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STATE OF COLORADO

# Native regalia bill gets full support from Polis



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Native American graduates from Ignacio High School wear mortarboards adorned with eagle feathers during the commencement ceremony in 2022. The Ignacio School District has long supported Native students who wish to honor their culture and heritage by wearing feathers and other regalia during graduation, a new bill signed by Governor Polis will ensure Native students across the state are given that opportunity.

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The State of Colorado has taken steps to ensure that Native American students are allowed to don traditional regalia, such as eagle plumes, beadwork and other culturally important items during formal graduation ceremonies. In recent years, many Native students have had push-back from their respective schools, citing policy violations and dress code. For students in Colorado, that is about to change.

Colorado Senate Bill 202: Wearing of Native American Traditional Regalia was signed by Governor Jared Polis on Thursday, May 4. The bill requires preschools, K-12 schools, public colleges

and universities to allow Native American students to wear and display traditional Native American regalia at a graduation ceremony.

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker is pleased the rights to practice culture and honor tradition are now recognized and protected for all Native American students across Colorado under SB 202. Baker has testified to the Colorado State Legislature on numerous occasions in support of the bill. The Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe are the two federally recognized tribes in Colorado, key voices in the state when it comes to tribal matters.

“Graduation is an important day in our student’s lives, as they celebrate their accomplishments,” Baker

said. “They should not have to choose between honoring their tradition or violating dress code guidelines. In wearing their regalia, they also honor their traditions, elders, and ancestors.”

The Ignacio School District has long been ahead of the curve in recognizing the importance and symbolism of Native regalia for their graduating seniors. “Ignacio School District, I feel, has recognized the desire of Native American students to wear regalia and cultural items during graduation,” Fjerstad said.

“It is important for all students to be able to honor their cultures and show pride in who they are,” she added. “Graduation is a

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Members of the first cohort of the Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute Ute Language Certification class gather with Fort Lewis College Dean of the School of Education, Dr. Jenni Trujillo for one of their final in-person classes held on Sunday, March 12 at the Culture Center and Museum. In total, 27 students from all three Ute tribes finished the program and were certified as teachers of the Ute language.

UTE LANGUAGE PRESERVATION

## SILDI program aims to preserve the Núu-‘apaha-pi

Part 1 of 2

By Fabian Martinez  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In 1979, the Ute Press published the Preliminary Edition of the Ute Dictionary written by then Director of the Ute Language Program, Tom Givon with the help of many tribal elders and those within the Ute Language Committee. The Dictionary was just one vital step towards working to preserve the Ute language. Former Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch contributed to the dictionary by providing the foreword which detailed the mission of the book, the importance

of learning the Ute language, and the mission of the Ute Language Program established in the 1970s.

“Our language had been retreating slowly, our young people had ceased to learn and use it,” Chairman Burch wrote. “Unless something was done soon, we felt, the Ute language was in grave danger of disappearing from the face of the earth ... If we are to remain Ute, we must protect our language from dying out, we must help it regain its rightful place in our lives, and in the minds of our people, especially our young.”

CREATING SILDI

40 years later, in 2019, the Southern Ute Tribe continued its mission to help revitalize the Ute language through an order from the Tribal Council under Chairman Christine Sage and the Executive Office. The Southern Ute Education Department began the process to conduct a survey with the help of Southern Ute tribal elder, Lynda D’Wolf to discuss the importance of the Ute language with elders and fluent speakers of the Ute language. They found that the Ute language was at a critical

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## Law Enforcement Recognition



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Police Officer, Adrian Wauneka and K9 officer, Raven line up in front of their police unit ahead of the vehicle inspection performed by Southern Ute Tribal Council on Monday, May 15 in recognition of Law Enforcement Week. A traditional blessing of law enforcement personnel and patrol vehicles was also performed by Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box.

Southern Ute Tribal Council member, Linda Baker stands alongside Justice and Regulatory Director, Chris Mimmack in expressing the Tribe’s gratitude to the dedication and sacrifices of Tribal law enforcement officers throughout the year. The dedication ceremony took place in front of the Casias Newton Justice Center, Monday, May 15 in recognition of Law Enforcement Week.

See more Law Enforcement Week photos on page12.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Daisy Frost, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) & Prayer Walk organizer and member of the MMIR of Colorado Task Force walks with Southern Ute Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud along Hwy 172. The walk began from Elmore’s Corner and finished in Ignacio, Colo. About 45 walkers and supporters made the 15-mile trek.

MMIR

## Native Love host annual walk to bring awareness to MMIR

Prayer Walk honors Dominic Sandoval

By Robert L. Ortiz  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Over 40 walkers and supporters made the 15-mile trek for the annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) Prayer Walk, which traversed into Southern Ute land from Elmore’s Corner, at the junction of Highway 172 and U.S. Highway 160.

The MMIR Awareness Walk is organized by members of Native Love and Daisy Bluestar, a member of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives of Colorado Task Force. The MMIR of Colorado Task Force is

a grassroots group of advocates working to bring awareness to the crisis level of violence against Indigenous people in Colorado, which was founded in 2020.

In its second year, the walk included 10 members of the Nahui Ollin Spiritual Runners from Denver. The runners also participated in the 2022 walk. The runners walked with group to the north side of “Airport Hill” on Highway 172, then returned to Elmore’s Corner to begin their segment of the run. The runners caught up with the group at the junction of Highway 172 and County Road 315.

The prayer walk also was in remembrance of Dominic Sandoval, who was killed while working on Hwy. 172, Feb. 10, 2022 while setting up a work zone.

Family members of Dominic Sandoval participated in this year’s walk. Sandoval’s mother, Diana Lee spoke at the memorial, which the family erected in memory of Dominic, on Hwy. 172. Lee spoke of how her family misses Dominic, and the joy he brought to their family.

“We wait for him to walk through the door, after work, seeing his smile,” Lee said.

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SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Not enough cooks in the kitchen

Michelle Kress, Director of Human Resources  
Sky Ute Casino Resort

We’ve all heard the expression “too many cooks in the kitchen,” but these days it’s quite the opposite for restaurants throughout the region. Ever since the COVID-19 Pandemic hit, food and beverage venues have suffered labor shortages in both the front and back of the house.

Bartenders, servers, bussers, cooks, baristas, food runners, and dishwashers are all hard to find now, leading to almost half a million restaurant jobs around the country that remain unfilled.

In the Four Corners region, most bars and restaurants continue to be understaffed even now, three years after the pandemic closed all public venues for weeks in the spring of 2020. Because of the lack of staff, many places have been forced to limit days or hours of operation, and some have simply gone out of business or never reopened in the first place. But where did everyone go?

According to an U.S. Chamber of Commerce article, more than 50 million people quit their jobs in 2022, in what has been referred to as “The Great Resignation.” This phenomenon, however, might be “better described as ‘The Great Reshuffle’ because hiring rates have outpaced quit rates since November 2020. So, many workers are quitting their jobs – but many are getting hired elsewhere.”

Hundreds of thousands of workers are now seeking out jobs with improved work-life balance and flexibility, and numerous businesses now offer “remote work” – something that is not possible in restaurants. “You can’t be a busser from home,” pointed out Mark Heaney, Food & Beverage Director of the Sky Ute Casino Resort. “The food service industry is also hard



Seven Rivers kitchen staff put the finishing touches on a dish at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

work. People are on their feet all day and work long hours, nights, weekends, and holidays. So, turnover is naturally high, but in the 30 years that I’ve been in this business, I’ve never seen the lack of staff that we’re seeing today.”

Since the pandemic, lower paying jobs requiring in-person attendance have had a much harder time keeping staff. In fact, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the accommodation and food services industries have had twice the quit rate of all other industries since July 2021.

Another factor creating the national labor shortage is that less people in general returned to the workforce after businesses reopened in 2020. Some of this loss can be attributed to the deaths of over 1 million people (about the population of Delaware) during the pandemic, but whether through death, illness, or long-term disability, COVID-19 itself certainly strained the labor market.

In fact, according to a McKinsey & Co. report, the disease reduced the workforce by 2.6% and has doubled the number of sick days taken by workers in the U.S. The rate of retirement was also a component, as 2.4 million more workers retired than what was expected since the pandemic began.

Regionally, the high cost of living and lack of af-

fordable housing and child-care has driven many lower-paid workers away, forcing them to move to other areas of the country.

Regardless of the reasons, there seems to be no end in sight to this labor shortage in the near future. Currently, there are 9.6 million jobs available throughout the country, equaling 1.6 jobs for every one person looking to get hired on.

Locally, among the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and Casino, there are 82 job openings posted, some of which have been open for more than 200 days. In the F&B Department of the Casino Resort, Rolling Thunder Grill is down two line cooks and three servers, while Willows is down one line cook, two servers, and two baristas. “A lot of people don’t understand how many people it takes to run a restaurant, especially if it’s open seven days a week,” says Heaney. “People also need time off, take vacations or get sick. Just for Rolling Thunder, Willows, Seven Rivers, and the Banquets department, we need 77 employees. Right now, we only have 60.”

The Sky Ute Casino Resort is offering sign-on bonuses for line cook positions and for other key jobs, so if anyone is interested in applying, please visit our careers page at <https://www.skyutecasino.com/about/careers/> or call 1-970-563-1311.

Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

On Thursday, May 9, John Chavarillo and Tyson Thompson gave students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy an introduction to the ways of Bear Dance, inviting a few of the boys to sit in and sing a couple of Bear Dance songs.

This photo was first published in the May 17, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Tribal and federal employees teamed up with students from Ignacio High School during the first full week of May to perform some restoration work on Rock and Dry Creeks in the Ignacio area. The team restored about 200 feet of creek bank and planted 53 trees.

This photo was published in the May 16, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Health personnel met with Ignacio Mayor, Balty Quintana and Tribal Member San Jean Ketchum in hopes to spread the word about a new Health Clinic located in the old Community Hospital. The clinic was to help low income, non-insured, or non-tribal families in the area.

This photo was published in the April 14, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Chairman Leonard C. Burch presents certificates to the Head Start graduates. This was the Southern Ute Chairman’s 17th year in presenting certificates to Head Start classes. Vice Chairman, Chris Baker and SUCAP Director, Donna Young.

This photo was published in the May 20, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

HR hosts Career Fair



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Human Resources Department hosts the Southern Ute Tribal Member Career Fair on Tuesday, May 9 at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center. The event welcomed Southern Ute tribal members to visit and speak with departments and divisions within the Permanent Fund, as well as Sky Ute Casino and Growth Fund entities. Tribal member Shailyn Olguin visits with Nicole Black at the Southern Ute Wildlife Division booth during the event.

DNR Executive Assistant, Candi Valencia visits the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe during the Southern Ute Tribal Member Career Fair. Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about the departments and divisions within the Permanent Fund, potentially leading to exploring career options within the Tribe.





SILDI PROGRAM AIMS TO PRESERVE THE NÚU-‘APAHA-PI FROM PAGE 1



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SILDI Students, Kree Lopez and Tawni Knight reference the Ute Dictionary written by Tom Givon and Southern Ute tribal elders: Pearl Casias, Vida Peabody, and Mary Inez Cloud during a breakout session on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. The dictionary is one of the primary texts used in the classes.

level with an estimated 30 fluent speakers remaining in the Southern Ute Tribe.

“When we first started, I got Dr. Lynda D’Wolf, and we went door knocking to talk to the elders,” Education Director LaTitia Taylor said. “We started telling them about this [grant] and ask what they would like to see out of this. Then we had some focus sessions with some Ute Mountain and Southern Ute elders. We accumulated all of this [information].” With the data gathered, the grant was written in collaboration with the Culture Department Director Shelly Thompson, and staff members from the Education Department. With the aid of Dr. Stacey Oberly, Ute Language Coordinator for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), a Ute language curriculum was created as

part of the application of the grant.

The three-year grant was awarded in 2021 by the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Preservation and Maintenance and helped create what was known as the UTE (Using Technology and Education) Language Preservation Project. Three tasks were introduced within the parameters of the grant. The tasks were to create the Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute (SILDI), certify at least 15 Ute community members to teach the language under the SILDI program, and create an audio and video dictionary application for the Southern Ute membership and SUIMA classrooms.

“We have to learn the language through the formal education; there has to be apps; elders have to be interviewed,” Taylor said about

the program and the grant.

“We had the Education and Culture Departments working to get it done. I think it was a success.”

By 2021, classes began for the certification, and students would work intensively to learn both the Ute language and teaching methods for the next two and a half years.

LEARNING TO TEACH NÚU-‘APAHA-PI

Fort Lewis College is a partner in the program and works in collaboration with the Tribe’s Culture and Education Departments to help students of the SILDI program receive their accreditation. The classes feature a unique synchronized learning of both the Southern Ute dialect of the Ute language and an enhanced component learning how to teach the language. The college is working closely with

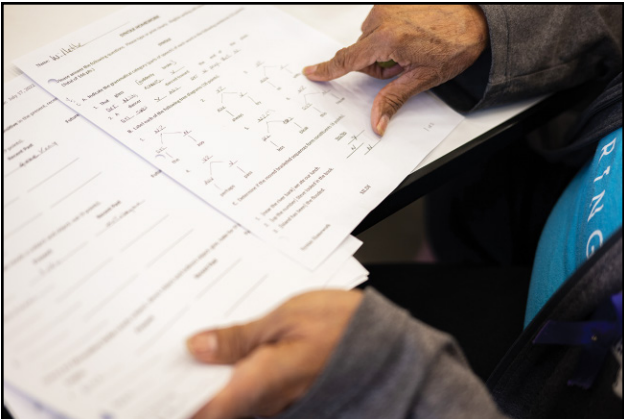
the Colorado Department of Education to allow those completing the program to receive an adjunct faculty license which allows for the students to teach at public schools within the state.

At first, the program aimed to help teachers at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) to become Ute language instructors and was open to the Southern Ute membership. Later the program was opened to members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Ute Indian Tribe. Over 100 individuals from all three tribes were interested in the program and 32 participants started the program. 27 students completed the class and earned their certificate Friday, May 5 during a commencement ceremony at Fort Lewis College.

“The program has a 90 percent retention rate which is really high for classes on Saturday and in the summer,” Dean of the School of Education at Fort Lewis College, Dr. Jenni Trujillo said. “It is a really amazing resilience and stamina that the students have shown working that long to complete a program that long.”

The intensive two and half year program consisted of 10 classes and 30 credits in a hybrid online and in-person environment to accommodate the COVID-19 Pandemic and those living longer distances. Cohorts met during the weeks and during summers, with many students holding full-time jobs and other commitments outside of the classes.

“Each class required an in-person session, usually at the beginning and end of the class,” Culture Depart-



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Southern Ute elder, Willette Whiteskunk shows the course work for the class on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at the Southern Ute Museum’s large classroom. Whiteskunk explained that this session was about Ute language syntax and how to properly structure sentences.

ment Director, Crystal Rizzo explained. “We would all come together for a week-end and spend a chunk of time doing cultural programming, language programming, class work.”

Students were also required to perform quarterly reports on their work within the class to help show their increase in language proficiency. According to Dr. Trujillo, the goal was to increase by one level in language proficiency and was based entirely on the individual person. The program itself was not designed to have an individual become fluent but to increase their understanding of the language by one level.

“There are five levels of language proficiency, and we agreed to try to increase by one,” Dr. Trujillo explained. “So, each person, even if you just develop receptive language, or people who could say nouns and name things, could they begin to say phrases or could they begin to know the morphology of the language and the syntax...Our goal was

to just increase by one language level.”

The end of the program featured an opportunity for students to receive experience teaching the Ute language classes in a public setting, as required by the program.

“Once we understood as teachers what the terminology, and the different techniques and styles of teaching that is when the Ute [language] part came in,” SILDI student Izabella Cloud said. “After all of the academic stuff, then started to apply that to letting us teach.” Cloud explained that in the final part of the program, they prepared a curriculum and lesson plan relating to the Ute language and which ever way they would want to approach and teach the language. “In my mind, I don’t think learning ever stops. I don’t think the certification is a one and done thing.”

Part 2 of “SILDI program aims to preserve the Núu-‘apaha-pi” will be published in the June 2 issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



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**SILDI graduates first cohort**



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member and SILDI graduate, Crystal Ivey receives a blanket along with her certificate from Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud and Chairman Melvin J. Baker. Ivey was among the 10 Southern Ute tribal members to finish the SILDI program.



Tribal elder, Denise Thompson shows her certificate after the commencement ceremony. Thompson was one of many elders to take the SILDI program.

Southern Ute tribal member and SILDI graduate, Daisy Blue Star receives her certificate from Fort Lewis College Provost, Dr. Cheryl Nixon, and faces the crowd in celebration. The certificate allows for its holders to be certified in teaching the Ute language and Southern Ute dialect.

