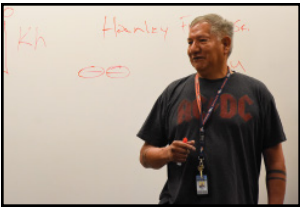




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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Continued efforts of the Native Connections Program

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health, Native Connections Program is nearing its end as we get closer to September, despite the end of this nationally grant funded program the division still plans to continue its efforts in offering mental health trainings, while also promoting suicide prevention throughout the community.

This programming was never designed to be ongoing. However, from the beginning the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division has focused on how to have sustainability and how to continue efforts made through the Native Connections Program now under a broader umbrella. The main focuses of the Native Connections Program included reducing suicidal behavior and substance abuse among Native youth up to age 24, easing the impacts of substance abuse, mental illness, and trauma within Native communities, as well as supporting youth as they transition into adulthood.

In an interview with the Native Connections Program staff, Behavioral Health Manager Mary Young further explained that the division will be working to continue efforts. “We’ve really tried to focus on ‘how do we sustain this programming and keep it going forward?’” Young said. “Through evidence-based treatment programming for our therapists that is one way to make sure that we have sustainability, and we have efforts going forward. [Native Connections] is dying



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Health Center, Native Connections Program (NCP) staff welcome a new employee and bid farewell to a longtime employee as they prepare for the program’s completion. This program is a national grant funded program through the Substance Abuse and Mental Abuse Health Services Administration and will be ending in September of this year. Left to right, NCP Program Coordinator Precious Collins, NCP Specialist Marie Kehm, and NCP Therapist Cedra Etesam.

down, but it’s continuing in a different way.”

The Behavioral Health Division is ready to continue the efforts made through the Native Connections programming, offering mental health first aid training and continuing suicide prevention. Native Connections Program Coordinator, Precious Collins shares what the Behavior Health Division will continue to offer. “Providers that are under Behavioral Health will be providing community outreach and educational opportunities such as; suicide prevention, QPR question persuade refer, as well as youth and adult mental health first aid,” Collins said. “Those things are still going to happen; those are the two primary evidence-based suicide prevention trainings that we provide—and for substance abuse prevention [Behavioral Health] has tons of experts in the division on that subject.”

The Native Connections Program, funded by the

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and its employees have dedicated the last five years to help the tribal community identify and address the behavioral health needs of Native youth and adults. The ground laying efforts made by the program’s team have set the tone for how the Behavioral Health Division can continue to assist those in need within the community.

“The substance use or the Behavioral Health team is out there, their resources are always going to be here,” Collins said. “The grant in the program itself is ending, but the efforts, treatment, and information is still very much a part of the Behavioral Health Division.”

For more information regarding the Native Connections Program please contact the Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-2365. Always remember that help is available 24/7 via the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/for CPR News

The San Juan River below Navajo Dam in New Mexico. The dam impounds water from the San Juan, Piedras and Los Pinos rivers, creating the Navajo Reservoir, which supplies water to the Jicarilla Apache Nation, and provides boating and fishing. Below the dam, the San Juan River flows into the Colorado River — March 5, 2023.

WATER RIGHTS

A lot is still unknown heading into high-stakes negotiations on the future of the Colorado River

By Rachel Estabrook
CPR NEWS

Representatives from more than a dozen Indigenous tribes spoke at a CU Boulder law conference last week about their interests in the Colorado River from each of their perspectives.

Many of the prominent state and federal officials who manage the water attended the conference. But as they and other water authorities prepare to negotiate the river’s future, it’s unclear how tribes will participate, to what degree tribes will be treated as equal sov-

ereigns, and how their desire to use all the water they legally have rights to will be considered.

It’s also unclear whether negotiators will aim for a way to make the long-term reductions in water usage that a decades-long megadrought has made necessary or whether they will propose more short-term changes.

The gathering happened at a critical time: Collectively, Colorado River users have to figure out how to live with significantly less water going forward, and the federal government is forcing states to come to an

agreement.

Right now, federal officials are considering a short-term proposal from California, Arizona and Nevada to maintain enough water in Lake Mead and Lake Powell — the nation’s two largest reservoirs — to avoid catastrophe along the Colorado River over the next three years. This week, the federal government plans to formally start the process for negotiations on what happens after 2026. What’s decided in those negotiations will likely govern how

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LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Tribe’s Law and Order Codes now available online

Key improvements include format and accessibility

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Historically speaking, when one wanted to obtain a section of tribal code, or the entire code book, they were required to request physical copies from Tribal Information Services, for a nominal fee. The process proved cumbersome for many, and once printed, did not always reflect recent changes to the code.

A new and improved online repository for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Law and Order Codes will alleviate these problems, providing real time updates as soon as they are available, and a format that is consistent and searchable across the platform.

The project, spearheaded by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Legal Department and Senior Tribal Attorney, James Washinawatok took almost six years to complete. “In 2017, the Southern Ute Tribal Council revised the policy to specify that the code would be made available online,” Washinawatok said. “The question started to be asked, ‘How do we want the code to be viewed online?’”

“The other issue that would arise is that as codes got amended, the amendments might not be in order,” Tribal Legislative Attorney, Leslie Barnhart said.



“There are other parts too, such as resolutions. [The Law and Order Code book] became somewhat cumbersome in a sense.”

The answer was to create format revisions for each of the individual codes in order to make them more consistent and uniform in design. Simply reorganizing the existing information in a way that was more easily readable. This proved to be a key aspect of the digitization process, versus simply scanning the existing documents, which often times had multiple revisions and amendments making them difficult to interpret. The new format is clean and user friendly. It also allows for the Tribe’s Legal Department to replace files as needed once a code is revised or amended by Tribal Council.

The online platform is easy to navigate and provides titles to help guide the search process. Individual codes are now formatted in PDF format and easy to download. Simply navigate to the Southern Ute Tribal

Code link under the Govt. tab on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s main website. The bulk of the project is complete, and the online platform is now live. Only a handful of codes remain inaccessible online, as they are pending final review and approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

“The most time-consuming process was ensuring that it was accurate,” Washinawatok said. “The site is publicly accessible. Tribal Court wanted it to be publicly accessible and that sort of led to this [platform.]”

The platform was created by Southern Ute Shared Services to accommodate the new index of tribal codes and will be consistently updated with code revisions or amendments as needed going forward. Sidebar navigation is a key feature on the platform, with hyperlinks to each section.

“This is the Tribe’s code, and the tribal members’ code,” Washinawatok emphasized. “Tribal Council wants to encourage tribal members to find the code. By adding navigation features, we improved usability ... the purpose is to make it easy for them.”

The direct URL for the Southern Ute Law and Order Codes can be found here: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/tribal-code/>

Ute Mountain Ute’s Bear Dance



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Young Bear Dancers enjoy one last dance on Monday, while the adult dancers cheer them on along the sidelines of the corral. In preparation for the last dance, the challenge between dancers and singers, the children enjoy an open dance floor before concluding their session of the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance.

See more UMU Bear Dance photos on page 13.

Southern Ute Royalty, Malenia Carel, Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel, Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Cyana Whiteskunk, Little Miss Southern Ute, and Henry Whiteskunk II, Southern Ute Brave enter the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance Powwow arbor during the Saturday evening Grand Entry, Saturday, June 3.

See more UMU Powwow photos on page 14.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



HISTORY COLORADO

Upcoming exhibition explores the complex history of all Black military regiments in the West

Staff report
HISTORY COLORADO

History Colorado’s Fort Garland Museum & Cultural Center has worked diligently in partnership with eight independent artists to create a new exhibition which disrupts the common narratives of manifest destiny and settlement of the American West. Titled buffalo soldiers: reVision this exhibition opens Saturday, June 24, exactly 165 years after Fort Garland was commissioned by the United States and presents a visual interpretation of the history and impact of the all Black Army regiments that were established in 1866 following the Civil War.

Known as Buffalo Soldiers, these regiments – including the 9th Cavalry who were stationed at Fort Garland from 1875 to 1879 – played a role in American westward expansion and the displacement of Indigenous populations.

Many of those who served as Buffalo Soldiers were formerly enslaved African Americans and military service offered them the opportunity to make a living and provide for themselves and their families.

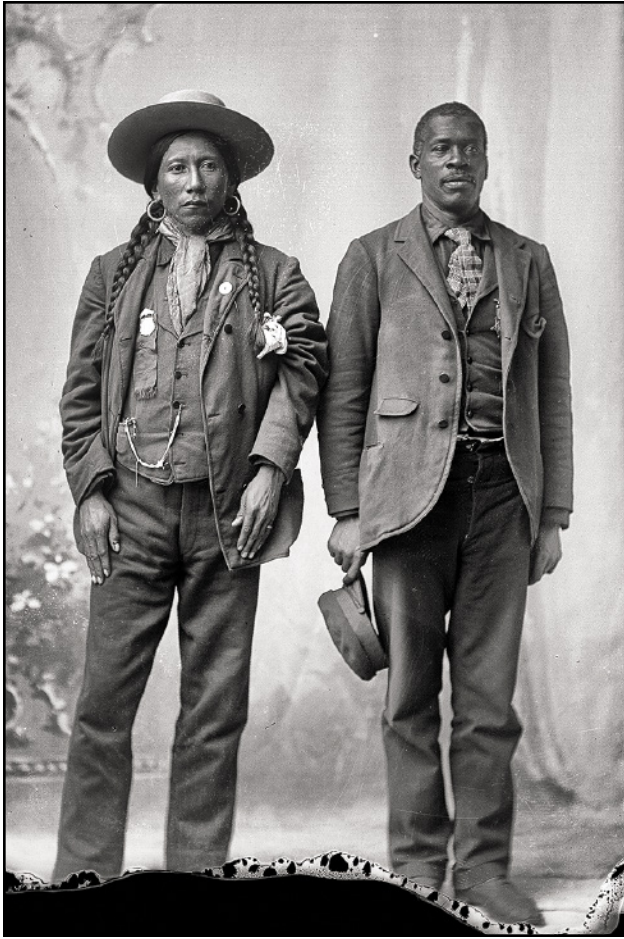
The 9th Cavalry, as well as the other Buffalo Soldiers regiments, served valiantly and honorably despite facing discrimination and segregation. Their legacy, however, is a complicated one for they often stood on the front lines of conflict with Native Americans.

buffalo soldiers: reVision also explores the prejudice and systemic racism faced by Buffalo Soldiers following emancipation, as well as the lasting impacts of this history in Southern Colorado.

“This exhibition allows us to explore the complexity of this history in order to understand, acknowledge, and reconcile some of the most difficult aspects of our collective history while updating and expanding our understanding of the Buffalo Soldiers,” said Eric Carpio, History Colorado’s chief community museum officer and director of Fort Garland Museum & Cultural Center. “It’s also a chance to look forward to the future of historical interpretation of the American West with renewed perspective and wisdom so we can tell a more inclusive and representational history.”

buffalo soldiers: reVision features the works of a team of artists who have been partnering with Carpio to collectively understand this multifaceted history with the help of Buffalo Soldier scholars, descendants, community members, and Tribal Partners. This exhibition is made possible through sponsorships from Arts in Society and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The creations from this team of artists take multiple forms ranging from prints, which layer historical photos and documents with contemporary drawings, to poetry which evokes the emotional toil of this part of



courtesy History Colorado

Dick “Buckskin” Charley and John Taylor. The exhibit opening is free and open to the public. Additionally, admission to the Fort Garland Museum & Cultural Center is free on June 24, 2023.

our shared history.

Included amongst the artists working on the project are: lead artist, Chip Thomas, aka jetsonorama, who created the Unsilenced: Indigenous Enslavement in Southern Colorado installation currently on display at Fort Garland; and Esther Belin (Diné), award winning poet and author of From the Belly of My Beauty.

Thomas was intrigued to pursue this project because it allowed him to explore a number of questions of interest to him over the 35 years he has spent working on the Navajo Nation including: “how did formerly enslaved peoples rationalize the subjugation of another race,” and “in what ways did Buffalo Soldiers connect with the lands they were helping to take away from Indigenous peoples?”

“It seems the land provided solace and space for contemplation, maturation and dreaming of new possibilities in a way the Black soldiers couldn’t consider in the Reconstruction South when enslavement was replaced by Black Codes,” Thomas said. “For the Buffalo Soldiers the expansive horizons of the west are a metaphor for unlimited possibilities to discover oneself as they continue to do to this day.”

Belin expressed that this project has been a challenging one as it required her to grapple with the difficult history of how Indigenous people were captured, slaughtered, and decimated by the United States government, including the very Buffalo Soldiers whose histories reVision tells. The process to create art in response to this complicated history entailed empathetic journeys into the choices of the Buffalo Soldiers.

“I wondered if those men ached at witnessing Indian people die and be slaughtered to protect their land,” Belin said. “I wondered at the idea of property and how the soldiers queried the concept, possibly overheard

ing conversations that Indians did not feel they owned the land but rather the land was for them to use and be stewards of.”

Thomas’ contribution to reVision highlights Native and Black interactions by emphasizing established friendships and alliances in the two communities that challenge the stereotypical narratives. In comparison, Belin wrote historical narratives in poetic form, unpacking themes of race, land, and the harm unleashed by westward expansion while providing an emotional testament to the difficult choices Buffalo Soldiers faced.

Another crucial part of this exhibition is the building in which it is displayed. At the base of the traditional eastern boundary mountain for the Diné nation, Mount Blanca, the location of Fort Garland represents unsettled history. This revisioning initiative offers a pledge to present the complex history of the region.

“The West Officers Quarters is one the of the five remaining buildings that was constructed in 1858 when the former US Army fort was established,” Carpio said. “The whitewashed adobe walls and wooden vigas that have been here since the 9th Cavalry was stationed here in the late 1870s, add a powerful element of ‘place’ to the exhibition.”

