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# Bear Dance, Memorial Day celebrations



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Women line the Bear Dance corral for an honor song on Monday, May 29, the final day of the spring celebration. Pictured left to right, Tatum Lang, Riley Lang, Sheila Nanaeto, Avaleena Nanaeto, Aislinn Ryder, and Yllana Cloud swing their shawls in rhythm to the singers.

**Memorial Day Weekend is a time for celebration for the Southern Ute community, a full slate of cultural events and graduations bring visitors in from afar. The Southern Ute Bear Dance, Bear Dance Powwow, and Day of Remembrance ceremonies round out the four-day weekend, welcoming the start of summer here in Ignacio. See full event coverage in our Special Bear Dance Section: Pages 13-17. See additional Bear Dance coverage, online at [www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com)**



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel shakes hands with fellow royalty members as well as visiting royalty following her introduction on Saturday afternoon. The Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow held on Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27, took place at SunUte Community Center and is organized by the Southern Ute Powwow Committee.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute Spiritual leader, Terry Knight (USAF) gave the invocation to begin the Day of Remembrance ceremony on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park. Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr. (Army) was the Master of Ceremonies for this year's program.



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Leadership from the University of Colorado (left to right) Tony Salazar, Vice President for Outreach and Engagement, President Todd Saliman, Chancellor Philip DiStefano, and Dr. Theresa Hernandez, Director of CU-Southern Colorado Partnerships stand together with Southern Ute Education Dept. Director, LaTitia Taylor following the signing of the MOU between the University of Colorado and the Tribe, Thursday, May 25.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

### Tribe signs MOU with University of Colorado for tuition waiver

*CU Boulder makes good on a 33-year-old promise*

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Making good on a 33-year-old promise to the Tribe, scholarships to CU Boulder will be available for four students starting this fall.

A renewed partnership between the University of Colorado and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has culminated in the CU Boulder Tuition and Fee Partnership Program, which will cover tuition and fees for at least four Southern Ute undergraduate students starting next semester.

"This commitment makes good on a promise made by former CU leaders years ago that, until now, has gone unfulfilled. It was important to me that our campus follows through on those plans, and we're excited to see how the partnership grows



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

CU Boulder Chancellor Philip DiStefano and Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Lorelei Cloud shake hands following the signing of the MOU for the CU Boulder Tuition and Fee Partnership Program, Thursday, May 25.

and evolves in the years to come," CU Boulder Chancellor Philip DiStefano said. "In addition to making it easier for Native American students to attend CU Boulder, it's also important that we ensure that students find a 'home away from home' on our campus that respects their culture and supports

their goals."

Under this initiative, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Education Department will nominate up to four students per year based on tribal enrollment and other criteria. Nominees must be enrolled full-time at CU

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## UTE LANGUAGE PRESERVATION

### SILDI program aims to preserve the Núu-ʼapaha-pi

Part 2 of 2



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum archive

Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute (SILDI) graduates hold up their certificates after a round of applause for their accomplishments. In total, 27 graduates from all three Ute sister tribes received a certificate to teach the Ute language with tribal members on Friday, May 5 at the Fort Lewis College Concert Hall.

By Fabian Martinez  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

#### Finding community through language

Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute (SILDI) students met with education instructors, instructors specialized in linguistics, and elders fluent in the Ute language to learn methods to teach. Students were also able to learn the Southern Ute Dialect with the aid of the "Givon" Ute Dictionary and Reference Grammar texts. Students supplemented their learning of the Ute language with the help of fluent Southern Ute elders and the mentor circle. Such Ute language aids were former Southern Ute Chairman and tribal elder, Pearl Casias; tribal elder, Judy Lansing; tribal elder, Dorothy Wing; and SUIMA Ute Language Guide, Shaw-

na Steffler. Other aids in the mentor circle included past instructors from the courses, staff from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), and the Southern Ute Education Department. "It was really useful for elders to check in and observe," Rizzo said. Some Elders were asked to give feedback, grading, and guidance which guide the program. "I think that it was really important to ensure that the elders' opinions and voices were heard in this process. I think that even changed some of the way in the second half of the program how we structured things was a bit from elders saying, 'these are things you guys need to be doing to make sure this is done the right way.'"

Students were able to talk with those in the mentor circle and ask one-on-one ques-

tions on pronunciation, grammar, and syntax. The mentor circle established in the SILDI program helped create an environment where the students and teachers could support students and allowed them to make mistakes and learn from those who were fluent in the language.

"Language is a lot of work, because it comes with criticism; it comes with encouragement; it comes with 'Am I doing this right, am I teaching this right?' SILDI student Daisy Blue Star said. "I think through SILDI and the support that we all have for each other, to me that's a safe zone, because I know we are all learning. SILDI has pushed us through to not being scared."

Many used the mentor circle to learn higher levels of understanding within the Ute language that would not

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courtesy Nicole Tung

The Native American Women Warriors leading the Grand Entry during a powwow in Pueblo, Colo., June 14, 2014. From left: Sergeant First Class Mitchelene BigMan (Apsáalooke [Crow]/Hidatsa), Sergeant Lisa Marshall (Cheyenne River Sioux), Specialist Krissy Quinones (Apsáalooke), and Captain Calley Cloud (Apsáalooke), with Tia Cyrus (Apsáalooke) behind them.

SMITHSONIAN

# Native Americans in the Armed Forces: An enduring legacy of service

By David Saunders,  
Director of Membership  
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE  
AMERICAN INDIAN

Objects like these allow us to reflect on the incredible contributions of Native American women and Indigenous peoples, not just in military service, but throughout our history as a nation. The museum is honored to protect and share these meaningful objects in

the collection as we work to foster a better understanding of Native American people and share Indigenous cultures with the world. It is only through our shared work that we can build a more equitable, more just future for Native peoples. If you'd like to learn more about Native American military service, I hope you'll visit <https://americanindian.si.edu/why-we-serve/> today.

The museum is dedicated to working with Native peoples and their allies to foster a more informed understanding of Indigenous history and cultures. We are grateful for your generosity and financial support, which allows us to elevate and honor Indigenous peoples contributions to our nation's history, present, and future through education, inspiration, and empowerment.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Southern Ute Bear Dancers Shoshone Thompson and Keifer Goodtracks-Alires break off on Monday, May 27 during the final hours of the Bear Dance, a Ute springtime celebration spanning four days.

This photo was first published in the May 31, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

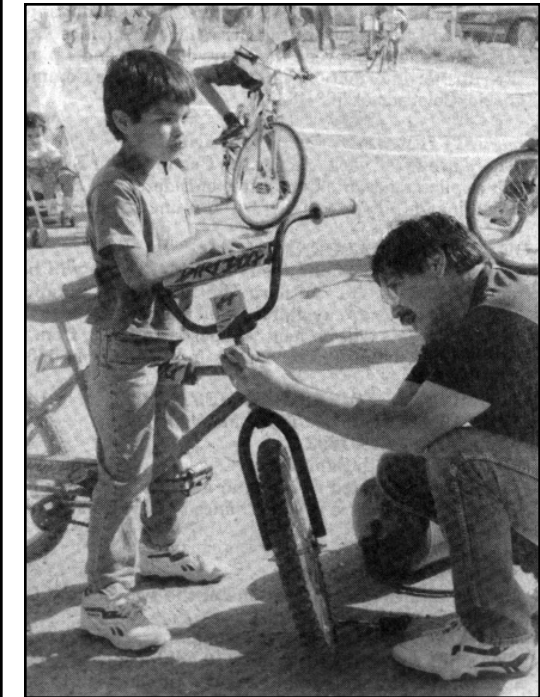


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## 20 years ago

Russell Box Sr. tosses a wreath into the Los Pinos River from the Bear Dance Bridge during the Walk of the Warrior. In Mr. Box's words the wreath "honors all veterans who served on the water, under the water, and above the water."

This photo was published in the May 30, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Youngsters from all over the neighborhood brought their bikes for a summer tune-up at the bike-a-thon held at the Ignacio Elementary School. Brakes were checked as well as reflectors and tire pressure. Over 75 bikes were given the once over.

This photo was published in the June 3, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

Police Chief, Arthur Weaver receives a plaque from the Division of Law Enforcement Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Chief Weaver started his work with the force on August 16, 1960, and in 1964 was hired as Police Sargent. In 1973 Weaver was hired as Police Chief.

This photo was published in the June 3, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

## Showcasing art and culture



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Tracey Sanchez of Towaoc, Colo. displays some of her beaded artwork and hats at the Yellow Nose Warrior Historical Society Indigenous arts and crafts, culture and education event held Wednesday, May 24 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. Local artists were able to reserve booths to sell their artwork in support of the society with proceeds going to education programs for students to travel and learn more about the Yellow Nose Ute Warrior.



The Upper and Lower Elementary classes from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy gave a short Bear Dance demonstration for attendees.



Oreland Joe Sr. welcomes everyone to the Yellow Nose Warrior Historical Society Indigenous arts and crafts, culture and education event held Wednesday, May 24 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. The event also included showcases in art and culture as well as local Indigenous musicians.

## UTE INDIAN MUSEUM

### COMMUNITY APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

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### NATURESCAPE PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 • 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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[www.sudrum.com/events](http://www.sudrum.com/events)







## QUARTERLY REPORT

## Little Miss Southern Ute

Cyana Whiteskunk

Maykw(a) nuchu, Hello my name is Cyana Whiteskunk. I'm Little Miss Southern Ute for 2022-2023. My Ute name is Muutach(i) Hummingbird. My parents are Henry Whiteskunk and Daisy House Eagle.

This quarter I attended the following:

**January:** Benefit Round Dance at the La Plata County Fairgrounds in Durango.

**February:** Round Dance at the Multi-purpose, I had so much fun at this event. The Valentine's Day Powwow at the Multi-purpose. The Royalty hosted a storytelling which included stories by Larry Cesspooch of Fort Duchesne Utah. Colleen root Cuthair at the Multi-purpose. I attended and served at the February sip and chew where Vida Peabody was honored.

**March:** Multi-purpose Powwow. I attended Denver March Powwow. I had a really good time seeing everyone dancing. I traveled to Fort Duchesne, Utah for the Vietnam Veterans Powwow where I placed 3rd place.

**April:** I attended Ute Day at the State Capitol building. The next day I attended the Gourd Dance hosted at Towaoc, Colo. where my dad was Headman. I participated in the color run where I helped with the colors and met Auntie Beachress I attended the Nizhoni Days powwow in Albuquerque, N.M. I attended the performance at the Cultural Center Golden High was invited. I have enjoyed



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

**Cyana Whiteskunk**  
Little Miss Southern Ute  
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and attended all the events that I can. Congratulations to everyone who graduated!

*Tiivüichi Togwayok(a)*  
Cyana Whiteskunk  
Little Miss Southern Ute  
2022-2023

## QUARTERLY REPORT

## Southern Ute Brave

Henry ElkRiver Whiteskunk II

Maykw(a) nuchu, Greeting to the tribal membership and everyone in Indian County.

My name is Henry ElkRiver Whiteskunk II. I'm 15 years young. My Ute name is supernay (whiteskunk). My great paternal grandparents are the late William Thompson and Doris Red (egap) and my maternal great grandparents are the late Clifford and Annabelle Eagle (egap).

The following events I have participated and attended:

**January:** New Years Singing in the New Year at the Multi-purpose. The Round Dance at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

**February:** I attended the Valentine's Day Powwow at the Multi-purpose. I told my story about Bear Dance at the Story Telling that the Royalty hosted. I served at the monthly sip chat and chew where Vida Peabody was honored.

**March:** I attended the monthly powwow at the Multi-purpose. I danced at Denver March Powwow. I enjoyed myself! I traveled to Fort Duchesne, Utah to attend the Vietnam Veterans Powwow.

