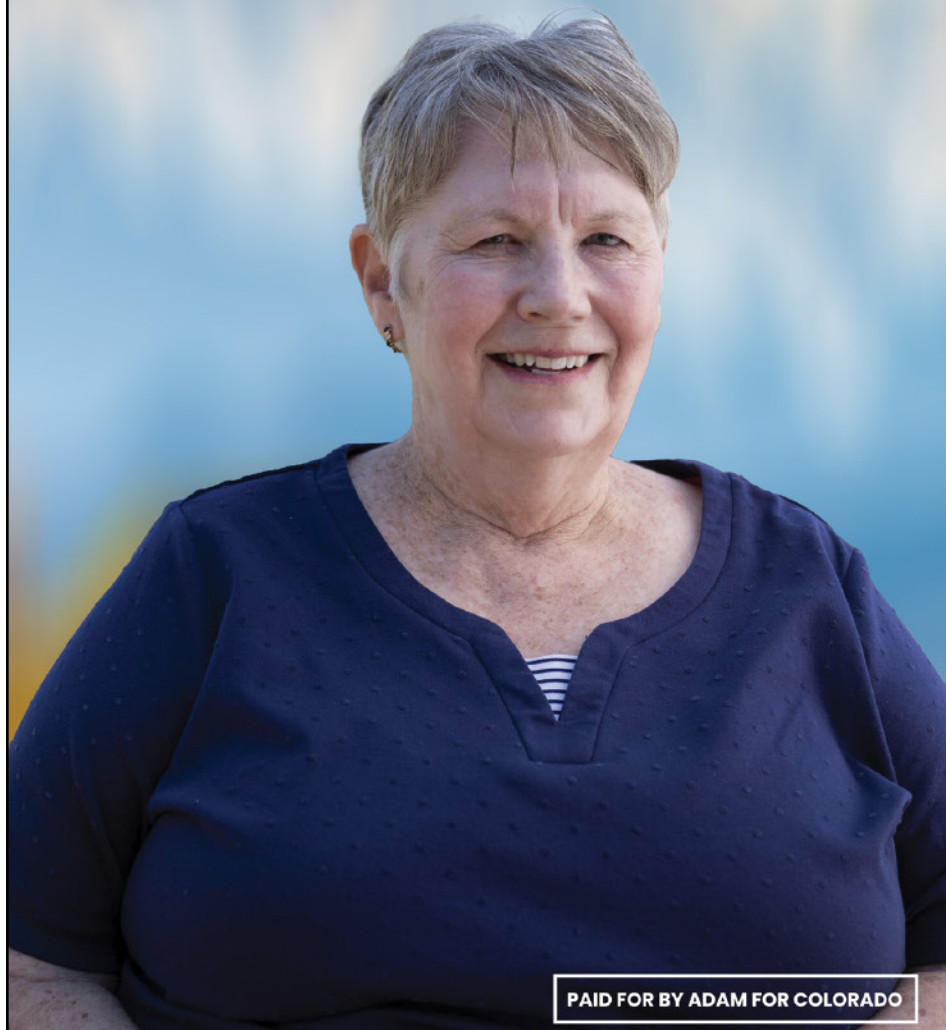
APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2022/09/COST-SHARE-AGRICULTURAL-PROJECT-2023.PDF>  
OR CALL Steve Kem @ (970) 563-2295

## 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/>

**"I'm a Republican.  
I'm voting for Adam Frisch.  
Lauren Boebert hasn't done  
anything that represents  
my values."**

*- Diana (R), Rifle*



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

### 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.

## We Need Your Input!

Help us create long-term, sustainable solutions for our county's youth recovering from the social impacts of the pandemic.

### Team UP for Students Foundational Series

*A community strategic planning event supported by La Plata County Government  
American Rescue Plan Act funds & United Way of Southwest Colorado*

Join us for this 3-part, collaborative series of strategic planning to build a thoughtful and inclusive foundation for **Team UP for Students**: a community-led program facilitated by United Way of Southwest Colorado that will provide positive, long-term and sustainable solutions to help our county's youth recover from the social impacts of the pandemic.