To commemorate the opening of buffalo soldiers: reVision, Fort Garland Museum & Cultural Center is holding an opening program on June 24 from 10 – 11 a.m. This program includes a welcome of seven of the eight artists involved in the project and a blessing by Johnny Taylor Valdez – a descendant of John Taylor and Kitty Cloud (Ute), a well-known Buffalo Soldier and his wife whose stories are explored in the exhibition.

The exhibit opening is free and open to the public. Admission to the Fort Garland Museum & Cultural Center is free on June 24, 2023.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s PeaceJam program meet with the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on Tuesday, June 11 to be congratulated on receiving a certificate of recognition from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the program’s work on “Keep It Sacred,” a film about the various uses of tobacco.

This photo was first published in the June 14, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



courtesy Georgia McKinley/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Ute tribal member, Georgia McKinley gets an autograph from actress Elaine Miles at the La Plata County Airport before Miles departs on a flight to Phoenix, Ariz. Miles, who had prominent roles in television show “Northern Exposure” and was in the feature film, “Smoke Signals,” was here as a speaker at the Southern Ute Senior Banquet.

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



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Tribal elder Sunshine Cloud Smith, a veteran of World War II, participates in a service honoring those fallen soldiers on Memorial Day.

This photo was published in the June 11, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

This year one of the Summer Youth Activities was held by the Extension office and included such things as learning how to sew. Pictured is Dennie Howe instructing Elberta Bison on how to thread a sewing machine.

This photo was published in the June 17, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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Royalty dance in Dulce



photos courtesy Marie Joy

Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Shayne White Thunder, and Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Maleina Carel join Miss Jicarilla Apache and other royalty members during the Grand Entry of the 2023 Jicarilla Youth Conference Powwow in Dulce, N.M. on Saturday, June 10.

Gourd dance honors veterans



photos courtesy Daisy House Eagle

Southern Ute Brave, Henry Whiteskunk II, Little Miss Southern Ute, Cyana Whiteskunk and Little Miss Eagle View Princess, Elise Blackhorse, introduce themselves at the Northern Ute Honoring Veterans Gourd Dance in Fort Duchesne, Utah, Saturday, June 10.

Miss Indian New Mexico LIV, Alysia Coriz of the Kewa Pueblo Tribe and Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Maleina Carel pose for a photo before Grand Entry of the 2023 Jicarilla Youth Conference Powwow in Dulce, N.M. on Saturday, June 10. Carel competed in her first ever team dance competition with Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Shayne White Thunder and Little Miss Fourth of July Princess, Aubrey Keeswood later that evening.



Little Miss Southern Ute, Cyana Whiteskunk with her grandmother, Willette Thompson, and aunt Carol Whiteskunk at the Northern Ute Honoring Veterans Gourd Dance in Fort Duchesne, Utah, Saturday, June 10.



Bradley Hight (Army) at the Northern Ute Honoring Veterans Gourd Dance in Fort Duchesne, Utah on Saturday, June 10.



Northern Ute Honoring Veterans Gourd Dance Head Man, Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk standing alongside, Daisy House Eagle in Ft. Duchesne, Utah on Saturday, June 10.

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Easy carrot raisin salad

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

Time to bring a side dish to the BBQ! Try something different from the usual potato salad or coleslaw.

It's ready in no time, has simple ingredients and can be made a day ahead. Carrots are loaded with many nutrients including vitamin A, B vitamins, potassium and lutein. The nutrients in carrots provide an array of health benefits including eye health and may protect against several cancers. Raisins are naturally sweet and a good source of fiber, iron, calcium and antioxidants. When eaten in moderation, they can be good for your health, too! This is almost as easy as opening a bag of chips!

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



courtesy Healthy Recipes Blog

Easy Carrot Raisin Salad

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1-2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 4 cups shredded carrots
- 1 cup raisins*

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, place mayo, honey, water, and lemon juice. Whisk until smooth.

2. Add carrots and raisins. Stir to combine.
3. Cover and place in the refrigerator for 30 minutes or until ready to eat. This can be made a day in advance.

*Any combination of raisins, dried cranberries and walnuts are a delicious alternative.

Serving size ½ cup

Nutrients per serving: 91 Calories, 2g Fat, 19g Carbohydrates, 1.6g Fiber, 1g protein

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: How does nutrition affect mental health?

By Precious Collins,
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HEALTH DIVISION

Did you know that what you eat, or don't eat, can affect not only your physical health but your mental health as well? There is a strong connection between the "good" bacteria that lives in your digestive tract and the production of serotonin and dopamine.

Serotonin and dopamine are two chemicals that our bodies produce naturally that help to improve mood. When we eat a diet that is nutrient rich, the good bacteria in our gastrointestinal tracts are able to thrive and the production of serotonin and dopamine are enhanced. On the other hand, eating too much sugar feeds the "bad" bacteria in our guts and can cause a "sugar rush." Ultimately too much sugar will make us feel better for a very short amount of time but the "feel good feeling" is followed by a hard crash, resulting in depressed mood and inflammation that can be difficult to overcome. Unhealthy diets have also been linked to an increased risk of dementia.

So, what kinds of foods should we be avoiding? Have you ever noticed that when you get stressed you start to crave certain kinds of foods? These foods can be known as "comfort foods." They may make us feel better for a while, but as noted above, eventually, our bodies and emotions will pay the price for eating the types of foods that increase our cortisol levels and lead to long term illness, depression, and anxiety.

Foods to avoid:

- Alcohol.
- Caffeine.
- Sugary drinks and foods.
- Processed foods, such as chips, cookies, frozen foods and ready-made meals.
- Foods high in trans fats and excessive saturated fats, such as fried foods, red meat, full-fat dairy, butter and baked goods.

Sounds like we need to avoid all the good stuff right? Actually, it is a matter

of training our bodies and minds to crave the foods that are actually going to help us maintain good physical and mental health. Just as when giving up a substance, the body will try to return to homeostasis by making us think, I NEED that substance, I NEED those potato chips, I NEED that cookie! However, taking the time to meal prep the first few weeks into a nutritious diet plan will help to manage those cravings and you won't be reaching for those easily gotten foods with little to no nutritional value. The end results WILL be worth the initial investment of time and planning.

Foods to incorporate:

- Whole, not processed, foods. Some studies have shown that preservatives and food colorings may increase hyperactivity and depression.
- Fresh fruits and vegetables in a variety of colors. These foods are plentiful in vitamins and minerals that our bodies need.
- Fiber Rich Foods. Plant based foods are full of fiber. This will help your body avoid sugar rushes and crashes by helping your body to absorb glucose more slowly. These foods include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and beans.
- Foods that are rich in antioxidants. Antioxidants are inflammation fighters. These foods include berries, leafy green vegetables, some spices such as turmeric, salmon, chia seeds and dark chocolate. Leafy greens may also increase dopamine production.
- Vitamin D helps with the production of serotonin. Mushrooms may increase this vitamin, as well as vitamin supplements and exposure to sunlight.
- If your body is low in magnesium, this may lead to increased depression. Foods containing magnesium include almonds, cashews, bananas, beans, spinach and other dark leafy greens.
- WATER! Don't forget to stay hydrated!

A good rule of thumb is to drink half your body weight in ounces every day. For instance, a person who weighs 150 pounds should drink at least 75 oz of water per day. Drinking water can help alleviate depression and anxiety. Dehydration impedes your brain's serotonin production and increases stress in your body. Drinking adequate amounts of water can serve as a way to manage anxiety symptoms. In fact, anxiety is known to be higher in those who do not drink enough water compared to those who do.

It may take some time to notice the mood boosting effects of a better diet, however the healthy choices you make each day build on each other. In time, you will see the positive results not only in your body but your overall mood as well!

It's okay not to feel okay.

If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections Program at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.

Reminder: If you need to talk to someone, please reach out.

It's okay not to feel okay. Please contact us if you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Don't hesitate to contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division or the Native Connections Program at 970-563-5700 for more information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist. Or you can call the NEW Nationwide Suicide and Substance Use Crisis line: 9-8-8 #988Lifeline. And for those interested in opioid use education, harm reduction, and support, please contact us for quick Naloxone (Narcan) training and fentanyl test strips. We can schedule individual, family, or friends training times at our Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building, or we can come to you, and the training is around 30 minutes. Please call us at 970-563-5700 to set up a training appointment.

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INDIAN COUNTRY

Secretary Haaland issues statement on Brackeen v. Haaland decision

Staff report their families and communities through boarding schools, foster care, and adoption. Those policies were a targeted attack on the existence of tribes, and they inflicted trauma on children, families and communities that people continue to feel today. Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act in 1978 to put an end to those policies. The Act ensured that the United States’ new policy would be to meet its legal and moral obligation to protect Indian children and families, and safeguard the future of Indian tribes.”

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CHILDREN’S HEALTH

Tùuchupikivi Sàmuguavi “Good Brain, Strong Heart”

Safe swimming

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Long, hot summer days are just ahead, which hopefully means cooling dips in pools, lakes, and maybe even an ocean. In order to keep those days full of fun memories, there are some key water-safe practices. Water safety is so important because fatal drowning is the number one cause of death in kids ages one-four years old in the United States, and most of those drownings occur in pools. But it is not just younger kids that are at risk: in kids five-14 years old, fatal drownings are the second most common cause of accidental death.

It’s terrible to think about those statistics, but fortunately, there are proven ways to prevent drownings. Swim lessons can reduce the risk of drowning for kids. That doesn’t mean that once they have had lessons, they are ready to be near water alone, but it is a fun way to decrease the risk. Life jackets can also help, but with the same idea that a child in a life jacket in or near water still needs to be watched. Above all, supervision of any child near water is absolutely essential to try to prevent drowning.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Swimming sober, checking water depth before ever going in head-first, and swimming with a buddy can reduce the risk of drowning. Having one sober adult who is not distracted and who is designated to watch the child is the best way to keep them safe. This is because in contrast to what is sometimes portrayed in media, drowning is often silent, without splashing or yelling. A child can drown right next to a group of adults in a matter of seconds without them noticing. This is why it is so important to have one adult identified to closely supervise any child in or near water.

Drowning in teenagers is usually related to substance use or risk-taking behaviors, such as diving head-first into water of unknown depth. Swimming sober, checking water depth before ever going in head-first, and swimming with a buddy can reduce the risk of drowning.

Swimming can be one of the best ways to savor sweltering weather, but water safety is essential to keep kids safe and enjoy those beautiful summer days – this summer and for many summers to come.

For more information about water safety for kids check out:
<https://www.cdc.gov/drowning/index.html>,
<https://www.watersafetyusa.org/>,
<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-play/Pages/5-Water-Safety-Tips-for-Kids-of-all-Ages.aspx>
You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Clinic to talk more about water safety or anything else by calling 970-563-4581.

Benefits of prenatal yoga



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Instructor Stacy Sandel teaches a prenatal yoga class during the Breastfeeding and Parent Support Class on Thursday, June 8 outside of the Mouache Capote Building. Sandel is the owner of Moonshadow Yoga Therapy.



Hosted by the Shining Mountain Health and Wellness division, families, tribal employees, and community members gather outside the Mouache Capote Building to learn more about prenatal yoga and its benefits. The event welcomed anyone who was interested in attending and the monthly support class strives towards building community for women to feel safe and connected.

9News Health Fair volunteers

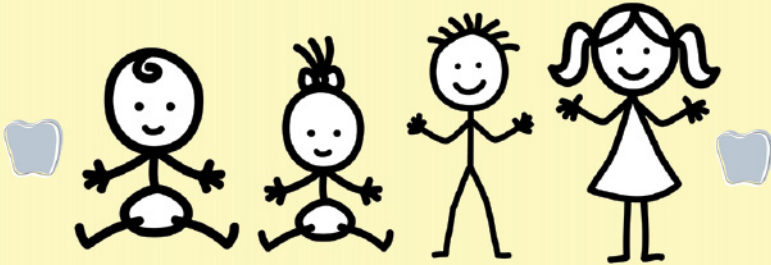


courtesy Lee Williamson/SU Health Center

Southern Ute Health Center employees, (pictured left to right) Medical Assistant Lilley Powell, Medical Assistant Tanisha Figueroa and Lab Technician/Medical Assistant Angela Romero volunteered their services at the 9 News Health Fair held at Ignacio High School, Saturday, April 29. During the event they helped with drawing labs and taking vital signs. Awesome display of Community Spirit!

Breastfeeding and Parent Support Class

Mommy and Me - More Than A Tooth



Join us on **July 20th** for food, fun, education and good company

Free goodies ♥ Nutritious lunch ♥ Raffle

Presentation by: Alice Pecos, DA
Oral Health Outreach Coordinator Albuquerque Area Dental

Where:
Mouache Capote Building
(116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO)

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

When:
Thursday July 20th
Time:
12-1 pm

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



Family Spirit Home Visiting Services Now Available In Our Community!

Are you pregnant or have a child under 3 years old and eligible for care through the Indian Health Service?

Contact us today to build a strong future for your family!

Family Spirit participants receive visits and support from pregnancy through their baby’s 3rd birthday. Home visitors share education, social support and resources for caregivers and their young children.