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## HEALTHY RECIPES

### Banana-Berry Crumble: A diabetic friendly dessert

By Lisa Smith, RDN, CLC

SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Desserts can satisfy our craving for sweets but don't need to be filled with lots of added sugar. This dessert has healthy fruit and whole grains and can be made gluten free. This is an easy to make delicious dessert and can be topped with plain Greek yogurt and nuts.

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



courtesy Joyful Healthy Eats

#### Banana-Berry Crumble

##### Ingredients:

- 6 large bananas
- 3 cups mixed frozen berries, thawed (do not drain) or fresh
- 8 Tablespoons whole wheat (almond or coconut flour for gluten free)
- 1 1/2 cups old fashioned rolled oats
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 6 Tablespoons cold unsalted butter
- Non-stick cooking spray
- Plain Greek yogurt (optional)
- Walnut or pecans (optional)

##### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Peel and slice bananas in half lengthwise.
3. Spray 13 x 9" baking pan with cooking spray.
4. Layer bananas on bottom of pan, facing down.

5. In a medium bowl, mix thawed berries in their juice or fresh berries with 2 T whole wheat flour.
6. Spread berry mixture evenly over bananas.
7. In a medium bowl, put remaining flour, oats, sugar and cinnamon, stir to combine.
8. Cut butter into small pieces and place in bowl with dry ingredients. Using fingers, blend the butter into the mixture until crumbly.
9. Spread the crumble evenly over the fruit and press slightly.
10. Bake for 10-15 minutes or until firm and golden.
11. Top with plain Greek yogurt, walnuts or pecans (optional).

Serving per recipe: 12 Serving size: 1/12  
Nutrition per serving: Calories 185, Fat 6.5g, Carbohydrates 31.3 grams, Fiber 3.8g, Protein 2.3g

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### BEE HEARD: Tips for your wellness journey

By Precious Collins,  
Program Specialist  
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

#### Human to human relationships

When we think about human relationships, what comes to mind? We have relationships with family members, friends, colleagues, co-workers, and even people on social media or dating apps. So, in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, we want to share some tips that might help you not only navigate your own mental health and wellbeing, but also prepare you to offer kindness to the person next to you.

#### Curiosity is a good thing

Be curious about the way you react to certain situations or experiences. A behavioral health professional can help you explore some of those reactive feelings, thoughts, and actions. We can also take it a step in a different direction by being curious about other people's actions and maybe even taking a Mental Health First Aid course to understand signs and symptoms of mental health challenges. This will help us see the person first and understand that we share commonalities, and we also

experience and handle things differently. These kinds of trainings will also help us set appropriate boundaries for our own behaviors and for others as well.

#### Find ways to support yourself and others in their experiences

Think about a time when you were experiencing a rough time in your life. Who was there for you? How did they support you? How did it make you feel? Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could be that kind of person to someone else? Just like the "PASS IT ON" movement and showing kindness to others, we can also do small things to help ourselves and others through a rough time.

According to Supporting someone through a difficult time: Headspace, here is how we can show support:

- Approach them and let them know you're there.
- Find a suitable time and place to talk to them (privately).
- Ask questions about their experience.
- Respond to their situation with compassion, (try to keep a friendly, neutral expression – pulling very "sympathetic" faces can actually

make it harder for some people to talk about how they're feeling).

- Repeat back what you hear to show you've understood.
- Avoid expressing judgment.
- Encourage appropriate professional support.

These are just small actionable steps we can all take on our journey in wellbeing. So, will you join us by being curious and contacting the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700 about taking a free Mental Health First Aid training?

#### 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 at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.

#### 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

**References:** Supporting someone through a difficult time: Headspace. Headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation. (n.d.). <https://headspace.org.au/explore-topics/supporting-a-young-person/through-difficult-times/#:~:text=Listen%20with%20compassion&text=find%20a%20suitable%20time%20and,about%20how%20they%27re%20feeling>

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SUIMA

# Po'ekwatu "Eagle's Nest"

End of the year ceremony fast approaches!

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Our end of the year ceremony is one week away! As suggested by several parents, we are going to have our end of the year ceremony on the same day as Bear Dance. We will have our ceremony on the school grounds at 8:45 a.m. We moved the time by 15 minutes as we follow the Montessori philosophy of independence and want to provide enough walking time for our infants and toddlers as we all walk to the Bear Dance grounds afterwards.

The students have been practicing their dance steps and have new ribbon shirts or dresses to be ready for the opening dance. As the staff of SUIMA are role models for the students, they join in the celebration by making their own shirt or dress as well as attending the Bear Dance.

We've had elders come talk to the staff about protocol and tribal members who've shared stories of Bear Dances long ago. As the Ute Language program is the cornerstone of the school, it is important that all staff members show honor and respect for the Bear Dance as the students look to them for guidance and support. It is always good to help pass the tradition down to the children – thank you



courtesy SUIMA

Toddler student, Neki Graham, insisted that the Lower Elementary students, Jayceon Richards, Lucas Rael, and Cassius Harlan sit down so that a book could be read during the elementary leadership activity.

for allowing the SUIMA staff to be part of this.

### Board members

SUIMA's school board is seeking new members! If you are interested in helping the school change, grow, and challenge the students, consider this volunteer opportunity. All you have to do is submit a let-

ter of interest to the school principal. The dates for next year's school board meetings have not been set yet and can be planned around your schedule. Come join the school in a way that can help support the students and school.

### PAG, Family Group, and Field Day

On Wednesday, May 10, SUIMA's Family Group hosted an end of the school year celebration which was well attended. Along with the Reading specialists, an area face painter, the Ignacio Library, the Durango Kids Pediatric Dentistry, Sun Ute staff, and a Bounce House, there were plenty of things to enjoy. Thankfully, the looming rain clouds held off in the distance.

The whole school enjoyed Field Day down at SunUte Park on Friday, May 12. Los Pinos Fire Department provided the water fun, Behavior Health provided the music, the Litz family provided the Bounce House, and many others who volunteered made the day exciting and enjoyable.

The last Parent Advisory Group meeting was held on Tuesday, May 16. Meetings will resume in September.

### Registration packets

Registration packets are now available at [www.suima.org](http://www.suima.org) under the Parents Tab.



courtesy SUIMA

Lower Elementary student, O'Hozhoni Larry, gives Toddler student, Sylas Herrera, a ride on a toddler bicycle as part of a weekly classroom leadership activity.

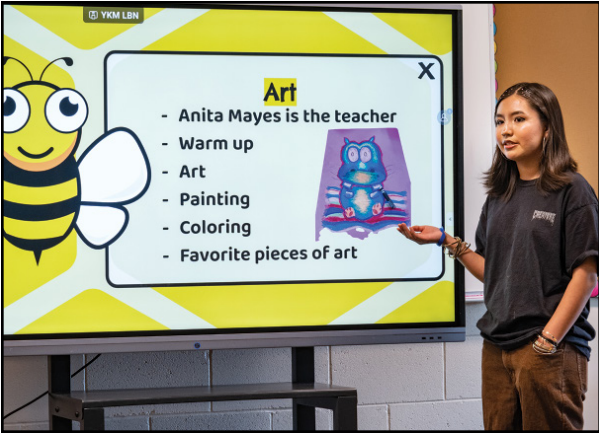
## IMS 8th grade presentations



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Tarah Baker gives her eighth grade presentation to family members and Ignacio Middle School faculty on Tuesday, May 18 as part of her final requirements for continuation into high school. Each student presentation is filled with examples of their course work and extracurricular activities completed throughout their time as Ignacio Middle School students. Baker shared her personal goals she hopes to achieve while in high school and looks forward to continuing her education.

Southern Ute tribal member, Leandra Litz gives her eighth grade exit presentation at the Ignacio Middle School, Monday, May 15 before school faculty and her immediate family. Litz created a PowerPoint presentation highlighting her academic, athletic, and cultural achievements over the school year, including a drawing she made of a hippopotamus, which she considered one of her best.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

## NATIVE REGALIA BILL • FROM PAGE 1

perfect place for students to demonstrate that pride."

Sentiments echoed by Ignacio School District Superintendent, Chris deKay, "In our community it is important to recognize the diversity of culture, and that decision makes a lot of sense to us as a district."

The town of Ignacio, boosting a population of roughly 869 residents, is home to the Tribal Government at the heart of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Reservation was checkerboarded around 1895, when surplus Ute lands were homesteaded and sold to non-Indians. What makes Ignacio unique today is its history as a Tri-Ethnic community, with Native, Anglo, and Spanish roots, where diversity of culture is a point of pride for most residents. The students who graduate from Ignacio High School are both culturally and ethnically diverse.

"I am happy that Governor Polis has taken the steps to ensure that Native American students may wear regalia that reflects their culture and their identity," Fjerstad said.

The Senate Bill 202 summary states, "The bill requires a school or school



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

An eagle feather adorns the mortarboard of an Ignacio High School senior during the school's annual commencement ceremony in 2018. Colorado Senate Bill 202: Wearing of Native American Traditional Regalia was signed by Governor Jared Polis on Thursday, May 4 ensuring Native students across the state can exercise similar practices.

district to allow a qualified student to wear and display traditional Native American regalia at a school graduation ceremony. The bill requires public colleges and universities to allow a qualified student to wear and display traditional Native

American regalia at a college graduation ceremony."


Principal sponsors of the bill include Senator Jessie Danielson, Senator Sonya Jaquez Lewis, Representative Barbara McLachlan, and Representative Elizabeth Velasco.

### Upcoming events

- Every Friday – Fancy Fridays and Early Release
- May 19 – Infant/Toddler Field Trip to Wildlife Park
- May 19 – Community Bear Dance workshop at Sky Ute Casino
- May 23 – Primary Field Trip to Durango Fish Hatchery
- May 25 – Primary Water Fun Day
- May 26 – End of the Year Ceremony on SUIMA school grounds at 9 a.m.
- May 26 – Opening of Bear Dance 10 a.m.

**University of Colorado Boulder**

Please join us for a ceremony and celebratory meal to honor the Southern Ute Tribe and the CU Boulder Southern Ute Scholarship & Partnership Program

**Go Buffs!**

Thursday May 25, 2023  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Sky Ute Casino Event Center C

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**AGES 12-16**



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POWERHOUSE SCIENCE CENTER

‘Pterosaurs: Ancient Rulers of the Sky’ on display at The Powerhouse

Staff report  
THE POWERHOUSE

The Powerhouse will be hosting “Pterosaur: Ancient Rulers of the Sky” in the exhibit gallery May 27 – Sept. 17. This traveling exhibit engages and teaches visitors about a group of flying reptiles that lived between the Late Triassic through the Late Cretaceous Periods (228 to 66 million years ago) of the Mesozoic Era. This exhibition features fossil replicas of various pterosaur species as well as eight digital interactive stations showcasing the evolution, diversity, and lifestyle of pterosaurs. Presented locally by Carver Brewing and through the City of Durango Lodgers’ Tax: Arts and Culture funding, this traveling exhibit can be enjoyed by learners of all ages.

“The Pterosaur exhibit brings new life to The Powerhouse gallery through ancient flying reptiles!” stated Powerhouse Director of Community Engagement, Sydnie Golden. “We are always looking for ways to ex-



pand our educational scope and this interactive and geographically relevant exhibit will provide our guests with an experience that is out of this time period!”

Interactive cutting-edge digital displays allow visitors to “fly” through an immersive digital landscape using their arms to flap, duck, and lean, controlling their Pterosaur avatar as a sensor translates their movements to the screen. An interactive ‘x-ray’ display allows visitors to compare the bones in their own arm to the bones of a bat, eagle, and a Pterosaur. Motion sensors capture the user’s movements and simultaneously translate it to the movements and colors of the bones shown on-screen. Fossil replicas suspended from the ceiling will al-

low visitors to compare the impressive wingspan of different species of Pterosaurs, while an interactive replica display case will enable visitors to interact with different fossil replicas through virtual touch motion detectors. “Paint a Pterosaur” interactive tablet gives individuals the chance to use their fingers to both color and animate several species of pterosaurs.

The Powerhouse will be hosting a kickoff event “Soar into Summer” outside on the Carver Family Plaza on Sunday, May 28 from 5pm-8pm to celebrate the opening of this exhibit. This family friendly event will feature live music from Dana Ariel and the Coming Up Roses, a bounce house, balloon art, with food and drink for purchase.

BOBCAT BULLETIN

Counting down the days!

By Barb Fjerstad, Principal  
IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

Here at Ignacio High School, we have students, and quite possibly some adults, counting down the days. For some, the countdown means the end of their high school careers and for others, it may be the completion of their first year in high school. It is a sentimental time of year regardless of class or age.

We just finished an incredibly busy week with the Bobcat Expo where our students were able to share their incredible talents. The drama presentation of “The 33 Pigs,” guided by Ms. LaQueta Farrow earned high accolades from the audience. “It was the funniest play we have ever had,” remarked one high school student. One parent commented that “not only was it funny but you had to pay attention to get the, sometimes, subtle references.” Drama presentations are always a joy to watch. Students who are often shy and reserved stand up on the stage and belt out their lines with no hesitation. We were rewarded with a middle and high school combined concert led by Mr. Chris Moraga. The growth in both talent and skill was very evident. The band did a tremendous job and ended with a stellar performance of “Pomp and Circumstances.” Students from Mrs. Turner’s Woodshop classes, Ms. Anita Mayes’ Art Classes, Ms. Gruber’s Fashion and Design classes, Mr. Cody Haga’s welding class, and Mrs. Klinger’s Agricultural classes displayed a variety of amazing work.



Barb Fjerstad  
Principal  
Ignacio High School

Soaring metal eagles, soft fuzzy animal toys, delicate acrylic paintings, and intricate woodworking projects were in abundance. We truly have amazing students and teachers.

As we end the year it is always nice to reflect on our successes and struggles throughout this school year. The school district contracted Annette Brinkman as a consultant. Annette has worked with the Administrative Team as well as our teachers helping them focus on some specific teaching skills and improving the art of teaching. We moved to a four-day week and a six-period day this year as well. The majority of the staff and students in the high school like the new schedule. We will keep the same schedule next year and make only minor changes primarily with our Cat’s class at the end of the day.

Graduation is coming up quickly. This year’s graduation will be celebrated in the Ignacio High School gym at 10 a.m. on May 27. Seniors who have worked

hard to meet the rigorous expectations to earn a diploma will be able to participate in the ceremony. Those requirements include passing the classes needed to earn the required number of credits. The state of Colorado also requires any student receiving a Colorado high school diploma to earn qualifying scores on a state-approved standardized test such as ACT, SAT, SAT Keys, AP course completion in Math or English, and a variety of other options. Students must also complete 20 hours of documented community service hours. In the coming years, graduation requirements will also include choosing either a college career path or completing a required number of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses. The state of Colorado and Ignacio High School would like to have our seniors not only walk across the stage with diplomas but also with certifications and licensing for future careers. Our college track students will also have the ability to enter post-secondary schools with several college credits on their transcripts.

Thank you to the community of Ignacio for your continued support of the Ignacio School District. I encourage you to participate in the education of our youth. We have many committee and volunteer opportunities open to parents and community members. Please feel free to reach out to individual schools should you have questions or concerns.

It has been a great year and we look forward to the next. Have a great summer!

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Ignacio, CO, 81137

Southern Ute  
Shared Services

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR FREE LAPTOP?**

All Southern Ute Tribal Members are eligible to receive a free laptop. If you have questions, please contact us.

To receive a laptop, a questionnaire must be filled out and returned to SUDEP. Laptops and Chromebooks will be available to SUTM's until all have been distributed. Laptops will be distributed in the order we receive the questionnaires. Elders will have priority for distribution. We ship laptops to SUTM's who live out of the local area. Questionnaires are available online at:

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

Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)

970-563-5555

Scholarships are available for the 2023-2024 academic year

**Southern Ute Scholarship Program**

Certificate, Associate, Bachelor, Master or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is July 3rd 2023
- Part-time scholarships are also available– applications are due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Certificate Scholarships-applications are due two weeks before classes start
- Scholarship applications are now available on-line or you can pick them up at the Education Center

Southern Ute Education Department  
330 Burns Ave. Ignacio, CO 81137

For more information: Michael Kirsch  
Academic Advisor  
970-563- 2783  
E-mail: [mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov)

**Attention Graduating Seniors**

**Southern Ute & JOM Students**

Your 2023 Senior photo is requested for The Southern Ute Drum!

As part of our annual **Special Feature of Graduating Seniors**, The Southern Ute Drum publishes photos of graduates of: 1) Southern Ute tribal members AND 2) Johnson O’Malley (JOM)\* students who are graduating from High School in 2023. Southern Ute tribal members who are graduating off the Southern Ute Indian Reservation are encouraged to submit a photo to be included in the Drum’s annual feature.