**April:** I served at the monthly sip chat and chew at the Multi-purpose. I went to the State for declaration of Ute Day with my royalty members. The next day I attended the Gourd Dance in Towaoc. I was initiated into The Red Moon Gourd Society. My fellow royalty Jr. Miss came and supported. I attended the Nizhoni Days in Albuquerque, N.M. I attended the color run where I helped with the color and gave a welcoming speech. I attended the performance at



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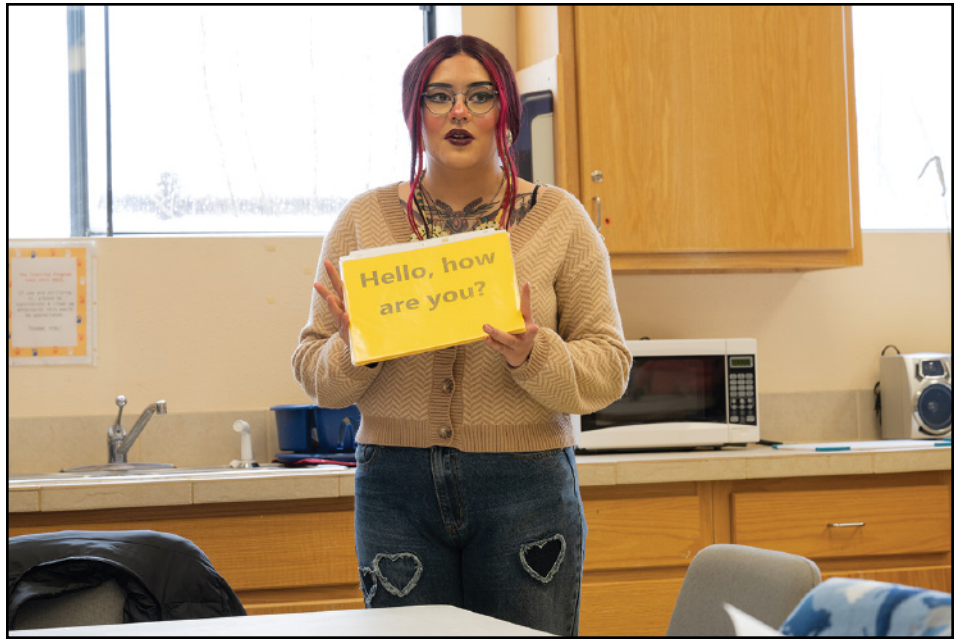
**Henry Whiteskunk II**  
Southern Ute Brave  
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the culture center, we performed for the high school students of Golden High.

I have enjoyed myself at these events. I look forward to the future events, Bear Dances and Powwows.

*Tiivüichi Togwayok*  
Henry ElkRiver Whiteskunk II  
Southern Ute Brave  
2022-2023

## SILDI AIMS TO PRESERVE • FROM PAGE 1



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum archive

Southern Ute tribal member, Harley Monte instructs the small class of tribal and community members on how to say greetings in the Ute language at the Southern Ute Education Center on Wednesday, Feb. 22. The Ute Language Class was hosted by participants of the SILDI program, which requires students to instruct six hours of Ute language classes.

be learned in a textbook.

"Ute was not spoken English to Ute. I noticed when you speak from Ute to English your English is messed up. In Ute, you say it backwards [in context to the English language]," SILDI Student, Juliya Valdez explained when talking about syntax and comparing it to English grammatical structures. "Ute is a language of feeling. I have learned that Ute has to come from you."

Some of the major challenges included the difference in dialects between the Ute tribes to the pronunciation of words, syntax, and use of the glottal in the language. An understanding occurred within the group to ensure all dialects of the Ute language were respected.

"Knowing that every dialect counts, the sister tribes, and everyone that was in our group, we said, 'We need to honor that,'" SILDI Student and SUIMA Principal Mari Jo Owens said. Owens explained that within the class she became more comfortable with speaking the language and being more confident and using the language.

"It has brought us all together. I look forward to delivering what I have learned to the community," Southern Ute Education Dept. Director and SILDI student, LaTitia Taylor said. "It's going to make us a stronger community."

## Revitalizing the Ute language

"We [Fort Lewis College] are going through a reconciliation process," said Dr. Jenni Trujillo, Dean of the School of Education at Fort Lewis College. "We know, having been an Indian Boarding School, that languages were stripped and stolen, and so we feel we have a responsibility to do what we can educationally to revitalize and preserve the language." Trujillo explained further that the work with culture and language reclamation is being led by individual tribes and similar programs to SILDI. Fort Lewis will continue to help with recognition of Tribes and accreditation of programs.

Historically, Fort Lewis Boarding School was one of the many federally recognized boarding schools in the Southwest designed to strip indigenous children of their culture and language through education starting in the late 1800s. The Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute bands were one of many tribes educated within the walls of the former military base. The reversal on the impact and historical trauma proliferating within the boarding school era has begun to pick up momentum

as many tribes, including the Southern Ute Tribe, are losing many of their fluent elders. Currently, it is estimated that around 20 fluent Ute speakers remain within the Southern Ute Tribe.

"Every time we lose an elder who speaks Ute fluently, it gets a little scarier," Blue Star said. "Hopefully, we can get to our kids here and make [cultural and language learning] happen."

With the uncertainty around the loss of language, federal programs and non-profit organizations have pushed for more support for language revitalization efforts for tribes through the introduction of grants and programs like the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Preservation and Maintenance grant, and the Northwest Indian Language Institute (NILI) in the Pacific Northwest which holds a similar mission to SILDI for the Southwest.

For the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute language and culture classes are being taught by both tribal departments and elders which are allowing younger generations to learn traditional crafts, making regalia, and cultural traditions and ceremony, in addition to Ute language.

"There is a balance happening within our community and the pressure isn't on a handful of people," Blue Star said.

Those within the SILDI class also learned about the importance of language revitalization and how other tribes are overcoming having their language be "asleep."

"Throughout the whole three years, we learned about these other tribes where their languages were dying and that gave me a better understanding," Taylor said. "People were unsure and scared about it. Is Ute language going to survive?"

Fort Lewis College will continue to support the Southern Ute Tribe and other tribes during their reconciliation process to help tribes retain their language and cultural practices.

"Preserving and maintaining language once revitalized is always an ongoing process," Dr. Trujillo said. "There's been endeavors in this community before, so we are just building on things that have been started. I personally believe that teaching makes a big difference." According to Dr. Trujillo, SILDI is one step to doing just that by also maintaining a strong connection with the Ute tribes to provide a place for the cultural celebration and learning of Indigenous tribes.

"This was an ambitious program and the fact that it

was fulfilled leads us to more exciting opportunities," Dr. Trujillo stated. "I am really grateful that Fort Lewis got to be a partner in this. We feel an institutional connection that is important."

## The next steps

After finishing the program, many students of SILDI hope to continue their learning of the Ute language and using their certificate with hopes that the program continues through future endeavors, like teaching classes in local schools. Many students, like Juliya Valdez, hope that an immersion program is on the horizon with hopes for a similar program to continue to help certify more Ute language teachers.

For those in the education field, like Owens and Blue Star, SILDI has allowed for a stronger foundation for teaching the Ute language which has helped younger generations learn the Ute language and implement it into the school curriculum. Many SUIMA students have gone as far as creating a short story entirely in Ute or translating an existing story into Ute. A feat unseen in previous classes. It has also instilled more confidence in students and teachers alike, those learning and speaking the Ute language.

"To help the language grow to stay revitalized, we as the [teachers] need to be the role models," SUIMA principal Mari Jo Owens said. "I think we were doing very well at the beginning of the school year. We came energized (with the language), and we had a lot of staff members grow."

For the Culture Department, the next step is the introduction of a Ute language app for tablets and smartphones that is specific to the Southern Ute dialect later this year. The project has been funded as part of the same grant as SILDI and aims to create a database for the Ute language and both establish a Ute Language Division and Ute Language Committee.

"Creating the language database, not just the app, is more for the contemporary," Culture Department Director, Crystal Rizzo explained. "I think establishing a Ute Language Division will help us be able to create realistic goals for that [project]."

Izabella Cloud hopes to use the Ute language as a foundational grounding for the future but also sees language reclamation as a beautiful step for the future of the Southern Ute Tribe.

"When I hear Ute it's kind of like puzzle pieces that fit together," Cloud explained. "It makes connections in my brain. I see this as one of my foundation pieces that support me in my future as an elder."

**Honoring Veterans Gourd Dance**  
**Kwasuhdtahgahnup wee-eeep**  
**June 10, 2023**  
**Northern Ute**  
**Fort Duchesne Nuche Civic Center**

**June 10, Saturday**

**Afternoon Session 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Supper Break 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Evening Session 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Head Gourd Singer - Alfred Wall, Jr.**  
Southern Mountain Intertribal Singers  
Towaoc, Colorado

**Head Gourd Dancer - Henry Whiteskunk**  
Ignacio, Colorado

**Arena Director - Dorsey Dick**  
Towaoc, Colorado

**MC - Afrem Wall**  
Towaoc, Colorado

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Gourd Dance Contact: Louella loupe (435) 219-5794





HEALTHY RECIPES

Quick weeknight chicken fajitas

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

Weeknight dinners should not have to take a long time to prepare. When a meal is quick and satisfying, you can still enjoy evening activities. This is made on the stove, so you don't need to turn on your oven.

With some creativity, you can also prepare this in other ways, using various herbs, spices, and vegetables. Get the family involved by having them cut the veggies or mix the spices. Have fun!



courtesy Healthy Recipes Blog

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

Chicken Fajitas

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 lb. raw chicken breast, cut into thin strips
- 1/2 red pepper, cut into strips
- 1/2 green pepper, cut into strips
- 1 small onion, cut in half, then sliced
- Homemade fajita seasoning (see below) \*

Directions:

1. Heat oil over medium in large skillet.
2. Add chicken strips and cook about 3 minutes.
3. Add half the fajita seasonings to chicken and continue to cook for an additional 3-5 minutes or until chicken is cooked all the way through.

4. Add onions and peppers, stir to combine with chicken, add the remaining fajita seasoning (add more oil if needed).
5. Cook until onions and peppers are to desired consistency, stirring often, about 5 minutes.
6. Remove from heat.
7. Serve over corn or flour tortillas, fresh cilantro, sliced avocado, sour cream or plain Greek yogurt, salsa, chopped tomatoes or Pico de Gallo or your favorite toppings.

\*Fajita seasoning: 2 teaspoons chili powder, 1/2 teaspoon cumin, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, 1/2 teaspoon onion powder, 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional), salt and pepper to taste.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Does the food I eat affect my mental health?

Yes, especially the brain

By Precious Collins, NCP  
Program Specialist  
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH DIVISION

Does the food I eat affect my mental health?

There does seem to be a link between the food we eat and the quality of the food for our mental health and wellbeing. According to the research article, Nutrition and mental health: A review of current knowledge about the impact of diet on mental health (2022) "We consume more and more processed, high-energy, and nutrient-poor foods" which can cause and lead to many health problems such as obesity, diabetes, and even self-image issues. Studies have also found that much of these "processed" foods don't nourish our bodies with the vitamins, fiber, and nutrients we need. Additionally, substance use and lack of exercise, the effects on our health can lead to the development of mental health issues.

to function properly. In this same article, they talk about the importance of the synaptic plasticity of the brain and the important function it has to the connections of our neurons. This is important because, much like substances can affect the functions of many parts of the brain, so does food. The more nutrient rich foods we eat, the better our brain functions.

Think about a time when you were doing strenuous work outdoors or maybe crunching on an exam paper and you didn't eat or drink anything for hours. What happened? Did you experience any fatigue or cramping? Well, just as our muscles need energy (food and water), our brains also need these things to keep the gears oiled, so to speak.

So, what kind of foods should we eat?

Food that has been proven to help with brain health and overall wellness (Jennings, 2021)

- Fatty fish (omega-3 fatty acids) such as albacore tuna, salmon, trout, and sardines. The brain is made up of fat and these nutrients help build the brain and nerve cells.
- Coffee (caffeine and antioxidants) helps support brain health by increased alertness, improved mood, and sharpened concentration.
- Blueberries (anthocyanins which is an anti-inflammatory and antioxidant) help improve communication between brain cells and can improve memory.

- Turmeric (anti-inflammatory and antioxidants) may benefit memory, ease depression, and helps new brain cells grow.
- Broccoli (vitamin K) helps with better memory and cognitive status.

These are just to name a few, and we encourage you to take a look at your diet and on your next trip to the grocery store, pick up some of these items and start implementing them into your daily nutrition routine.

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.

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

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

Awareness for mental health



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. On Thursday, May 18 the Behavioral Health Division, along with the help of SunUte Community Center and Shining Mountain Health and Wellness, held the May Mental Health Walk. Walking throughout Tribal Campus, employees and community members join Behavioral Health in raising awareness for mental health issues.

Shouting "ICL supports mental health!" Ignacio Community Library staff Dorothy Williams and Ron Schermacher walk along the Bear Trail in support of Mental Health Awareness Month. Participants walked over a mile through Tribal Campus, in support of raising awareness for mental health issues.



Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Dial 988  
for mental health emergencies.

Text INDIGENOUS to 741741  
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Environmental Programs Division is hosting its annual youth program

Environmental Leadership and Knowledge Seminar (ELKS)

June 27-28 from 9am-4pm  
Free to Native American students  
Ages 9-12

Come learn about the world of science in our daily lives, with field trips and hands-on activities!

Register at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/elks/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/elks/)

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division at 970-563-2229 or 2296 with any questions.



Tribal Health Department & Southern Ute Health Center

Patient Advocate Line  
(970) 563.4757

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

Try it out today!