Interested? Call Lilley Powell at the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581



Photo Credit: Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum



HIGHER EDUCATION

PCC bachelor-degree nursing program gains accreditation

Staff report
PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Pueblo Community College has received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education for its baccalaureate degree program in nursing. The CCNE found that PCC's program met all accreditation standards and had no compliance concerns. The accreditation extends through June 30, 2028. PCC will submit a continuous improvement progress report at the midpoint of the accreditation term in 2025, a requirement for all CCNE-accredited programs. "We are very proud that our nursing program has received its bachelor of science nursing accreditation," said Mary Chavez, retired PCC dean

of health professions and public safety and special assistant to the president. "This is such a great accomplishment and benefit to our community, including our students, health care employers and all individuals in our community receiving high-quality health care." "This is not possible without a collaborative team approach and would not happen without the strong employer support from our community, which includes our clinical sites, advisory board, alumni and instructors." The BSN program already was approved by the Higher Learning Commission, PCC's accrediting body. PCC pursued the additional discipline-specific accreditation from the CC-

NE to ensure the highest standards for students and the communities served by program graduates. "I am so pleased that we have received accreditation for our bachelor-degree program in nursing from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education," said PCC President Patty Erjavec. "The value of an associate or bachelor's degree from PCC continues to grow as our great team works to address our workforce needs." The BSN program is fully online. For details, visit the PCC website. The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Pueblo Community College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>).

Ignacio Middle School Honor Roll
4th Quarter

Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
Carmen Candelaria 3.5	Mirra Bourriague 3.5	Daevon Claw 3.5
Chadlyn Cundiff 3.5	Leeland Huwig 3.5	Alexa Lopez Rodriguez 3.5
John Vallejo 3.5	Jayden Scott 3.5	Paisley Vezeau 3.5
Kodi Rima 3.8	Veronica Brown 3.7	Tarah Baker 3.7
Brekan Romero 3.8	Travis Bliss 3.8	Matrim Jones 3.7
Forrest Vega 3.8	Joseph Atencio 4.0	Jaelyn Alston 3.8
Brynlee Burcham 4.0	Jade Howell 4.0	Lainee Bradley 3.8
Kirstyn Jameson 4.0	Amira Montoya 4.0	Cayson Burcham 4.0
Carley Martinez 4.0		Katie Cundiff 4.0
Ava Sage-Morgan 4.0		Maliyah Martinez 4.0
Paiten Tucson 4.0		Lily Quintana 4.0
		Kelly Sirios 4.0
		Gage Smithson 4.0
		Thunder Windy Boy Hebert 4.0

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

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

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

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The AIBE incubator will offer free resources to selected entrepreneurs that includes:

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Contact: GABRIEL CORTEZ
AIBE Program Specialist
cortezgl@sanjuancollege.edu
505-566-3705


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ARROWHEAD CENTER
AIBE American Indian Business Enterprise

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council Presents:



Jimmy Newton Jr. Youth Leadership Conference

Location: Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center

~Wed. July 26, 2023~

Meals will be provided.

Open for all community youth ages 13-18.

Registration: 8 AM

Conf. ends at 3 PM.

Pre register by June 30th

Contact:
Dustin W.- (970) 563-2786
ShaRay R.- (970) 563-2794



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Environmental Leadership & Knowledge Seminar

FREE for local youth ages 9-12

June 27-28, 9am-4pm

All Are Welcome

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

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FILM WORKSHOP

For Southern Ute High School Students

Looking for 10 Southern Ute High School students grades 9- 12

Two Week Camp! August 3rd-August 11th

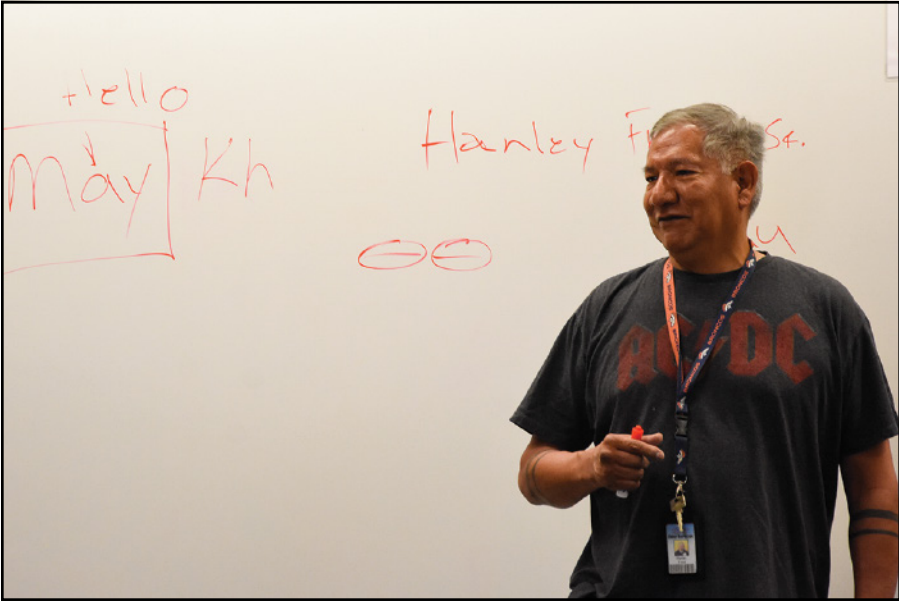
Registration Deadline: July 14, 2023

Don't miss the opportunity to earn a stipend learn real-world filmmaking skills, get hands-on work experience, earn a credit on a short film, get inspired and have fun!

Please Contact:
ShaRay Rock
srrock@southernute-nsn.gov
970.563.2794
Dustin Weaver
dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov
970.563.2786



Frost carrying on language



photos Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Hanley Frost Sr. teaches a Ute language class on Wednesday, July 7 at the Southern Ute Culture Center and Museum's small classroom.

Southern Ute tribal members and Permanent Fund employees were encouraged to join a Ute language class hosted by the Cultural Preservation Department. The classes will be held every Wednesday during the lunch hour for a total of six lessons, set to end on Friday, July 28.



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB Club Connect: Summer Club!

Staff report
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

What do you like about club?
"Thing I like about club is I get to make new memories, I get to see my friends, I get to see my brothers, and I get to do activities with my brothers" – Club member

- June Birthday Shout outs
- Landon, 10 years old
 - Gabriel, 16 years old
 - Parker, 11 years old
 - Kandin, 12 years old
 - Dallian, 8 years old
 - Seraya, 10 years old



Marcia Monte
BGC group participant



Decolonizing Philanthropy Plenary panel.

Summer Club Begins

Monday, June 12 was the first day of Summer Club! All staff and club members started this week off with a BGC assembly to help ground our new kiddos on summer club information. While welcoming everyone, club members were introduced to their group peers and to all BGC-SU staff members. And to end the first week of Summer Club, we will have a Summer Kick Off BBQ for our BGCSU staff, board, and kids. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Journii Cordova at 970-563-2692 or at jocordova@southernute-nsn.gov.

2023 Southwest Rural Philanthropy Days
Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe CEO Bruce LeClaire was a part of a powerful presentation panel called "Decolonizing Philanthropy Plenary." The panel took place on June 8, in Durango Colo.

BGC Board of Director Words
What made you want to be a part of our BGC team?
"I wanted to be a part of the Boys and Girls Club program to see the youth develop their life skills in a safe environment." – Board Member

BGC Announcements

- June 19: No club – Juneteenth holiday.
- July 3-7: No club – 4th of July holiday and BGC Program Planning

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.

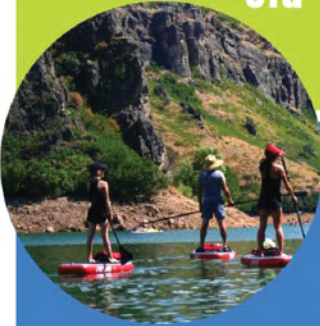


Young People In Recovery
In The Weeds &
Advocates For Recovery Colorado
Present:



Grill & Chill

Thursday, June 22
Vallecito Lake
Old Timers Day Use Area
11am-5pm



- BBQ & Pizza
- SUP & Kayaking
- Ladder Ball
- & more!

BIG THANKS to: for providing transportation!!
For more info contact Candice: 720.468.4863

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

NÚU'APAGHAPI

Classes will be held in the **Small Classroom Room** at **SUCCM** over the lunch hour, **12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**. Refreshments will be provided.

June 7th, 2023

June 14th, 2023

June 21st, 2023

July 12th, 2023

July 19th, 2023

July 26th, 2023

For more information:
Izabella Cloud
(970) 563-2984

The Sunshine Cloud
Smith Youth Advisory
Council presents:

Camp Sasquatch

@Southern Ute Youth Camp

July 27th, 2023

Starts at 9 AM

Free
Registration
& Meals

Transportation
Provided

Buses depart from the Ed. Center
at 8 AM & return by 5 PM
~Pre-register by June 30th~

Contact: Dustin W. (970)563-2786 or
ShaRay R. (970)563-2794

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

The origins of human trafficking



courtesy StongHearts Native Helpline

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons - Sunday, July 30.

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

If not for the journals of America’s first explorers, Indigenous people might not have an understanding of the overwhelming feeling of discomfort when in the presence of some non-Native people. As though, we do not matter, as though we are less than they, that they could do to us what they wanted as a person, a family, as a nation of people.

But we do have those journals to reflect on as evidence of the day when Indigenous people became a commodity to be trafficked and enslaved for the purpose of sex and labor in both America and Europe.

October 11, 1492, “They should be good servants and intelligent, for I observed that they quickly took in what was said to them, and I believe that they would easily be made Christians.”

October 14, 1492, “These

people are very simple [in] the use of arms ...with fifty men they can all be subjugated and made to do what is required of them.”

American History vs Native History

More than five centuries later, school children learn about “Thanksgiving” and how Native and non-Natives feasted and thrived in friendship when nothing could be farther from the truth. Across the nation, elected state leaders are banning teaching the truth about our history, calling it “critical race theory.”

“Our nation was built upon the graves of Indigenous people and upon the backs of minorities,” said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “When state legislatures are denying and suppressing the truth about our history, we can not sufficiently address nor prevent human trafficking. In order to heal from

the tragedies of our past, in order to understand the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence - we must face the truth about our nation’s history.”

Human trafficking worldwide

Human traffickers profit at the expense of their victims by forcing them to perform labor or to engage in commercial sex in every region of the United States and around the world. With an estimated 27.6 million victims worldwide at any given time, human traffickers prey on people of all ages, backgrounds, and nationalities, exploiting them for their own profit.

Studies on human trafficking are few and far between, especially those related to Native people. In a Minnesota based study on sex trafficking, “Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota,” 105 Native women who were trafficked participated in a survey about the tragedy of their own experiences. Native women, children and Two-spirit people were found to be victimized with more frequency - noting that most traffickers were non-Native who targeted those most vulnerable to being poverty stricken and homeless.

Normalization of selling sex

Jessica Smith, a victim-survivor turned advocate, knows what it means to be trafficked both as a child and as an adult. And, she knows that the only way to help these victims is to get them off the streets and into stable housing.

“As children, we see our Mothers being trafficked and we look up to them [as role models],” Smith said and explained that there is a connection between inter-generational trauma and human trafficking. “I saw gen-

erations of it and thought it was normal.”

Smith added, “It’s important for people to understand that sex trafficking is perpetrated by people outside of our [Native] communities. Whether it’s domestic violence, rape, murder, prostitution or sex trafficking, the vast majority of perpetrators against Native women and children are not Native men,” said Smith. “We found that to be true in the Garden of Truth.”

Perpetrators and their victims

Native victim survivors readily identified perpetrators as primarily white men followed by African American men and to a much lesser degree by Native men. Sex traffickers use common tactics that include: trickery and coercion as well as emotional, physical and sexual abuse.

Vulnerabilities to human trafficking include:

- An unstable living situation
- Previous experience with other forms of violence (sexual/domestic)
- Identified as a runaway and/or involved in the juvenile justice or child welfare systems
- Poverty and/or economic need
- Addiction to drugs and/or alcohol (often introduced by traffickers)
- Substance abuse by a caregiver or family member

Vulnerability among Native women surveyed:

- 99 percent were currently or previously homeless.
- 92 percent had been raped and wanted to escape prostitution
- 84 percent had been physically assaulted in prostitution.
- 79 percent had been sexually abused as children by an average of 4

perpetrators.

- 72 percent suffered traumatic brain injuries in prostitution.
- 71 percent had symptoms of dissociation.
- 52 percent had post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a rate equal to combat veterans.

As a survivor and advocate,” Smith concluded that survivor led advocacy is key to prevention. “We need [advocates] to understand that we were raped, beaten, and made to sell our bodies. [That] we did not choose this life. It was chosen for us.”

July 30 observes World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is observed annually on July 30 to raise awareness about human trafficking and to promote and protect the rights of trafficking victims.

StrongHearts understands

At StrongHearts Native Helpline, we understand. We recognize the importance of education, and we strive to identify and expose the roots of human trafficking. We acknowledge that it began with colonization and continues primarily at the hands of non-Natives. Ours is the story of all Indigenous peoples - a story about survival and resilience and a story that must conclude with truth, reparation and reconciliation.

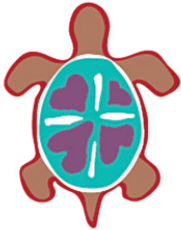
StrongHearts advocates are available 24/7 and offer:

- Information and education about domestic violence and sexual violence.
- Personalized safety planning.
- Crisis intervention.
- Referrals to Native-centered domestic violence and sexual violence service providers.
- Basic information about health options.
- Support locating health facilities or crisis centers trained in the care of sexual assault and forensic exams.
- General information about jurisdiction and legal advocacy referrals.

Call or text 1-844-762-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org

Human Trafficking Hotline

Serving all individuals who reach out for their services regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other factor protected by local, state, or federal law, The National Human Trafficking Hotline can be reached at 1-888-373-7888, hearing impaired dial 711, text 233733 SMS text lines and live online chat available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-new-world/journal-of-christopher-columbus/



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

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PCC Southwest offers a **CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE** certificate

Program runs **June 19-July 20**
Class lectures are **online**

In-person labs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am-1:45 pm at the PCC Southwest Bayfield site, 110 E. South St.