Please submit photo via email to Robert Ortiz: [rortiz@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:rortiz@southernute-nsn.gov)

**DEADLINE EXTENDED TO THURSDAY, MAY 25 BY 5 P.M.**

**PHOTO REQUIREMENTS**

- Digital Photos need to be at least 4”x 6” @ 300 dpi, or (1200 x 1800 pixels @ 300 dpi).
- Photos can also be scanned if brought to the Drum offices, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- If taking a photo with cellphone, please set camera to “Fine” (Large) image.
- Please note: Photos may be color corrected and cropped for sizing.
- Please include the following: **Student’s Name; Name of School; Town and State.** (i.e. John Smith, Ignacio High School, Ignacio, Colo.)

\* Native American students enrolled in a Federally recognized Tribe, graduating from either Ignacio or Bayfield schools qualify as Johnson O’Malley (JOM) students.

Ignacio School District and its Community Partners  
Presents

**Summer Enrichment 2023**

**May 30 – June 2**  
**Art and Cooking Camp**

Students will learn various art and cooking skills. Cost \$20, scholarships available. Students will prepare each day’s lunch! Grades 3-8 [Click Here](#)

**June 26-29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Bobcat Sports & Rec Camp**

Students will learn skills for various non-traditional activities. Cost \$20, scholarships available. Students must provide a sack lunch. Grades 3-8 [Click Here](#)

**July 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Camp Sasquatch**

The Southern Ute Tribe is sponsoring a day camp exploring outdoor activities, and survival skills. Free for all youth ages 13-18. For more details please call, the Southern Ute Education Department 970-563-0237.

**June 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**STEM Camp**  
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Students will enjoy hands-on STEM Activities. Cost \$20, scholarships available. Students must provide a sack lunch. Grades 3-8 [Click Here](#)

**Ignacio Youth Services**

**June 12-17** is Camp Venturocity for grades 7-12 in Buena Vista CO. <https://forms.gle/4brugD1Vvk2opIu7A>

**July 2023.** Day camps will be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for grades 6-12.

**June 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Music Camp**

various forms of music. Cost \$20, scholarships available. Students must provide a sack lunch. Grades 3-8 [Click Here](#)

**May 2023 – May 2024**

**SunUte Rec Center** is offering FREE Full Year Memberships for children from 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Includes swimming pool, gymnasiums, weight room, and climbing wall. Go to SunUte.com for details!

**June 1 – July 27**

**Free Library Summer Programs** on Wednesdays throughout the summer 10-11 AM. Call 970-563-9287 to sign up

**June 12-August 11**

**Boys and Girls Club** will provide daily activities for youth ages 6-18 years old. Registration required as well as a weekly fee. Scholarships available. Parent meeting–May 15 (5:30 pm)/May 23 (12:00 pm). Go to [www.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org)

**Rolling Thunder Bowling** on Fridays from 12-3 PM will offer 2 free games of bowling with \$2 shoe rental. Contact them at 970-563-1707 for more information.

**Camp Creative** sponsored by Dancing Spirits Community Arts Center. Sessions are **June 12-16, July 10-14, and August 14-18.** Each session costs \$165. Sign up by calling 970-563-4600. Scholarships available.





# SUIMA ends school year with some fun!



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz and Little Miss Southern Ute, Cyana Whiteskunk serve snow cones to students during the SUIMA field day.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Primary student, Kiko Pardo attempts to get the beachball over the net to Enrique Silva Raphael Herrera, the volleyball was manned by Tribal Information Services staff members.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

SUIMA toddler student, Matteo Figueroa splash-splashes in the inflatable pool. The pools were inflated by the teachers and filled by Los Pinos Fire Dept.

**The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy closes out the school year with their annual field day, Friday, May 12 at SunUte Park. The day was filled with activities for the students to enjoy. Water pools supervised by SUIMA staff were filled by the Los Pinos Fire Dept. Firemen Ty Matthys and Ryan Mulay provided refreshing sprays of water from their water hose. A Bounce house provided by the family of Randall Litz, volleyball with over-sized balls manned by Tribal Information Services staff, face painting by Behavioral Health and an obstacle course by SunUte, as well as a parachute and other games. The students even participated in a one mile run along the Bear Trail. Sibrya Larry was the first student to finish the race. All activities were supervised by Southern Ute tribal staff, with a lunch provided by the SUIMA cook staff.**



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Resource Officer, Don Folsom instructs Aeden Richards and Dwight Litz on how to properly hold and shoot a paintball gun.

# Ignacio Kinders fun-filled field day!



The entire Ignacio Elementary Kindergarten class with teachers and PE coaches, Cindy Valdez and Oscar Cosio, close out their first field day as Elementary students. Ms. Pepper's Kindergarten class (holding the plaque) were victorious in this year's tug-o-war.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum



The Ignacio Elementary Kindergarten class march together during the pledge of allegiance to begin the Kinder Field Day.

**The Ignacio Elementary Kindergarten class hit the fields at the Ignacio High School for their year-ending field day on the morning of May 11. PE Coaches Oscar Cosio and Cindy Valdez had been practicing the various events the students competed in. Events included javelin throw, softball toss, three-legged race, relay race, egg/spoon race, 50-yard dash, sack race and the ever popular tug-o-war. Ms. Pepper's class won the tug-o-war this year.**



Ms. Richmond's class hype each other with a resounding cheer, as they prepare to test their uniformed strength against Ms. Strohl's class. Ms. Pepper's class defeated Ms. Strohl's class – the reigning champion from last year.



Le'Veon Weaver bounces his way to victory during the bouncy-ball race.



Alan Lopez throws the softball to win her classrooms competition of the softball throw.





Students focus on tribal water



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Fellows meet with Tribal Radio Station Manager, Sheila Nanaeto on Tuesday, May 9, during a brief tour of the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center before returning to Fort Lewis College. The Tribal Water Media Fellowship is a Walton Family Foundation funded collaboration between Fort Lewis College, Rocky Mountain PBS, and KSUT that gives students the opportunity to research, create, and present multimedia projects centering on water, water usage, and desert communities.

Carol Fleisher, a documentary filmmaker and producer in-residence at Fort Lewis College, gives a lesson on the rule of thirds in composing visuals to students. Fleisher is one of many major contributors to this fellowship, giving as many helpful production tips as possible throughout her lessons. Fellows learned about audio, lighting, filming, and production from a handful of instructors.



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Club Connect: When school's out, clubs are in!

Romero and Isaacson: BGC Youths of the Month

Staff report  
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE

What do you like about club?  
"I like club because the workers always try to find ways for us to have fun"  
- Club member

Youth of the Month  
We have two club members we want to recognize.



Sophia Romero  
Youth of the Month

First is our Junior Youth of the Month which is awarded to Sophia Romero. Sophia always comes to club with a good attitude. On top of following directions and being helpful, Sophia is also very athletic and resilient - she doesn't let the little things bring her down. Sophia speaks up for others in group and she shows leadership qualities. She has all 6 Character Counts characteristics. Every day she comes to club, we continue to learn something new about her.



er Isaacson. Parker is very helpful in group. She follows directions when given, and she always greets staff with a "hi or hello." Parker is also a good role model; she likes to bring our younger club members under her wing to guide them in club. Staff agree that she shows all 6 pillars of Character Counts, and we hope she continues coming to club!

Congratulations to both Sophia and Parker on behalf of BGCSU staff!

with our members on building strong, positive relationships in a safe and caring environment.

From the last day of Afterschool Club to the first day of Summer Club, our BGCSU staff go through a variety of trainings. Training includes Behavioral Management, First Aid & CPR, Transportation Safety, Crisis Prevention Institute's Non-Violent Crisis Prevention and more. On top of training, staff plan every hour we have with our club members until the last day of summer. If you or someone you know is interested in working in an active/fun environment, please apply online at southernute-nsn.gov.

BGC Board of Director Words

What made you want to be a part of our BGC team?  
"The reason why I serve on the BGC Board is because our kids matter and putting the effort into their overall well-being is important to me. It is imperative that we have great relationships between trusted adults and youth".  
- Board Member

BGC HIGHLIGHTS

When school's out, Clubs are in!

June through August are the busiest months we have. We try to increase our staff count to serve more adolescents during summer. We prepare our staff to work



Parker Isaacson  
Youth of the Month

Our second Youth of the Month award goes to Park-

BGC Announcements

- May 23: Last Summer Parent Meeting CANCELLED
- May 25: Last day of Afterschool Club
- May 29: Memorial Day

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**COLTON BLACK**  
Economic Development Manager

**QUINN BEGAY**  
Economic Development Project Coordinator

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Are you interested in developing your idea, growing your company, or enhancing your business?

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This two-day workshop returns annually (over five years) with new resources and professionals to build your connections and help your business flourish. This year the workshop will be focused on StartUp to Scale Up designed for small businesses and aspiring business owners. Learn how to shift your business out of the startup phase and into "what's next."

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## Summer Program Aides- 11 Positions

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Questions? Call us at 970.563.2666

## PCC Southwest Durango site relocates to The Commons

The Pueblo Community College Southwest site in Durango is relocating to The Commons building, 701 Camino del Rio. The move from Durango High School to The Commons will be complete by the start of PCC's summer term on June 5. Students taking summer classes will do so at the new location. Information about summer courses is available online at [www.pueblocc.edu/Durango](http://www.pueblocc.edu/Durango).





## Tribal Council serves up pizza



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Permanent Fund employees line up to get a fresh slice of pizza from Tribal Council, Thursday, May 11. Southern Ute Tribal Council recognized the hard work and dedication of its employees by holding a pizza social on the lawn outside of Tribal Council chambers over the lunch hour.

Staff from the Growth Fund, Permanent Fund, Southern Ute Shared Services, and Sky Ute Casino Resort were invited to swing by to grab a slice of pizza from Tribal Council, Thursday, May 11, in recognition of the hard work and dedication of its employees. TERO administrative assistant, Sharon Cloud is served a slice from Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud.



## SUGF presents safety awards



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Construction Superintendent Steven Brittan is a recipient of the Safety & Environmental Achievement Award in Energy for the year 2022. On Wednesday, May 10 the Southern Ute Growth Fund hosted a celebratory luncheon taking time to recognize employees within their organization for continual safety practices. Held in the Vida B. Peabody room at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort, Brittan, among others, were recognized for their outstanding achievement and continuous improvement to safety and environmental compliance.



### Multi-Purpose Facility May Events



**May**

~~Shawls & Vests—Tuesday—Thursday May 9-11, 2023—~~  
9:30 AM—3:00 PM & 5:30—7:30 PM

~~Sip Chat & Chew—Friday May 12, 2023—11:30 AM-1:30 PM—~~

~~Bear Dance Sewing—Monday—Thursday May 15-18, 2023—~~  
9:30 AM—3:00 PM & 5:30—7:30 PM

Yard Sale—Saturday May 20, 2023—9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Bear Dance Sewing—Monday—Thursday May 22—23, 2023  
9:30 AM—3:00 PM & 5:30—7:30 PM

Bear Dance Arts & Craft Fair—Monday May 29, 2023 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Individual sewing assistance by appointment—Call Elise 970-563-2641

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

## Done-nuts for books!



Join us for coffee and donuts  
9:00 am - 10:00 am  
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It's a great opportunity to check out our new books and a sneak peek of what is coming in!

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## Elder Services Program

### May Activities

### Nánap̓chíu Káni

\* May 23, 2023 - Shopping Trip (Durango)  
Van will depart Elder Services at 10:00 a.m.

\* May 26 - 29, 2023 - Southern Ute Bear Dance

\* May 30, 2023 - Casino Trip (Towaoc)  
Van will depart Elder Services at 10:00 a.m.

Call Elder Services at (970) 563-2309 to have your name added to the activities list or if you have any questions. Elder Services will also be offering rides to and from the Bear Dance to SU Tribal Elders.

## THIS SUMMER CHOOSE KIND



Earn prizes all Summer long by reading  
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June 7 - July 26

And every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.  
Join us for crafts, games,  
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Come once, come twice, or come to them all  
we just want you to get involved!

Sign-up at our opening day party  
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## SUMMER DATES

#1: June 12th-16th  
#2: July 10th - 14th  
#3: August 14th-18th

## DANCING SPIRIT COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER



10am-3pm

\$165  
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## KIDS Summer Camp Creative

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UPLaPlata-County  
or simply SCAN HERE



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Each day will include games,  
activities, art & crafts, and a  
break for lunch.

Students need to bring a jacket, water  
bottle, and sack lunch each day.

For More information, contact us :  
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Garland Museum

COLORADO MEDIA PROJECT

# ‘Reach, Representation, and Respect’ announcing Colorado’s Indigenous Voices report

**By Melissa Davis**  
COLORADO MEDIA PROJECT

In 2020, Colorado Media Project (CMP) partnered with Colorado News Collaborative (COLab) and Free Press to begin gathering members of communities of color across the state asking the question: What would it take to ensure that local news coverage reflects, respects and reaches out to the state’s communities of color?

We have since convened conversations involving over 500 members of Colorado’s Black, Latinx, Asian, South Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, and Indigenous communities, and compiled their recommendations into four Voices Initiative reports.

Today marks the release of the fourth Voices Initiative report – Reach, Representation and Respect: Recommendations to Improve Relations Between Indigenous Communities and Local News in Colorado. The report, written by Tara McLain Manthey, a member of the Osage nation, and informed by the experience and insight of Indigenous Coloradans, offers an authoritative path toward better and more effective news coverage - including recommendations specific to Colorado’s communities, and lessons applicable to newsrooms across the country.

Listen to this KUNC story to learn more about the project, and read the other three reports from Colorado’s Black, Latinx, and Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities here.

**Join us for a virtual conversation on community recommendations**

On May 25, you’re invited to join a virtual event led by McLain Manthey as she dives into the recommendations, moderating a conversation with Indigenous leaders, including Cultivando’s Executive Director, Olga Gonzalez, Yaqi and Otomi, and Denver Indian Center’s Co-Executive Director, Rick Williams, Kiowa and Cherokee. The discussion will focus on the ways the words voiced by Indigenous communities can be turned into action.

Attendance is free, but space is limited. Please register below. This event is hosted by COLab in partnership with Colorado Media Project (CMP), the Mountain West News Bureau, and The Colorado Trust. Become a part of this movement and join us as we discuss the Indigenous Voices recommendations.

**Impact on Colorado grantmaking and ecosystem projects**

The recommendations of the Voices Initiative reports have informed CMP’s grantmaking over the last two years, including over \$350,000 in grants to advance equity and inclusion in local newsrooms in 2023. They have also informed the development of COLab’s Amplify Colorado project, which establishes an on-line diverse source guide to help newsrooms tap into the wealth of expertise, insight and experience among Colorado’s communities of color and to help those same communities more easily find and connect with local reporters and editors. You can nominate sources for inclusion in the database here.

CMP funding decisions are made by representatives from foundations that have made significant, multi-year commitments to the Colorado media ecosystem through CMP: The Colorado Health Foundation, The Colorado Trust, Democracy Fund, Gates Family Foundation and Rose Community Foundation. Colorado funders interested in joining the CMP Funder Table, which will include a series of learning opportunities throughout 2023, should email Melissa Davis at mdavis@gatesfamilyfoundation.org.

## SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Wednesday, May 24, 2023  
11:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center  
Admission is FREE

Spot Light Dancer: Rudy Bob, Tuba City A.Z.

Music Provided to you by Indigenous Artists:

proceeds go towards Education for Students to Travel and learn more about Yellow Nose Ute Warrior

# Oreland Joe and Spotted Eagle

Drum Group: Southern Ute Singers

Booth Fee: \$20.00 for single - \$30.00 Shared - raffle donation 10.00 or more.

Artists Bring your booth set up

Yellow Nose Warrior Ute Historical Society :  
Daisy Bluestar: (970)553-0662  
Oreland Joe: (505) 793-1977

invites you to

## Indigenous Arts and Crafts, Culture, and Education

## Spring Blessing Celebration

Thursday May 25th, 2023

Starts at Sunrise

## Bear Dance Camp Grounds

BREAKFAST FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED

In honor of our, Chiefs, Singers, and our Nuuchin!

Blessings will be offered during this time.

A time to celebrate, renew and be thankful for new beginnings.

Alex Cloud: (970)442-1013

# Join the Southern Ute Heritage Dance Troop

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CULTURAL PRESERVATION IS UPDATING THE DANCE LIST ROSTER

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PLEASE CONTACT EDWARD BOX III  
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EBOX@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV

## Ute Mountain Ute SUNDANCE

June 23, 24, 25, 26  
Towaoc, Colorado

Sundance Chief: Farley Ketchum  
Sub Chief: Hanley Frost  
All dancers, singer & visitors welcome!

Not permitted around Sun Dance Lodge:  
-Drugs & Alcohol  
-Cameras\*, Video recorders  
-Food, Water  
-ATV's Bikes  
-Ladies please not on your

\*For more information contact: Farley Ketchum (970) 238-0736 / Hanley Frost (970) 442-1266

Ute Mountain Tribe not responsible for any accidents, short funded or loss of property.