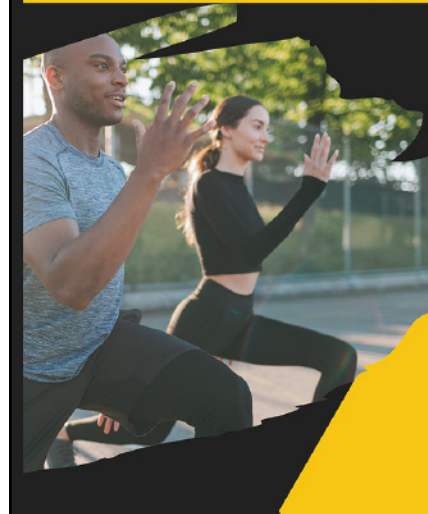
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SOUTHERN UTE  
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NUTRITION  
IN RECOVERY  
JUNE 22  
3-5 PM



Please join us alongside Lisa Smith, RDN, as she leads us in a workshop to discuss...

- How can eating a healthy diet promote recovery from substance use?
- What are some tips for making healthy food choices?
- Create a delicious meal to share!

All are welcome to join us in a safe and open environment for this class.

Location:  
Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building  
(4101 CR 222, Durango)  
Call 970.563.5700 to register.



Helping others in recovery



courtesy Miracle Ortiz

As part of the Recovery Retreat, hosted by the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Dept., a three-person panel – Ignacio community member, Robert Ortiz (Taos Pueblo), CEO of Hard Beauty, Racquel Garcia, from Castle Rock, Colo. and Southern Ute tribal member, Marvinina Olguin – spoke of their own experiences and shared what worked for them in their recovery journey. Southern Ute Behavioral Health, Native Connections Program Manager, Precious Collins moderated the panel, Saturday, May 20 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort’s Event Center.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Jade Richards receives an Auricular Acupuncture treatment from Avani G. Dilger of Natural Highs, out of Boulder, Colo. The 5-point ear acupuncture protocol is utilized to help patients recover from addiction as well as trauma which is often underlying addiction and chronic pain issues.

During her workshop on sound, music, and movement for self-care, Tamara Turner explains the sound vibrations of an instrument made of camel skin, which covers a wooden shell, and strings made of sheep intestines.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

StrongHearts raises elder abuse awareness

Staff report  
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

Despite the horror of being physically hurt, and having their money or medication stolen, elders who are abused or neglected often endure the abuse without calling for help. As lifelong caregivers and protectors, many elders suffer in silence to maintain the well-being of their family and that may include their abuser.

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), a day to raise awareness and prevent elder abuse. It’s a day to reflect on what it’s like to become an elder and the many challenges they are facing such as: losing strength, muscle, and bone mass. Mental clarity can deteriorate and lead to memory loss. These inevitable vulnerabilities leave our elders at risk of being abused.

According to the National Council on Aging, most abuse occurs in the home and at the hands of family members.

“It’s unacceptable when elders silently suffer abuse and neglect at the hands of those who should be protecting them,” said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “Many elders refuse to report their abusers because they are closely related and want to protect their family, but there are so many more reasons that most people can’t imagine.”

- **Love:** Despite the abuse or neglect, victims continue to love their abusive partner or relative.
- **Fear:** Elders may fear retaliation if they report the abuse.
- **Embarrassment:** Worrying about what others might think or do to make matters worse.
- **Lack of Resources:** Many elderly people live on fixed incomes and may depend on their abuser for shelter.
- **Accessibility:** Elders may not be able to report if they do not have access to cell phones, internet and/or transportation.
- **Polyvictimization and Normalization:** For generations, Native people have endured



courtesy StrongHearts Native Helpline

multiple types of abuse at the hands of non-Natives – so much so that abuse seems normal – an everyday part of life.

TYPES OF ABUSE

Elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to act that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult. The abuser can be a family member, caretaker or another person that the elder trusts.

Types of abuse can include:

- **Emotional abuse** – causes mental pain, fear and/or distress
- **Physical abuse** – the use of force to cause pain, injury, etc.
- **Financial abuse** – improper use of an elder’s money, property or assets
- **Caregiver neglect** – a failure to meet basic needs (food, water, medical care)
- **Sexual abuse** – forced or unwanted sexual interactions of any kind
- **Cultural and spiritual abuse**

Learn the signs of abuse

The signs of elder abuse may be difficult to spot as they could sometimes be the result of disease, side effects from medications or similar reasons. However, if you suspect that an elder is being abused, be patient, talk and listen to them. Be aware that they may say that they are being “disrespected” rather than abused. Other signs of abuse may include:

- Unexplained bruising or injury
- Changes in behavior
- Lack of interest in family or social events
- Loss of weight

- Not having necessary medical aids (glasses, walkers, teeth, etc.) adequate food, water, shelter

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Education is always the first step. Understand the warning signs of elder abuse and pay attention to the elders in your life. Ensuring that our elders are properly cared for can include:

- Offering to help those in your family that might be feeling burdened with the care of a loved one.
- Spending time with an elder and planning a rotating schedule if you have multiple caregivers.
- Bringing them nutritional foods like baked goods or even better, frybread.
- Talking and listening to their stories because elders have a lot of wisdom to share and appreciate.
- Every state has an Adult Protective Services division for those wishing to report abuse at [www.napsa-now.org/help-in-your-area](http://www.napsa-now.org/help-in-your-area).

StrongHearts can help. Advocates are available 24/7 to provide support and advocacy, make referrals to Native centered service providers and connect our relatives to regionally available resources. We are here 24/7/365.

**Source:**  
*National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Violence Prevention*  
<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/elderabuse/fastfact.html>  
*National Adult Protective Services Association* <https://www.napsa-now.org/help-in-your-area/>



SunUte  
now offering scholarships



For the second year in a row SunUte is excited to present scholarships for Ignacio youth from 2nd grade (going into 3rd) through 12th grade grads! Any youth living in Ignacio qualifies for this scholarship along with all Native American youth living in Bayfield. This scholarship is good for a full year and gives the youth access to all of SunUte. Pool, gymnasium, PlayStation/X-Box 1/VR, and fitness floor (ages 13 and up). We have packets at the SunUte front desk. Please come on in and sign up! For more information about the scholarships call SunUte at 970-563-0214.



Breastfeeding & Parent Support Class  
Prenatal Yoga



Join us on **June 8th** for food, fun, education & good company

Free goodies ♥ Nutritious lunch ♥ Raffle

We invite anyone to attend. Please feel free to bring your support group and children!

**Where:**  
**Mouache Capote Building**  
116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO

**When:** Thursday, June 8th **Time:** 12-1 pm



Our yoga session will be taught by **STACY SANDEL, OWNER OF MOONSHADOW YOGA THERAPY**

This is monthly event that strives towards building community for women to feel safe and connected. If you are not currently breastfeeding, we encourage you to come and share what you do know, so that we can keep traditions and knowledge alive!!

**Contact: Shawmarie (970)-563-2163**

Social Services open house



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Tribe’s Social Services department held an open house on Thursday, May 25 at the Mouache-Capote building. It was open to everyone who wanted to come meet with social service employees and get to know what they do day to day. Marlene Sandoval who is a Social Service worker, talks with Louise Wilson and Bobbie Rosa who are both Vocational Rehabilitation counselors.

Foster Care Coordinator, Kellie Yazzie greets Shelly Riddle who works as DNR GIS manager for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Informational pamphlets were given out on what social services does for the tribal membership.







SUIMA

The end of the trail ...

Student field trip heads to Santa Fe

By Krista Richards  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Since 2004, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's (SUIMA) overnight field trips have been a big thing that upper elementary students look forward to as an accomplishment. This year the upper elementary class had the special opportunity to revive the end of the year trip as a celebration to end their school year.

"It was suggested by Mari Jo to bring the overnight trips back. It helps the students with their Practical Life learning along with having fun. It's also a great incentive for our students during the year," SUIMA's upper elementary teacher, Mae Yazzie-Pino said.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Meskvlvv Wesley walks around the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture in Santa Fe, N.M. on Monday, May 15.

Yazzie-Pino let her students know that an end of the year trip was a possibility, but they had to start doing fundraisers to raise around five thousand dollars. A total of seven fundraisers ranging from coffee sales, bake sales

and candy cane sales were held in the Hall of Warriors in the Leonard C. Burch building, as well as the SUIMA infant area and outside the cafeteria building.

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Boulder and complete the application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

"There was a letter sent to former Southern Ute Chairman Leonard Burch in 1990 regarding the establishment of the program. I'm not sure how long it was in place (if at all) before it went away," Treasurer Marvin Pinnecose explained in an email. "This letter was sent by E. Gordon Gee, who was the president of the University at the time. The program was brought back up as a collaboration with La Titia Taylor, the Education Dept., and the University of Colorado, Boulder."

"The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is thankful for the collaboration with our higher education partners," Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Lorelei Cloud said. "Education is a priority, and this revitalized opportunity expands our youths' resources to pursue higher education." Leadership from the University of Colorado — including CU President Todd Saliman, Chancellor Philip DiStefano, Senior Diversity Officer Judi Diaz Bonacquisti and others joined the Southern Ute Tribal Council, the Executive Office, and the Southern Ute Education Department on Thursday, May 25 to sign the MOU between the University of Colorado and the Tribe.

"I want to especially thank Chairman Baker and the Tribal Council, as well as the Southern Ute Tribe Department of Education and Education Director LaTitia Taylor, for all of your efforts to encourage students to pursue higher education and to consider CU," DiStefano said. "Our university has a responsibility to educate and to serve every community across Colorado, and so it brings us great pleasure to connect

with the young people in your community."

"CU Boulder has hosted several youth for pre-collegiate programs on campus, and also has enrolled a few members of the Southern Ute Tribe as students in the past several years," DiStefano said. "Some of you may know Andrea and Marcus Bean, twins from the Southern Ute Tribe who are rising juniors at CU Boulder. Marcus is studying psychology and evolutionary biology, while Andrea is majoring in integrative physiology with a minor in ecology and evolutionary biology. Andrea said in an email that she chose to attend CU because of the environment and the opportunities — and that she wouldn't have been able to attend without the help of the Tribe's education program and the scholarship she received."

"Your students are ambitious, insightful, and creative, and they have certainly enriched the CU Boulder campus community," he added. "These students are leaders, and they have laid the stepping stones for all who will follow them."

"I'm confident that with the commitment of our university staff and faculty, the CU Board of Regents, and President Todd Saliman and his team, we can build a lasting partnership that serves the Southern Ute Tribe for generations to come."

The University of Colorado offers an array of undergraduate, master's and doctoral degree programs and serves as the state of Colorado's comprehensive graduate research university with campus locations in Boulder, Denver, and Colorado Springs. Founded in 1876, CU is one of the oldest academic institutions in the state.

"I was deeply honored to take part in the Southern Ute

ceremony to deliver on the partnership with CU Boulder that the university committed to many years ago," said CU President Todd Saliman, who also took part in the formal recognition of the MOU, where he spoke to tribal dignitaries and education staff at the luncheon. "The signed agreement documents CU's commitment that supports a path to CU for members of the Southern Ute Tribe."

"It's a celebration with a little bit of remorse," Saliman said.

The Southern Ute Education Department feels that this scholarship is a positive step toward building stronger collaborations with CU Boulder, with hopes that it will lead to similar partnerships with other colleges within the CU system. The Education Department's Academic Advisor, Michael Kirsch expressed his appreciation for the effort put forth by CU leadership in making this happen in such a timely manner.

"I am so thankful for the continued relationship with CU, the MOU makes the collaboration stronger," Southern Ute Education Department Director, LaTitia Taylor said. "I am looking forward to building programs with the University. Also, the MOU ensures an avenue for our people to obtain professional degrees and exposure to a higher education so that they can be sustainable and secure for what this world may bring to [their] future."

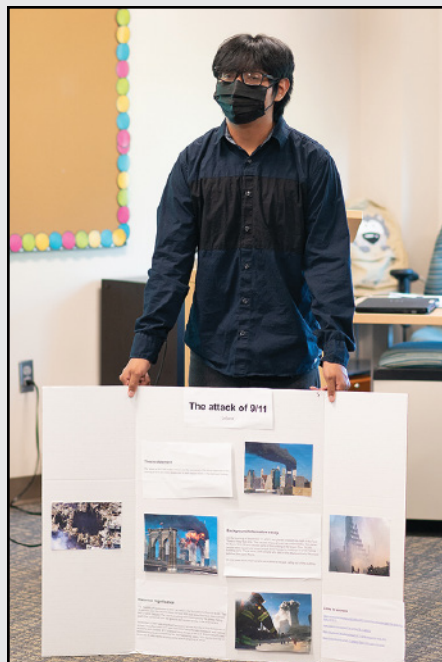
"We are excited for members of the Southern Ute Tribe to continue their educational journey on the CU Boulder campus, and can't wait to welcome future Buffs while continuing to serve those Southern Ute students whose journey has already begun," Saliman said.