Lunch will be provided at three gatherings, each focused on a different part of the process:

#### Part I: Introduction & Background

Monday, November 7, 11 am - 1 pm | The Peaks Rooms @ Durango Rec Center

#### Part II: Prioritizing Efforts & Forming a Steering Committee

Thursday, November 17, 11 am - 1 pm | The Peaks Rooms @ Durango Rec Center

#### Part III: Consensus Building on Initial Funding

Monday, December 5, 11 am - 1 pm | The Peaks Rooms @ Durango Rec Center

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

#### Questions?

Contact Lynn Urban, UWSC President & CEO  
(970) 247-9444 ext. 12

[lynnu@unitedway-swco.org](mailto:lynnu@unitedway-swco.org)

*Team UP for Students is designed as a progressive series. Attendance at all three gatherings is recommended for the group to be most effective.*



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

**ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE**

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

**Administrative Assistant II – The Southern Ute Drum**  
Closes 10/25/22 – Under the direct supervision of the Media Manager, represents The Southern Ute Drum in a positive, professional manner while providing Administrative/Secretarial and advertising support. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

**Administrative Assistant II – Behavioral Health**  
Closes 11/1/22 – First line of communication for substance abuse treatment program. Interface with patients, other service centers, departments, outside agencies, hospitals, clinics, etc. Provide clerical/administrative support. Greet patients, answers telephones, data entry, and performs a variety of complex scheduling activities. Position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

**Air Quality Planner**  
Closes 10/26/22 – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in co-ordinating and conducting technical, regulatory, and air quality improvement planning tasks for the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/year.

**Animal Care Technician – (So. Ute tribal member only)**  
Closes 10/27/22 – Under the general supervision of the Tribal Ranger Sergeant, assures the care of impounded animals and other duties related to the care of the site and the animals. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

**Animal Control Officer**  
Closes 10/27/22 – Under the general supervision of the Tribal Ranger Sergeant, assures compliance of the Tribal Animal Control Code through enforcement and education. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

**Audit Assistant – (So. Ute tribal member only)**  
Closes 10/27/22 – Under the general supervision of the Director of Internal Audit and other internal audit staff as assigned, the audit assistant will perform administrative tasks for the department and project level support, including introductory level audit procedures. To gain experience, duties assigned are to familiarize the employee with the more complex auditing work that is performed by an associate internal auditor. Providing support to internal auditors with audits, reviews, assessments, and other engagements. Providing administrative support for the department, including audit record retention. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

**Family Court Case Manager**  
Closes 10/27/22 – Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Responsible for psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Position is both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full-time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/annually.

**Family Court Therapist**  
Closes 10/27/22 – Provides direct and clinical supervision to Family Court Support Office staff and program services. Assists the Chief Judge and the Court Program Analyst/Grant Writer with recommendations for new or enhanced program services requiring grant funding. Provides grant and data reporting. Assists judges in assigning court appointments to Family Court Caseworkers or Family Court Therapist. Manages a small family court caseload conducting mental health Guardian ad Litem investigations, Special Advocate investigations, parent coordination, and mediation services. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/annually.

**Home & Community Health Services Manager**  
Closes 10/25/22 – Management and administration of all Community and Home Health Services, programs, and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

**Patrol Officer Trainee**  
Closes 10/21/22 – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon completion of the required trainings and certifications, incumbent will assume the position of Patrol Officer. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

**Receptionist – Council Affairs**  
Closes 10/21/22 – Greeting Tribal Members, employees, and the public. Performs reception duties by telephone and in person, greeting, screening, and assisting with inquiries and appointments. Requires a positive and professional attitude with demonstrated integrity, dependability, trustworthiness, and teamwork. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

**Receptionist – Tribal Information Services**  
Closes 10/25/22 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

**Tribal Court Administrator**  
Closes 10/26/22 – Provides administrative assistance and clerical support for Tribal Court and Chief Judge. Coordinating and managing the Bailiff/Court Security, Clerks Office, Family Court Support Office, and Probation functions through directives issued by the Chief Judge. Implements and maintains office systems to assure the efficient operation of the Tribal Court. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/year.

**Tribal Legislative Attorney**  
Closes 12/1/22 – Review, revise, and draft the Tribe's Codes and ordinances. Develop a plan for regular review of all tribal codes and will develop and establish a process for Code prioritization and revision. Maintaining the Tribe's official code. As necessary, will assist the Legal Department with general legal representation, advice, and support to Tribal Council, Tribal Departments, and tribal staff. Will work in the Legal Department subject to the supervision of the Director and Deputy Director of the Legal Department to support the needs of the Tribe.