# Tribe recognizes Law Enforcement



The Tribe's branches of law enforcement under Justice & Regulatory came together for the dedication ceremony — including the Southern Ute Police Department, Tribal Rangers, Dispatch, Victim Services, Division of Gaming and Detention Officers.



Southern Ute Detention Officer, Dawn Adams helps to bring down the flags in recognition of Law Enforcement Memorial Day outside the Casias Newton Justice Center.



Southern Ute Tribal Council Member, Vanessa Torres thanks officers for their service and dedication to the Tribe.



Southern Ute Singers, Tyson Thompson, Clay Siebel and Ian Thompson performed a flag song.

**The Law Enforcement Memorial Day ceremony took place in front of the Casias Newton Justice Center in Ignacio, Monday, May 15, recognizing the dedicated service of the men and women who serve in law enforcement. The dedication ceremony included remarks from Justice and Regulatory Director, Chris Mimmack and the Southern Ute Tribal Council as well as a formal inspection of the officer's vehicles. In 2023, so far there have been 40 officer line-of-duty deaths nationwide.**

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley  
The Southern Ute Drum

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WE KNOW YOU HAVE A BIRTH DATE; WE JUST DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN IT IS...

TO RECEIVE A BIRTHDAY GIFT FROM US, PLEASE PROVIDE ELDER SERVICES YOUR BIRTH DATE BY CALLING US AT (970) 563-2309. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AND CELEBRATING YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

Election Board is closed.

We will return:

July and August 2023

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please contact 970-946-3474 if needed.



# Prayer Walk brings awareness to MMIR



Approximately 45 walkers and supporters make their way along Highway 172, with support from Southern Ute Police Department leading the way, lending much needed support and safety to the walk.



Sarafena Chackee leads her mother, Neida Chackee, Crystal Ivey and Lorelei Cloud, as the group heads to the junction of 516 and 517, turning south heading into Ignacio.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum



Walk organizer, Daisy Frost gave a brief introduction about the recent MMIR Bills that were signed by Governor Jared Polis.



Southern Ute members, Crystal Ivey and Neida Chackee walk together, sharing a smile to begin the 15-mile trek.



Odyssey Baker-Silva smiles as she and the walkers move closer to their destination at the former Peaceful Spirit building.

## NATIVE LOVE HOST PRAYER AND MMIR WALK • FROM PAGE 1



Diana Lee, mother of Dominic Sandoval speaks at the memorial for her son who was killed while working on Hwy. 172, Feb. 10, 2022 while setting up a work zone.

### MMIR of Colorado Task Force & Native Love

Native Love was instrumental in bringing awareness through the recent walk for missing and murdered women and relatives, which plagues Native American communities. Other members of Native Love include: Oolcu Buckskin (Southern Ute), Ceriss Blackwood (Indigenous Chicana), Niede Chackee (Southern Ute) and Cynthia Buckskin (Southern Ute). For more information about native Love visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085654733120>

According to the FBI's National Crime Information Center, in 2020 alone there were 5,295 Indigenous women and 4,276 Indigenous men reported missing across the United States.

Daisy Bluestar, a Southern Ute tribal member, is one of those who organized the MMIR Walk. Bluestar is on the MMIR of Colorado Task Force, and the Executive Director of Native Love, a local non-profit based in the ELHI Community Center in Ignacio, Colo.

Bluestar has spoken on behalf of the MMIR movement as a member of the MMIR of Colorado Task Force at the State Capitol on a number of occasions. She is one of the six-person task force.

Trennie Burch Foster, a Southern Ute tribal member, has recently joined the MMIR of Colorado Task

Force. Burch Foster is the current Creative Director for A Gathering Basket in Denver. Foster took part in the MMIR Rally in Denver at the State Capitol and the MMIR Rally in Colorado Springs, and recently helped in the search for a missing Indigenous sister.

### Senate Bill 22-150: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

According to a news release published Jan. 2, 2022 from the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives Taskforce of Colorado, local police and sheriff departments will notify Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI) of a missing Indigenous person through an existing alert system. CBI will then communicate with other law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for the missing person.

The alert comes as a result of Senate Bill 22-150, which requires the Colorado Department of Public Safety to "improve the investigation of missing and murdered Indigenous relative cases and address injustice in the criminal justice system's response to the cases of missing and murdered Indigenous relative cases."

SB 22-150 also states, "The act creates the office of liaison for missing and murdered Indigenous relatives (office) in the department to serve as a liaison on behalf of the Indigenous communi-

ty on issues related to missing or murdered Indigenous relatives and carry out duties assigned by the executive director."

Governor Jared Polis signed the bill into law on June 8, 2022. To view the full SB 22-150 Bill, visit <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-150>

### Senate Bill 23-054: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Office

The Colorado Bill, SB 23-054 was recently passed in the First Regular Session of the 74th General Assembly, Colorado General Assembly and delivered to Governor Polis Monday, May 15.

The proposed bill, SB 23-054, published by the State of Colorado as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives: Concerning the duties of the office of liaison for missing and murdered Indigenous relatives, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

SB23-054 requires the office of liaison for missing and murdered Indigenous relatives (office) in the department of public safety (department) to: Conduct case reviews of violent or exploitative crimes against an Indigenous person and publish a report about the case reviews annually; Communicate with relevant department divisions regarding investigations in cases involving missing or murdered Indigenous relatives; Seek a position for a representative of the Indigenous community on the sentencing reform task force of the Colorado commission on criminal and juvenile justice; Collaborate with Indigenous-led organizations and the Colorado district attorneys' council (CDAC) to assist CDAC in developing and providing training for victim advocates who work on missing or murdered Indigenous relatives cases; and Designate one employee of the office to serve as a

point of contact for families in need of support regarding ongoing or completed missing or murdered Indigenous relatives cases.

SB 23-054 also states: "The bill grants office personnel access to relevant criminal justice records and medical, coroner, and laboratory records in the custody of state or local agencies that are necessary for the office to perform its duties. The bill permits the office to seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations in order to carry out the office's duties and to provide financial support to missing or murdered Indigenous relatives' families."

To view the SB 23-054 Bill, visit: <http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/SB23-054>

### Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day

In 2021, President Joe Biden declared May 5th as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day and issued an Executive Order to prioritize the crisis of MMIR. And less than a month after taking office, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, the first Native American cabinet secretary in U.S. history, announced the creation of the Missing and Murdered Unit within the Office of Justice Services to investigate

missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. In addition, she has announced that the Department of the Interior's 2023 budget will include \$16.5 million to address the crisis.

In recognition of the National Day of Remembrance MMIR, the Southern Ute Tribal Council encouraged employees to wear red on Friday, May 5 – in honor and observance of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. Other Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day events were held across Colorado and in other tribal communities throughout the U.S. on May 5.

A MMIR Rally at the Colorado State Capitol in Denver was organized by the American Indian Academy of Denver (AIAD) to, "bring justice for our missing, murdered, found relatives."

A National Day of Awareness for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives Rally was also held in downtown Colorado Springs on Friday, May 5. Indigenous women and supporters walked from Acacia Park, stopping at City Hall and ending the march at the "Take Back the Power" mural.

Violence against Native Relatives statistics (from the

National Day of Awareness for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives Rally):

- More than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people (84.3 percent) have experienced violence in their lifetime.
- More than half of AI/AN women (56.1 percent) have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime.
- More than half of AI/AN women (55.5 percent) have experienced physical violence by intimate partners in their lifetime.
- Almost half of AI/AN women (48.8 percent) have been stalked in their lifetime.
- AI/AN women are 1.7 times more likely than White women to have experienced violence in the past year.

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Taskforce of Colorado also continuously updates a list of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives in Colorado on their Facebook page.

To look for more information and to view the list, visit the Missing and Murdered Indigenous relatives Task Force of Colorado on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MMIRofColorado/>



The group of walkers successfully finish the 15-mile MMIR Prayer Walk at their final destination of the former Peaceful Spirit facility. A meal of stew and tortillas was awaiting the walkers, prepared by Velma Armijo, with assistance from her grandsons Keevin Reynolds and Brently Reynolds.



## Bear Dance behind the scenes



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Building Maintenance Carpenter, Les John works to smooth out freshly poured concrete for a brand-new shade structure being built on the Bear Dance grounds on Tuesday, May 9, just a few weeks before the annual celebration is set to begin. Each year Building Maintenance employees head to the Bear Dance grounds to perform maintenance on shade structures, concession stands, and the Bear Dance corral.



Before completing the drying process, the Building Maintenance crew works to add finishing touches to what will be a brand-new shade structure for the Bear Dance feast area. This will provide a permanent structure for the feast.

Building Maintenance Technician, Gabe Archuleta helped to replace the old and rotting support poles within the corral as part of preparation for the annual spring celebration. The area features new shade structures for Grounds Maintenance employees, law enforcement personnel, and new picnic tables for attendees.

## The stories we wear



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Stories We Wear, Recognizing and Honoring our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives exhibit opened on Friday, May 5 at the Ignacio Community Library. The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College along with the Ignacio Creative District help put together the exhibit, which is open to the public, May 5 – May 31.

Tribal elder Neida Chakee views the exhibit. Chakee also gave the opening prayer to open the exhibit Friday, May 5. Screening of "Her Silent Voice," a documentary by Shalina Luna was shown and a potluck dinner was held afterwards.



## How to Display The American Flag



The U.S. flag stands for our nation and the shared history, pride, principles, and commitment of its people. When we properly display this powerful symbol, we signal our respect for everything it represents.



The flag shouldn't be flown in inclement weather unless it's an all-weather flag.



Flags displayed at night should be properly illuminated.



In a time of national mourning, hang the flag at half-mast.

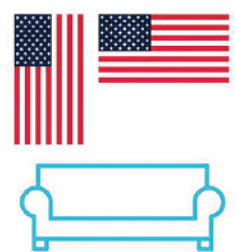
### The flag can be flown every day, but it is often flown to show patriotism on these observances:

New Year's Day	Easter Sunday	Constitution Day
Inauguration Day	Armed Forces Day	Columbus Day
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Memorial Day	Navy Day
Lincoln's Birthday	Flag Day	Veterans Day
Washington's Birthday (Presidents Day)	Independence Day	Thanksgiving Day
National Vietnam War Veterans Day	National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	Christmas Day
	Labor Day	

### When displaying the flag ...



From your porch, place the union (blue section) at the peak of the staff.



Against a wall or on a window, place the union (blue section) at the top left corner.



On your vehicle, clamp the staff to the right front fender.



With another flag, place the U.S. flag to your left when crossed.



Keep your flag completely dry and folded properly — into a triangle, with the union (blue section) visible — before storing it in a well-ventilated area. If the flag is damaged or worn out, it should be disposed of with dignity.



The flag should not touch anything below it or rest on the ground.



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**SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE**



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If you have questions, Please contact:  
Edward Box, III @ (970) 563-2988  
Rochelle Aguilar @ (970) 563-2990

The Powwow Committee is selling the remainder of t-shirts to the public. The Powwow Committee wants everyone to do your part of staying safe and healthy.

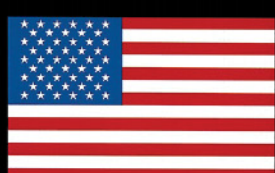
## Memorial Day 2023 Day of Remembrance



Photo by Jeremy Wade Shockley | The Southern Ute Drum

*Presented by*

**The Southern Ute Veterans Association  
in cooperation with  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe**



**Memorial Day: Monday May 29, 2023  
Southern Ute Veterans Park - 10:00 AM**





**BEARDANCE CHIEF:**  
Paul Manning LaRose

**MC:** Bart Powaukee

**CATMAN:**  
Charles Denny

**YOUTH CATMAN:**  
Samuel Tabbee

**WHITEROCKS  
OLD STYLE UTE BEARDANCE**  
May 18-21, 2023

**Thursday, May 18th**  
8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony  
8:30 am. Breakfast  
12:00 pm. Lunch  
1:00 pm. Beardance Creation Story  
3:00 pm. Beardance

**Friday, May 19th**  
8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony  
8:30 am. Breakfast  
9:00 am. Dress Making Demo  
10:00 am. Cradle Board Demo  
12:00 pm. Lunch  
1:00 pm. Beardance Creation Story  
3:00 pm. Beardance  
*Dinner at 5:30 pm. Daily*  
Camping is available for Trailers & Tee-Pees  
Hand Game & Youth Tournament Daily

**Saturday, May 20th**  
8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony  
8:30 am. Breakfast  
9:00 am. Painted Horse "Walk/Run"  
12:00 pm. Kids Parade  
12:30 pm. Lunch  
1:00 pm. Kids Games  
3:00 pm. Beardance  
4:00 pm. Horse Parade  
*Old Style Shiny Games Tournament  
9 am - 5:30 pm - (6) per team*  
*Saturday, May 20th at 4:00 pm  
Honoring Parade for the  
Late John Duncan*

**Sunday, May 21st**  
8:00 am. Sunrise Flag Ceremony  
8:30 am. Breakfast  
12:00 pm. Lunch  
1:00 pm. Beardance  
3:00 pm. Honoring BC  
4:00 pm. Horse Parade & Honoring  
Our Elders Parade  
6:00 pm. Feast Dinner  
7:00 pm. Turkey Dance in Honor of  
the Late Albert Manning

For more information/Vendor Booths are \$350 all weekend  
Contact-Paul Manning LaRose at 435-722-7705  
NOT responsible for any THIEF or DAMAGES - This is a Drug and Alcohol FREE event.

## Pinnecoose returns as Catman



courtesy Dominika Joy

Southern Ute Tribal Council Treasurer, Marvin Pinnecoose takes time out of his busy schedule to participate in the Randlett Bear Dance in Randlett, Utah on Monday, May 8. Pinnecoose is an avid Bear Dancer, Singer and Catman from Ignacio, Colo.

## Multi-Purpose Facility Annual Bear Dance Arts & Crafts Fair



**Monday May 29, 2023**  
**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Artists, Artisans, Crafters, Bakers**

**Space—10 X 10 with 2 chairs= \$40**

**Space is assigned at time of payment—Cash, Check,  
Money Order only**

**Limited number of tables available to rent \$10**

**Doors open 7:30 AM**



**Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO**  
**Call for more information 970-563-2640 or 970-563-2641**

**40th Annual Louise Hammond  
Memorial Beardance Run**

**Saturday, June 3- 7am**      **Sunday, June 4 - 8am**  
**5k, 10k - \$20**      **Fee: TBA**  
**Half Marathon- \$40**      **Women's Walk, Youth Run**  
**Fastest "Ute" Dash (Male Elders)**

In 1981, Louise Hammond began the Ute Mountain Bear Dance Run as the tribe's Substance Abuse Prevention Program Director. Louise wanted to provide as many activities as possible for her people to keep them busy and to guide them away from drugs and alcohol. Wellness beyond abstinence was her creed and she spent 20 plus years working to help her people achieve a healthy lifestyle. Today her children and grandchildren along with many relatives continue to hold this run. It has become a memorial to Louise and a long-standing commitment to promote healthy events in the community. Over the years, there have been many world-class Native American runners from all over the southwest that have participated and continue to participate.

For more info. email: [lhmbeardancerun@gmail.com](mailto:lhmbeardancerun@gmail.com)      **Towaoc, Colorado**

**2023 SOUTHERN UTE  
BEAR DANCE POWWOW  
MAY 26TH & 27TH  
IGNACIO, CO**

**HEADSTAFF**  
Head Lady: So Ute Royalty  
Head Man: Picked daily  
MC: Bart Powaukee  
Arena Director: Bart Stevens  
Drum Judge: Henry Howell  
HOST UTE DRUMS:  
Red Spirit  
Catching Eagle

**Drum Contest up to 5th Place**

**DANCE CATEGORIES**  
Men & Women Golden Age (55+)  
Men's (18-54) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Grass, Fancy  
Women's (18-54) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle  
Teen Boys (13-17) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Grass, Fancy  
Teen Girls (13-17) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle  
Jr. Boys (6-12) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Grass, Fancy  
Jr. Girls (6-12) Northern & Southern  
Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle  
Tiny Tots 5 & under

**SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
Grand Entry: Friday: 7pm  
Saturday: 1pm & 7pm  
Registration:  
Friday: 5pm-7pm  
Saturday: 12pm-1pm

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POW WOW  
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Treasurer: Dona Frost 970.553.9291  
Secretary: Lisa Jacket 970.560.1157  
Rochelle Aguilar, Kaylynn Weaver  
Rhanna Carel, Valerie Armstrong

**Vendor Information:** First come first serve  
Contact: Dona Frost 970.553.9291  
Fees: \$100 Food, \$75 Arts & Crafts, \$35 Walk Around  
**CASH ONLY!**

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, thefts, injuries or food borne illness's.