Eighth graders reflect



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Eighth Grade student, Thunder Windy Boy thanks teachers and family members for their comments following his Eighth Grade Presentation on Wednesday, May 17. Like his fellow students, Windy Boy shared his personal growth as well as his educational goals he would like to complete in high school. Before their continuation to high school, students present schoolwork completed throughout their time as Ignacio Middle School students, to teachers and family members.



Ignacio Middle School student, Aubree Lucero stands with parents David and Leora Lucero after her Eighth Grade Presentation on Monday, May 22.

Ignacio Middle School student Leland Richards presents his History Day poster to a panel of teachers on Monday, May 22 as part of his Eighth Grade Presentation. Richards completed his presentation successfully; teachers wished him well as he continued his education.

Honoring Karen Rodberg



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Education Department (SUED) honors Karen Rodberg on Friday, May 26 in the Hall of Warriors. According to her biography; Rodberg worked in the Bayfield School District Administration office for 15 years from year 2006 to 2021 after spending 28 and a half years working as a teacher and federal programs administrator in the Central Consolidated School District in Shiprock, N.M. Rodberg collaborated with SUED to create a tutoring program, benefitting students.

**E.L.K.S.**  
Environmental Leadership & Knowledge Seminar

FREE for local Native American youth  
ages 9-12  
June 27-28, 9am-4pm  
Environmental Programs Division in Ignacio

A seminar filled with environmental awareness & hands-on science activities for kids!  
Visit our website for more information & registration forms.  
[www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/elks](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/elks)  
970-563-2229/2296

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



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# SUIMA students move up!



Upper elementary student, Aeden Richards receives his certificate from Education Director, LaTitia Taylor.

Photos by Fabian Martinez  
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Education Director, LaTitia Taylor gives a certificate to SUIMA toddler student, Alina Watts.



SUIMA Principal, Mari Jo Owens, gives a hug to a transitioning primary SUIMA student, Gia Valasquez for her accomplishment.



Upper elementary student, Saniyya Valdez smiles as she receives a hug and certificate from Education Director, LaTitia Taylor.



SUIMA student, Niko Frost receives a vest as a gift for his accomplishment in transitioning to public school.



Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) Infant Guide, Jared Ruybal sits with his son Nathan Ruybal and infant class during the SUIMA Transition Ceremony held on Friday, May 26 on the lawn by Tribal Council Chambers.

**A warm and golden morning welcomed family members and friends in celebration of their Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) students moving up into a new class or into the public schools on Friday, May 26 on the lawn by Tribal Council Chambers. Over 30 students transitioned from all levels within the SUIMA with classmates, parents and families cheering them on. An opening prayer was provided by Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin J. Baker and presentation of the colors by Southern Ute Veterans Association and Upper Elementary students with an honor song provided by Southern Ute Singers. SUIMA Principal, Mari Jo Owens, and Education Department Director, LaTitia Taylor gave welcoming remarks and handed out certificates to the transitioning students. Following the ceremony, SUIMA students began the annual tradition of walking to the Bear Dance grounds for the traditional dance’s opening.**

## SUIMA: Exploring the Land of Enchantment



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The upper elementary students and family members toured the Institute of American Indian Arts on Tuesday, May 23. College students were gone for the summer, which opened up more of the campus for their tour. Curtis Wilhelmi and Tamara Riley were the tour guides for the class visit.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Saniyya Valdez, Niko Frost, Sibrya Larry and Joe Howell explore Meow Wolf and what it had to offer for all ages on Monday, May 15.

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Students were able to learn important life skills, such as dealing with responsibility and handling money while working the fundraising events.

“They weren’t [excited] at first because it does have a lot of work and planning involved, but once they started to see growth within our fundraising, they then started to get more excited,” Yazzie-Pino said.

Why Santa Fe?

Santa Fe, N.M. was chosen as the destination due to it being of the biggest promoter of arts and Native American culture in the Four Corners region. Most of the students in the classroom are interested in art and wanted to learn more about traditional and contemporary Indigenous art while also getting a chance to visit the famous Meow Wolf interactive art museum.

“We wanted to get our

students out of town to see something new,” Yazzie-Pino said. “We also wanted to get the students to see other cultures and art from neighboring tribes. With Santa Fe being one of the biggest art filled cities, we thought it was interesting to show the students that there are many Native American artists based out of Santa Fe and IAIA in hopes for them to one day take their art interests-skills further than high school.”

The Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) is a public tribal land grant college in Santa Fe, which several Southern Ute tribal members have attended. Students were able to see the campus and learn more about what programs are offered at the collegiate level.

“We had a few students who enjoyed touring IAIA college campus and seeing many different types of arts,” Yazzie-Pino explained.

“We also had a couple who enjoyed the museum and seeing historical artifacts.” Students also received a tour of Museum of Indian Arts and Culture which exhibits traditional arts and regalia from numerous Indigenous tribes within the Southwest.

When asked if the school was going to keep the end of the year-overnight trips going, Mae Yazzie-Pino said, “We are hoping for it

to happen yearly, so we can adventure to new places and see new things, but at the moment we aren’t too sure what the future entails.”

“Our class would like to thank everyone who was a part of our achievement and attended the trip with us. We would also like to thank everyone who helped make our trip happen by supporting our fundraisers; we couldn’t have done it without you. Tuvuchutoghoyaqach!”





# Grandious Graduations & Celebrations



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Kinder class opened the ceremonies with their graduation song, “This Little Light of Mine.” The classes, led by music teacher Samantha Walker, sang four songs and closed the ceremony by “dancing” their way out of the auditorium. Walker also gave the Commencement Address. The Ignacio High School auditorium was packed to capacity with family, friends and well-wishers on Wednesday, May 24.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio High School graduate, Damarion GoodTracks escorts Ignacio Kindergarten graduate Alyanna Reedy to the stage. Ignacio High School graduates escorted Kinder students onto the Ignacio High School Auditorium stage.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Richmond and student, Kalila Hight are both smiling after Hight receives her graduation certificate. Mrs. Pepper and Mrs. Strohl all awarded their kindergarten classes with graduation certificates as well – 42 Kinder students graduated in all.

## Headed to Middle School



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary School's continuing fifth grade class stands for a photo following the presentation of their continuation awards on Monday, May 22. These students will be moving on to the Ignacio Middle School in the fall. Friends and family gathered in the Ignacio Elementary School cafeteria to show their support for the students.

## Celebration honors students



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Family members of graduates, Damarion GoodTracks and Autumn Sage listen as Class Sponsor, LaQueta Farrow speaks to parents, families, students and faculty at the 2023 Senior Celebration on Wednesday, May 24 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.

## Caps off for Wolverines!



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Bayfield High School Graduate Silas Wilbourn stands alongside his family members following his graduation ceremony, families gather outside the school for photos and gift giving after the commencement, on Sunday, May 21 in the Bayfield, Colo.



Ignacio School District Superintendent Chris deKay hands Ignacio High school seniors certificates of awards, awarding each of them with the Ellison Family Scholarship of \$2000. This is the first year this scholarship has been awarded.

Ignacio School District Superintendent Chris deKay welcomes parents, students and faculty to the 2023 Senior Celebration. He touched on the history of what a Baccalaureate is and the significance of the celebration for the students in 2023. He also spoke to living in the moment, away from technology – not seeing what's in front of you.



Bayfield High School Graduates Sarafina Chackee and Kay Washington proudly show off their diplomas after walking across the stage on Sunday, May 21.

Bayfield High School graduate Gracelin Naranjo holds her flower bouquets following the graduation ceremony. Families, friends, and educators gathered inside the gym to watch their graduates cross the stage and receive their diplomas.





**Dominic Baker-Alires\***  
Farmington High School  
Farmington, New Mexico



**SaraFina Chackee\***  
Bayfield High School  
Bayfield, Colorado



**Sie Chackee\***  
Bayfield High School  
Bayfield, Colorado



**Shalisa Chavez\***  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**James Floyd^**  
Bayfield High School  
Bayfield, Colorado



**Damarion GoodTracks^**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Lauryn Hastings\***  
Durango High School  
Durango, Colorado



**Alexis Hatch-Thompson\***  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Issac Herrera^**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Gracelin Naranjo\***  
Bayfield High School  
Bayfield, Colorado



**Zane Olguin^**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado

# Congratulations to all 2023 Graduates



**Alexis Ortiz^**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Gabriel Pinnecoose\***  
Bayfield High School  
Bayfield, Colorado



**Byron Pringle^**  
Bayfield High School  
Bayfield, Colorado



**Dominique Rael\***  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Harmony Reynolds^**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Autumn Sage\***  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Tristian Scott\***  
Durango High School  
Durango, Colorado



**Kaye Washington\***  
Bayfield High School  
Bayfield, Colorado



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• Ernesto Veneo

^ Johnson O'Malley Student  
\* Southern Ute Student



**Sharlene Whyte\***  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Silas Wilbourn\***  
Bayfield High School  
Bayfield, Colorado

# CLASS OF 2023!





# We now present you ... the class of 2023



Johnson O'Malley, Ignacio High School graduate, Zane Olguin shakes hands with Southern Ute Tribal Council Treasurer, Marvin Pinnecoose after receiving his diploma.



Graduates of Ignacio High School toss their mortars after receiving their diplomas to close out the 2023 Commencement Ceremony. Ignacio High School had 31 students receive their diplomas in the Ignacio High School Gymnasium, Saturday, May 27, before a packed house of families, friends and loved ones.



Ignacio High School seniors Eppie Quintana and Johnson O'Malley student, Damarion Goodtracks perform the "Tassel Switch" as instructed by fellow graduate, John Riepel.



The Yellow Jacket Drum group sings an honor song after the welcome by Ignacio School District Superintendent, Chris deKay.

**The Ignacio High School 2023 Commencement Ceremony took place in the Ignacio High School Gymnasium on Saturday, May 27. The graduating class of 2023 had 31 students walk across the stage to receive their diplomas from respective Ignacio School Board members. An invocation was given by Eppie Quintana and Anthony Toledo. Ignacio School Superintendent Chris deKay gave the Welcome Address to begin the annual ceremony. A rousing introduction was given by Christopher Walker for Beau Moore, who gave the Commencement Address, speaking of essentials a student needs in life. Trinity Strohl gave the Valedictorian's Address. A Classmate Dedication was presented by Lisa Olguin, Keaton McCoy and Zane Olguin for the late Ethan Kremer, who would have graduated in 2023. The Parent Dedication was presented by Damarion Goodtracks, as students gave bouquets of flowers to parents and loved ones. A slideshow of graduates was displayed on flatscreens placed throughout the gymnasium. deKay presented the class and Ignacio School Board President Allen McCaw accepted the class. A Benediction was given by Dylan McCaw before the song "The Show Goes On" by Lupe Fiasco echoed through the gymnasium closing this year's graduation.**

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute tribal member, Dominique Rael focuses on the Commencement Ceremony, flanked by Trinity Crane and Faye Hackett. Crane gave the Valedictorian's Address.



Expressing their excitement, Faye Hackett a National Honor Society graduate, Trinity Strohl was honored as Salutatorian, Suma Cum Laude, and National Honor Society graduate and Alexis Ortiz, Johnson O'Malley student, after their Commencement Ceremony.



During the Parent Dedication students gave flowers to their parents and loved ones. Southern Ute tribal member, Autumn Sage receives a hug from her mother, Lynette Sage, accompanied by father, Roger Sage Jr.



Southern Ute tribal member, Shalisha Chavez and her family gather in the exterior commons area of the Ignacio High School after the Commencement Ceremony. Other family members gathered around the school grounds for photos, hugs and best wishes.





# Field day fun in the sun



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Tug-of-War Champions — Ms. Young's Second Grade Class, holds up the rope and winning plaque following the competition.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary Fourth Grade student Romeo Thomas throws a Styrofoam rocket as part of the javelin field day event the morning of Thursday, May 18, at the Ignacio High School track and field.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary School first graders “flex” before they begin their relay race during the Ignacio Elementary School Field Day on Thursday, May 18.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Second grade teacher, Ms. Young proudly holds the championship plaque for the Tug-of-War contest won by her students during the Ignacio Elementary School Field Day.

**The Ignacio Elementary School hosted its annual Field Day event at the Ignacio High School Track and Field on Thursday, May 18. Students from the third through fifth grades competed in the morning with the remaining second and third grade classes following in the afternoon. Students were able to showcase their athletic skills in a variety of field events including the three-legged race, sack race, and relay race. Each class competed against each other in the tug-of-war event, with one class from each grade reigning as champions. Families were able to cheer from the stands and sidelines in support of their students.**



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ignacio first graders celebrate after winning their Tug-of-War contest on Thursday, May 18. Fellow students and family members cheer loudly in support of the first graders.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Tia Howe nears the finish line during the sack race event.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Andre Blue Star-Baker, and his partner work together to walk in sync with one another to finish the three-legged race.