Students who enroll in specific short-term health care training programs at PCC Southwest will pay nothing, thanks to the Care Forward Colorado program.

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Pueblo Southwest Community College

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Stay up to date on tribal & community events

Check out the Southern Ute Drum’s Events Calendar at:

www.sudrum.com/events







UMUT Adventure Club

NUCHU HEALING ARTS PROJECT

June 28-29, 2023

Ages 9-13
Ages 14-18

Moguan Behavioral Health Center
10:00am-Noon (both days)
1:00-3:00pm (both days)



Indian Health Services provided a grant to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to launch an Adventure Club for our youth. We are currently planning 12 months of exciting and adventurous activities our communities. For our first activity we are looking for youth interested in the arts to help the tribe with marketing and media relations projects – especially creating arts for healing.


World famous Native American street artist Votan Henriques and his wife Leah Lewis will be the guest trainers. The artists teach generational healing thru art using stencil, wheat paste, and street art workshops. They also do mural workshops for youth about topic positive representations.

Founder of NSRENTS and known for their powerful city murals, Votan Henriques (Maya/Nahua) is a multifaceted street artist based out of LA and Albuquerque. Votan grew up amidst the birth of Los Angeles street art which involved tagging, graffiti and wheatpasting to create powerful statements in community spaces. Votan has traveled around the world, participating in mural festivals in South America, Artist in Residence in Dubai, and Hip Hop graffiti tours in the U.S. and Europe. In addition to his work with NSRENTS, Votan plans to further expand his creative endeavors to include an upcoming podcast and documentary with his wife Leah Lewis.

For more information or to register please contact either Lelila Manning, lelila.manning@icloud.com or Beverly Cuthair, bvcuthair@utemountain.org

Sign up sheets also available at Moguan Behavioral Health Center front desk. Classes are limited to 10 students each.







courtesy Little Free Library

White Earth Nation members Lila Berry (left) and Hannah Otto (right) with a young reader at a Little Free Library granted through the Indigenous Library Program, outside the White Earth Indian Health Services building.

LITERACY

Little Free Library announces Indigenous Library Program

Initiative to ignite a love of reading in tribal communities

Staff report
PR NEWSWIRE

The Little Free Library (LFL) nonprofit organization is thrilled to announce the launch of its Indigenous Library Program, which grants Little Free Library boxes and books where needed most in Indigenous communities and on tribal lands in the U.S and Canada. Working with Indigenous community leaders, LFL provides book-sharing boxes to locations where book access is key to improving literacy.

“Together we can create much-needed book access in Indigenous communities,” said Talia Miracle of Little Free Library.

The initiative is led by LFL Program Manager Talia Miracle (Ho-Chunk tribe of Winnebago) and supported by an advisory group that includes Valarie Janis of the Lakota College Woksape Tipi Library (Bay Mills Anishinaabe), LFL board member Margaret Wood (Navajo and Oklahoma Seminole), and



courtesy Little Free Library

The 125,000th Little Free Library was granted to the Wind River Reservation in Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

others who belong to or serve Indigenous communities.

“Little Free Library book-sharing boxes on Indigenous land in the U.S. and Canada can be significant to enhancing the education of Indigenous students and residents,” said Wood. “Indigenous reserves and reservations are huge ‘book deserts’.... Having access to books year ‘round will be a game changer for residents of Indigenous lands.”

The Little Free Libraries and books are granted through an application process, with priority given to those with long-term ties to Indigenous communities. Although LFL has granted libraries to Indigenous communities in the past, today’s launch initiates an expanded commitment to making Little Free Libraries available in high-need locations serving Indigenous people.

“We are aiding in literacy efforts within our communities one book at a time,” said Janis, who stewards 11 Little Free Library boxes throughout the Pine Ridge Reservation.



The Road Show!

IT'S THE MUSIC. IT'S THE MUSICIANS. IT'S THE EXPERIENCE. *Join Us!*

The mobile stage returns to the region delivering free world-class classical music concerts this summer.

THURSDAY, JULY 6	FRIDAY, JULY 7	SATURDAY, JULY 8
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- Shows run approximately 45 minutes.
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FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Thursday, June 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Celebrating a Delicious Hullabaloo!

We'll have Latin American cuisine, Salsa music, and more!

It'll be a night for family bonding!

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Everyone is welcome, it's all free!

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Ignacio Community Library's SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

Friday June 9, July 14 & August 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Listen to music & enjoy food from great local food trucks & vendors!

-FREE COMMUNITY EVENT-

Support the Friends of the Ignacio Community library by visiting their Booksale at the event!



Musical Guests June 9
The Badly Bent Band

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FUTURE OF COLORADO RIVER • FROM PAGE 1



Rachel Estabrook/CPR News

Tribal leaders from across the southwest speak at a CU Law conference about the Colorado River on June 8, 2023. Lorelei Cloud, Vice Chairman from the Southern Ute Tribe holds the microphone.

much water everyone gets to use for years to come.

The group of tribal representatives and state water officials, along with academics who study the river, used the two-day conference for discussions about how to make their collective use of the river more sustainable over the long term. Through dams, reservoirs, canals and pipelines, the Colorado River supplies tens of millions of people with water to live and 5 million acres of farm and ranch land that feeds the whole country.

The tribes have a shared history of using the river and its tributaries over thousands of years and migrating based on water availability. In the century since the river has been dammed and diverted across seven states, each tribe has a different story about how their water rights have been denied and what they seek to change in the river’s management going forward.

Some river scholars and even people with roles in the negotiations are unclear about what’s possible as they determine longer-term allocations of the water.

“How much of it will [address] the equity problems that are facing the river? I’m waiting to see how that evolves, quite frankly,” said Eric Kuhn, an author and former head of the Colorado River District in western Colorado.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton said in Boulder, “In spite of our efforts, the path forward remains a challenging one. We all know that. The next step will be the hardest in the history of our organization.”

It’s still not clear how tribes will participate in the negotiations.

Touton and others in the Biden administration, as well as some state officials, have stepped up efforts to include tribes in Colorado River discussions. Touton promised, “there will be a specific framework” to do so in the decision-making process that formally starts this week. Tribes collectively hold rights to about a quarter of the water in the Colorado River.

But the federal commissioner wouldn’t describe how the process could unfold differently than past Colorado River decision-making. Asked about one suggestion – to set up a formal commission with states and tribes to develop a longer-term plan for the river – Touton paused, then declined to answer the question directly.

A lot is at stake for tribes, and each circumstance is unique.

For example, Hopi Tribe council member Dale Sinquah said his people still need to have their water rights settled.

Southern Ute Tribal Council Vice Chair Lorelei Cloud said the tribe wants to use water they have legal rights to in southwestern Colorado, but they don’t have the infrastructure. She said about 1,000 tribal members still have to manually haul water to their homes, and the tribe hasn’t been able to develop farmland.

Crystal Tulley-Cordova from the Navajo Nation said her tribe couldn’t rely on groundwater because of abandoned uranium mines on their land.

Dwight Lomayesva, vice chairman of the Colorado River Indian Tribes on the border of California and Arizona, said his people would like to upgrade their farming and water infrastructure to make it more efficient, but the federal government still owns it. “The last major change in our irrigation infrastructure was made in 1942, when the United States government built some canals for the Japanese who were interned on our reservation,” he said.

Each needs to negotiate for themselves individually.

“To think that there’s an ‘Indian solution,’ really dishonors that individuality and the uniqueness of each one of those tribes,” said Daryl Vigil, a Jicarilla Apache water leader who used to direct a tribal partnership in the Colorado River basin.

Tribes have only been getting legal access to their water in recent years and decades. That puts them in a peculiar position: Just as states are talking about cutting back their usage because they have collectively been using more than the river provides in the age of climate change, tribes are trying to make use of their full legal allocations of water for the first time.

They have long been stilled from doing so because it’s taken decades to litigate how much each tribe can use; and because they have not been able to build the infrastructure to physically move all the water and put it to use.

The downriver states’ short-term agreement to use less water could make room for more substantial changes, but it’s far from guaranteed.

Negotiators from Arizona, Nevada and California are adamant the deal they worked out this spring to preserve adequate water in the river for the next few years will work. “We’ve managed the risk,” said Colby Pellegrino of the Southern Nevada Water Authority. They said that clears the way to think beyond the immediate crisis and consider bigger things like equity in the process that formally starts this week.

But the states have spent the past year tinkering with the existing rules about how much water each entity gets to use, and they were able to come up with an agreement only because 2023 has proved to be such a wet year, which bolstered water reserves in the basin. So the idea of substantially rewriting the rules – to account for much less water over the long term and much more tribal input – before they’d need to take effect in 2026 is a tall task.

Touton, the Bureau of Reclamation commissioner, predicts they will take it on without the benefit of more wet years.

“While the projected runoff this year continues to look promising, it’s estimated that it’s equal to more than the last three years combined. There are no guarantees that this is more than a one-off,” Touton said.



John Fielder/History Colorado

Garden of the Gods City Park, Colorado Springs Colo., from the John Fielder’s Colorado Collection, one of many photos now available for public viewing.

HISTORY COLORADO

The John Fielder’s Colorado Collection is now available

Collection of photographs showcases natural beauty

Staff report
HISTORY COLORADO

History Colorado is elated to announce that John Fielder’s Colorado Collection is now publicly available. Composed of more than 6,500 photographs and objects donated to History Colorado by premier landscape photographer and renowned conservationist John Fielder, this collection immortalizes the landscapes of every county in the state and represents a life dedicated to the preservation and protection of Colorado’s public lands.

“As the Governor of Colorado, I am fortunate enough to have had the pleasure of walking into my office every day and being greeted by a John Fielder original. This photograph is a constant reminder of the natural wonders found in our state, which generations of conservationists, lawmakers, and everyday people have fought to protect for the enjoyment of future generations,” said Governor Jared Polis. “This collection, and the exhibitions that will come from it, are a chance for us to celebrate John and all he has accomplished, but more importantly, to honor the legacy he has created and the gift he is giving to the people of Colorado.”

The digitization, cataloging and upcoming exhibition development of John Fielder’s generous donation is made possible by a grant from the Telluray Foundation. This collection has been made available for personal and commercial use so it may serve as inspiration for future publications, exhibitions, and research around climate change.

“Our collection access team has put in long hours so we can follow through on John’s vision of allowing everyone to see Colorado as he did by preserving his work for future generations,” said Dawn DiPrince, executive director of History Colorado. “This is a profound opportunity for Coloradans to see the breathtaking vistas that define the Centennial State and evaluate if the relationship we have with the land will allow for our grandchildren to experience the same wonders captured by John.”

It has always been Fielder’s hope that this collection will foster a desire to be stewards of the environment which he holds dear, by providing a chance for Coloradans to follow in his footsteps of exploring the 28 mountain ranges, numerous rivers, and diverse ecosystems of Colorado.

“I have come to know that photographs can influence human action,” Fielder said. “Though I want people to be able to enjoy and savor the simple and manifest beauty inherent in my images, I also want the photos to influence how they act in their lives. I hope people who view them will understand the inextricable connectivity between all living things on the entire planet Earth, as well as the delicate connectivity between the environments, or ecosystems, in which life exists.”

With this collection now digitally available, the public can begin accessing it through the History Colorado Online Collection where they can look over the entirety of the more than 6,500 images and objects, or explore curated lists on the John Fielder’s Colorado Collection webpage that allow them to follow in Fielder’s footsteps by exploring specific counties. In addition to viewing the collection online, the public will be able to request hi-res digital copies of these images through the Stephen H. Hart Research Center at a nominal fee.

History Colorado is moving forward with plans to open an exhibition dedicated to the art of John Fielder in late July at the History Colorado Center. This exhibition, entitled Revealed: John Fielder’s Favorite Place, will take visitors behind the lens to see Colorado as Fielder did while also sharing tales of his treks across the Centennial State, and secrets of how he captures Colorado’s natural wonders in his iconic images.

History Colorado will also create The John Fielder Mezzanine Gallery on the second floor of the History Colorado Center. Starting in January 2024, this gallery will be regularly updated to highlight Fielder’s incredible contribution to the visual record of Colorado, and explore the diverse natural and rural environments of the Centennial State.

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




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

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

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

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



Multi-Purpose Facility June Events

June

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



PUBLIC HEALTH

Bat found in La Plata County home tests positive for rabies

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

A bat found in the Durango area last week tested positive for rabies. There was no human interaction, but vaccinated pets that were exposed have received booster rabies shots.

Rabies is regularly found in Colorado wildlife, especially skunks and bats. Interaction between humans and wild animals, particularly bats, skunks, foxes, and raccoons, increases the risk of rabies exposure to pets and people. If you see wildlife that is acting unusual, call La Plata County Animal Protection at 970-385-2900 or SJBPH at 970-247-5702 immediately.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) urges residents to stay away from stray and wild animals, check pets' vaccination status (even indoor pets can be exposed) and take other precautions to avoid rabies. The vaccine can prevent companion animals from getting rabies from wildlife and possibly exposing your whole family to the disease.

Rabies is spread primarily through the bite of rabid animals. It is almost always fatal in humans once symptoms appear. People who have been bitten or scratched by an unfamiliar animal should contact their health care provider immediately to

reduce the risk of rabies.