**134<sup>th</sup> YUGCA Mountain Ute Beardance**  
**Wiisigarürü Nuuchiu**  
**Makwa Nühkway**

**Towaoc, Colorado**

**June 2-5, 2023**

**Celebration Begins at 10:00 am June 2, 2023**  
**Open to the public**  
Powwow, Beardance Run, Softball Tournament,  
Parade, Handgames, Diabetes Walk and Feast Day

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Basic Covid Guidelines are still in effect

**SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE**  
May 26 - 29, 2023 • Ignacio, CO  
Bear Dance Grounds Blessing: May 26, 10 a.m. • Bear Dance Feast: May 29  
Bear Dance Chief: Matthew J. Box

**2972A. END OF THE UTE BEAR DANCE.**

Photo: courtesy Southern Ute Museum archives      Design: Robert L. Ortiz/The Southern Ute Drum

**Bear Dance Rules:** No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing.  
Photography, Video & Audio Recording is prohibited; except by members of the Ute Tribes.  
The Southern Ute Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft.  
The Pine River is RESTRICTED.  
"Be aware. Be good to each other, and do not bring any anger, hate, or jealousy to the sacred grounds."

Bear Dance info contact: Bear Dance Chief, Matthew J. Box, 970-759-7038. Vending information contact: 970-563-2983.

134<sup>th</sup> Annual Ute Mtn. Ute  
Beardance Celebration 2023  
Saturday June 03, 2023 Towaoc Colo.  
**Wiisigarürü Nuuchiu**  
Makwa Nühkway

**\$10,000.00 dollar Handgame Tournament**  
Guaranteed pay out  
Beardance Ground @ Handgame Tent

1:00 - 2:30 pm registration      Registration will close at 2:30pm  
True Double Elimination      2-5 members to a team  
\$150.00 entry Fee      1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> places will be paid

**Tournament will start at 2:30 pm**  
**No Indian time**

A complete set of Handgame Rules and Covid information will be Available at the registration table  
For more information contact [BHammond@utemountaintribe.org](mailto:BHammond@utemountaintribe.org) Or 970-560-4203





Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Phillip Quintana rises after sliding safely into home plate, beating an off-line throw to Pagosa Springs catcher Hunter Pouyer (4) during non-league play Thursday, May 11, at PSHS. The Bobcats lost to the 3A Pirates but ended the regular season winning twice on the 13th at 2A Custer County.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

SUPER SPECIES: Bobcats sweep Bobcats

Ignacio crushes Custer County away

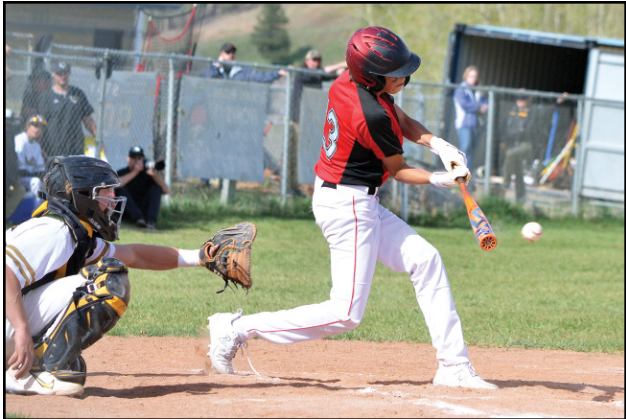
By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Regrouping authoritative-ly from a humbling six-inning, mistake-marred 16-6 loss at 3A Pagosa Springs not two full days before, the Ignacio Bobcats roared back into form Saturday, May 13, in more-distant Westcliffe.

Helped by a five-run sixth inning and a three-run seventh, IHS grabbed the first of two games at Custer County by a final 10-2 margin. Game 2, however, was all Ignacio; the 'Cats clawed out five runs in the top of the first, and later put a five-spot up in the fifth to ultimately prevail 12-0.

Closing out regular-season play standing 14-8 overall, 4-2 in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League, and 10-4 against 2A Southern Peaks opposition – including CCHS – prior to joining the SPL for postseason district-level play, IHS got a complete-game, no-hit performance on the mound in Game 2 from Phillip Quintana. The junior right-hander walked three of the like-named Bobcats (7-14 overall; 4-8 SPL) and plunked out one with a pitch, but struck out nine.

Offensively, he went 2-for-4 with one run and one batted in. Junior Devante Montoya finished 1-3 with a double, walk and two runs scored, and senior Eppie Quintana went 1-3 with a sacrifice fly, two runs and one RBI. Freshman Stoney White Thunder went 2-3



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Marcus Maez swats the ball into play during non-league play Thursday, May 11, at 3A Pagosa Springs. The Bobcats lost to the Pirates but ended the regular season winning twice on the 13th at 2A Custer County.

with a walk and two runs, and senior Dylan McCaw ended up 1-2 with a walk, two runs and one RBI.

Custer County's cause wasn't helped by a reported nine fielding errors, either.

Seven Ignacio players rapped at least two hits apiece in Game 1, with Montoya going 2-for-4 with a sac-fly, double, triple, one run scored and three batted in. Freshman Ambrose Valdez went 2-4 with a run and two batted in, and Phillip Quintana ended up 3-4 with a run. Senior Eppie Quintana went 2-for-5 with two runs scored, and junior Marcus Maez was 2-3 with a walk and two runs. Senior Zane Olguin, however, reached base all four times he stepped into the batter's box; he singled twice, drew a walk, was hit by a pitch, scored one run and plated another.

White Thunder (2-4, R)

started on the hill for head coach Duke Baker and earned the win after working 6-2/3 innings and scattering four hits. Throwing a reported 102 pitches, he walked only four hitters and struck out eight. Marcus Maez then came on in relief and recorded the final CCHS out using only one delivery.

In the aforementioned loss at PSHS, Montoya went 1-4 with a two-RBI double, and scored twice. Eppie Quintana hammered a sixth-inning RBI-triple plating Montoya for Ignacio's last run and ended up 2-3 with a hit-by-pitch and a run scored. Phillip Quintana went 0-2 with a walk, an RBI-groundout, and was tagged by a first-inning pitch – leading to him scoring the contest's first run via a White Thunder opposite-field single to left.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Autumn Sage (23) cuts off a Crested Butte attack during 2A Intermountain-South action Saturday, May 6, at IHS Field.

BOBCATS SOCCER

Lady 'Cats sew up soccer season

Ignacio drops finale to Crested Butte

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Able to dribble around Crested Butte Community School defender Kaitlyn Rasmussen and line up a potential close-range shot between she and teammate Sawyer Ezzell, Ignacio senior Laci Brunson's golden second-half opportunity Saturday, May 6, unfortunately went for naught as the Lady Bobcats ended their 2023 season on the short side of a 9-0 home loss.

Picking up where she left off at intermission, CBCS sophomore Paloma Lamar scored in the 45th and 47th minutes to increase the visitors' lead to 8-0 before IHS steadied. Senior keeper Trinity Strohl stopped several would-be goals, including a point-blank, straight-on try by CBCS sophomore Teagan Turner, but the Lady Titans (9-6, 5-1 2A Intermountain-South) seldom let IHS (0-15, 0-6) get within 15 yards of goalie Nicola Roberts.

Lamar finished with four goals while junior Leigh Harpel, senior Ellie O'Neal, freshman Molly Grace



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Faye Hackett (12) glides past a Crested Butte player while controlling the ball during 2A Intermountain-South action Saturday, May 6, at IHS Field.

Miller, and freshman Jacey DeRoche each scored one. Credited with four assists in the match, senior Morgan Feltus netted the Lady Titans' last goal in the 70th minute. O'Neal, Miller, senior Ellie Duryea and freshman Nora Thomes each earned one assist.

AFTERMATH

Seeded ninth in the CHSAA Class 2A Girls' Soccer State Tournament's opening Round-of-16, Crested Butte next faced 8-seed Windsor Charter Academy Friday afternoon,

May 12, at SkyView Academy in Highlands Ranch. Able to blank the Lady Firebirds 4-0, the Lady Titans advanced no further after falling on the 13th to No. 1 SkyView.

Having eliminated Denver-based 16-seed Bruce Randolph School (10-4 overall) on the 12th in the first Region I semifinal, SVA then defeated Crested Butte 2-0, finalizing CBCS' record at 10-7. Presently standing 17-0, the Lady Hawks will next see action Saturday evening, May 20, in the Final Four phase versus No. 5 Colorado Springs Fountain Valley (13-2).

IGNACIO BOBCATS SPORTS

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BASKETBALL

Native American Basketball Invitational stands on own for 20th year

Staff report  
NATIVE AMERICAN  
BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI), revealed its 20th Anniversary Edition NABI Nation brand uniform on April 4 at a Phoenix Suns Originativ game. The 2023 uniforms will be self-produced by NABI's own brand, NABI Nation and were designed by the Phoenix Suns creative team.

"Self-producing under NABI Nation brings both NABI and NABI Nation brands full circle," said GinaMarie Scarpa, NABI president and founding member. Though NABI will not be getting into starting up their own sporting line, Scarpa stated "If NABI's platform is good enough to be a platform to promote a Nike

brand, such as N7, it is only fitting to move forward using our own platform to promote our own brand - NABI Nation. We are grateful for our 20-year relationship with Nike N7, but excited to be open to other opportunities to meet our continual growth."

NABI is the largest premier all-Native-American basketball tournament in North America. Its 20th annual tournament will take place July 17-23, 2023, in Phoenix, Ariz.

A record-breaking 172 teams representing over 150 Tribal nations applied to participate with 144 teams being accepted. There will be over 400 games played in gyms around Phoenix area with six semi-finals on Saturday July 22 at Phoenix College and the two championship games, broad-

casted LIVE, played Sunday, July 23 at the Footprint Center, home of the Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury.

Many organizations and companies have worked alongside NABI for two decades to support and celebrate tribal youth and communities. On-going prominent supporters of the annual tournament include Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Mercury, Gila River Indian Community, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Rolling Plain Construction, University of Phoenix, Resolution Copper, Arvix, Resolution Copper, Freeport McMoRan, KONE, Phoenix College, Phoenix Union High School District, Phoenix Indian Center, FRYs, and Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe.

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## Ignacio salutes seniors



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Sierra Red (21) gets a squeeze from father Adam during a lengthy Senior Day halftime recognition Thursday, May 4, at IHS Field. With nine saluted seniors – literally half of the roster – in uniform, IHS hosted 3A Bayfield that night but fell 5-1.

Flanked by her parents, senior Anaya Lucero (5) takes a good look at a team-prepared Senior Day memento during a lengthy halftime recognition Thursday, May 4, at IHS Field. With nine saluted seniors--literally half of the roster--in uniform, Ignacio hosted 3A Bayfield that night but fell 5-1.



## BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

# Thinclads make last bids for State berths

*Barnes to rep IHS thrice in Lakewood*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Seeking out as many last-chance State-qualifying numbers as possible, IHS Track & Field traveled to Grand Junction for GJHS' May 12-13 Dennis Teeters Tiger Invitational. And though the figures weren't as lofty as any 'Cat would hope, Ignacio will still be represented at the 2023 CHSAA Class 2A State Championships.

On the girls' side inside Stocker Stadium at Lincoln Park, Fruita Monument piled up 97.5 points and narrowly defeated runner-up Cedaredge's 87. New Castle-based Coal Ridge came in third with 66-1/3 points, with Montrose (50) and Durango (48.5) rounding out the standings' top five. Ignacio, meanwhile, totaled 3.5 points and placed 23rd out of 25 scoring squads.

Junior Lauren deKay managed IHS' best individual result overall, placing seventh in the Day 1 pole vault feature with a best clearance of 7 feet, 9 inches and earning two team points. By comparison, Durango's Sydney Wells placed first at 9'3" and Rifle's Sophia Craig followed at 8'9".

Junior Maci Barnes earned IHS a top-ten on Day 1 in the 800-meter run,

clocking 2 minutes, 28.56 seconds and, after the conclusion of four heats, finishing eighth behind winner Ava Lane (2:19.01) of Basalt. Also on Day 1, Barnes just missed top-ten status in the 400; after seven heats her 1:03.77 ranked 11th, but was not quick enough to make the six-runner final – won by CRHS' Mikayla Cheney, who lowered her preliminary-pacing 58.48 to 58.34 on Day 2.

During the Saturday session, Barnes earned IHS' last half-point by tying Mancos' Aysia Mathews for eighth in the triple jump (30'8"). Freshman Samantha Riddell was top-20 in the high jump, peaking at 4'5.5", Barnes ended up 22nd in the long jump (14'9.5") and Riddell recorded the Lady Bobcats' last top-25 effort by taking 23rd in the 200m prelims.

Freshman Lincoln deKay cleared 9'3" in the pole vault and placed 11th overall, but no other 'Cat crept closer to a top-ten result as Ignacio's boys were unable to register a team point. Tallying 135, Montrose placed well ahead of nearest challengers Coal Ridge (73) and Grand Junction Central (67), with Delta (65) and meet-hosting GJHS (57-1/3) filling out the top five.

Clocking 55.05 seconds in the 400m dash on Day 1, sophomore Kendrick Nos-

saman ended up 13th after all seven prelims had been run. Only the top five entrants advanced to the next day's final, with Montrose's Alonzo Leiba (51.45) out-striding teammate Zack Browning (51.63) across the finish line.

IHS' James Martin placed 14th in the 3,200-meter run (11:38.61), deKay ranked 16th in the 110m hurdles (19.11), and freshman Zane Pontine was 16th in the pole vault (8'9"). Junior thrower Kyle Rima placed 21st in the shot put with a 35'5" best, and 28th in the discus with a 105' maximum, and freshman Dillon Brann finished 26th in the triple jump (28'9.75").

Ultimately, only Barnes will be Lakewood-bound. Thanks to her Teeters time, she will run the 800 inside Jeffco Stadium, and will also compete in both the long (thanks to a runner-up 15'10" at the San Juan Basin League Championships, May 2) and triple (thanks to a first-place 31'10.5" at Pagosa Springs' Terry Alley Invitational, May 6) jumps.

According to the State meet's tentative schedule, the 2A Girls' triple jump was to begin at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18. The finals-only 800 is set for 12:35 p.m. on the 19th, and the long jump listed for a 1 p.m. start on the 20th.

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**SunUte Member Andrea Carroll has this to say about Rebecca:**  
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**SunUte Member Maestella Yazlie-Pino has this to say about Rebecca:**  
Rebecca is very helpful and supportive. She is willing to get to know everyone and treats everyone equally. She pushes you to do your best and appreciates your hard work. She is very fun and happy even through the fatigue and pain. She gives great advice to help you better yourself and your health journey. She also has great dance moves!

**What do you love most about teaching group fitness classes?** Becoming a GX instructor has been an incredible experience for me and I have loved every minute of it. What I love most about it is the people. I love helping people strive to become fitter, stronger and pushing themselves to become a better version of themselves. In GX classes we are all there to push each other and the energy in the room is intoxicating. I strive to be a positive influence for people.

**What is something about you that most people don't know?** I'm from Idaho. When I lived there I ran for the Idaho Beef Counsel. To promote Beef, they would host running races. One year I ran 12, 1/2 marathons. Two of which I pushed my kids while they were in a double stroller. That is a very humbling experience. I've tried to teach my kids the importance of exercise and how much it plays a huge part in our mental health.

**What's the best advice you can give to someone who is just starting on their fitness journey?** It takes time and dedication. Don't get discouraged. It takes 4 weeks for you to notice your body changing. 8 weeks for your friends and 12 weeks for the rest of the world. Give it at least 12 weeks. Come to a GX class and we can all get stronger and fitter together. Stick with it!

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**SunUte Member Julie Eisenmann has this to say about Susan:**  
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**SunUte Member Lynette Sage has this to say about Susan:**  
I have been attending Water Aerobics over the years. Susan is truly an asset to the morale of the class & the reason for my loyal attendance. Susan's enthusiastic attitude, her attention to showing correct movement and posture and her continued personal motivational shout outs during class is inspirational. Thank You Susan for all you give us as our instructor. I truly appreciate you!

**Favorite Hobbies:** Gardening/Running  
**Favorite Current Song:** [Image of a person]  
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**What do you love most about teaching Group Fitness:** I appreciate sharing what I have learned to benefit others. I enjoy the enthusiasm and dedication of the participants, and I absolutely LOVE to see their own self-improvements go beyond their expectations.

**What has been your greatest success in life and what helped you in achieving it?** Graduating from the Air Force Academy in 1990 and serving in the US Air Force. I used every ounce of motivation, stubbornness and grit I had.

**Who has been your role model or role models?** My heavenly role models are my Jesus and my late daughter Alyssa, who modeled tenacity, compassion, a gentle spirit and wisdom well beyond her short sixteen years.





EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



courtesy Marvin Pinnecoose

A long continuous line bisects the Bear Dance corral in Randlett, Utah on Sunday afternoon, May 7.

Randlett Bear Dance

Randlett Bear Dance is the first Bear Dance of the year. It is held during the first week of May and is followed by Fort Duchesne, White Rocks, Ignacio, Towaoc, and White Mesa. This is the time of waking up the bear from hibernation and celebrating the changing of the season. This includes the greening up of grasses and spring/summer trees, the awakening of insects, and the flowing of water from melting snowpack. By this time, the first thunder should have boomed and we, as Ute people, should have had that long deep stretch for the new year. Randlett Bear Dance has maintained its humbleness over the years. It is run by Bear Dance Chiefs Skyler Lomahaftewa, Lloyd Arrive, Nelson Colorow Jr., and Henry Cesspooch. It is a smaller corral compared to others. It has grass inside that is perfect for wearing moccasins all four days. It even has a Men’s Turkey Dance contest at the end. This year, the families also sponsored a Women’s Fancy contest. Both events had a great turnout and plenty of contestants. The days leading up to the last day were temperamental in terms of weather, but the last day was perfect Bear Dancing conditions. I would like to thank the hospitality of



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Beauty is beheld in the fabric and fringe of the shawls of the women’s line during the Randlett Bear Dance. the Northern Ute Tribe. We also had a couple of families from Southern Ute make the six-hour drive to participate. Safe travels to all as Bear Dance season continues. Have fun. Dance Hard.

Marvin Pinnecoose



courtesy Robert L. Ortiz

Golden High School Senior Seminar students prior to departing onto another adventure.

Golden High School Senior Seminar

I, Robert Ortiz, want to thank all the Southern Ute Tribal Departments and KSUT Tribal Radio for their participation in the Golden High School (GHS) Senior Seminar visit, April 10-12. The GHS students, as part of the Senior Seminar, visit various locations across the U.S., and during their Southwest Trip have included a visit to the Southern Ute Tribe since 2012. I have been their guide since I first met the Senior Seminar group in 2011, when my twin cousins Aerie and Asiah Jiron were on their Southwest Trip. It’s been an honor to be their guide all these years and share aspects of the services from the various departments within the Southern Ute Tribe’s organization, which they provide to the Southern Ute tribal membership. I especially enjoyed being able to share the culture, language and traditions of the Southern Utes, with the help of the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation, Southern Ute Museum and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. The students experienced what may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity by participating in a round dance with our Southern Ute Royalty and the Southern Ute drum group. One of the students, Nolan Spetzle, was even asked to sit in with the drum group. Other departments the students met with this year, in no particular order: Southern Ute Justice and Regulatory – SUPD, Air/Water Quality, Detention and Tribal Rangers; Southern Ute Growth Fund; Southern Ute Tribal Information Services – Records and Vital Statistics, The Southern Ute Drum and Media Archivist. The students received a hands-on presentation by the Southern Ute Wildlife department and visited the Tribe’s bison pasture. The students also toured the SunUte Com-

munity Center. Always a highlight of the student visit was their on-air interviews at KSUT Tribal Radio, with shout-outs to parents, friends and families. I would like to thank the Southern Ute Tribal Council for taking time out of their busy schedule to meet the students and welcome them to the Southern Ute Tribe and offer words of encouragement to the students in their future endeavors. I would also like to thank those who prepared meals for the students, sharing food from our region – Diane’s Tortilla, and the Rose Café for the lunches, and thank you to Sam and Ernestine Maez for preparing a traditional bison stew with frybread and sweet rice for dinner upon their arrival. This was the 10th year the GHS Senior Seminar students have visited the Tribe and I would like to thank them all for being respectful, attentive and asking good questions during their visit. Thank you to the teacher/chaperones, Mike Mendoza “Dozer”, Kim Aksamit, Tim Miller and Rochelle Mohoney for your undying passion to teach, but also to lead and share in the experiences the students will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Once again, thank you to all the staff members of all of the Southern Ute Tribal departments (too many to list, you know who you are), who took time out of their busy days to speak with the students, thank you for your support all these years. Thank you to The Southern Ute Royalty and the Southern Ute drum group and thank you to the staff of KSUT Tribal Radio – you rock! I am looking forward to seeing next year’s Golden High Senior Seminar students. Many blessings to the GHS students and teachers in their travels, near and far.

Until our paths cross again, Robert L. Ortiz

OBITUARY



his family. When it came to making dishes for potlucks for his Grandchildren’s school events, there was never disappointment when it came to his cooking. He enjoyed and cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren, especially on trips like the Grand Canyon. Randall was a very generous man; he would not hesitate to help someone in need. He provided his time and cooking skills to make various foods for many different events within the Southern Ute and Ignacio community. He had an enthusiastic sense of humor and always left an impression on people. He made many friends with his great personality. His favorite sports were football, and his favorite team was the Philadelphia Eagles. One quote from Randall that he shared with his grandkids was always remember: “If the machine breaks down, we break down.” He knew what it means to be family. Randall’s warm smile, gentle spirit, and unwavering kindness touched the lives of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed by all and forever remembered as a loving father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend. Randall Litz is Proceeded in Death by his Father Gilbert Litz Sr, his brother Gilbert Litz Jr, His Daughter Landis Anastancia Litz, his Dogs Gotti Litz and Baby Litz, Auntie Janice Gunn, Cousin Marie Gunn, nephew Nate Carmenoros Randall litz is Survived by his Mother Alethea Gunn, Son Leandro litz, Grandchildren Tamarius Roland, Leandra Litz, Dwight Litz, Leandro Litz Jr, Tavach Randall Litz, brother Woody Carmenoros, brother Michael Dean, brother Nelson Naranjo, sister Twyela Weaver, Auntie Sandra Gunn, Cousin Anthony Gunn and his two dogs Blue and Smokey. He is also survived by his stepbrothers and sister as well as several nieces, nephews, and extended family members. May the Creator Rest his Soul “FLY EAGLES FLY” Services for Randall Litz “Space-man” will be Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Chapel. Viewing will be 9 to 10 a.m. Service will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A Reception dinner will follow. Dinner is potluck style bring a dish that Space would’ve enjoyed.

**LITZ** – Randall Stacy Litz “Space-man” left this world on Saturday May 13, 2023, at his home on the Southern Ute Reservation. Randall Litz was born June 30, 1963, to Alethea Gunn and Gilbert Litz Sr. at Mercy Hospital in Durango, Colorado. He was a proud member of the Southern Ute Tribe. He had one full brother and many half/stepbrothers and sisters. He brought two children into this world with Nicole Lansing and had 5 grandchildren. Randall grew up mostly in Erie, CO and would visit Ignacio to see his relatives. He graduated from the St. Vrain Valley Adult Highschool with a Diploma in 2004. He was a Golden Glove boxer in Boulder, Colorado. He attended the Colorado Art Institute and acquired a Degree in The Art of Cooking. He worked in various industries from factories, to construction, to creating gourmet dishes in the kitchen as he got older. Randall Litz loved music. He attended many metal concerts with family and friends. He was always looking for upcoming shows. He loved cars and collected various vintage cars throughout his life. He also enjoyed classic car and lowrider shows. Randall collected lots of music memorabilia as his hobby. He also ran a successful small Catering/Jump-house business providing for the Ignacio community. He was an avid food lover and always enjoyed making food for



**TAVEAPONT** – Raymond Lee Taveapont, age 62, of Ft. Duchesne, passed away May 7, 2023 at the Mountain View Hospital in Payson, Utah. Ray was born May 19, 1960 in Roosevelt, Utah to Ray and Carrie Chase Thompson Taveapont. He was raised by

his grandfather, Doliver Pigeon. Ray had a very kind heart, he never passed a car with someone who was stranded on the side of the road, and delighted in helping others. He loved the mountains, fishing, cars, camping, going on rides and going to BBQ’s with his family. He enjoyed attending the Pow Wow and Sundance. He is survived by his siblings, Catherine (Earl, Sr.) Manning, Don (Rosaline) Taveapont, Jane Steele, Nancy Taveapont-Thompson, Vivian Bedonie, his beloved dog, Wilbur, and his favorite nieces, Heather Manning, Cody Thompson who were always there for him. He is preceded in death by his parents, siblings, Sonya Wopsock, Ingrid Wopsock, Rosemary Thompson, Rita Summers, Patricia Taveapont, Frankie Taveapont, Lynn Taveapont, Reed Taveapont and his grandfather, Doliver Pigeon. Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at the John Harmes Cemetery, Whiterocks, Utah. Condolences may be shared at www.hullingermortuary.com

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Rosa Cemetery Spring Cleanup

The Carmelitas of St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church will hold a community spring cleanup of the historic Rosa Cemetery from 9 a.m. to noon on May 20 in Arboles. This cemetery was created when Navajo Lake Reservoir flooded Rosa and caused its graves to be moved to this new site. The cemetery is located at the south end of County Road 975, immediately to the left after the state border cattle guard. Attendees are asked to wear gloves and hats, and bring what they can, including rakes, shovels, weed-whackers and rider mowers. Morning coffee, water, and lunch will be provided by the Arboles Carmelitas. The event is open to all. For more information, please call 883-2556.

Crowning of Mary and Pancake Breakfast

There will be a Crowning of Mary at the May 21, 2023 Sunday mass at St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church in Arboles, followed by a pancake breakfast in the church hall. Mass time is 8:30 a.m. The church is located at 18851 Highway 151 in Arboles, Colorado. The event is open to all. For more information, please call 883-2556.

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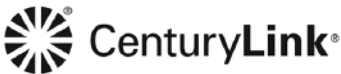
Phone and Internet Discounts  
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CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits (up to an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to \$100 on their initial installation charges) if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be on either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

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

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-201-4099 or visit [centurylink.com/lifeline](http://centurylink.com/lifeline) with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD

Closes 5/26/23 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. The closing date is Friday, May 26, 2023 at 5 p.m. Qualifications; 11-2-102, (1) & (3); Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Election Board, P. O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: [electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov)

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.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

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 Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for 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?

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

TERO COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – 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 Admin. Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way.



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER POSITION

What are we looking for?

- Individual over 18 years-old who is willing to join the SUIMA School Board
- Individuals who are interested in a rewarding experience where you realize you are helping to ensure a good education for the tribal member youth in our community.

SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST TO SUIMA PRINCIPAL AT [MJOWENS@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV](mailto:MJOWENS@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV). OR IN THE SUIMA MAIN OFFICE

\*\*\*The School Board is also going to be rescheduling meeting times\*\*\*

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE  
Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week – please contact Anne Flanigan, 970-563-2454, [aflanigan@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:aflanigan@southernute-nsn.gov) if you have questions or want to make a withdrawal.

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| • Distribution Friday, July 7      | NOON, Friday, June 30 |
| • Distribution Friday, Sept. 29    | NOON, Friday Sept. 22 |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 22 | NOON, Friday, Nov. 17 |
| • Distribution, Friday, Dec. 29    | NOON, Friday, Dec. 22 |

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





## FOR RENT SOUTHERN UTE MEMBERSHIP ONLY 60 Shadow Spirit East, Ignacio, CO, 81137

Tribal Housing Department has a unit available for rent: (1) Two-story, 3-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom unit for \$1,100/mo. Security Deposit \$1,100. For more information and an application, contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710 to pick up an application. Applications can be emailed to: [tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov) or hand-delivered to our drop box at 285 Lakin St. Ignacio, CO. PLACEMENT SUBJECT TO BACKGROUND CHECK AND RENTAL HISTORY VERIFICATION. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m., June 1, 2023.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Social Services Open House

May 25th, 1:00 p.m.  
116 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO  
Mouache Capote Building  
2nd Floor

# Spring

In celebration of FOSTER CARE MONTH...

Everyone is invited to come through, meet our staff, have a snack, and learn how we help families here at Southern Ute



Southern Ute  
Division of Social Services  
(970) 563-2332  
(970) 563-KIDS

## Southern Ute Tribal Planning Department Transit Planning Survey

Maykh,  
Good morning and good afternoon,  
The Tribal Planning Department in association with Road Runner Transit is asking for Southern Ute Tribal Members who are eighteen and older along with Southern Ute Tribal Employees to please fill out our Transit Planning Survey. Enclosed you will find a survey and a stamped return envelope.  
Road Runner Transit connects the La Plata County areas of Ignacio to Durango and Bayfield to Durango with medical services, jobs, education, and shopping.  
This brief survey is to help Road Runner Transit determine the need for expanded public transit services for Southern Ute Tribal Members, visitors to the reservation, and Southern Ute Tribal Employees.  
Thank you for taking the time to take our survey. For questions, concerns or if you would like assistance from staff to fill out the survey. Reach out to any one of the contacts below and they can take your feedback over the phone.

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**Mary Evening Star Eagle,**  
Southern Ute Acting Tribal Planner  
[meseagle@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:meseagle@southernute-nsn.gov) or 970-563-2270

**Roman Jay Box Seibel,**  
Tribal Planning Administrative Support  
[seibel@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:seibel@southernute-nsn.gov) or 970-563-2283

**Renee St. Andre,**  
Red Hawk and Road Runner Transit  
[enee@redhawk.tv](mailto:enee@redhawk.tv) or 970-799-8479

Red Hawk is a 100% Native American Owned Business contracted to collaborate with the Southern Ute Planning Department by Road Runner Transit for this project.

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
Case No.: 2023-0021-CV-NC  
**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
Betsy Leah Marshall, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Betsy Leah Marshall filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Betsy Lea Kent. As of 5/1/2023 @ 10:00 AM no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Betsy Leah Marshall name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Betsy Lea Kent.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2023.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
Case No.: 2023-0022-CV-NC  
**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
Mara Jade Nimat Marshall, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Mara Jade Nimat Marshall filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Mara-Jade Nimat Kent. As of 5/1/2023 @ 10:00 AM no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Mara Jade Nimat Marshall name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Mara-Jade Nimat Kent.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2023.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge



## Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 05/05/23



### UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRANSFER STATION 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL DAY — CLOSED  
JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNETEENTH — CLOSED  
JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED  
SEPT. 4<sup>TH</sup> LABOR DAY — CLOSED  
OCT. 9<sup>TH</sup> INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY — CLOSED  
NOV. 10<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED  
NOV. 23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING — CLOSED  
DEC. 11<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED  
DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

#### TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM / CLOSED SUNDAY

Tribal Members: Pick up new 2023 Trash Permits—call office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Show Tribal ID.

#### MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tribal Member Customers: May 2023 variable Natural Gas rate is \$3.86 per MCF (Thousand Cubic Feet).
- May 9th:** Tribal Member Career Fair—stop by the Utilities booth at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center
- Limited Bear-Proof polycarts are available. Call office.
- Customer Appreciation Event is coming this summer - Details soon!



#### Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

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

#### Friendly Reminders

- Office Lobby is OPEN!
- Monthly Shutoffs are the first Wednesday of each month:

June 7th / July 5th  
August 2nd

Settle your payments before 10AM

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

## INVITATION!!

Learn about the Baha'I Faith at:

- [Bahai.org](http://Bahai.org)
- [Bahaiteachings.org](http://Bahaiteachings.org)

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## Join us for LPEA's 2023 ANNUAL MEETING & pie Social!



**When:** Thursday, June 8, 2023. Member registration begins at 4 p.m. with voting from 4 to 5 p.m. Meeting starts at 5 p.m.

**Where:** LPEA headquarters in Bodo Park and Virtual via Zoom. We'll announce the 2023 director election results and have pie, door prizes, a live Q & A, and presentations on LPEA's 2022 accomplishments and future direction.

Visit [lpea.coop/annual-meeting](http://lpea.coop/annual-meeting) or call us at (970) 247-5786 for more information.





Notice of Proposed Amendments to Title 5 Criminal Code & Request for Comments

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking comments on proposed amendments to the Criminal Code. A copy of the amended Criminal Code can be found at this link: <https://www.sudrum.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Title-5-Criminal-Code-Proposed-for-Public-Comment-1May2023.pdf>. Please use the contact numbers at the end of this notice to obtain a hard copy of the proposed Criminal Code amendments or to submit comments. The Criminal Code amendments were developed by a committee including the Justice & Regulatory and Legal Departments and the Tribal Court. The Criminal Code is Title 5 in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Law and Order Code.2140

Summary of the proposed amendments:

**1. History of Amendments** - In 1980, Tribal Council codified the current Criminal Code. Since then, various amendments have been adopted to particular sections, but Council identified this Code as needing complete revision. In 2018, a complete revised Criminal Code was provided for public comments. In 2019, the BIA recommended disapproval of the marijuana provisions. Following BIA's comments, the revision process was delayed due to the COVID pandemic and resumed in 2021. Because this version incorporates additional substantive revisions, the fully revised Code is now being re-issued for additional public comment.