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Ivan Watts kicks off and starts the relay race for his team Thursday, May 18, at the Ignacio High School track.





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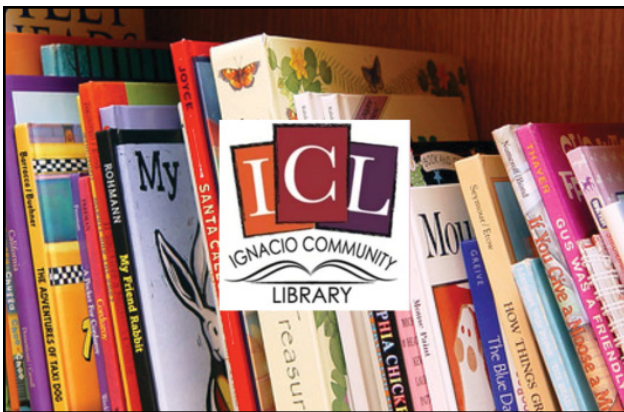
Makerspace news highlights the Repair Cafe

By Ron Schermacher, IDEA LAB Educator  
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The big maker news comes from Colorado as Governor Polis signed the first in the nation “Right to Repair” bill into law. With an emphasis on agriculture, the new law seeks to give farmers and ranchers the ability to acquire manuals and tools to repair their own equipment, especially tractors, in a timely manner.

Makerspaces have long been at the forefront of the notion that we should try to repair more of the equipment we own. This makes for true ownership of the device, learning from the processes and mistakes while creating less waste and reducing our harm to the land.

The objective of the makerspace at ICL is to teach customers how to use new technology, learn skills, and diagnose and handle problems. Recently however, we have had a number of patrons who have asked us to attempt repairs on various pieces of equipment, and although we love learning and have been mostly successful, this is probably not the



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best use of precious staff time nor does this fall in line with our goals. However, we recognize the need and realize it can be intimidating to tackle a project for which you have little knowledge or experience nor the tools to see a successful outcome.

With this aim in mind, the Ignacio Community Library is planning on implementing regularly scheduled “repair cafes” as soon as we can round up volunteers and determine the best times for the events. A repair cafe is a low-key meeting where neighbors can repair their broken items with the support of specialists in a relaxed atmosphere. Think of it as a mixture of social event and workshop. Even folks who do not have any

items to repair but are interested in learning new skills are welcome.

Repair Cafe is an international organization that helps local groups host events and provides information, best practices, paperwork and supports a website.

If the Repair Cafe sounds like an idea that would interest you or if you have a suggestion for days and times for scheduling these events, please contact Ron or other staff at the library. Also please remember that the library not only will take your book donations but is also interested in electronics of all types including wire, cords, and adapters. Makerspace hours are Fridays and Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. and other times by appointment.

Veterans 6th Annual River Raft Trip & Picnic

Mountain Waters Rafting & Adventures, the Durango VFW Post 4031, American Legion and Elks Lodge sponsor the 6th annual picnic and FREE raft trips for Veterans & their Families. Sunday, June 25, 2023 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Durango VFW. Raft trip registration starts at 10:30 a.m. Information available at Mountain Waters Rafting Community web-page or Info@DurangoRafting.com. Honored to serve those who have served.

Multi-Purpose Facility June Events

June

- Sr. Breakfast—Wednesday June 7, 2023—10:00 —11:30 AM
- Yard Sale—Saturday June 10, 2023—9:00 AM—3:00 PM
- Elder Craft Day—Monday June 12, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM
- Quilting—Wednesday & Thursday June 14 & 15, 2023—9:30 AM—3:00 PM
- Sip Chat & Chew—Friday June 16, 2023—11:30 AM-1:30 PM
- Cooking Class—Wednesday June 21, 2023—10:30 AM—1:30 PM

Special Events

- Haunted House Food Sale—Friday June 23, 2023 –11:30 AM—2:00 PM
- Cooking with Chef Bill Barbone—Date & Time to be determined

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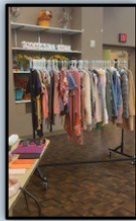
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# Southern Ute Bear Dance welcomes spring



Dancing into the evening, the fires burn bright as dusk descends over the Bear Dance corral on the third day of the spring celebration. Singers keep the energy high on Sunday evening, as partners break into pairs for the Southern Ute Bear Dance in Ignacio. As day turns to night — the Catman keeps a vigilant watch over the Bear Dance.



Sarah Cuch and Ute Indian Tribe Bear Dance Chief, AJ Kanip partner up for a dance.



Young singers take their place on the growler box, where they learn the songs and practice their skills with a growler — in these ways, Bear Dance traditions are passed down from one generation to the next.



Young Kailanii Graham is dressed to the nines for her first day of Bear Dancing in Ignacio, where Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students and community members come together for the first line dances of the weekend.



Jakob Box tends to the fire in the Bear Dance corral on Sunday evening. The fires burn into the night, keeping the dancers warm during the cool evenings along the Pine River.

**The Bear Dance energy was high this weekend as dancers, singers, and family members came together in Ignacio for the annual Southern Ute Bear Dance, packing the corral each day for the spring celebration. Each Ute tribe holds their own Bear Dance, starting in the early spring months and ending at White Mesa in September. Singers from the Ute sister tribes help each other out during the four-day celebration, taking turns at the growler in order to keep the dancers on their feet.**

**Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
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Former Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Ramona Eagle and her sister, Linda Eagle enjoy watching their grandkids participate in the Bear Dance each spring.



Southern Ute elders, Austin Box and brother, Russell Box Sr. sit together ahead of the blessing of the Bear Dance Grounds on Friday, May 26. The men assisted Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box with the blessing ahead of the first dance.



Theoden Greany breaks away from the line dance with his partner on the final day of the Southern Ute Bear Dance in Ignacio.





# Solemn remembrance



The Day of Remembrance procession, led by Raymond Baker (Navy – retired) and Terry Knight (USAF), followed by the Color Guard, near the Ouray Memorial Cemetery to close out the Memorial Day ceremony.



Master of Ceremonies, Howard Richards Sr. (Army) and Commander SW Veterans Indian Association, Avalino Calabaza (Army) present wreaths to the Memorial Monuments for Chief Ouray and Buckskin Charlie.



Bruce LeClaire (Army) holds the Southern Ute Veterans Association flag with other members of the Color Guard at the Ouray Memorial Cemetery.



Raymond Baker (Southern Ute – Navy retired), Gordon Hammond (Ute Mountain Ute – USMC), and Bruce Valdez (Southern Ute – Army) stand at attention after raising and lowering the flags to half-staff at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.



Father Cesar of St. Ignatius Parish in Ignacio, Colo. gives a prayer at the Chief Ouray and Buckskin Charlie Monuments in the Ouray Memorial Cemetery.

**The annual Day of Remembrance program was hosted by the Southern Ute Veterans Association at Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park, Monday, May 29. Howard Richards Sr. (Army) was the Master of Ceremonies. An invocation was given by Terry Knight (USAF). Parade and Flag songs performed by Red Spirit (Ft. Duchesne, Utah) and the National Anthem by Marlena Valdez. Guest speakers included, SU Vice-Chairman, Lorelei Cloud; Ute Mountain Ute Chairman, Manuel Heart; VSO Beverly Charley; and Commander SWVIA Avalino Calabaza. The procession offered a wreath into the Pine River by Knight and concluded at Ouray Memorial Cemetery with a prayer by Father Cesar, Flag and Prayer songs by the Southern Ute Drum group and Red Spirit respectively, and “Amazing Grace” sang by Marlena Valdez. Closing with a 21-Gun Salute, and “Taps” by Bill Morris (USMC).**



Guest speaker, Ute Mountain Ute Chairman, Manuel Heart offered greetings from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, paying respect to American veterans.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Ute Mountain Ute spiritual leader, Terry Knight (USAF) offered a wreath into the Pine River in remembrance of those men and women lost at sea.



Bill Morris (USMC) made a return to play “Taps” to close out the Day of Remembrance ceremony at the Ouray Memorial Cemetery.



Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Lorelei Cloud offered words of gratitude to all Veterans and the sacrifice of those who lost their lives defending our homelands and freedoms.





# Bear Dance powwow returns to SunUte



A Jr. Girls Traditional dancer makes a quick adjustment to her regalia with some assistance, ahead of their first competition during the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow.



Men's fancy dancer, Marvin Pinnecoose enjoys an intertribal song before competition dancing begins on Saturday evening, May 27.



Host Drum Red Spirit sings an intertribal song on Friday evening. During the intertribal all attendees are welcome to share the dance floor.



Men's Traditional dancers fill the SunUte Community Center gymnasium during Grand Entry on Friday afternoon.



The newly crowned Ute Mountain Ute Royalty follow the Southern Ute Royalty during Grand Entry on Friday, May 26.

**The Southern Ute Powwow Committee hosted the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow at SunUte Community Center on Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27. Head staff included Bart Pauwakee, Bart Stevens, Henry Howell, plus host drums Red Spirit of Fort Duchesne, Utah and Catching Eagle of Towaoc, Colo. This powwow saw great participation on both days, featuring competition singing and dancing as well as a large variety of vendors.**

**Photos by Divine Windy Boy**  
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Bruce LeClaire (U.S. Army) leads in the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Veterans during the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow on Saturday, May 27 on the second session of Grand Entry.



Women's Jingle Dress dancers share a laugh following their category contest on Saturday, attendees from the surrounding areas and beyond traveled to Ignacio, Colo. to enjoy singing, dancing, as well as visiting with friends and family.



Kicking it off with a meal



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Bear Dance weekend officially kicked-off with a meal on Friday, May 26 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The meal was shared with Southern, Northern and Ute Mountain Ute tribal members and families, as well as employees of the Southern Ute Tribe.

Bear Dance protocol



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box shares some of the finer points regarding Bear Dance etiquette with attendees of the annual Bear Dance workshop held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Friday May 19.



Young Adonis, son of Alyas Maez, gravitates towards the Bear Dance growlers, practicing with the instruments used to create the bear like reverberation on the growler box during the Bear Dance.

Pocahontas at Bear Dance



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Irene Bedard, voice actor for Pocahontas (1995), made an appearance at this year's Bear Dance. Southern Ute Royalty members took a break from handing out waters to pose with Bedard on Monday, May 29. Bedard has starred in Smoke Signals (1998), Wildflowers (1999), Tortilla Heaven (2007) as well as Television appearances including Longmire (2012-2015). Bedard is currently working on Netflix's Avatar: The Last Airbender.

Throwing shade



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Construction Services is ready to throw brush on top of shade structures on Thursday, May 25 in preparation for this year's Bear Dance. Building Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance, and Construction Services worked to add the final touches to the Bear Dance grounds before the event which began the following day.

Other Bear Dance happenings!

Artisans convene at MPF



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility hosted the annual Bear Dance Arts and Crafts Fair on Monday, May 29, from 9am-4pm. It was a mix of artists, artisans, crafters and bakers who came together to showcase and sell their goods during Memorial Day weekend.

Sunrise blessing



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Royalty representatives, Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel and sister, Junior Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Maleina Carel bundle up against the morning chill with Pendleton blankets ahead of the sunrise blessing at the Bear Dance campground, Thursday, May 25.



Moments before the sun crossed over the eastern horizon, Alex Cloud, accompanied by Sarafina Chackee and Neida Chackee (not pictured) got ready to lead a small group of participants in prayer, Thursday, May 25 — honoring the traditional Ute ways ahead of the Bear Dance. Cloud spoke to the importance of our connection to the land, and the connection of mind, body, and spirit — especially as it relates to the Bear Dance ceremony.

Serving up the feast!



Summer Begay/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Southern Ute Tribal Council Treasurer, Marvin Pinnecoose, Tribal Councilmember Marge Barry, Culture Dept. Director Edward Box III, and Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Shayne White Thunder enjoy handing out lunch during the Bear Dance Feast on Monday, May 29 — an annual Bear Dance tradition.





BOBCATS BASEBALL

Regional loss ends IHS’ 2023 early

Bobcats fall 14-9, finish 14-9

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Blanked 10-0 in five innings by Limon to end regular season action a week earlier, Wray’s Eagles probably didn’t expect to be facing the same Badger bunch Saturday afternoon, May 20, with a berth in the CHSAA Class 2A State Tournament’s ‘Great Eight’ phase at stake.

Despite entering the Region I Tournament with a losing record, WHS – seeded 17th in the State tourney’s opening Round-of-32 – positioned themselves as potential giant-killers by upsetting No. 16 Ignacio 14 to 9 in the day’s second semifinal. Hosting the four-team event at Bob Smith Memorial Baseball Park, 1-seed LHS had already bageled No. 32 Sedgwick County 11-0 in a swift five-inning opener, thanks mainly to an eight-run third.