To avoid rabies:

- Never touch or feed wild or stray animals. Don't leave pet food outdoors. If you see a sick or orphaned animal, do not touch it; instead contact La Plata County Animal Protection.
- Vaccinate your pets. Use a licensed veterinarian, and make sure you keep up with pets' booster shots.
- Leash your dog. Protect dogs and wildlife by keeping your pet on a leash while walking or hiking.
- Keep cats and other pets inside at night. Keep dogs within your sight (in a fenced yard or on leash) during the day while outside.
- Call your veterinarian promptly if you believe your pet has been exposed to a wild animal.
- Vaccinate pastured animals annually. Have a licensed veterinarian administer an approved large-animal rabies vaccine.
- Bat-proof your home. Information is available at www.cdc.gov/rabies/bats/management.
- If a bat has been present in a room in which people have been sleeping, it is important that the bat is safely trapped and

tested for rabies. If a bat cannot be tested or there are multiple bats in the home, post-exposure treatment of anyone living in the home is recommended. Please contact SJBPH for guidance on safe capture, testing of bats, and follow-up.

To recognize sick wildlife:

- Many healthy wild animals are normally afraid of humans; sick animals often do not run away when spotted by people.
- Wildlife with rabies may act aggressively or will violently approach people or pets.
- Some rabid animals are overly quiet and passive and want to hide. Don't bother them.
- Rabid wildlife might have trouble walking, flying, eating, or drinking.

San Juan Basin Public Health is a local public health agency, governed by a seven-member local Board of Health, serving all residents of La Plata and Archuleta counties. For over 70 years, San Juan Basin Public Health has improved the health and environment of the Southwest Colorado community.



courtesy CDOT

The nine-mile section of US Highway 160 has been resurfaced and widened east of Four Corners Monument.

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

US 160 from Four Corners to Aztec Creek resurfacing project complete

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF
TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation and contract partner A&S Construction Company of Cañon City have completed the US Highway 160 Four Corners to Aztec Creek resurfacing project. The two-year project started in April 2022.

The resurfacing project took place on US 160 for nine miles from approximately Mile Point 470, at the Arizona-New Mexico state line, to MP 8, at Aztec Creek. Work included a full-depth reclamation and

reconstruction of the highway. All layers of the roadway were pulverized and re-used in a new hot mix asphalt paving. Other aspects of the project included shoulder widening, the construction of additional passing lanes and acceleration/deceleration lanes at the CO Highway 41 junction. Crews also performed bridge maintenance, culvert repairs, new pavement markings and signing.

The new passing lanes will contribute to safer driving conditions and help with crash reductions while the wider shoulders will provide additional recovery space for veering vehicles

or for drivers needing to pull off the travel lanes. The new surface of the highway will provide a smoother road surface and will add durability by increasing the resistance of ruts and road damage. This will allow for a smoother and safer drive for motorists.

The project included installation of a new guardrail that is 31 inches high, designed to meet new safety standard requirements. The higher railing will help veering vehicles to remain on the road more effectively, making the highway safer for the traveling public. The former standard height of guardrail was 27 inches.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SOUTHERN UTE DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAM

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Southern Ute Shared Services

SUGF adds Finishing touches



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds (SUGF) is nearing completion on the new Boat Storage Project, adding new asphalt and decorative fencing to the project area. Reservations for the new units began in April and have already filled one third of the available units. There is a tribal member discount of 10% on reservations, patrons can also receive up to one month free with a signed year contract. For more information, please contact SUGF Manager Jay Dee Brunson 970-563-5541 or via email jdbrunson@skyutefairgrounds.com.

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Southern Ute Tribal Fair Theme & Logo Winner

Howe artwork graces 101st Fair

The Cultural Preservation Department is pleased to announce the theme & logo for the 101st Southern Ute Tribal Fair which will be held September 8-10, 2023. The theme and logo were designed by Southern Ute tribal member, Yllana-Chanelle Howe.

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.



Save the Date



Theme & Logo created by Yllana-Chanelle Howe

September 8 - 10, 2023

Southern Ute Indian Reservation

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The 134th UMU Bear Dance welcomes all!



Partners guide each other throughout the corral on the last day of the Bear Dance celebration in Towaoc Colo. This will be the second to last Bear Dance of the year before the final Bear Dance takes place in White Mesa in September.



Catman Norman Wall stands with his whip before dancers take to the corral on Monday, June 5. The Catman ensures the dancers stay in line and keeps a watchful eye throughout the entirety of the four-day spring celebration.



Southern Ute singers take their turn at the growler box, singing all their favorite songs keeping the dancers on their feet. Singer's travel throughout Ute country each spring to share songs and visit friends and family.



Sisters, Leora Lucero and Lisa Burch share a dance together on the last day of the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance celebration.



Southern Ute tribal member Rhianna Carel smiles in line awaiting to dance with her partner on Sunday, June 4 during the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance. Dancers bring out their best moves and adorn their best regalia for this four-day event.

Dancers, singers, and their families gather for the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance held in neighboring Towaoc Colo., the four-day event took place on Friday, June 2 and continued through Monday, June 5. Despite the hot weather, dancers joined hands as singers sang their best songs in celebration of the new spring season.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Lady Bear Dancers line the corral, dancing along to the beat of growlers, while staying in time with the beat and swaying their shawls.



Catman Marvin Pinnecoose jams out with dancers, watching pairs as they dance throughout the corral.



Ute Mtn. Ute hosts Bear Dance Powwow



Southern Ute Veteran, Rudley Weaver (Navy) holds the Southern Ute tribal flag during Grand Entry with other Ute Mountain Ute veterans of the color guard. Seen behind Weaver are Ute Mountain and Southern Ute royalty members.



Members of the Ute Mountain and Southern Ute tribes serve as Color Guard during the Saturday evening Grand Entry on Saturday, June 3. Pictured left right, Gordon Hammond (USMC), Kara Whiteskunk, Rudley Weaver (Navy), Jeffery Whiteskunk (Army), Kendreth Wall (Army) and Raymond Curley (USMC), Willard Light (Army).



Master of Ceremonies Dano Clark and Bear Dance Chief Mark Wing prepare for the evening's grand entry of the Ute Mountain Ute Beardance Powwow.

The two-day Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance Powwow, hosted by the Ute Mountain Ute Royalty Committee, was held in the Ute Mountain Ute powwow arbor, adjacent to the Recreation Center in Towaoc, Colo., beginning Friday evening, June 2 through Saturday evening, June 3. The annual Bear Dance Powwow hosted four drum groups, with the head drum chosen every session while the Ute Mountain incoming Royalty served as head staff. Dan Clark was the Emcee and Dick Dorsey was the Arena Director. The powwow was made possible with the help and dedication of the Towaoc community – grateful to everyone who helped make the event a success – always an honor to see the sister tribes come and celebrate the powwow.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



A young fancy shawl dancer, moves to the beat of the drum and the song during one of the Inter-tribal dances.



Tiny Tots kick up their feet during one of the inter-tribals. Tiny Tots were scheduled to have a separate Grand Entry that did not come to fruition, but the tiny tots were out in force throughout the two-day powwow.



A men's traditional dancer gets down during one of the contests held during the Saturday evening session.



Southern Ute Powwow Committee member, Valerie Armstrong, volunteer Takoda Armstrong and Powwow Committee Secretary, Rochelle Aguilar were on hand at the two-day powwow, selling Nuuchiu Strong T-shirts. They were also at the gourd dance on Saturday, June 3 – selling over 50 t-shirts in Towaoc over the weekend. The committee still have t-shirts for sale at \$10, if interested contact Rochelle Aguilar, Powwow Committee Secretary at 970-563-2990 or Edward Box III, Powwow Committee Chairman at 970-422-2654.



Basking in the evening glow, incoming Ute Mountain Ute Royalty, Jazlynn Jacket, Little Miss Ute Mountain Ute, Pauchun Collins, Jr. Miss Ute Mountain Ute, and Alyiah Jacket, Miss Southern Ute – serving as head staff for the evening, led other royalty members from various tribes, including the Southern Ute Royalty and Navajo Nation Royalty into the Ute Mountain Ute powwow arbor for the Saturday evening Grand Entry.



SOUTHERN UTE SUN DANCE TAGU WUNÍ



courtesy History Colorado archive – Original painting by Ouray McCook, presented to former Sundance Chief, Eddie Box Sr.

Ignacio, Colo • June 30-July 3, 2023

Sun Dance Chief: Matthew Box • All drums and dancers welcome!

Because of the sacred nature and solemnity of the Sun Dance, the following rules of good manners and decorum should be observed by all:

1. The entrance of the medicine lodge should have a clear passage at all times.
2. Children should not be allowed to play around the medicine lodge.
3. Women on their menstrual cycle are not permitted near the medicine lodge.
4. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the Sun Dance grounds.
5. Cameras, video/tape recorders, food and water are not allowed near the medicine lodge.
6. Metal chairs not allowed inside the medicine lodge.

“Be aware. Be good to each other, and do not bring any anger, hate, or jealousy to the sacred grounds.”

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For more information please contact: Sun Dance Chief, Matthew J. Box at 970-759-7038

Handgamers at UMU tourney



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Team Kristie George of Elko, Nev., took home the first-place winnings of \$4000. The three-person team also included Bobby and Wynter George. In total, 26 teams registered in the 2023 Ute Mountain Ute Beardance Handgame Tournament in Towaoc, Colo., each vying for a cut of \$10,000 prize money on Saturday, May 27.



Ute Mountain Ute handgame organizer, and long-time handgame player, Rueben Hammond announces the winners of the handgame tournament, late night Saturday, May 27.

While awaiting the announcement of winners, handgamers try their luck with a side-game, as multiple teams raise their hands to reveal their “bones.”

Northern Ute Sundance



**Sundance Chief:
Jerry C. Tapoof**

For more information call: 435-724-1918

July 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, 2023

**Northern Ute Sundance Grounds
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**Dancers: If you are diabetic, be prepared
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Whiteskunk family wins trophy



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Royalty members, Little Miss Southern Ute, Cyana Whiteskunk and brother, Southern Ute Brave, Henry Whiteskunk II won the second-place trophy in the Royalty Category of the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance Parade, held in Towaoc, Colo. on Saturday, June 3.

Ute Mountain Ute
SUNDANCE

**June 23, 24, 25, 26
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4TH OF JULY
POW WOW
Celebration**

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Grand Entry Times: Friday 7pm Saturday 1pm, 7pm Sunday 1pm, 7pm

MC: Vince Beyl, Ojibwe (Bemidji, MN)
Bart Powaukee (Roosevelt, UT)

Head Drum Judge: Jason Butler (U&O)

Host Drum: **Wooden Face** (Northern-Saskatchewan, Canada)
Haukida Ch. Nakoray White Bear

Arena Directors: Gerald Zephier (Bad Nation, SD)
Skyler Lomahaftewa (U&O)

Head Dance Judge: Tanksi Clairmont (co)
Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate/Sicangu Lakota

Dance Contests:
•Tiny Tots Session will be paid per session
•Jr. Category (7-12 yrs)
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•Lynn Ray Burson-Memorial Men's Traditional 40 and over-2023 Powwow Committee Special-Northern vs Southern Men's Fancy-Miss 4th of July Powwow Princess 22/23 Mia Serawop-Teen Girls Old Style Jingle Dress Special-Oakley Eagle Hawk Little UBIC Brave 22/23-Jr Boys Grass Special 6-12 yrs old-Neesa Kanip-Female Backup Singing Contest
•Shelby Buckskin-Outgoing future tiny tot 4th of July Powwow Princess-Aubrey Keeswood-Outgoing Little Miss 4th of July Princess-Jr. Girls Tradition-
•Hamilton Bush Memorial Hand-game Tournament and Open Games (Info: Tonya Steel (435)823-4330)

•Friday 10am: Powwow Princess Pageant
•Saturday 7am: Fun Run/Walk by Painted Horse
•Saturday 10am: Parade @ Powwow Grounds

•Cash Prizes Guaranteed
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CULTURAL PRESERVATION

New funding opportunity helps tribes recover culturally significant items

Staff report

TRIBAL ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES,
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The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM) has received funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support the “Going Home: Returning Material Culture to Indigenous Communities Project.” The project will help facilitate the return of culturally significant items to tribal museums and/or cultural centers.

In addition to providing financial support to tribes seeking the return of cultural items, the Going Home project will focus on raising public awareness about the importance of returning culturally significant items to Indigenous communities, building relationships between tribal museums and non-Native collections institutions and individual collectors, as well as build-



ing the capacity of tribal museums to seek loans and gifts of culturally significant items.

The project is led by an Advisory Council of museum professionals, tribal leaders, and attorneys with expertise in repatriation, gifts, and museum loans. Walter Richard “Rick” West, a member of ATALM’s governing board and President Emeritus of the Autry Museum of the American West, is leading the project.

“We are grateful to the Mellon Foundation for its support of this important

project and are committed to working with tribal communities and collecting institutions in a respectful and collaborative way,” said West. “It is our hope that the Going Home Fund will remove any financial and institutional barriers that have prevented the return of material culture to the originating communities. We look forward to facilitating long-overdue homecomings and enhancing the cultural continuity of Native communities.”

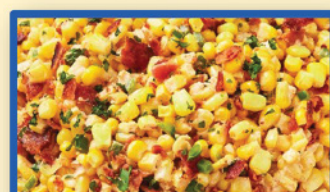
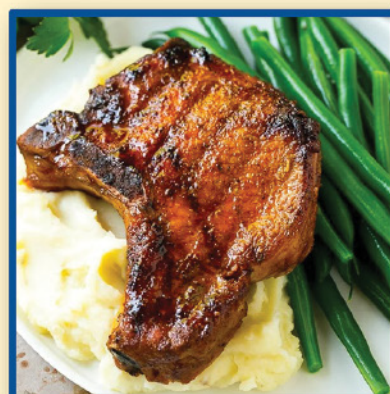
To learn more about the project, visit <https://www.atalm.org/node/571>

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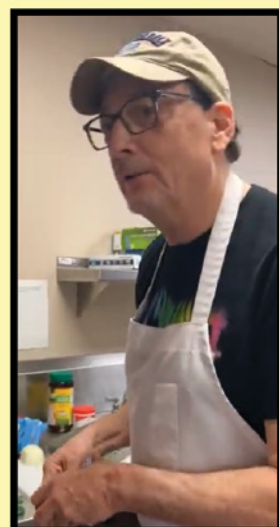
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Improvements to 172



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Masonry contractors work to smooth freshly poured concrete for a new sidewalk in front of Porky's Smokehouse on 85 Goddard Ave. — Tuesday, June 13 as part of the CO 172 Ignacio Resurfacing project. This project has been in progress since the beginning in March and is expected to continue through December of this year.