**2. Criminal Penalty Schedule** – Offenses have been classified 1 through 6, with 1 being the most serious, and respective fine and jail penalties assigned to those classes. The Criminal Penalty Schedule is a separate document that will be published online with the Criminal Code.

**3. New Provisions** – New provisions to address marijuana possession amounts consistent with Colorado amounts, shoplifting, retaliation against witness or victim, unlawful sexual contact, trespass, among others have been added.

**Public Comments:** The Tribal Council requests that all Tribal Members review the entire code and provide comments no later than June 5, 2023 to the Legal Department at: Email: [lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov) or [jwash@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jwash@southernute-nsn.gov). Mail: Leslie Barnhart, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Hand delivery: Legal Department, Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Phone: 970-563-2144. Website: <https://www.sudrum.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Title-5-Criminal-Code-Proposed-for-Public-Comment-1May2023.pdf> For further information please contact: Leslie Barnhart, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone (970) 563-2144; email: [lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov)

Notice of Online Publication of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Law and Order Code

By Resolution No. 2023-079, the Tribal Council has directed the online publication of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Law and Order Code (SUITC). Upon online publication of the Titles, Ordinances, and Rule in Table A, the online version will be the official version of that code, ordinance, or rule and will supersede any previous print version. The effective date of Titles, Ordinances, and Rule in Table A will be May 25, 2023:

Table A		
Title 3 – Appellate Code	Title 16 – Gaming Codes	Title 23 – Sexual Offender Registration & Notification Code
Title 9 – Probate Code	Title 17 – TERO Code	Title 24 - Worker’s Compensation Code
Title 10 – Exclusion and Removal Code	Title 18 – Animal Control Code	Title 25 – Solar Code
Title 11 – Election Code	Title 19 – Ethics Code	Title 28 – Expungement Code
Title 12 – Range Code	Title 21 – Severance Tax	Title 29 – Land Assignment Code
Title 15 – Secured Transactions	Title 22 – Excavation Code	Removal Ordinance
Reservation Air Code	Enrollment Ordinance	SUHA Housing Ordinance
Oil and Gas Ordinance	Blood Quantum Correction Rule	
Sales Tax Ordinance		

The following SUITC Titles in Table B are in the process of revision, review, and approval and will not be published online until that process is complete. The current version of these Titles as published in the Tribal Code Book remain the official version of these Titles until the revised Titles are published online:

Table B	
Title 2 – Civil Procedure	Title 7 – Domestic Relations
Title 4 – Criminal Procedure	Title 8 – Protective Custody
Title 5 – Criminal Code	Title 13 – Wildlife Code
Title 6 – Children’s Code	Title 26 – Liquor Code

The following SUITC Titles were recently approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and will be published online at the same time as the Table A Titles. Upon online publication of the Titles in Table C, the online version will be the official version of that code and will supersede any previous print version. The effective dates for these Titles are listed on the History and Amendments page at the end of each Title:

Table C		
Title 1 – General Provisions	Title 20 – Coroner Code	Title 27 – Professional Boxing

As codes, ordinances, and rules are published online, their respective printed version in the Tribal Code Book distributed by Tribal Information Services Department will be repealed and replaced by the online version and that section of the Tribal Code Book retired.

As current codes, ordinances, and rules are amended or new codes adopted by Tribal Council Resolution, they will be posted online as the official version of those codes. Printed hard copies of the SUITC containing the official versions of the Titles, Ordinances, and Rule listed in Tables A and C (online version) and B (Tribal Code Book version) may still be obtained from the Tribal Information Services Department at:

**Email:** [TIS@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:TIS@southernute-nsn.gov)

**Mail:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137

**Phone:** 970-563-2208

The official online version of the SUITC can be found at:

**Website:** <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/tribal-code/>

**For further information please contact:** Leslie Barnhart, Legal Department, [lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov), 970-563-2144; or Amy Barry, Tribal Information Services Department, [abarry@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:abarry@southernute-nsn.gov), 970-563-2250.

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Owner: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT), Utilities Division  
16360 Hwy 172, P.O. Box 1137, Ignacio, CO 81137 970-563-5500

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the SUIT UTILITIES DIVISION South Tank Level Control Valve Station Project will be received by the Owner at the offices of the SUIT Utilities Division, until 3:00 p.m. (M.D.S.T.), Thursday, June 1 2023. The bids shall be reviewed privately by the Utilities Division and all Contractors shall be notified of the qualified low bidder.

**Bid security:** A Bid security, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashiers Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance and Payment Bonds as security for the faithful performance of the Contract. **Description of Work:** Project requires installation of an Owner furnished vault enclosure that will enclose a new automatic control valve, flow meter. Contractor will be responsible for placing the vault and making all plumbed connections for its integration into the existing water distribution system as detailed in the construction plans. Project will require installation of conduit for equipment power service. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any formality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prospective BIDDERS are ENCOURAGED to attend the NON-MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Tuesday May 23 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Project Site located at 50 County Road 517, Ignacio, CO 81137. The Contract Documents may be examined at the following location:

- Goff Engineering & Surveying, Inc., 126 Rock Point Dr., Suite A, Durango, CO 81301, 970-247-1705
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Utilities Division, 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-5500 A \$50 (fifty dollars), non-refundable deposit will be required for each printed set. Digital (PDF) plans are available by sending an email request to [lblaney@goffengineering.com](mailto:lblaney@goffengineering.com) or written request to the above address.

Notice of Proposed Amendments to Title 4 Criminal Procedure Code & Request for Comments

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking comments on proposed amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code. A copy of the amended Criminal Procedure Code can be found at this link:<https://www.sudrum.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Revised-Criminal-Procedure-Code-2023-Public-Comment-Draft.pdf>. Please use the contact numbers at the end of this notice to obtain a hard copy of the proposed Criminal Procedure Code amendments or to submit comments. Additionally, two public meetings are scheduled for June 2nd and June 15th, see details below. The Criminal Procedure Code amendments were developed by a committee including the Justice & Regulatory and Legal Departments and the Tribal Court. The Criminal Procedure Code is Title 4 in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Law and Order Code.

Summary of the proposed amendments:

**1. History of Amendments** - In 1980, Tribal Council codified the current Criminal Procedure Code. Since then, various amendments have been adopted to sections and in 2019 Council identified this Code as needing significant revision. The Criminal Procedure Code drafting committee conducted three works sessions with the Tribal Council in preparing the amendments.

**2. New Provisions:**

- Legislative declaration (§4-1-101)
- Special jurisdiction statement (§4-1-102)
- Authority for the Court to promulgate rules (§4-1-103)
- Preference for summons over arrest (§4-3-101)
- Probation warrants (§4-3-103 and 105)
- New extradition procedures (§4-3-107(4) and (5))
- Pretrial services (§4-5-103(4))
- Bond revocation, bail forfeiture procedures, surety bonds (§4-5-103 to 111)
- Speedy trial time period (§4-10-108(1))

- Probation revocation (§4-11-113)
  - Exclusion and removal (§4-11-104)
  - Crime victim’s rights (§4-15-101)
3. Amended Provisions:  
Deleted removal from public office as a sentence  
Remote appearances at hearings (§4-1-108)  
Improved discovery provisions (§4-7-101 to 103)  
Additional pre-trial provisions (§4-8- 101 to 105)  
Diversion program (§4-11-111)  
Minimum age for juvenile delinquency offenses (§4-14-105).

**Public Comments:**

The Tribal Council requests that all Tribal Members review the entire code and provide comments no later than June 18, 2023 to the Legal Department at:

Email: [lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov) or [lfranceware@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lfranceware@southernute-nsn.gov)

Mail: Leslie Barnhart, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.

Hand delivery: Legal Department, Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Phone: (970) 563-2144

Website: <https://www.sudrum.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Revised-Criminal-Procedure-Code-2023-Public-Comment-Draft.pdf>

Public Meetings: Two public meetings for Tribal Members are scheduled to discuss the Criminal Procedure Code amendments:

June 2, 2023 – SunUte Community Center, Capote Room, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

June 15, 2023 – SunUte Community Center, Capote Room, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For further information please contact: Leslie Barnhart, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone (970) 563-2144; email: [lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov)

Notice Of Proposed Revisions To The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State Of Colorado Environmental Commission’s Reservation Air Code And Request For Comments

**The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission is seeking comments from interested persons on certain proposed changes to the Commission’s Reservation Air Code (RAC).**

**Statement of time, place and nature of rulemaking proceeding.** In addition to receiving written comments, the Environmental Commission will hold a public hearing at Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Justice & Regulatory building-Large Conference Room at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137 on Wednesday, May 24th, 2023 beginning at 1:00 p.m. to receive public comment on the proposed changes to the RAC. The meeting will also be hosted virtually. For more information about attending the meeting virtually, please visit: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/>.

**Authority under which the changes are proposed.** Authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission by the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation dated December 13, 1999 (“IGA”), tribal law (Resolution of the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe # 00-09), State law (C.R.S. § 24-62-101), and federal law (Act of October 18, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-336, 118 Stat.1354) to adopt rules and regulations for air quality programs applicable to all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Commission’s rulemaking procedures can be found in section IV of the Commission’s Procedural Rules.

**Submission of comments.** Please provide any comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2023. Please submit your comments to Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, by one of the following methods: E-mail: [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov); Mail: Southern Ute Indian Tribe/ State of Colorado Environmental Commission, c/o Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division, P.O. Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137

**Supplementary information and summary description of RAC changes.** The Commission previously proposed these revisions as a direct final rule making and posted public notice of the proposed revisions. The Commission has further revised the RAC, taking into consideration of the comments received. A summary of both the original proposed revisions and the comments received at listed below. The Commission is proposing to revise RAC Article I and Article II Part 1, as described below. First, the Commission is updating the “major source” definition in RAC § 1-103 (38) to align the definition with EPA’s updated “major source” definition in 40 CFR 70.2 of the federal Part 70 operating permit program. The updated definition at 40 CFR 70.2 better aligns the definition with the June 3, 2016, oil and gas resource aggregation rule published at 81 Fed. Reg. 35622.

Second, the Commission is removing language relating to the three-year permit transition plan for the transition of federally issued Part 71 permits to tribally issued Part 70 permits. These revisions remove obsolete RAC provisions. All EPA-issued Part 71 permits were transitioned to Tribe-issued Part 70 permits pursuant to a three-year permit transition plan approved currently by EPA at the time of EPA’s approval of the Tribe’s Part 70 operating permit program on March 2, 2012. Since that time, all initial Part 70 operating permits have undergone five-year permit renewal issuances. Therefore, the transition plan-related permit provisions are no longer needed in the RAC.

Third, the Commission is revising language in RAC §§ 2-106 and 2-110 to require permittees submitting forms to the Tribe for permitting or compliance purposes to use the most current forms provided by the Tribe. The Tribe’s permitting and compliance forms have been developed to encompass the requirements of the RAC and applicable regulations, and to be compatible with the Tribe’s compliance database.

Fourth, the Commission is updating the permit application completeness determination and permit issuance timeline language in RAC § 2-107. These revisions have been made to clarify the Tribe’s permit application completeness deadline of 60 days for initial applications, renewal applications, and significant permit revisions. The revisions also clarify the 30-day completeness deadline for minor permit revisions.

Fifth, the Commission is revising the timelines for the Tribe to take final action on complete permit applications for clarity and consistency with the analogous language in 40 CFR Part 70. The Commission is making no changes to the timelines for the Tribe to take action on final permit issuances.

Sixth, the Commission is adding a requirement to RAC § 2-106(d) for Part 70 sources operators to submit a notice of a new or revised New Source Review (NSR) permit to the Tribe within 30 calendar days of the NSR permit becoming effective. The Commission also included additional language to this provision to provide clarification that permit revision applications for the incorporation of an initial or revised NSR permit and any associated permit revisions necessary as a result of operations authorized by the NSR permit, are to be submitted according to the timelines established in RAC § 2-106(2). The Commission received a comment on its previous proposed revisions to this RAC section. The revisions were included in the Commission’s direct final rulemaking that was approved at the Commission’s meeting on November 9, 2022. To address the comment received, the Commission has further revised this RAC section and is proposing the new revised language .

Seventh, the Commission is clarifying in RAC § 2-111 that a permittee’s filing of a minor permit revision application is not authorization to construct or modify a source. The permittee is responsible for determining and receiving the appropriate New Source Review preconstruction permitting authorizations for construction or modification of a source. In response to the direct final rulemaking that was approved at the Commission’s November 9, 2022, meeting, the Commission received comment of this proposed revision. In response to the comment, the Commission has added additional clarification. The proposed revision above takes into account the comment received.

Finally, the Commission is correcting numerous typos and making certain revisions to promote administrative clarity. Additionally, the Commission is correcting several incorrect incorporations by reference citations to correctly align the RAC with the federal standards at 40 CFR Part 70 or to correctly cross reference other RAC citations. The Commission considers these revisions to be administrative in nature.

**Response to Comments on Previous Direct Final Rulemaking.** Previously, the Commission published a notice of direct final rulemaking on the same substantive RAC provisions as this rulemaking. The Commission received two adverse comments. A copy of the Commission’s responses to comments document can be found at the following website: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/public-comments/>

**Where a complete copy of the RAC and RAC changes can be obtained.**

A copy of the RAC and a redlined version showing the changes is available upon request from the Tribe’s Air Quality Program Manager who can be contacted by e-mail, mail, or in person at the addresses noted above. The RAC and the exhibit showing the changes also is available at the following website: [www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/) For further information contact: Danny Powers, Program Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone number 970-563-2265; e-mail [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov)





## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

Closes 5/22/23 – A Registered Nurse position responsible for providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/hour.

#### Summer Youth Employment Worker (Southern Ute member only)

Closes 5/25/23 – Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2023, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

#### After School Program Attendant

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.

#### Agriculture Field Technician

Open Until Filled – Performs work to assess, coordinate, and facilitate agricultural crop production for Tribal lands currently served by Custom Farm. Evaluates agricultural noxious weed management needs; completes weed management plans. Conducts cropland evaluation and develops farm plans. Provides technical assistance and irrigation water delivery information to Tribal agriculture producers. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

#### Air Quality Planner

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in coordinating 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.

#### Assistant Environmental Program Manager

Open Until Filled – Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

#### Behavioral Health Therapist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides behavioral health treatment, including mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis in accordance with all applicable code, laws, policies, guidelines, and any grant requirements. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/year. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### Boys & Girls Club Aide (Summer Program)

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. The summer program runs from May 30 – August 11, 2023. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$12.32/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/year.

#### 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.

#### Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### Controller

Open Until Filled – Responsible for the integrity and timeliness of the financial information of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prepares financial statements for distribution for internal and external reporting, including consolidated statements. Supervision and oversight of the accounting staff in the preparation of financial information. Responsible for the offices of General Ledger/Fixed Assets, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Contracts and Grants. Pay grade X19; Pay starts at \$95,745.85/year.

#### Detective

Open Until Filled – Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern

Ute Indian Tribe. Assist department patrol officers with all misdemeanor crime investigations. Compiles reports, collects evidence and witness statements, and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal Court. Pay grade N13; Pay range starts to \$23.81/hour.

#### Detention Cook

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

#### Detention Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

#### Dispatcher

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

#### Dispatcher Trainee (Southern 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. Length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

#### 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.

#### Forestry Fuels Crew Member

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Department of Natural Resources in a professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects in order to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

#### Grants Financial Analyst

Open Until Filled – Working closely with Tribal staff members on all financial grant and related Tribal budget and spending matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade E11; Pay starts at \$41,456.65/annually.

#### Grants Program Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Works in cooperation with Tribal Court administrators to strategically plan the development of the Court's programs, by statistically measuring their effectiveness, administering and reporting for existing grants as they are required, handling budget modifications, participating with Tribal Court in the administration of its budget, researching methods to improve effectiveness of Tribal Court programs, and writing grant proposals to support improvement and funding. Pay grade E13; Pay range begins at \$49,517.56/year.

#### 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.

#### Investment Associate (Southern Ute member only)

Open Until Filled – Assist in the management of the Permanent Fund Endowment which includes the care and custody of funds and other financial assets, money manager selection and evaluation through consistent communication and due diligence review. Assist in management of the Permanent Fund Endowment Asset Allocation in collaboration with the Tribe's investment advisors and members of the Permanent Fund Investments team. Assist in the monitoring and management of cash accounts



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- Addiction Counselor
- Assistant Division Director
- Bus Driver / LCB Operator
- Dial-A-Ride Driver
- Finance Administrator
- Lead Driver
- MST Supervisor
- MST Therapist
- Substitute Teacher
- Teacher Assistant

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and underlying investment fund liquidity. Assist in the management of the Permanent Fund Endowment which includes the care and custody of funds and other financial assets, money manager selection and evaluation through consistent communication and due diligence review. Assist in management of the Permanent Fund Endowment Asset Allocation in collaboration with the Tribe's investment advisors and members of the Permanent Fund Investments team. Assist in the monitoring and management of cash accounts and underlying investment fund liquidity. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/year. This position will be located in Three Springs.