Despite a gutsy five-run rally in the bottom of the seventh, however, IHS had fallen too far behind to bring down the birds and ended the 2023 season standing 14-9 overall.

Scoring three runs in the top of the first and two more in the second, Wray (10-13) jumped out to a 5-0 lead against Bobcat junior Phillip Quintana and would ultimately scratch out at least a run in all but the third inning. Stabilized defensively by senior Eppie Quintana – initially held in reserve in case of an expected clash with Limon but summoned out of urgency to relieve his brother – Ignacio fought back and closed the scoreboard gap to 6-4 after a three-run fourth.

Unfortunately, WHS countered with four runs in the top of the fifth and added two more unanswered tallies in the sixth, putting



Joel Priest/SU Drum

Ignacio’s Eppie Quintana pitches at Pagosa Springs during regular-season action late in the 2023 season. Quintana would see extensive mound time during the Bobcats’ 2A-Region I Tournament game out in Limon; he threw more than five innings and struck out 10 Wray Eagles in a season-ending 14-9 loss.

IHS in a serious 12-4 hole going into the last regulation inning at the corner of Highway 71 and 5th Street.

All told, freshman Ambrose Valdez went 3-for-4, scored two runs and drove in three. Still swinging a capable stick, Phillip Quintana (1.1 IP, 4 H, 5 ER, 3 HB, K) went 1-4 with a sacrifice fly, reached once via error, and also totaled three RBI.

Junior Marcus Maez drew two of Ignacio’s three bases-on-balls and finished 1-for-2 with two runs scored. Senior Zane Olguin also scored twice and plated one run while going 2-3 with a hit-by-pitch, and classmate Eppie Quintana (L: 5.2 IP, 8 H, 9 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 10 K, 4

wild pitches) went 1-4 with a walk and reached twice via error.

He was credited with one RBI, as was junior Devante Montoya (2-4, R). Senior Dylan McCaw concluded his career scoring two runs and finishing 1-for-3 with a hit-by-pitch. Junior Rylan Maez and freshman Stoney White Thunder, meanwhile, both struggled in defeat; each went 0-5.

AFTERMATH: Reaching the ‘Sweet 16,’ Wray lost 10-5 to Limon and dropped to 10-14 overall. The Badgers, meanwhile, improved to 21-4 and were to next face No. 9 Burlington (13-9) on Friday, May 26, at the Runyon Complex in Pueblo.

BOBCATS SOCCER

Three Lady ‘Cats earn All-League

Two seniors, junior saluted in soccer

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Much like National Football League interior linemen, soccer defenders often go unrecognized ... unless they make a mistake the opposition exploits, warranting a stern shout from the bosses on the sideline.

During the 2023 girls’ soccer season, however, Ignacio head coach Alisha Gullion never really hollered disapprovingly at the Lady Bobcats’ back line. Knowing that, as was often the case, her defenders would be pressured far more than any other set in the 2A Intermountain-South, she was looking more for growth and progression.

And in senior-to-be Willow Schulz, who always seemed to be near the ball when enemies approached, she found it.

“She’s so incredibly fast; I don’t think a lot of people expect that speed – and the aggression that comes out of her – because she’s so small,” said Gullion, commending the Second Team All-League selection. “Willow, she’s just an amazing defender; I definitely thought she earned that position.”

Joining Schulz as a Second Team honoree – along with Crested Butte Community School seniors Ellie O’Neal and Mara Pennie, Telluride sophomore Tjarn Lyons and freshman Kim-



Joel Priest/SU Drum

Ignacio junior Willow Schulz (6) gets an encouraging smack on the back from senior Trinity Strohl while being introduced in the starting lineup prior to non-league play at Alamosa early in the 2023 season. Schulz was recently named Second Team All-League, and Strohl – Ignacio’s goalkeeper – First Team.

berly Magana, plus Ridgway senior Claire Lindley and freshman Addy Gardiner – was senior Trinity Crane.

“She worked really, really hard the last two seasons – especially this season,” Gullion said. “Definitely a go-to player.”

Senior Trinity Strohl was the only player for Ignacio (0-15 overall, 0-6 league) and the only goalkeeper named First Team All-League, though Pennie was voted Goalie-of-the-Year after helping CBCS (10-7, 5-1) reach the 16-team State Tournament’s quarterfinal phase.

“I’m super proud,” said Gullion. “Trinity had an amazing season back in goal; she learned a lot.”

“I think they did a great job,” she continued, speaking of her All-Leaguers as

a whole. “I definitely know that the younger players looked up to them a lot; they were strong leaders. I think their hard work is what really inspired the rest of their teammates.”

Crested Butte junior midfielder Leigh Harpel was chosen Player-of-the-Year, and was a First Team All-League pick along with senior forward India Nornes and freshman forward Molly Grace Miller.

Named First Team from RHS (7-6-1, 4-2) were seniors Maizy Gordon and Courtney Southall, plus freshman Sophia Scranton. Senior midfield/defender Summer Johnson and senior defender Morgan Perpar were selected from THS (7-8, 3-3).

CBCS’ Heather Culley was named Coach-of-the-Year.

BOBCATS BASKETBALL

PLAY ON: Bobcats’ Reynolds gets college shot

Illinois juco appeals to Ignacio senior

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Keeping supporters in suspense until almost the last possible second in her IHS student-athlete career, Harmony Reynolds showed up for practice—graduation practice, that is—early Thursday afternoon, May 25, ready to reveal the decision she’d made not even 48 hours earlier.

Unbeknownst to most, while Reynolds was wrapping up her last spring season suiting up for Lady Bobcat Soccer, she’d also been sorting pros and cons contained in recruiting pitches thrown her way by no fewer than six insti-



Joel Priest/SU Drum

Harmony Reynolds is flanked by IHS Girls’ Basketball head coach Trae Seibel and her mother, Krista Red.

tutions of higher learning. One, naturally, would have to win, and after finding herself wanted from coast to coast, Reynolds selected somewhere more or less in the middle—somewhere with enough of a small-town feel to remind her of home, but near a true

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BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

Barnes reps IHS well at State meet

Junior earns one top-10 in Lakewood

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Crossing the Jeffco Stadium track’s finish line roughly six-tenths of a second after Byers freshman Quincy Bowling, Ignacio junior Maci Barnes was that close to a top-five finish in the weather-cooled 800-meter run – one of three CHSAA State Track & Field Championships events for which she’d qualified.

One of four San Juan Basin Leaguers entered in the race, held on Day 2 (Friday, May 19) of the three-day Championships, Barnes clocked a sixth-place 2 minutes, 28.66 ticks for her two-lap jaunt, as all ultimately pursued Timnath sophomore Natalie Washburn (2:19.04). Colorado Springs-based Banning Lewis Prep Academy sophomore Alexia Gonzales finished second

in 2:23.25, and Fort Collins Heritage Christian Academy freshman Mikaela Kendall followed in 2:24.80.

From the SJBL, Telluride freshman Lana Kenworthy joined Barnes as a top-ten finisher, placing ninth in 2:30.35, while THS freshman Austin Cook took 12th (2:31.65), Ouray senior Lily Berwanger 15th (2:33.98) and Mancos freshman Brooke Jabour 17th (2:40.77) out of 17 competitors.

Barnes also finished 13th in the long jump with a 14’6” maximum. Pueblo West-based Swallows Charter Academy junior Kaitlyn Pearson placed first with a 17’6.5” best, besting runner-up Kristin Osborne, a HCA freshman, by nearly a foot. Leaping 16’6” on the fly, Limon senior Brynlyn Owens placed third. And in the triple jump,

Barnes’ best effort carried her 29’4.5” from the take-off board and landed her in 18th place. Junior Eboselulu Omofoma of Greeley Dayspring Christian Academy won with a 36’5” best – measuring only an inch farther than Osborne’s, but a quarter-inch short of a foot farther than that of third-place Owens.

Thanks to her effort in the 800, Barnes – Ignacio’s sole representative, male or female – earned IHS four team points, which ultimately tied Evergreen Clear Creek (which also sent one girl to Lakewood) for 36th place in the Class 2A Girls’ standings.

All told, DCA won the team championship 90-82 over HCA. Cedaredge (66), Timnath (59) and Wiggins (46) filled out the top five as 42 teams managed to score at least one point.

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sweetheart Rudy Duran. She was a teacher for 39 years, grades K-5th. Joyce received her Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in Education from Adam State. She loved being a teacher and having a family. Joyce was a Carmelita of St. Ignatius parish. Her passion in life was her devotion and dedication in her faith and love for the lord. She enjoyed a long retirement in Ignacio where she liked playing the slots at the Sky Ute Casino. Joyce served on the Museum Board for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. She was a loving mother to her three boys, John, Michael, Rudy Jr. and a grandmother to her two grandsons Jesse and Dakota. She is preceded in death by her mother and father, George and Edna Hood, sister Loraine, and husband Rudy Sr. She will be missed by all. There was a Rosary on Friday, May 26, 2023 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Ignacio, with Mass following and burial at Ignacio East Cemetery.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Upper elementary students and teachers pose in front of the Meow Wolf sign in Santa Fe, N.M., Monday May 15 during their school field trip.

Santa Fe appreciation from SUIMA!

Our Upper Elementary class enjoyed themselves while in Santa Fe. We learned about other cultures within the area, ate good food, explored art at IAIA, and enjoyed attending Meow Wolf. This trip was meant to be fun, but also explore possibilities for their artistic skills after high school. We as guides wanted to get our students to see what they can do and what routes they can take to help them achieve their life goals. We would like to thank everyone who helped donate time, effort, and goods to all our fundraisers. Who stopped at our tables and purchased something. We would also like to thank you for your kind words and encouragement throughout the year. We truly appreciate it!



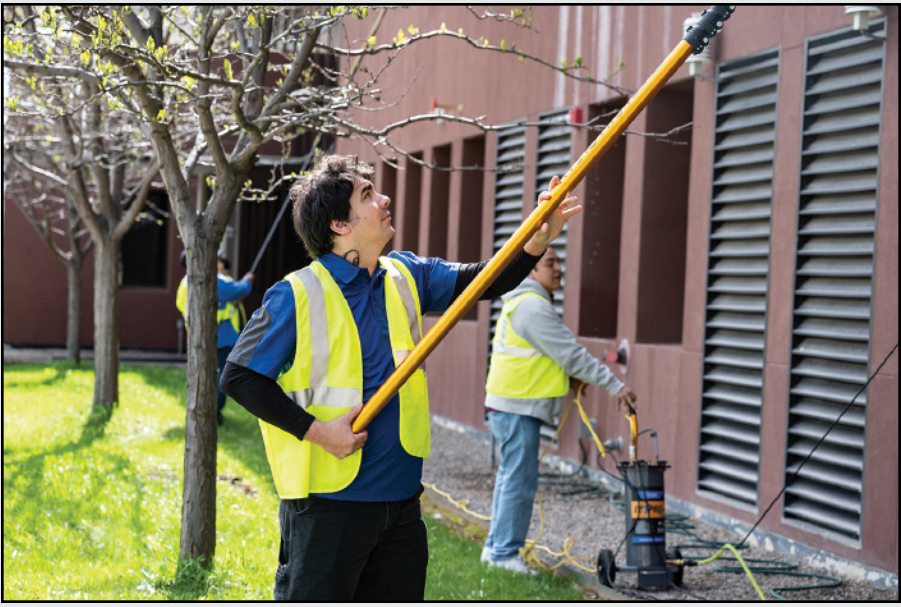
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SUIMA's upper elementary class visit the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Santa Fe, N.M., Tuesday, May 16.

We would also like to thank those who made it possible for us to take this trip and the Drum for documenting along the way.

Tuvuchutoghoyagh Pa’aminuni!

Crystal clear



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Southern Ute Clean Team member, Jared Meier works to clean the second story windows of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building on Thursday, May 18. Members of the Clean Team use a “pure water hi-flo” window cleaning system that uses ultra-pure water to clean all the second story windows on the Southern Ute Tribal Campus. The Clean Team has used the system each spring for over nine years.

Baker awarded for safety



courtesy SU Growth Fund

Facilities Technician Alex Baker is the recipient of the Growth Fund 2022 Safety & Environmental Achievement Award in Non-Energy. Baker was promoted to Facilities Technician after a series of BOMI training courses and after earning his Systems Maintenance Certificate. Baker is proactive with a positive attitude in identifying and mitigating potential safety hazards throughout the Three Springs community.

Happy 16th Birthday Ambrose Valdez “Tuachiin”

Today is your day!! There’s not a day that goes by that you don’t make me laugh. You make me mad, sad, happy and some days all three in less than an hour. LOL You have taught ME so much in your 16 years on this earth and I couldn’t imagine life without you. I wish you so much happiness, success, love and years of learning ahead. Here’s to a Happy 16th Birthday my “happy” sonny boy.