**Vital Statistics Clerk**  
Closes 10/25/22 – Administration and oversight of the Tribe's Enrollment Ordinance and related documents. Meets with the Tribal Council to obtain formal approved enrollment records of eligible Southern Ute Tribal Members. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

**After School Program Attendant (Part-time)**  
Open Until Filled – A regular part-time position that provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after-school program. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/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.

**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.

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

**Early Childhood 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. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

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

**Elementary Teacher Trainee – (So. Ute tribal member only)**  
Open Until Filled – 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 Mon-

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tessori 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. 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. May require an employee to be placed on a winter furlough period of at least two months per year, but not more than four months. Pay grade N9; 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.

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

**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 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/hour.

**Small Business Specialist Trainee – (So. Ute tribal member 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 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 tribal member only)**  
Open Until Filled – The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled So. Ute tribal members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the So. Ute Indian Tribe. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

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

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

**Tribal Attorney**  
Open Until Filled – Works with other attorneys in the Tribe's in-house Legal Dept. 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.

**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.



OPEN HOUSE

Friday, November 4th, 2022  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

238 Rolling Thunder Avenue

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Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.  
Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO  
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Senior Reservoir Engineer – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 10/21/22 – Requires expert application of reservoir engineering petroleum engineering and project evaluation skills. Works collaboratively with Basin Teams and partners to evaluate reservoir performance and optimize development and depletion plans for assigned areas. Utilizes appropriate risking techniques and economic analyses to optimize the quality of investments.

Production Accounting Technician II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 10/28/22 – Analyzing the integrity of data received from outside operated properties and facilitate the communication with the appropriate personnel to edit and correct invalid data in company operated software programs and databases.

Utilities Operator II – So. Ute Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 10/28/22 – Under the general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor, hauls water to hauled water customers, and operates heavy equipment during the maintenance and repair of the water distribution, wastewater collection and natural gas systems.

Operations Specialist – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 11/2/22 – Support position to the Operations Department for daily operational tasks while remaining in compliance with Red Willow Production Company's priorities and procedures. May specialize in one or more areas of production and may be asked to direct the work of contractors and company operations personnel.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

\*Audio and Video Lead System Engineer (Full-time)

Maintains and 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. 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.

\*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

\*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. The Count Team pulls the containers and counts or verifies the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

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

Event Staff (Full-time or On-call)

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

\*Executive Chef

Oversee all functions of the main kitchen, including production, food safety, staff training and development, and product management. Ensures the highest quality and consistency as it relates to food handling, sanitation, food quality, service in the dining room, and food presentations.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the facility.

\*Facilities Tech (Full-time)

Electrical and mechanical functions, operations of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment and building by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

\*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.

\*Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

Will perform multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in a number of capacities

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.

\*Marketing Admin. Assistant (Full-time)

Reports to the Marketing Director. Supports the Marketing Coordinators in all phases of advertising and promotional administrative operations. Requires strong interpersonal skills, customer service skills, telephone skills, computer skills and attention to detail.

Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated.

\*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 to include: 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.

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

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CenturyLink also participates in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which provides eligible households with a discount on broadband service. The ACP provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

For both programs, a household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Services are not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in these programs. Consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain these discounts can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from these programs.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, visit <https://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/lifeline.html> for additional information about applying for these programs or call 1-800-201-4099 with questions.



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TEAM Temporary Workers

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. Please Contact Rochelle Aguilar, Southern Ute Human Resources Assistant at 970-563-2990 or stop by at Leonard C. Burch Building 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137, to complete the employment application.



## Cultural curiosity



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Drum hosted a cultural education visit on Sunday, Oct. 9 during the last leg of the group's Native American cultural tour – spanning from North Dakota to Southwest Colorado. In partnership with the Nation Magazine and Distant Horizons, the visiting group met with newsroom staff to learn more about tribal media and cultural etiquette in covering topics in Indian Country.

The group also toured the Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center, Sun-Ute Community Center where they met with other representatives from the Tribe during their stay at the Southern Ute Casino and Resort. Bird Red joined the group's recent visit to Ignacio – providing insight into Ute culture and local history for participants.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

## MPF hosts Sip, Chat and Chew



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal members, Connie Baker and LeAnn Wesley share a smile while enjoying their lunch at the Sip, Chat, & Chew event hosted, Friday, Oct. 14 at the Multi-purpose Facility. This month's event saw a large turnout from local Southern Ute tribal members and their families, attendees enjoyed a menu of beef stew, spaghetti, cornbread, and various vegetable sides. Attendees also donated door prizes to be raffled off at the conclusion of the event.