#### Legal Assistant, Public Defender's Office (Southern Ute member only)

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Southern Ute Public Defender, is responsible for routine office duties which also include the preparation of criminal, traffic, juvenile delinquency, and involuntary commitment cases for hearings, trials, and appeals. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

#### Lifeguard (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in Laccordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

#### Patient Registration Clerk

Open Until Filled – Greeting patients, recording accurate and complete information for all patients on the RPMS database, including demographics, insurance information, verifying insurance, and completing forms required for patient visit. Works with other departments, clinics, outside agencies and hospitals. Provides clerical support, answers telephone, data entry, and provides great customer service. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

#### Patrol Officer I

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

#### Patrol Officer Trainee

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The trainee 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.

#### 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.

#### Senior Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates and conducts complex technical and regulatory tasks within the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

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

#### TERO Compliance Officer (Temporary/Part-time) – Native Americans Only

Open Until Filled – TERO Compliance Officer has the general authority to enforce compliance with the TERO Ordinance of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. A point of contact for all development activities occurring on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and surrounding service areas. Works closely with contractor(s), other tribal departments, and non-tribal organizations to meet the mandates of TERO. Maintains a database of potential Indian Owned Businesses and Contractors. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

#### TERO Worker

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

#### Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute member only)

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

#### Tribal Attorney II

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

#### Tribal Ranger Captain

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Director of Justice & Regulatory, performs a variety of administrative and field supervisory functions over the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers and Animal Control Programs in accordance with all applicable Tribal, State, and Federal laws, rules, and regulations. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

#### 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. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.63/year.





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Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

\*7 Rivers Line Cook

Works under direct supervision of the Executive Chef, Executive Sous Chef, and/or Kitchen Manager. Preparation of the A la Carte menu in Seven Rivers and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness.

\*AV Tech (Full-time)

Set-up, breakdown, support and repairs of all AV equipment within hotel rooms, equipment rooms, conference rooms and special events by the direction of the AV Lead System Engineer. Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, daily. Maintaining a professional appearance to clients and always wearing the appropriate uniform.

\*AV Tech Assistant (Full-time)

Engaging in the set-up, breakdown, support, and repairs of all AV equipment within hotel rooms, equipment rooms, conference rooms and special events by the direction of the Audio and Video Technician. Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, daily.

Bingo Coordinator

Directs and oversees the day-to-day activities of the Bingo Department. Oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, reward and disciplining employees, addressing complaints and resolving problems/concerns; and to ensure high quality customer service. Ensure compliance with the Casino's policies & procedures and applicable Gaming regulations. Maintain a high standard of guest service within the Bingo Department and actively promotes positive customer and employee relations by ensuring that excellent customer service is continually provided. Reports to the Casino General Manager.

\*Bingo Staff (Part-time)

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

**\*Career Development Coordinator (Full-time)**  
Will provide career and educational guidance to the Casino Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) employees through career skills training, mentorship and to promote management opportunities. Career development, coordination and presentation of training and development programs for all SUIT employees. Will manage and actively recruit new candidates for the CDP program. Works in conjunction with the Department Director/Managers to promote career advancement.

\*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.

\*Catering Sales Associate (Full-time)

Will be the focal point in establishing and maintaining working relationships with our customers. The primary responsibility will be to increase catering sales revenues and contribute to slot revenue.

Café Cashier (Shining Mountain Cashier) (Full-time)

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Responsibilities include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Cafe kitchen. Prepares ala carte food products from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Will balance the register at end of the shift, with proper report of discrepancies and complete paperwork.

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

\*Count Team Staff

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

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.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

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

\*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

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

\*Facilities Tech (Full-time)

Electrical and mechanical functions, operations of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment and building by providing

ing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

\*Fine Dining Server

Provide an exceptional fine 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.

Front Desk Staff

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests include but is not limited to luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

\*Front Desk Supervisor (Full-time)

Directly supervises all front desk and gift shop personnel and ensures proper completion of all front desk duties. Directs and coordinates the activities of the front desk, reservations, guest services, assists with gift shop duties and acts as an assistant to the Rooms Division Manager.

Gaming and Sports Book Writer

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

\*House Keeping Supervisor (Full-time)

Will act in the leadership and training capacity. Will direct employees and help them to complete their tasks and goals defined by the House-keeping Manager. Train employees, ensuring they abide by all policies and procedures. Responsible for office structure, budgetary administration and employee relations as assigned by the Housekeeping Manager.

Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

Kitchen Stewards will perform multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Duties include washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in several capacities.

**\*Lead Facilities Technician HVAC (Full-time)**  
Electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. The lead 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 including boilers, AHU's, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers. Reports to the Director of Facilities while sharing the responsibility to train and lead activities of departmental employees; technicians, shift supervisors, and facilities staff in appropriate Service Standards and Facility operations/maintenance.

Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

\*Night Auditor (Full-time)

Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers and promotes the Casino Hotel. Answering phones, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

**Resort Staff (Full-time, Part-time, Temp)**  
Sky Ute Casino Resort staff will assist non-gaming departments in accomplishing daily tasks that provide customer service and make the organization run efficiently. Requires no previous experience or specific education and will provide on-the-job training as necessary.

**Rolling Thunder Grill Line Cook (Full-time)**  
Work under the direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the A La Carte menu in the Rolling Thunder Grill and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. The position requires one to be an excellent team player and trustworthy.

Rolling Thunder Grill Server

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.

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.

**Senior Facilities Staff Member (Full-time)**  
Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift.

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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.

Environmental Health and Safety Specialist II – SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closes 5/19/23 – Promoting EHS awareness and compliance throughout the organization to all employees. Will assist multiple programs which help ensure worker safety, and environmental, and regulatory compliance for the Growth Fund and its business enterprises. Will provide support for the development, execution, and training of EHS programs and initiatives; assist with environmental compliance, within one or more disciplines: Clean Water Act (CWA); National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Environmental Compliance Specialist – SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closes 5/19/23 – Working independently or with limited supervision to perform broad environmental tasks of complex scope within one or more disciplines: Clean Water Act (CWA); reclamation/remediation activities; National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and/or Endangered Species Act (ESA). Permit-required submittals and modifications, writing environmental specifications and plans, auditing, and field work.

Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist – SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closes 5/19/23 – Ensuring the Southern Ute Growth Fund and its business enterprises are in compliance with the regulations applicable to doing business on and off the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, including the Clean Water Act (CWA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Endangered Species Act (ESA). An environmental leadership position responsible for the development, execution, and training of environmental programs and initiatives that communicate environmental awareness and compliance for the Growth Fund. Working independently or with limited supervision to perform broad environmental tasks of complex scope within one or more disciplines.

Receptionist Office Asst. – SUGF Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/19/23 – Coordinating office duties and job functions associated with the Growth Fund Receptionist function maintaining positive and effective working relationships with Growth Fund Directors, Growth Fund employees, Southern Ute Indian Tribal employees, tribal members, and the public.

Fund Accountant – GF Private Equity, LLC (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/26/23 – Finance and accounting support of the Company's investment program with primary responsibility for processing capital calls, distributions and financial reports related to a large and growing portfolio of private equity fund investments, recording complex investment transactions and relevant data into the deal management system of PeopleSoft for accurate reporting, coordinating fund wire activity, and preparing appropriate reports and analysis to support the company's objectives.

Vice President of Engineering & Development – Aka Energy Group, LLC (Durango, CO)

Closes 5/26/23 – Managing business development and commercial activities for Aka Energy Group, LLC, including development of new assets, investment in non-operating assets, expansion of future assets, and executing the business strategy for Aka's energy transition objectives, including power generation, CCUS, and hydrogen production. A key management team position providing leadership and helping to formulate Company strategies, goals, and budgets. Will manage, develop, and supervise technical, business development and commercial team personnel.

Revenue Accountant Supervisor – Red Willow Production Co (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/2/23 – Supervising the revenue accounting functions including the timely payment of all royalties, working interest payment and taxes, and the maintenance of accurate records and reports as well as the recording of transactions into the general ledger that pertain to the revenue accounting function.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.southernute.com/careers](http://www.southernute.com/careers) for full job details and to apply online.  
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Business Applications Analyst II – SUSS

Closes 5/19/23 – Assisting with business applications analysis, support, and use of the Tribe's integrated oil and gas business software. Interface with users of software to evaluate needs and develop business solutions utilizing IT technology.

Business Applications Analyst III – SUSS

Closes 5/19/23 – Leading business applications analysis, support, and use of the Tribe's integrated oil and gas business software. Interface with users of software to evaluate needs and develop business solutions utilizing IT technology.

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

- Public Works, Office Manager – Closes 5/23/23
- Public Works, Lead Wood Yard – Closes 5/23/23
- Natural Resource, Pinecrest Ranch Caretaker – Closes 5/23/23
- Justice, Paralegal – Closes 5/26/23
- 100 Years of Sil. Melon Grant Project, Director – Closes 5/29/23
- Tribal Parks, P/T Maintenance Worker – Closes 6/1/23
- Brunot Wildlife, Animal Control Officer – Open until filled
- Brunot Wildlife, Wildlife Officer – Open until filled
- CFR, P/T Presenting Officer – Open until filled
- Child Development Center, F/T Assistant Head Start Teacher – Open until filled
- CHR, Community Health Representative – Open until filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open until filled
- Environmental, Water Quality, Manager – Open until filled
- Higher Education, Adult Education Instructor – Open until filled
- K-12 Education, Director – Open until filled
- KCA, Elementary Teacher (3) – Open until filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Community Trainer – Open until filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Suicide Prevention Coord. – Open until filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, UA/BA Tech (male) – Open until filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Youth Services Coordinator – Open until filled
- Natural Resource, Heavy Equipment Operator – Open until filled
- Planning, Transportation Specialist – Open until filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open until filled
- Public Safety, Security – Open until filled
- Public Works, Director – Open until filled
- Public Works, Plumber's Helper – Open until filled
- Public Works, P/T Relief Propane Delivery Driver – Open until filled
- Public Works, P/T Water System Helper – Open until filled
- Social Service, Administrative Assistant – Open until filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III – Open until filled
- Ute Counseling, Director – Open until filled
- White Mesa CHR, CHR – Open until filled
- White Mesa Education, Adult Education Coach – Open until filled
- White Mesa Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open until filled

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements cont.

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

Shining Mountain Line Cook (Full-time)

Work under direct supervision and support of the Sous Chef or Lead Cook. Preparation of the A La Carte menu in the Shining Mountain Café and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Requires one to be an excellent team player and trustworthy.

\*Specialized Facilities Technician (Full-time)

The electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility. Works as a professionally trained individual with the team to ensure smooth operations of the facility. Trained and certified or holds a license that is construction/maintenance specific.

\*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

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

\*Surveillance Agent II (Full-time)

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

\*Surveillance Video Tech (Full-time)

Installs, repairs, and performs preventative maintenance on all surveillance CCTV systems and related equipment to industry and internal standards. Performs technical troubleshooting using basic electronic test equipment. Break-down, repair, and rebuilding of CCTV and related equipment.





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Get the whole family involved in preparing the meal,  
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- Wednesday May 10: Bison Burgers
- Wednesday May 17: Three Sisters Stew
- Wednesday May 24: Wild Rice & Salmon
- Wednesday May 31: Indian Tacos

Sign up on the Google Form QR Code Below!

\*Maximum of 10 families per meal\*

Contact: Caitlyn or Peggy 970.759.2011



BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS



3 Big Horn Sheep  
2 Mountain Goat  
2 Moose

The Wildlife Division will be accepting  
Brunot Rare Game Applications the month of MAY.  
The drawing will be held in June.

All applications will be submitted online:

<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/rare-game-app/>

Members can also visit the Brunot Hunting website to find the link  
<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/natural-resources/wildlife-resource-management/hunting/brunot-area-hunting-and-fishing/>

If you have any questions,  
please call the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130

Tribal Wills Clinic  
May 22-26, 2023

Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Complex Bldg., 125 Mike Walsh Road, Towaoc, CO  
For an appointment call 505-716-6788 before May 20, 2023

The Tribal Wills Clinic is a group of volunteers including law students and licensed attorneys, who donate their time to help Tribal Members write wills. Celebrate a well-lived life by making sure that your wishes are carried out by the next generation. To make sure that your wishes are respected after you pass, please consider drafting a will, either through our program or with a local attorney.  
**What does it cost?** Our services are entirely free. At a law firm in Denver, the cost for a will would be about \$2,500 and the process would take about two weeks.



did you know?!

The San Juan River Basin is home to 9 native fish species, including the endangered Colorado pikeminnow and razorback sucker, which are only found in the Colorado River system. Releases from Navajo Dam over the next few weeks help support these native fish as part of the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program.



Links to: Navajo Dam Spring Peak Release schedule and San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program  
Photos: Colorado pikeminnow (left), razorback sucker (right) U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Questions? Contact the Environmental Programs Manager Mandy Eskelson  
970-563-2256 or meskelson@southernute-nsn.gov

Brunot Treaty Hunting at Lone Mesa State Park  
Now Available to Southern Ute Hunters



Lone Mesa State Park, located 23 miles north of the Town of Dolores, is an approximate 12,000 acre park managed by Colorado Parks & Wildlife. The park is encompassed entirely within the Brunot Treaty Area and features incredibly scenic lands ranging in elevation from about 7,200 feet to just over 9,000 feet. Access to the park is highly restricted and only allowed for big game hunting each year. State hunters are required to apply for park access permits through a limited-draw lottery process.

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is pleased to announce that interested Tribal Member hunters can now access Lone Mesa State Park for treaty hunting using access permits issued by the Tribe. A limited number of permits will be available each year, free-of-charge, beginning with the 2023 hunting season. For more information on huntable big game species, season framework, weapon types, etc., please contact the Wildlife Division.

The access permits will be available either first-come first-serve, or through a Tribe-administered drawing if there is sufficient interest. If you are interested in obtaining a Lone Mesa Access Permit please call the Wildlife Division no later than Friday, June 16th, 2023.

Please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563- 0130 for more information.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, May 19



Cloudy 74°F  
70% chance of precipitation

Saturday, May 20



Mostly cloudy 71°F  
70% chance of precipitation

Sunday, May 21



Partly sunny 74°F  
50% chance of precipitation

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



The Southern Ute Drum's  
Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Bargain footwear chain
- 4 Play for a patsy
- 7 "I agree"
- 10 A stab at when you might land
- 11 Outdated email alternative
- 12 Crag
- 13 "Morning Edition" producer
- 14 Pueblo monument near Flagstaff
- 16 Tic-toe tie
- 17 Idolize
- 18 Unexpected events
- 21 "--- Marlene"
- 22 "---, Shoots & Leaves" (Lynne Truss bestseller)
- 24 Rita, in a Beatles song
- 27 Mohave band and reservation
- 29 Ball elevator
- 30 Barbara Teller ---, Navajo weaver
- 32 End of many big co. names
- 33 Call from the flock
- 34 "--- & Abby" (Chris Messina film)
- 35 With 8 Down, a rock bride
- 36 90 pipe turn
- 37 "America's Got Talent" network
- 38 Shab-eh- ---, Tecumseh's friend and ally

Down

- 1 Jobs for body shops
- 2 Saul of Tarsus
- 3 Geneva Convention violator
- 4 Agricultural labor group
- 5 Riyadh resident
- 6 Investigative reporter, often
- 7 The action of bearing witness
- 8 "The Ballad of John and ---"
- 9 Emerald Isle
- 15 Elite group
- 19 Academy newbie
- 20 Drug that controls hyperactivity
- 23 Brown pigment
- 25 Louisiana Choctaw-Apache tribe
- 26 Duck that's not a duck
- 27 1995 earthquake site
- 28 The --- Sea, dried-up Asian lake
- 31 Certain bunt, on a scorecard

Answers for this crossword will appear in June 2 issue of the Drum.

Answers for May 5 21, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Cree, 5 AMs, 8 Hans, 9 Saponi, 13 Aide, 14 Snap in, 15 STP, 16 Winners, 17 Martin, 19 Knot, 20 Ohs, 21 Del, 22 Cede, 24 Thresh, 27 Up until, 29 Tao, 30 No-cost, 31 Attu, 32 Astral, 33 Teem, 34 MRE, 35 MRSA.  
Down: 1 Chasm, 2 Raita, 3 End product, 4 ESE, 5 As sin, 6 Mann, 7 Spanker, 10 Open letter, 11 Niro, 12 In St, 16 Wis, 18 The norm, 21 DHL, 22 Cuna, 23 Epos, 24 Title, 25 Sates, 26 Houma, 28 Tsar, 31 ATM.