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Correction

In the May 19, 2023 issue of the Drum. Sinaya Valdez was misidentified as she makes sure the paintball gun is off safety mode before firing it at zombie target.

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A HEALING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS



Come and experience  
a peaceful and powerful evening  
with Christ present in the Eucharist  
and the charism of healing through the  
sacrament of anointing of the sick....



Special Mass for the Sick

Where: Saint Ignatius in Ignacio  
When: Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 at 6:00pm





## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Gaming Commission Request for Comments on New Charitable Raffle Rule

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Gaming Commission is seeking comments on a proposed Charitable Raffle Rule. A copy of the new rule can be found on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe website: [southernute-nsn.gov/Rule 3 Charitable Raffles](https://southernute-nsn.gov/Rule%203%20Charitable%20Raffles). Please use the contact numbers at the end of this notice to obtain a hard copy of the proposed rule or to submit comments through June 9, 2023. Some Tribally affiliated organizations may wish to hold raffles on Southern Ute tribal land for charitable purposes. The National Indian Gaming Commission considers charitable raffles to be "Lotteries" subject to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the Tribal Gaming Code. The SUIT Gaming Commission proposes to adopt "Rule 3 – Charitable Raffles" to govern charitable raffles hosted by charitable organizations. The rule covers the following:

- **Raffles:** include games where a person purchases a ticket to win a prize based on a drawing or other element of chance. This does not include drawings for prizes at traditional or ceremonial events like powwows.
- **Charitable organization:** a club, association, or other group that would like to host a raffle for charitable purposes that benefit the

- public interest.
- **Location:** raffles must take place at Southern Ute Tribally licensed gaming facilities.
- **Organizers:** raffle managers must obtain a Key License from the Gaming Commission.
- **Age limit:** no one under the age of 21 may buy or sell a raffle ticket.
- **Applications:** organizations must fill out an application; the Division of Gaming will review the application and decide whether it complies with Rule 3.
- **Ticket sales:** can occur on the Southern Ute Reservation or online.
- **Licensees:** must comply with all requirements of Rule 3 including ticket sales, ticket information, how to conduct the raffle, prizes, accounting and recordkeeping, reporting to the Gaming Division, and lawful use of proceeds.

Email: [dafostr@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dafostr@southernute-nsn.gov) • Phone: (970) 563-2840 /0180  
Mail: Darlene Frost, Gaming Commission, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, MS#28, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Hand delivery: Division of Gaming/Gaming Commission, 149 CR 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Website: [southernute-nsn.gov/Rule 3 Charitable Raffles](https://southernute-nsn.gov/Rule%203%20Charitable%20Raffles)

## 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.

## Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Craft Day



**Monday June 12, 2023**

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

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

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

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



# Attention: Indian Land Owners You are Invited:

***U.S. Department of the Interior  
Question and Answer Session***

***Topics: Land – Minerals – Royalties***

***Wednesday, June 14, 2023***

***9:00 - 11:00 a.m. MST***

***SUCAP Senior Center  
15345 State Highway 172  
Ignacio, CO 81137***

***Wednesday, June 14, 2023***

***2:00 - 4:00 p.m. MST***

***Southern Ute Agency BIA  
383 Ute Road, Bldg. 1  
Ignacio, CO 81137***

***You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered, regardless of where your allotment is located. Please bring any documents you would like to discuss. For more information, contact the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.***

## 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 [bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclair@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.



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Edward Box, III @ (970) 563-2988  
Rochelle Aguilar @ (970) 563-2990

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

## Attention

## Pine River Indian Irrigation Project Water Users

**Tribal Allottees and Fee landowners (non-tribal members) are required to submit a Water Request form to obtain irrigation water.**

**Pine River Indian Irrigation Project Water Users need to submit a Work Request Form for any maintenance requests.**



**Southern Ute Agency Irrigation  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
For more information call  
(970) 563- 9484**



**NOTICE****Proposed Tribal Truancy Code Deadline Extended for Tribal Member Comments to June 30, 2023**

The deadline for submitting comments on the proposed Truancy Code has been extended to June 30, 2023. A copy of the new Code can be found at this link: Proposed Truancy Code. Please use the contact numbers below to obtain a hard copy of the proposed Truancy Code or to submit comments. Public meetings on the proposed Truancy Code were held on April 12th and 26th. Another public meeting on the code may be scheduled in June and a public notice will be sent out at when that meeting is scheduled.

**Public Comments:** Please submit comments to the Legal Department at:

Email: dasmith@southernute-nsn.gov or lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov.

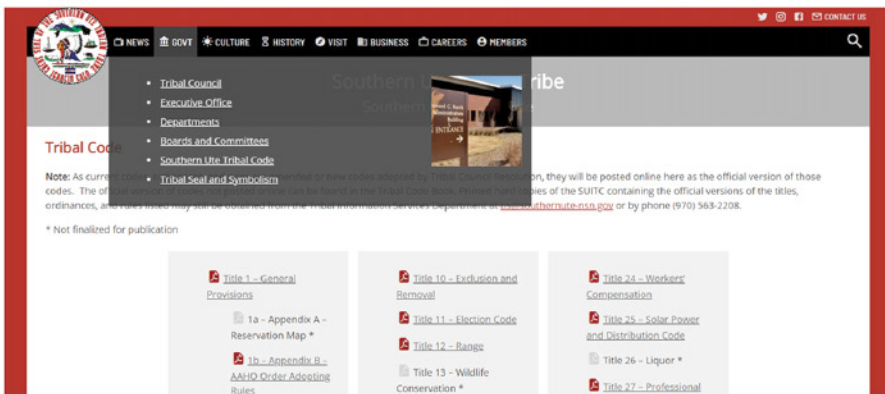
**Mail:** David Smith or Leslie Barnhart, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.

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

**Website:** Proposed-Truancy-Code-28March2023-for-Public-Comment.pdf (southernute-nsn.gov).

**Public Meetings:** Stay tuned for further information.

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

**Southern Ute Law and Order Code Now Online!**

**The online version of Codes is now the official version of those codes.  
The online version of the SUITC can be found at:**

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



Hard copies of the Southern Ute Law and Order Code (SUITC) can still be obtained from Tribal Information Services at:

- **Email:** TIS@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Mail:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137
- **Phone:** (970) 563-2208

For further information please contact:

- **Leslie Barnhart, Legal Dept.:** lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov, (970) 563-2144; or
- **Amy Barry, Tribal Information Services Dept.:** abarry@southernute-nsn.gov, (970) 563-2250.

**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 or 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

**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

**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, 970-563-2144; or Amy Barry, Tribal Information Services Department, abarry@southernute-nsn.gov, 970-563-2250.

**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; 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 source 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





## 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 Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

#### Cultural Media Technician (Southern Ute member only)

Closes 6/6/23 – Creating audio and video documentation of language and culture teaching and activities, creating language and culture learning technological tools, editing the material, and copying and archiving the material. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

#### Detective – Drug/Liquor Code Investigations

Closes 6/7/23 – Conducts investigations, interviews, analyzes drug trends, agency drug arrest reports, and coordinates with other Narcotics Investigators in order to identify, target, and dismantle mid to upper-level Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO) operating in, or having a drug related nexus to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation. Investigates violations and enforces the provisions of the Southern Ute Tribal Code Title XVI Liquor Code. Pay grade 21/\$26.45/hour.

#### Lifeguard (Full-time)

Closes 6/2/2023 – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

#### Maintenance Technician – SunUte Community Center

Closes 6/6/23 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting and preventative maintenance, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe buildings and building systems, including maintenance support, preventative maintenance services, and equipment service and repairs for specialized equipment at the SunUte Community Center, including chemical injection systems and water circulation/filtering systems. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

#### Peer Recovery Coach

Closes 6/2/23 – Will engage individuals with substance use disorders with a goal of referral into treatment and recovery services. The goal is to connect people in need of treatment to services within their communities and across the state. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

#### 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. 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. 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. Position also provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

#### 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.

#### 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 (So. Ute member only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, 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. 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.

#### 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 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 (So. 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 and underlying investment fund liquidity. Assist in the management of the Permanent Fund En-

## Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

#### Revenue Accountant Supervisor – Red Willow Production 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.

#### Division Order Analyst I – Red Willow Production Co.

Closes 6/9/23 – Obtaining and maintaining orderly and accurate land and division order records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings per direction of supervisor. Works with landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Follows existing processes and works under direct supervision.

#### Division Order Analyst II – Red Willow Production Co.

Closes 6/9/23 – Obtaining and maintaining orderly and accurate land and division order records, including all related documents and contracts, for Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Provides a wider scope of support to more senior level Division Order Analysts.

#### Special Projects Coordinator – Sky Ute Fairgrounds

Closes 6/9/23 – Repairing and maintaining the fairgrounds and buildings while assisting with the daily operations and maintenance of the RV park and horse stalls. Assists the Fairgrounds Manager with business operations, administration, and accounting functions. Provides excellent customer service while maintaining a safe and pleasurable environment for our customers and their animals.

## TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information 970-563-2294 • Native American Preference Applies Job descriptions and applications available at TERO 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colo.

#### Bonfire: Project Manager

Open until filled – Full-Time. \$88,000 - \$100,000 yr. Job Location: Ignacio, Co. Manage all phases of constructing a fiber-to-the-home network including environmental compliance, local permitting, material management and construction activities. Requires coordinating with internal and external stakeholders and managing subcontractors.

#### Bonfire: Inspector II

Open until filled – Full-Time. \$60,000 - \$75,000 yr. Job Location: Ignacio, Co. Support the Construction manager, operating partners and engineering with day-to-day construction operations. This position requires 80% field presence on the job site and 20% office support. Both positions require a thorough background check, employment verification and drug screening.

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## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

dowment 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. Located in Three Springs.

#### Legal Assistant, Public Defender's Office

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 accordance 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. 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. Temporary/part-time at a pay rate of \$30/hour.

#### Registered Nurse

Open Until Filled – Responsible for providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/hour.

#### Senior Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Open Until Filled – 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.

#### Summer Youth Employment Worker – (So. Ute members & 1st descendants only)

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordina-

tor, 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.

#### TEAM Worker (Southern Ute member only)

Open Until Filled – 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. Part-time and full-time temporary positions.

#### TERO Compliance Officer (Temp/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 – Position is under the supervision of the TERO office. 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. Purpose of the program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. 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 application is submitted, will receive an email asking for detailed information about your career interests. 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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TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome  
Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

\*7 Rivers Bartender (Full-time)

Provide an exceptional fine dining/lounge experience by delivering first class guest service of beverages and cocktails. Possess an extensive knowledge of mixed drinks and wine. Mix and serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and interact with guests. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely, and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Provide beverage and cocktail service to bar patrons and restaurant guests.

\*7 Rivers Line Cook (Full-time)

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.

\*Assistant General Manager (Full-time)

Under the direction of the General Manager (GM), a training position that will result in a tribal member having the opportunity to train for the position of General Manager. Will participate in the Career Development Program (CDP) and associated curriculum requirements to the extent necessary, depending on their background, education, and experience. As the AGM-TM gains education and experience, their level of authority and responsibility for various components of the business will increase. Will participate in both the gaming, as well as the non-gaming areas of the business. Must be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

\*Assistant Rooms Division Manager (Full-time)

Reports directly to the Rooms Division Manager. Will assist in developing, implementing, and monitoring policies and procedures for the Sky Ute Casino's hotel, hotel housekeeping, and retail operations. Will be accountable for all financial aspects under the hotel and retail operations and will have oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, rewarding, and disciplining employees, addressing complaints, and resolving problems/concerns. Will maintain a high standard of guest service within the hotel departments and actively promote positive customer and employee relations by ensuring that excellent customer service is continually provided.

\*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 (Full-time)

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.

\*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.

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

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Café 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.

\*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.

\*Catering Sales Associate (Full-time)

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

\*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

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

\*Compliance Officer

Under the direction of the Security Manager, assists in ensuring that the Casino departments conduct their operations in compliance with the Internal Control Minimum Procedures (ICMP) as prescribed by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (SUDOG) and the Casino Policies and Procedures. Compliance Officer ensures that the Casino follows the Bank Secrecy Act, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

\*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

\*Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

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

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

\*Fine Dining Server (Full-time)

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 (Full-time)

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.

\*Housekeeping 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 Housekeeping Manager. Train employees, ensuring they abide by all policies and procedures. Will be responsible for office structure, budgetary administration and employee relations as assigned by the Housekeeping Manager.

\*Kitchen Steward Supervisor (Full-time)

Training, supervising, and working with utility staff to provide a clean and safe working environment, exceeding all health and sanitation requirements from the county and state. The supervisor ensures proper receiving, storage, and rotation of food products; schedules utility staff with proper coverage; and adheres to control procedures for cost and quality.