## did you know?!

**Elk antlers are made of bone!**  
**Bull elk lose their antlers each spring, but grow new ones over the summer. Elk antlers can grow more than an inch a day, depending on how much sunlight a bull gets. Sunlight elevates testosterone in bulls, which triggers antler growth.**



Image Source: <https://www.steamboatsmyhome.com/ghosts-of-the-forest/>

**Antlers can weigh as much as 40 pounds and add 4 feet to an elk's height!**

Sources: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/facts/elk-1> and <https://www.outdoorhub.com/stories/2015/02/09/13-bizarre-elk-facts-hunters-dont-know/>

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.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Oct. 21



Sunny 68°F  
Wind gusts in afternoon

Saturday, Oct. 22



Sunny 65°F  
Wind gusts in afternoon

Sunday, Oct. 23



Mostly cloudy 52°F  
80% showers likely, breezy

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



## PIRATES OVERPOWER BOBCATS • FROM PAGE 14

kick three yards beginning the final frame, and Ignacio (4-2, 2-1 SPC) set up shop at their own 41 with 11:45 remaining. Riepel then advanced the 'Cats 30 yards via four consecutive carries, preceding Montoya's heads-up repo move, and IHS finished with a 6-play, 59-yard scoring drive consuming an uplifting 4:02 (including Hendren's short runback) of clock.

3-of-9 passing for 19 yards, Riepel managed a respectable 66 yards rushing on 14 carries. Montoya finished with two catches for 35 yards, Hendren caught one throw for eight, and Pontine (1-of-2 passing) one for zero. Senior Anthony Toledo was held to minus-10 yards on four carries, and freshman Lincoln deKay minus-1 on one.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With concerned Bobcats observing, Ignacio trainer Shelby Sangster patches up senior quarterback John Riepel's non-throwing elbow Friday night.

IHS will travel — Friday, Oct. 21, out to La Jara to face Centauri (5-2, 3-0), victorious on the 14th at Trinidad (0-7, 0-3) by a 52-0 margin — the Falcons' third straight shutout, by an aggregate 163-0 count. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Meanwhile, Monte Vista (7-0, 3-0) will host Centor (3-4, 1-2) on the 21st at 6 p.m., with the Vikings hoping to follow up on a 40-35 home win over Del Norte (2-5, 0-3).

## VOLLEYCATS FOILED • FROM PAGE 14

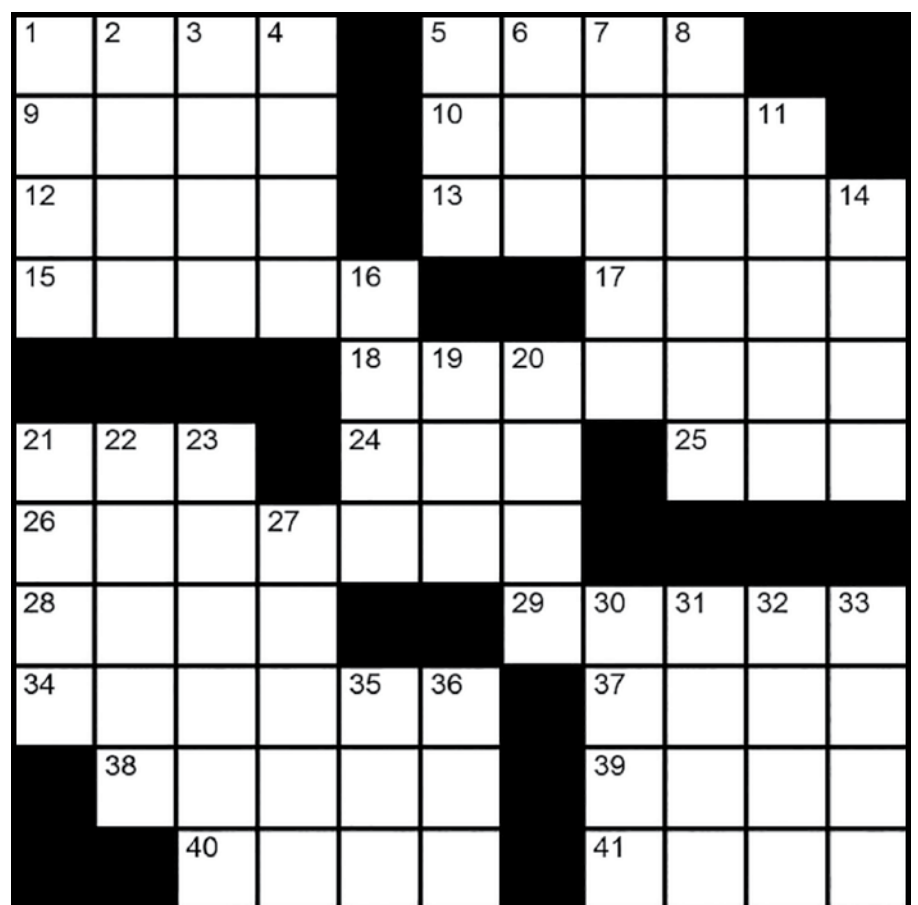
in 200 attacks.