Randy Foutz stands next to a backhoe, working to clean up the jobsite as this project nears completion. This project is a collaboration between the Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor Oldcastle SW Group Inc. This project will make surface, accessibility, safety, and drainage improvements to a 16.7-mile section of CO Highway 172 through the town of Ignacio north to the junction of US 160, known as Elmore's Corner.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Institute of American Indian Arts partners with Nike

Staff report
INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS

The Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) is proud to announce a newly established, multi-year partnership with Nike, Inc. that provides invaluable learning opportunities between Nike, Jordan, and Converse brands' industry-leading creatives and IAIA's incredibly talented and passionate students, artisans and cultural professionals.

In its first year, the partnership will take the form of a ten-week internship at Nike World Headquarters in Beaverton, Ore. for select IAIA students. Open to students in any area of study, the internship provides a competitive salary, a housing stipend, and commuter benefits, with the subsequent possibility of full-time employment. It includes a structured creative curriculum along with curated Nike experiences and programming focused on growing yourself, building connections, and ultimately, changing the game.

"Our partnership with Nike is rooted in a shared commitment to expanding educational and employment opportunities for IAIA students through creative design coursework development and instruction, internships, mentoring, and enhancing career pathways for permanent employment," said IAIA President, Dr. Robert Martin (Cherokee Nation). "Nike will have increased access to the rich and diverse

talent pool of IAIA students and alumni, as they continue to build an ever more diverse and representative creative community."

The two students awarded this summer's internship are recent IAIA graduates Jennifer Benally (Oneida Nation and Diné), Alpha Chi Member, New Mexico Gamma Chapter, '23 and Daveishena Redhouse (Navajo Nation) '23, who will join Nike's Color Design and Jordan's 3D Design teams respectively.

"We are taking action to create a better world by advancing diverse, inclusive teams and championing a strong culture of belonging — one that reflects the diversity of the athletes we honor, the people who love our products and the communities we serve," said Nike N7 General Manager and Co-Chair of Nike's Native American Network, Sam McCracken (Sioux and Assiniboine). "This partnership will help fuel our holistic efforts to drive ongoing education, visibility and representation for the Indigenous community."

"At Nike, we believe diversity of background and thought fuels design and accelerates innovation," added John Hoke, Nike's Chief Design Officer. "Our commitment to ensuring that all design perspectives are represented is critical to serving the future of athletes and sport."

YEARS IN THE MAKING

The partnership between IAIA and Nike has been several years in the making.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Martin met virtually with Sam McCracken. In September 2022, Nike representatives visited the IAIA campus, meeting with Dr. Martin, Director of Sponsored Programs Laurie Logan Brayshaw, Career and Internship Director Lorissa Garcia (Acoma Pueblo), and Provost Felipe J. Estudillo Colón (Laguna Pueblo). Nike teammates toured the IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, sat in on classes, held an info session with students, attended a listening session with faculty, reviewed portfolios, and answered questions about Nike's global internship program.

Nike returned to the IAIA campus in January 2023 for further meetings, leading to Sam McCracken's announcement that Nike would offer internships specifically for IAIA students. "I was literally in tears — literally in tears," Garcias said. "You know, in my language, just thanking Sam for the opportunity that they were providing for our students and how impactful that was going to be, not just for our students and our IAIA community, but for Indigenous peoples in general."

Provost Colón added, "The unmatched experience this internship and partnership will provide our students will not only grow Indigenous artistry and career opportunities but also the visibility and relevance of contemporary Indigenous arts and artists around the globe."



Free Financial Coaching Available to Tribal Citizens

Since June 2020, with grant support from the Wells Fargo Foundation, the [Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc. \(ONAC\)](#) has been offering three types of free financial coaching to tribal citizens across the United States: 1) credit counseling, 2) homebuyer education, and 3) financial management (i.e. budgeting).

Confidential sessions are offered one-on-one, by teleconference (Zoom) or phone call, with a Native certified credit counselor, homebuyer education provider, and financial educator. Typically, these sessions will last for an hour and are scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.

Thus far, ONAC has offered this free financial coaching to those participating in ONAC's other programming. Now, ONAC is offering these financial coaching services to a wider group of tribal constituents.

If you are a tribal citizen interested in free financial coaching, you are welcome to complete the following registration form:

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

Once the form has been submitted to ONAC, our financial coach will work with you to schedule a remote session by phone or teleconference. This confidential financial coaching is available to any American Indian or Alaska Native in the United States, regardless of where you reside.

For any questions about these financial coaching services, contact Christy Finsel, ONAC Executive Director, at (405) 720-0770 or cfinsel@oknativeassets.org.



TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of Juneteenth, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed on Monday, June 19, 2023.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

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Ignacio's Marcus Maez (30) scores a run at IHS Field versus Dove Creek. He was recently named Second Team All-San Juan Basin League.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

Duke finally gets his due

Ignacio skipper named SJBL Coach-of-the-Year

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It's not uncommon for, say, an Academy Award to be given to an actor seemingly to atone for a previous snub, leaving interested Oscar observers to comment like 'Really? He/She won for this? She/He was better in that!'

And to no surprise, sports recognitions are no exception; present-day Denver Nuggets fans, for example – and there's certainly plenty in southwestern Colorado – will always wonder how in the heck Nikola Jokic wasn't named the National Basketball Association's Most Valuable Player this season, when he both incredibly improved upon last winter's MVP-winning work and helped bring a Larry O'Brien Trophy at last to the Mile High City.

Similar situations arise even at the high-school level, one just recently in baseball within the Colorado High School Activities Association's under-rated Class 2A/1A San Juan Basin League. But though the fact Ignacio's Duke Baker was deserving but ultimately denied Coach-of-the-Year in 2022, the decision to recognize him in '23 wasn't made as an apology.

Proving that last spring's reversal of fortune was no fluke, IHS' second-year boss motivated his reloading varsity to successfully defend its SJBL championship, and nearly return to not only the CHSAA Class 2A State Tournament but to its 'Sweet 16' stage. Unexpectedly upset in the opening Round-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Baseball head coach Duke Baker was recently named the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's Coach-of-the-Year. The Bobcat varsity has posted a 29-17 overall record – including an 8-4 mark in SJBL play with two league titles – during his first two seasons at the helm.

of-32 by Wray, Baker's Bobcats still followed up their 15-8 finish in '22 by going 14-9 in 2023, and again went 4-2 in league play.

And did so not only with at least two freshmen (Ambrose Valdez, Stoney White Thunder) quickly emerging as reliable starters, but most impressively without the loop's reigning Player-of-the-Year after Jacob Gallegos moved out of state.

"Another two stepped up, came in and did what I expect of them," Baker had said during the season, of his young and ready duo. "The one thing I emphasize to (all) these boys is, 'Play the game and have fun!' Whatever happens, happens; baseball's supposed to be fun. And they came out...and they shined."

Though denied POY by the vote, Eppie Quintana's shine was plenty fine; the senior pitcher/catcher/infielder repeated as a First Team All-SJBL pick – salut-

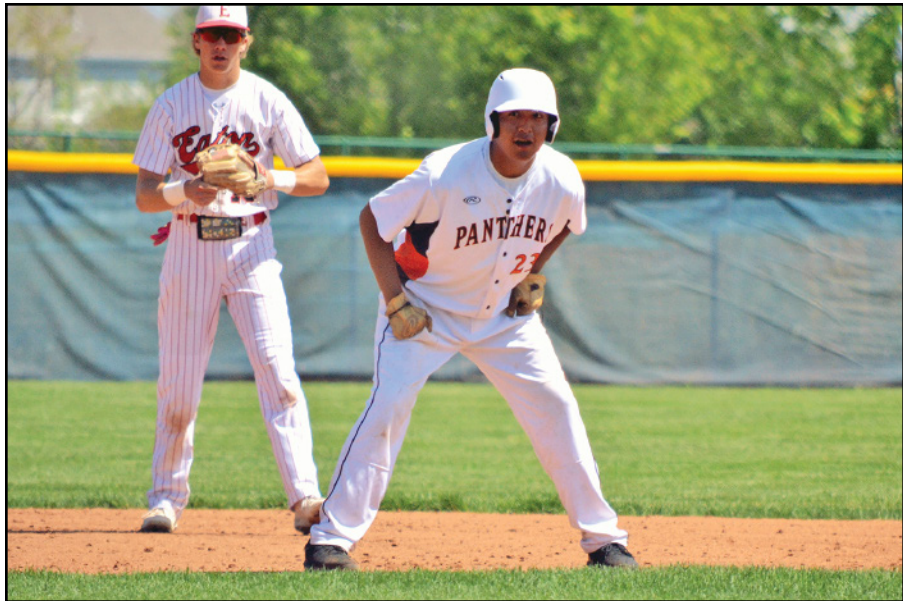
ed primarily for his work on the mound, along with Dove Creek senior Cole Taber (who received the POY for his all-around effort at no fewer than four positions) and junior Gage Buffington, plus Nucla senior P.J. Hulst.

Second Team All-League last season, junior catcher Phillip Quintana wielded a bat often hotter than even his brother's, solidified himself as Baker's primary No. 2 pitching option, plus again provided the team with essential stability behind home plate en route to also being named First Team.

Junior first baseman Rylan Maez was again voted First Team along with classmate Devante Montoya, effectively converted from a centerfielder into IHS' shortstop (as well as a No. 3 or 4 hurler) for games when Eppie Quintana was either on the hill or behind the dish, but also in games

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Frost to play all-star showcase



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Wary of Eaton shortstop Walker Martin's watchful presence, Montezuma-Cortez's Miles Frost (23) still tries lengthening his lead off second base during CHSAA Class 3A State Tournament play in Greeley. A University of Arkansas commit as well as a likely high-round Major League Baseball Draft prospect, Martin was recently named Colorado's Gatorade Player-of-the-Year; Frost, meanwhile, was chosen to take part in the 2nd Annual Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase, June 23-25, in Atlanta, Ga. Frost, of Southern Ute and Diné (Navajo) heritage, and 49 other players will go through an intensive skills-oriented workout session overseen by multiple former Major League Baseball veterans, and also compete in a head-to-head game (25 players per team) inside the Atlanta Braves' Truist Park with college and professional scouts in attendance.

Seen sharing a laugh with teammates in Greeley prior to CHSAA Class 3A State Tournament action against Eaton, Montezuma-Cortez's Miles Frost was plenty happy about the Panthers' performance (M-CHS finished 22-6 overall) in 2023.



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Men's Divisions	Women's Divisions	Seniors Divisions (55yrs +)
175lbs & Under (LW)	130lbs & Under (LW)	Men's Senior: Open Weight
176lbs-210lbs (MW)	131lbs-155lbs (MW)	Women's Senior: Open Weight
211-245lbs (HW)	156lbs-179lbs (HW)	
246lbs+ (Open)	180lbs+ (Open)	

Preregister at the SunUte Front Desk starting May 1st, 2023.

Or, sign up the morning of the event during weigh-ins.

Weight Classes/Divisions	Bench Weight	Deadlift Weight
Men's 175lbs & Under (LW)	175lbs	265lbs
Women's 130lbs & Under (LW)	65lbs	135lbs
Men's 176-210lbs (MW)	205lbs	305lbs
Women's 131-155lbs (MW)	85lbs	155lbs
Men's 211-245lbs (HW)	235lbs	345lbs
Women's 156-179lbs (HW)	105lbs	175lbs
Men's 246lbs+ (Open)	250lbs	365lbs
Women's 180lbs+ (Open)	125lbs	195lbs
Men's Senior	175lbs	265lbs
Women's Senior	65lbs	135lbs

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EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

Bear Dance Chief Apology

It has come to my attention that a song was sung at our Bear Dance, this last weekend, that was threatening and racial in nature. This song could potentially have caused a hostile environment for those attending and may have created feelings that equated to fear and uneasiness.

As your Bear Dance Chief, this goes completely against what I'd like everyone that attends to experience. Our Southern Ute Bear Dance is about renewal, rejuvenation, and regrowth. It is about community, compassion, inclusion, and kindness.

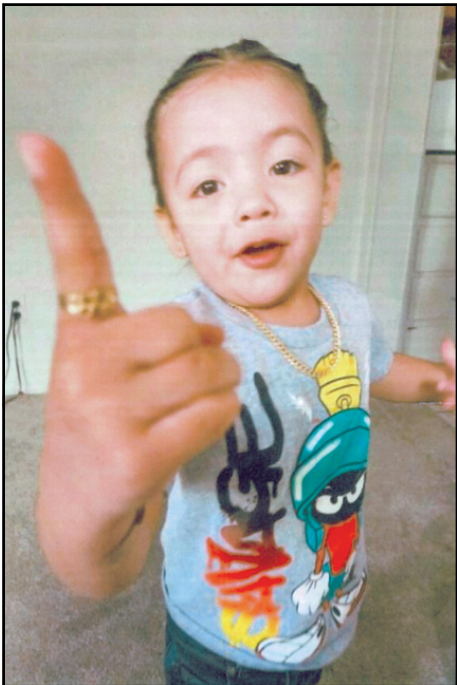
We are the Bear Dance, and the Bear Dance is us. We, as a tribe and as a community, are strong, ethical, and kind people, and our Bear Dance should reflect that. Regrettably, the song sung that included threatening racial words and meaning gave off an energy that is the exact opposite of what our Bear Dance is all about.