\*Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

Stewards will perform multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in 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. Works as 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

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

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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.

\*Rolling Thunder Grill Server (Full-time)

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages. Taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Shift covers breakfast and lunch only.

\*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.

\*Senior Facilities Staff Member (Full-time)

Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

\*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

\*Security Supervisor (Full-time)

Ensures the safety and welfare of the guests and employees. Supervision of Security officers for day-to-day operations on the casino floor and surrounding property. Must maintain a professional, courteous, and communicative relationship with the Casino customers and employees. Must carry out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with Gaming Code, Internal controls and Casino policies and procedures.

\*Shining Mountain Line Cook (Full-time)

Work under direct supervision and support of the Sous Chef or Lead Cook. Preparation of the Al 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)

Maintaining 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. Individual is 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.

\*Willows Server (Full-time)

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages, taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction.



## Keystone Policy Center



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Keystone Senior Policy Director, Ernest House Jr. answers questions during a meeting with the City of Durango's Water Utilities Division on Wednesday, May 24 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum. The division seeks dialogue and input from the Southern Ute tribal community regarding initial efforts to design a raw water pipeline from Lake Nighthorse to Durango's Water Treatment Plant.

Southern Ute tribal member, Cheryl Frost expresses her concern regarding the Durango Lake Nighthorse Raw Water Supply Project during the Keystone Policy Center's Open House on Wednesday, May 24. The Water Utilities Division hopes to host another open house soon, gaining more input from the surrounding communities.



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mega-metropolis.

Ultimately, Reynolds chose Kankakee, Ill., Community College, situated roughly an hour south of Chicago.

"I've been to California, but that's about it," she said with a grin, following a brief ceremony inside IHS Gymnasium when she autographed her National Letter-of-Intent. "Never lived in a huge city, so all of it's going to be pretty new to me."

"You know, leaving my family for the first time and going that far is a little overwhelming, but I'm excited and I'm glad I get to take it to the next level."

"Harmony, this year, really let me push her, let me yell at her and really help her grow as a student and a basketball player," said IHS Girls' Basketball head coach Trae Seibel. "This all comes from her hard work, and it's all based on her efforts and her attitude to be coachable."

Coaching was something KCC's coaching staff – led by Casey Meister, set to begin her third season at the helm after spending seven as an assistant – did plenty of during the 2022-23 season, with eight freshmen plus a transfer on the roster. And for the most part, one could say the instruction was effective; after losing seven of its first eight games, Kankakee finished 13-17 – helped by a seven-game winning streak between Jan. 14 (a 78-75 home win over Moraine Valley CC) and Feb. 4 (81-65 at home over Sauk Valley CC), improving KCC's record to 12-12 at the time – in regular-season play.

The Lady Cavaliers (a NJCAA Division II member) then went 1-1 in the Region IV Tournament, including a season-ending 105-64 semi-

finals loss in Rockford, Ill., to tourney-hosting Rock Valley College. RVC then lost the title game, 96-68, to Midwest-B District powerhouse Morton College – the 2022 NJCAA National Tournament runner-up, and fifth-place squad in '23 after defeating Midwest-A rival Bryant & Stratton College (elevating Morton to a school-record 34-1 overall) at SC4 Fieldhouse in Port Huron, Mich.

Having conquered Region IV for a third straight year, MC also led all NJCAA teams in made three-pointers (468).

Coming from a Colorado High School Activities Association program known for shooting the long ball, Reynolds – who averaged 14.6 points per game in helping Ignacio finish 11-11 overall in its return to the Inter-mountain League and Class 3A hoops – may find herself operating more on the wing at KCC than in the post.

"At the next level you tend to run into players that are a lot taller, that run a true '5' position or a true '4,' and so this last season I really introduced running the 3 – which is a small forward – to Harmony," Seibel said, "and then there were times she got to be a 2 ... running a guard position."

"The offense we ran really put her in a position to ... explore a three-pointer, or go all the way down to the block," he explained. "So, I think she's going to thrive as a guard and as a small forward; she can shoot the ball, can handle the ball, can run the floor very well, so I'm excited for her."

"I think they already have a spot for me," said Reynolds, who indicated her

scholarship covers her tuition and books. "The other players' heights are pretty much the same – some are taller, 6'1" or 6'2" – but I think I'll be playing the same position."

"She seems like a really excellent coach," she added of Meister (née Hadley), a former star at and 2006 graduate of KCC. "The way she guided me through everything, I thought, was great; I just got super comfortable with her, like, right away."

And managed to do so via modern technology.

"The coach reached out and I got to visit the team – you know, over FaceTime – and they showed me the campus," Reynolds said. "I liked the campus a lot and how small the community is, you know? They're covering everything but the housing – I have to pay for housing, but I do get to live with my teammates, so that'll be great."

"This opportunity that she has, is not a surprise to me," stated Seibel. "She and Abbe Smith (a Lamar, Colo., CC commit) of Centauri, they led the league in scoring, Harmony was First Team All-League in the IML ... she blossomed! Harmony definitely deserves to play at the next level."

And perhaps, at a level beyond that; the same week as Reynolds decided upon Kankakee, graduating KCC sophomore Hayley Diveley committed to continue her career at NAIA Bluefield, Va., University.

"I think this is a really great opportunity for me," Reynolds said. "It's actually really nerve-wracking, very scary ... but I hope I continued to succeed in the sport. I'm really excited."

## FLY FISHING

# Measure twice, cut once

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The above cliché is really for the construction trades, however, with some customizing it can be used in the world of fly fishing. Instead of measuring and cutting make it "Check twice, then fish." You might be asking, "Check what?" A recent situation with a missing reel reminded me of when not checking twice made fishing more difficult.

I heard a story, a long time ago, where a fly fisherman went to a fly shop to buy new wading boots for an upcoming trip. The fisherman tried on a boot, it fit, he put it back in the box, paid for them, then promptly drove to a remote location for several days of fly fishing. Once there, he pulled the boots from the box, only to discover there were two left-handed boots in the box. Had he slowed down and checked the other boot in the box, at the shop, the trip would have been a success.

I know a fly fisherman that got in a hurry and didn't check around the vehicle, twice, before he drove home, and left his vest sitting behind the truck. He did get it back. Those two stories were not me. However, I'm not without culpability in other instances. I once picked up clients, drove to a river, and found I



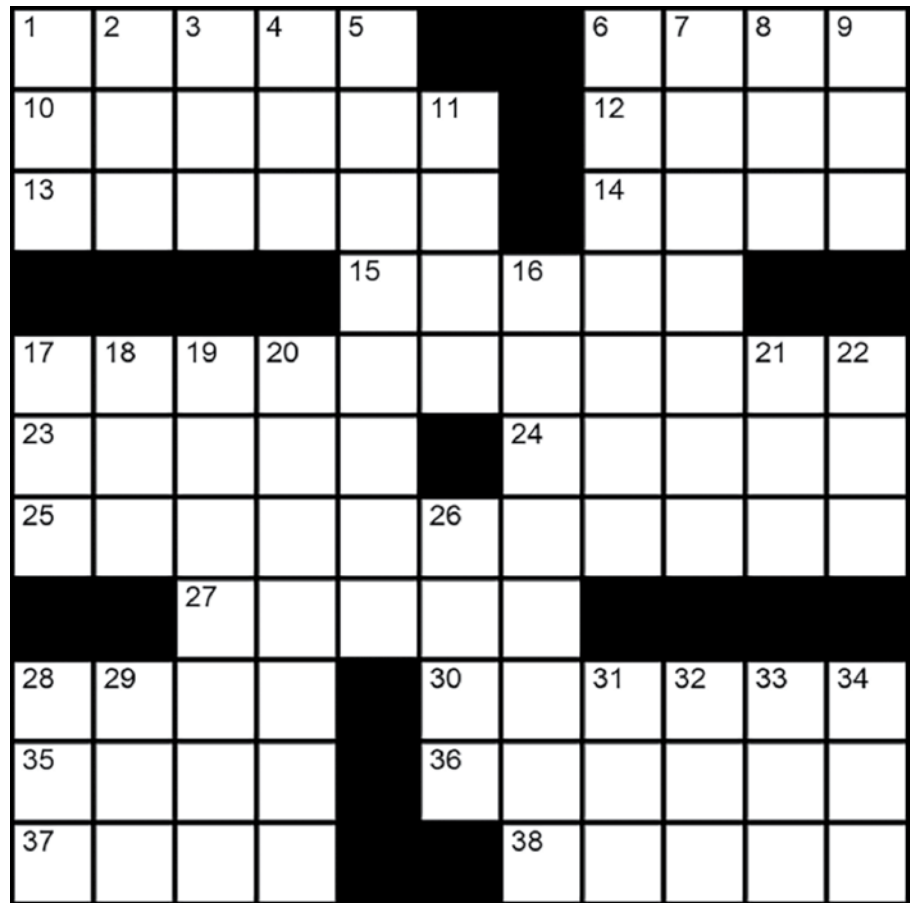
had two left hand boots. I also discovered wearing two left hand boots, while possible, is not very comfortable. Of course, when I went fly fishing by myself and discovered I had left both boots at home, enduring the teasing I received from a fly shop owner when I asked for rental boots prompted me to never do that again.

Having to ask my daughter for flies, on an outing, because I had left my flies and vest at home, had her shaking her head and asking if I was really a guide. Of course, I got her back when she forgot to put bread in the ice chest for our lunches. The final straw happened when I pulled what I thought was a four-weight reel, out of my gear bag, only to discover I had a seven-weight spool in my hand. These types of instances are countless and could go on forever. If you've fly fished for any length of time your stories are every bit as good as mine.

There is a solution. Just as pilots use a checklist before flying, fly fishermen should have a written checklist before starting the truck. My soon-to-be-written check list starts from the bottom and goes up. Boots, one right and one left, are the top of the list. This is followed with waders, mine, not someone else's. Rods and reels that match, along with the proper leaders and tippets. Don't forget your vest that houses all the necessary flies and other needed items. If you wear reading glasses don't forget them. I've heard it's embarrassing to ask your fly fishing partner to tie your flies to your leader. Always remember to walk around your truck, twice, checking for gear before you head home.

The list really doesn't have to be lengthy. But you do need to put enough reminders on it, so you get to and from your outing with all your gear. I suggest you laminate it, so the ink doesn't wash away from rain or wet hands. Next, and very importantly, put it where you will be able to find it. Hang it with your fishing glasses, lanyard of tippet, or on the mirror in your truck. Once you've created it, and put it where you can find it, use it. Don't get in the truck without checking it. A five-minute check can save your trip.

## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- Papal edicts
- Boom, for example
- del Sur Pueblo
- Cantina cash
- Tribal keepers of wisdom
- Gasoline engine cycle
- Baseball's "Hammerin' Hank"
- Serious offense
- Middle Eastern heights
- Exorcism target
- Plain
- Hidden mikes
- Cicero's "I know"
- Big spread
- Tribal sub-divisions
- Camp rejected by Colorado River Reservation Council
- Type of list
- Nick of "Lorenzo's Oil"

### Down

- "Adios!"
- Soccer body
- Lawyer's degree
- Former Arlington House occupant
- Colander
- Wound, as thread
- Honey or sweetie
- Virgin Islands time
- Short Australian jumper
- Dumb-ox connectors
- Big name in hotels
- One kind of metric system
- "Dizzy" singer Tommy ---
- It "blows no good"
- GoodFellas fella
- Brig resident, maybe
- "Babylon 5" channel
- #2, informally
- This military type can be master or major
- Corporate big wheel
- General ---'s chicken
- The Braves, on scoreboards
- Little 'un
- 67.5 deg. to a pilot

Answers for this crossword will appear in June 16 issue of the Drum.

### Answers for May 19, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

**Across:** 1 SW, 4 Use, 7 Aye, 10 ET A, 11 Fax, 12 Tor, 13 NPR, 14 Wupatki, 16 Tac, 17 Dote on, 18 Surprises, 21 Lili, 22 Eats, 24 Meter maid, 27 Kaibab, 29 Tee, 30 Ornelas, 32 Inc, 33 Baa, 34 Ira, 35 Ono, 36 Eli, 37 NBC, 38 Nay.  
**Down:** 1 Dents, 2 St Paul, 3 War criminal, 4 UFW, 5 Saudi, 6 Exposer, 7 Attestation, 8 Yoko, 9 Erin, 15 A-Team, 19 Plebe, 20 Ritalin, 23 Sienna, 25 Ebarb, 26 Decoy, 27 Kobe, 28 Aral, 31 Sac.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, June 2



Partly sunny 69°F  
30% chance of precipitation

Saturday, June 3



Partly sunny 72°F  
40% chance of precipitation

Sunday, June 4



Mostly sunny 76°F  
A chance of precipitation

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