Junior Maci Barnes was credited with 19 digs in the endurance test, while junior libero Kacey Brown and sophomore Marissa Olguin also reached double figures with ten each. Senior Trinity Strohl, junior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga, and sophomore Ollyvia Howe each tallied six digs in defeat — finalized when Lady Miner

senior Emma Righetti, immediately after Howe kept hope alive by denying freshman Lillyann Mahoney's tip try, correctly anticipated Cosio's subsequent tip and stuffed it at the strings. Statistics for Telluride, victorious in all three of their Homecoming Week matches, had not been verified as of press time. Looking ahead on the

schedule, Ignacio will host 1A SJB force Dove Creek on Saturday, Oct. 22, then welcome Dolores on the 25th before closing out regular season play on the 27th versus 2A Southern Peaks Leaguers Sargent. Results from IHS' 10/18 home match against Pagosa Springs (9-7, 3-5 3A Inter-mountain) were unavailable at press time.

## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 1 College prep test
- 5 Exam for would-be doctors
- 9 --- Abraham Ikkidluak, Inuit sculptor
- 10 Money in Madrid
- 12 Heavy mallet
- 13 The --- Band of Luiseño Indians, Valley Center, CA
- 15 Highway barrier type, from its original maker's name
- 17 Setting of Munch's "The Scream"
- 18 Hypothetical questions
- 21 South-eastern Australian state
- 24 Sister
- 25 "Bad idea"
- 26 Stored up
- 28 Ale measure
- 29 --- N'ôez Cabeza de Vaca, Spanish explorer and reporter of Native American tribes
- 34 Engage the enemy
- 37 Assistant
- 38 Balderdash
- 39 Mariner's peril
- 40 Brings home
- 41 Boring aids

### Down

- 1 Ira Hayes was one
- 2 Fly in a glider
- 3 Medicinal astringent
- 4 Diamond's opposite, in hardness
- 5 French sea
- 6 "--- bono?"
- 7 Former "Dr. Danger" reality TV host Bob ---
- 8 Alarm signal
- 11 Musical scale
- 14 Have a snack
- 16 Doesn't rent
- 19 Color quality
- 20 "... a bushel --- peck"
- 21 California wine valley
- 22 Ojibwe Chief "White Wolf" John ---, reputedly the oldest ever Native American
- 23 Unrestrained
- 27 Amount bet
- 30 "Dr. Zhivago" heroine
- 31 Way of thinking
- 32 German nobility
- 33 "Zebras," in sports slang
- 35 "Stop filming!"
- 36 There are approximately 1.6093 in a mile

Answers for this crossword will appear in November 4 issue of the Drum.

### Answers for October 7, 2022 Crossword Puzzle

**Across:** 1 Self, 5 Bloc, 9 Gable, 10 Guano, 11 Imams, 12 Aster, 13 For, 14 Capitan, 16 Abdul, 18 Eel, 19 Reeds, 21 Lee, 23 Cited, 26 Panicky, 28 Raj, 30 And so, 31 O'Hara, 33 Skeet, 34 Gusty, 35 Sadr, 36 Ides.  
**Down:** 1 Samoa, 2 Ebarb, 3 LLM, 4 Fescue, 5 Busiest, 6 Latte, 7 O'Neal, 8 Corn, 9 GIF, 10 Gap, 15 Aleck, 17 Dreiser, 20 Diyogi, 21 Lanka, 22 Ended, 24 Erase, 25 Darts, 26 Pass, 27 Cot, 29 Jay, 32 HUD.