I sincerely apologize, as your Bear Dance Chief, for any negativity this may have caused anyone in attendance. It is my duty to provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for our tribe and community during the Bear Dance. And for each person who attends to experience the blessings of spring that can sustain us all throughout the summer, fall and winter months until our next Bear Dance.

Please accept my apology and know that this type of song, energy, or sentiment is not and will not be tolerated and does not speak the values of our tribe and community as I see them. It is my deepest wish that the spirit of our Bear Dance blesses you all with renewal, rejuvenation, regrowth, strength, and positivity for the upcoming seasons.

*Respectfully,
Matthew J. Box,
Bear Dance Chief*

COMMUNITY GREETINGS



I would like to wish my little mans Geovany King-Andre Baker a Happy Birthday. My Handsome Son, I love and miss you Baby Boy.

*Love Always
Dad*

Veterans Association Thanks

The Southern Ute Veterans Association at this time would like to thank the following to the success of the "Day of Remembrance" program. Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council for its continued support. Tribal administration – Grounds Maintenance, Building Maintenance, Southern Ute Law Enforcement, SunUte Recreation, and Southern Ute Drum staff.

- Southern Ute Growth Fund
- Walker's Do It Best
- Waci-Ci Trading Company
- Farmers Fresh
- Ignacio Public Library
- Sky Ute Casino & Resort

- Porky's Smokehouse – BBQ catering

Lastly, the Southern Ute tribal membership and those individuals that assisted in the set up and removal of equipment.

*Sincerely,
Howard D. Richards Sr., Commander
Southern Ute Veterans Association*



NEW EMPLOYEES



Zuriah Baker
Job title: The Drum YEP
Description of duties: I help around the office. I take photos for the Drum. I'm also in the process of understanding how the Drum works and how it is made.
Hobbies: My hobbies include baking, sewing, ceramics, and taking care of my animals.
Family: Some of my family members are Hailey Yesslith (Mom), Zac Yesslith (Dad), Carole Valdez (Grandma).
Tribe: Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Maleina Carel
Job title: Drum Youth Employee
Description of duties: Take pictures, do interviews, write stories and work in archive.
Family: Mom – Marie Joy, Sister – Rhianna Carel
Tribe: Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Marie Kehm
Job title: Native Connections Program Specialist
Description of duties: To provide programming for youth and young adults regarding mental health awareness, suicide, and substance abuse prevention.
Hobbies: Hiking, currently has hiked 8 out of the 28 segments of the Colorado Trail.
Family: Husband, two young adult daughters, and two dogs.
Additional Comments: Excited to connect with community resources to provide support and positive impact to youth and young adults.



courtesy Western States and Tribal Nations

Members of the Western States and Tribal Nations Natural Gas Initiative tour the Southern Ute Reservation as part of their quarterly meeting, the visitors were hosted by the Southern Ute Growth Fund during the two-day visit.

WESTERN STATES AND TRIBAL NATIONS NATURAL GAS INITIATIVE

Dear WSTN members and friends,

I wanted to share some takeaways and details from our meeting last week in Ignacio, Colo., hosted by the Southern Ute Growth Fund (SUGF) – and the important, momentum-building goals we set during the two-day visit.

Firstly, I want to thank the Southern Ute Growth Fund for hosting us on tribal lands, and all parties involved for their hospitality and support in making this meeting successful, educational and productive.

On day one, we fanned out across Southern Ute lands for an insightful look at the Tribe's world-class oil, natural gas and carbon capture operations, run by Red Willow. The successful implementation of the Tribe's vision to convert their natural resources into a force to advance their tribal members' future in perpetuity is a model worth emulating; and seeing an important component of it in action was eye-opening, to say the least.

On the second day, we gathered to pick up where we left off after our successful Washington, D.C., visit. We learned firsthand from a delegation from the Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Corporation (JOGMEC) about their perspective on the global LNG market and the role it plays for future decarbonization. In particular, the team shared how the combined efforts of WSTN and other U.S. trade organizations helped support the Japanese government's successful efforts to have LNG included in the final communique of the Japanese-hosted G7 Summit – over European objections.

Later that day, we were joined by David Challman with Semptra Infrastructure Partners who provided an overview on Semptra's LNG operations. We look forward to continue building our constructive relationship with Semptra.

Our panel discussion drew out a bold vision for a West Coast LNG-to-hydrogen future. Bryan Hassler – WSTN's secret weapon because of his expansive knowledge of the West Coast gas markets – sketched out

a powerful strategy developed in concert with WSTN. Bryan's presentation examined gaps in Western gas infrastructure and the negative cost implications they can impose on California retail prices; how building a new hydrogen-ready pipeline or upgrading existing ones incrementally could become politically and financially feasible; and lastly, how those actions could create an insurance policy for the West Coast against price spikes.

Wyoming Energy Authority Program Director Anja Richmond shared her experience developing the Western Interstate Hydrogen Hub (WIH2) proposal with counterparts from New Mexico, Colorado and Utah, seeking a \$1.25 billion grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. A key takeaway from her insightful presentation is that opposing ideologies can work together when they are working on technology, illustrative of how four states with different politics were able to unite on a common energy vision.

At the close of our meeting, we had a robust question and answer session and agreed on immediate action items including:

- Exploring a formal MOU with the JOGMEC, similar to the one developed by the Province of Alberta.
- Looking at diversifying LNG projects and export options beyond Costa Azul.
- Integrating the governments of the state of Arizona and Navajo Nation into the WSTN MOU.
- Working with states and midstream operators to vet financing options for infrastructure buildout.
- Developing a framework document to begin further developing the vision our panel sketched out.

I'll have more to share soon, but want to thank all those who attended, our speakers and panelists and once again, the Southern Ute Growth Fund for their unparalleled hospitality.

*Sincerely,
Andrew Browning
Western States and Tribal Nations
Natural Gas Initiative*

Corrections

In the June 2, 2023 issue of the Drum, Edward Box III was misidentified as Cultural Preservation Director, Box III is the Heritage and Events Coordinator.

In the June 2, 2023 issue of the Drum, Gabriel Pinnecoose graduated from Durango High School, in Durango, Colo., not Bayfield High School.



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In the Estate Of,
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Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JULY 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 12th of June, 2023.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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Dated this 2th of June, 2023
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

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

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:

- 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.
- 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

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 or 970-563-2270

Roman Jay Box Seibel,
Tribal Planning Administrative Support
seibel@southernute-nsn.gov or 970-563-2283

Renee St. Andre,
Red Hawk and Road Runner Transit
renee@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.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD

Closes 7/4/23 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. The closing date is Friday, July 14th, 2023 at 5:00 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

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Closes 8/25/23 – SUIT TRIBAL MEMBERS NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES. The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill TWO seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, August 25, 2023.

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 website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or 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. 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?

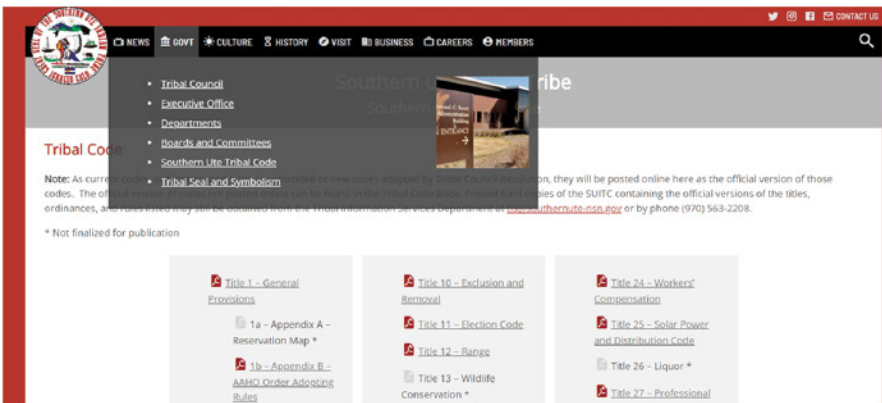
KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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, 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.

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.



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ELDER SERVICES PROGRAM
JUNE ACTIVITIESJUNE 20, 2023 - SHOPPING TRIP (FARMINGTON)
10:00 A.M. DEPARTUREJUNE 27, 2023 - SHOPPING TRIP (DURANGO)
10:00 A.M. DEPARTURE

Call Elder Services @ 970-563-2309 to have your name added to the activities list or if you have any questions.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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

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

Join Our Team
Now Hiring

Native Lens is looking for an Assistant Editor to join our team! By sharing firsthand Indigenous perspectives, Native Lens works to increase the visibility of Tribal communities and amplify Indigenous voices on-screen.

About Native Lens: The collaborative video project and training initiative is co-hosted by Rocky Mountain PBS and KSUT Tribal Radio in Ignacio, Colorado. Native Lens showcases short films and videos created by people Indigenous to the land base now known as North America.

Job Description: The Native Lens Assistant Editor will assist with packaging Native Lens videos for digital distribution and broadcast, cutting both original content and submitted footage, and editing audio and helping write copy for radio distribution. The position will also include screening submissions and helping program Native Lens films and content. The ideal candidate will have strong connections to Indigenous communities and experience with video production and editing.

The position is a three-month contract with the opportunity to transition into longer contract - based work. To apply, please send résumé, cover letter and work samples to Native Lens Project Coordinator Colleen Thurston at colleen@native-lens.org. <https://tribalradio.org/native-lens-seeks-assistant-editor/>

INVITATION!!

Learn about the Baha'I Faith at:

- [Bahai.org](https://www.bahai.org)
- [Bahaiteachings.org](https://www.bahaiteachings.org)

*"The earth is one country and mankind its citizens."
(Baha'i Writings)*

Local contact: 970-382-1231

ADVERTISE IN THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

We have distribution points in Ignacio, Bayfield and Durango.
Contact the Drum at 970-563-0118.

Download the Drum's Advertising Packet at
www.sudrum.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ignacio Chamber of Commerce, Ignacio, Colorado, has applied for a Special Events Liquor License. **September 2, 2023 (11 a.m. – 7 p.m.)** The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council will consider the issuances of a Special Events Liquor License on July 11, 2023, in the Tribal Council Chambers, Leonard C. Burch Building, Ignacio, CO.

Written comments may be sent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Department of Justice & Regulatory, Office of Tax & Liquor, P.O. Box 737, MS#10, Ignacio, CO 81137

Any questions regarding this application may be directed to Mr. Chris Mimmack, Director of Justice & Regulatory, at 970-563-2801.

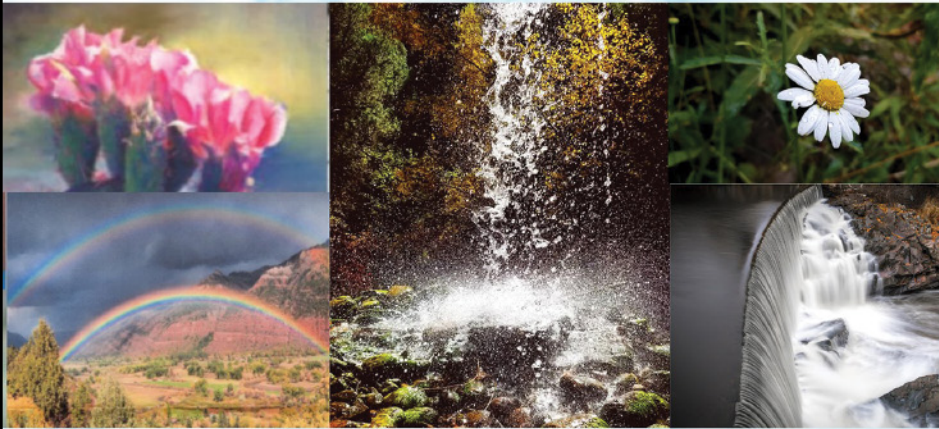
Display your art at the library
with our We Are Water exhibit!
July 10 - October 6

For this art exhibit cycle we would like your art to revolve around connections to water. Plants, animals, landforms and weather events all play an important role in our lives and the water cycle.

As a community that has been impacted by drought, we all know the importance of water, so with your art share with us your interpretation of water and its impacts!

Pick up and art display form at the library service desk or on our website, ignaciolibrary.org. Email cmunns@ignaciolibrary.org with any questions!

paintings | drawings | sculptures | fabric crafts | photography | and more accepted!



(970)563-9287 | ignaciolibrary.org | 470 Goddard Ave.



NÚUCHIU STRONG T-shirt
still available @
\$ 10 each

If you have questions, Please contact:
Edward Box, III @ (970) 422-2654
Rochelle Aguilar @ (970) 563-2990

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



Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 06/13/23



UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION
2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

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

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

JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tribal Member Customers: June 2023 variable Natural Gas rate is \$3.96 per MCF (Thousand Cubic Feet).
- Fire Hydrant Flushing—June 12th thru June 23rd. This is a necessary and controlled maintenance procedure.
- Transfer Station & Offices CLOSED on 6/19/23.
- Summer Watering Tip: Use timers. Early morning water is best to avoid evaporation. Don't water on windy days.



2023 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per Household.

PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 www.suitutil.com

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

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

Friendly Reminders

- Questions on your bill? Call us to help you better understand.
- Monthly Shutoffs are the first Wednesday of each month:

**July 5th / August 2nd
September 6th**

Settle your payments before 10AM

PAYMENT OPTIONS

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



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at 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

Building Maintenance Technician

Closes 6/21/23 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance, and repairs, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Dentist

Closes 6/20/23 – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Pay grade X20; Pay starts at \$115,719.47/year.

Forestry Fuels Crew Member

Closes 6/19/23 – Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Department of Natural Resources in a professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects in order to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

Heavy Equipment Supervisor

6/19/23 – Supervises assigned heavy equipment operators and provides heavy equipment services for the Southern Ute Tribe. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Swimming Instructor

Closes 6/19/23 – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

Agriculture Field Technician

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

Air Quality Planner

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists in coordinating and conducting technical, regulatory, and air quality improvement planning tasks for the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Assistant Environmental Program Manager

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

Behavioral Health Therapist

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

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Summer Program)

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

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

Chief of Police

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of Justice and Regulatory Director, provides consistent and fair law enforcement and public safety services for persons living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Pay grade E18; Pay starts at \$86,609.29/year.

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/year.

Community Health Representative

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

Cultural Media Technician – (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Creating audio and video documentation of language and culture teach-

ing 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.

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 members only)

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

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at 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.

Treasury Analyst – Growth Fund Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/21/23 – This position will support the Growth Fund Treasury Manager with day-to-day treasury functions, financial reporting, and analysis. Regularly communicates with external partners to procure and maintain contracts, bank documents, and other agreements. Supports internal departments with banking and investment procedures per policy. Performs banking, financing, and investment data analysis to support daily decision-making processes for effective cash and asset management. Assists with regular forecasting and budgeting processes.

Maintenance Specialist – Red Willow Production Co (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 6/23/23 – This position is responsible for

the coordination of maintenance activities between Red Willow operations and maintenance vendors, to include assisting in providing oversight to vendors. Support the needs of Operations and monitor projects/ progress to assure schedule coordination with Operations.

Drilling and Completions Engineer II – Red Willow Production Co (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/3/23 – This position is responsible for drilling, completions, and applicable petroleum engineering support primarily focused on horizontal unconventional resource development in the San Juan Basin. Responsible for wellbore and completion design, execution, and supporting internal processes associated with budgeting and post-appraisals. Works collaboratively as a member of a multi-discipline team to optimize field development and depletion.

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.

Apply today with a cover letter & resume: talent@bonfireig.com or thad.mccollum@bonfireig.com. Contact TERO with any questions or to obtain a full job description. 970-563-2294. lsanchez@southernute-nsn.gov

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org

- Secondary Math Teacher
- Elementary Teacher

- Secondary SpEd Paraprofessional
- Secondary Permanent Substitute

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

and underlying investment fund liquidity. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/year. This position will be located in Three Springs.

Legal Assistant, Public Defender's Office

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.

Lifeguard (Full-time)

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

Maintenance Tech. – SunUte

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting and preventative maintenance, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe buildings and building systems, including but not limited to maintenance support, preventative maintenance services, and equipment service and repairs for specialized equipment at the SunUte Community Center, including, but not limited to, chemical injection systems and water circulation/filtering systems. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/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. Position is temporary/part-time at a pay rate of \$30/hour.

Registered Nurse

Open Until Filled – 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.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

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

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute members only)

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

Tribal Ranger 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.



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

*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.

*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.

*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. Must have a bachelor's degree in Audio & Visual or related field.

*Asst. 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.

*Bingo Coordinator (Full-time)

Directs and oversees the day-to-day activities of the Bingo Department. Has the 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.

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

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

*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.

*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.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

*Catering Sales Associate (Full-time)

Will be the focal point in establishing and maintaining working relationships with our customers. Increase catering sales revenues and contribute to slot revenue.

*Compliance Officer

Under the direction of the Security Manager, this position 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).

*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.

*Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. The Deep Cleaning Staff 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. Responsibilities include 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.

*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 (Full-time)

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. To train employees, ensuring they abide by all policies and procedures. Responsible for office structure, budgetary administration and employee relations as assigned by the Housekeeping Manager.

*Kitchen Steward Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

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

*Property Shift Manager (Full-time)

Key License coverage for the Casino gaming area, providing leadership and oversight in the operation of all Casino activities in the absence of the General Manager. Assists in maintaining efficient gaming operations in accordance with the Division of Gaming Regulations of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Assists and monitors that

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For job opportunities apply on-line at www.sococaa.org or call 970-563-4517.

- Central Administration: Finance Administrator – \$41,000-\$44,000/yr. – Open Until Filled
- Ignacio Early Learning Program: Early Care Educator – \$15.02 -\$18.17/hr. – Closes 7/28/23
- Ignacio Early Learning Program: Teacher Assistant – \$13.65-\$15.02/hr. – Closes 7/28/23
- Ignacio Early Learning Program: Substitute Teacher – \$13.65/hr. – Open Until Filled
- Peaceful Spirit: Addiction Counselor – \$54,000-\$60,000 DOE – Open Until Filled
- Peaceful Spirit: MST Therapist (La Plata County) \$55,000-\$66,000 – Open Until Filled
- Road Runner Transit: Transit Division Director – \$66,976 - \$73,674 – Open Until Filled
- Road Runner Transit: Operations Manager – \$50,315.20 DOE – Open Until Filled
- Road Runner Transit: Bus Driver/ICB Operator – \$23/hr. – Open Until Filled
- Road Runner Transit: Dial-A-Ride Driver – \$19.25/hr. – Open Until Filled

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

Attention: We prefer all applications by email GRLopez@utemountain.org or ceyetoo@utemountain.org or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

Employment Announcements as of June 12, 2023

- Diabetes Program, WM CNA/ Health Tech. – Closes 6/26/23
- Social Service, Caseworker – Closes 6/26/23
- Brunot Wildlife, Animal Control Officer – Open Until Filled
- Brunot Wildlife, Wildlife Officer – Open Until Filled
- CHR, CHR – Open Until Filled
- CFR, PT- Presenting Officer – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, FT-Assistant Head Start Teacher (1) – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center,PT- Assistant Cook – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Environmental, Water Quality Manager – Open Until Filled
- Higher Education, Adult Education Instructor – Open Until Filled
- K-12 Education, Director – Open Until Filled
- KCA, Elementary Teacher (2) – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Community Trainer – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Suicide Prevention Coord. – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, UA/BA Tech (male) – Open Until Filled
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Youth Services Coordinator – Open Until Filled
- Planning, Transportation Specialist – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Community Health Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Director – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, PT- Relief Propane Delivery Driver – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, PT-Water System Helper – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, CAC III – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, Director – Open Until Filled
- WM- Administration, Project Director – Open Until Filled
- WM CHR, CHR – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Adult Education Coach – Open Until Filled
- WM-Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled

DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION PIO NEEDED

CDOT is hiring a Regional Communications Manager for our southeastern territory, Region 2. Job Information: Southeastern Regional Communications Manager (<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/colorado/jobs/newprint/4080411>) Colorado Online Application Portal: <https://www.codot.gov/topcontent/employment/cdot-job-openings> The Southeastern Regional Communications Manager position will manage and be responsible for external and internal communications for CDOT's Region 2. This position will develop and implement public communications, for construction projects and CDOT programs, that engage the public and key stakeholders. The position will also develop effective regional communications for Region 2 team members. The position will be located within Region 2, with offices in Colorado Springs and Pueblo. Occasional travel is required to Denver Headquarters. We invite you to view the position details in the "Job Information" link provided above. The posting outlines the duties, responsibilities, and the qualifications required. The online application deadline is on Tuesday, June 27. We also encourage you to share the link and opportunity with your co-workers and colleagues.

Do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Lisa Ann Schwantes
Regional Communications Manager,
Region 5 Southwest Colorado

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements cont.

appropriate actions are taken to ensure the safeguarding of company assets and the health and safety of guests and employees of the property.

*Rolling Thunder Grill Server (Full-time)

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

*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. Must be able to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

*Security Supervisor (Full-time)

Always 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.

*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.

*Seven Rivers Busser (Full-time)

Provides an exceptional fine dining experience by performing multiple duties to maintain cleanliness, orderliness, and sanitation of dining room and/or other related dining areas. Clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste, and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates, glasses, silverware, and napkins. Will help cooks, servers, dishwashers, and bartenders perform small tasks as needed.

*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.

*Slot Tech II (Full-time)

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation, and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal gaming device performance. Reports to the Slot Technician Supervisor. weekends and holidays, and be able to work in a high-traffic area.

*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. 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. Breakdown, 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 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.



Duke Finally Gets His Due • FROM PAGE 18

where Quintana joined him on the left side of the infield – allowing Baker and his assistants to begin testing and developing more pitching arms for the future.

Usually stationed out in right field, either as a starter or a reserve, Ignacio junior Elliott Hendren was a First Team All-League choice, while White Thunder (pitcher/third base) and junior Marcus Maez (second base) received Second Team nods.

“I threw Elliott in the outfield and he didn’t skip a beat,” said Baker. “Caught the flies hit to him and hit the ball like he’d been hitting (last) year – he’s picked it up a lot.”

“Devante, Eppie, Philip and Rylan really started picking up the younger players,” he continued, “and it’s really showing. I love watching this team when they play that kind of ball.”

“Duke’s great,” Philip Quintana had said previously. “We want to play for him; (he) just makes you confident out there.”

Rounding out the SJBL’s honored players, DCHS sophomore Sheldon Gardner and NHS freshman Brycen Rummel were named First Team as infielders, while DCHS juniors Aiden Chadd and Taber DeJane earned First Team distinction as an



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Devante Montoya leads off third base during action at IHS Field versus Sargent. He was recently named First Team All-San Juan Basin League.

outfielder and utility player, respectively.

AFTERMATH

Nucla ended up 11-10 overall – following a 5-0 win over McClave and a 9-0 loss to Westminster Flatirons Academy in the 16-team

Class 1A State Tournament’s Great Eight phase – but 1-5 in league. Dove Creek, meanwhile, fell 10-0 to Simla in the Round-of-16, and finished 11-9 overall. The Bulldogs matched Ignacio’s 4-2 SJBL mark, but lost twice in three tries against the ‘Cats.

AGRICULTURE DIVISION HAY FOR SALE!



The Southern Ute Tribe’s Agriculture Division has hay for sale to Tribal Members Only.

COST: \$180.00 per bale ~ Large Bales ONLY

LIMIT: 8 bales per Tribal Member

WEIGHT: 1100-1200 Lbs.

Hay is available FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.

Contact the SUIT Agriculture Division at (970) 563-0220 for more information.

New hours



Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays

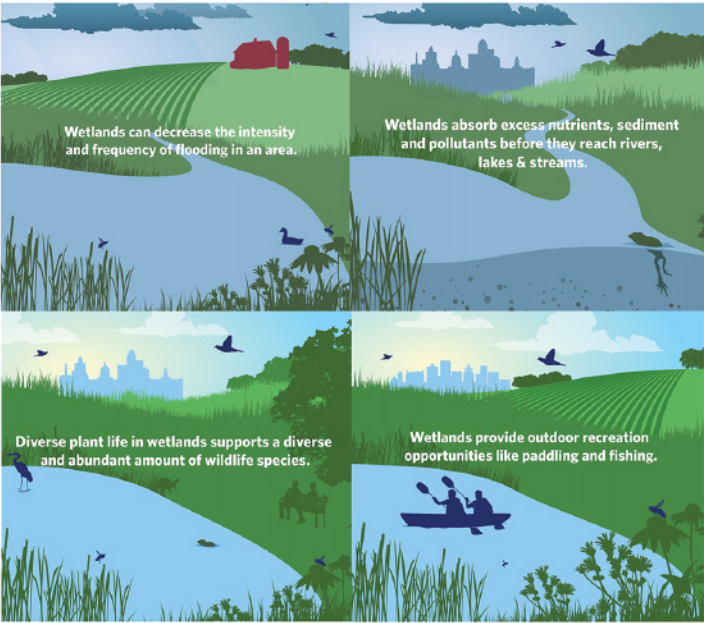
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Contact the
[Environmental Programs Division](#) to learn more.



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

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, June 16



Sunny 79°F

Saturday, June 17



Sunny 78°F
Breezy

Sunday, June 18



Sunny 82°F
Breezy

Weather forecasts collected from [www.weather.gov](#)



The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Place to drop anchor
- 5 NM Pueblo culture canyon
- 10 Arabian Sea gulf
- 11 Murdered rapper Biggie ---
- 13 Still mooing
- 14 Mental attitude of a group
- 15 “And now, --- from our sponsor”
- 17 Bluenose
- 18 Moroccan port
- 21 Unlaunched time capsule satellite
- 22 Lemurs
- 24 Banned bug killer
- 26 Extremely hungry
- 29 Yours and mine
- 31 Born yesterday, so to speak
- 32 Automotive tool retailer
- 35 Zero-star meal, maybe
- 36 Oak, in Madrid
- 37 City on the Humboldt
- 38 “Inner child” totem
- 39 Insect repellent

Down

- 1 Gem weight unit
- 2 Eastern Woodlands people whose name probably means “traders”
- 3 Shingle Springs Rancheria, CA
- 4 Get up and go
- 5 A commander’s senior enlisted advisor
- 6 Medical plan option, for short
- 7 Senior coalition
- 8 Destination of the last train
- 9 Friend of Fran
- 12 Culinary lily
- 16 Croaks
- 19 “Clean your plate!”
- 20 “Sleepless in Seattle” costar
- 23 Obliterated
- 24 Potion portion
- 25 Beats me!
- 27 Call to mind
- 28 Bus station
- 30 Barbecue rod
- 33 Unity
- 34 And not

Answers for this crossword will appear in June 30 issue of the Drum.

Answers for June 2, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Bulls, 6 Spar, 10 Ysleta, 12 Peso, 13 Elders, 14 Otto, 15 Aaron, 17 Criminal act, 23 Golan, 24 Demon, 25 Self-evident, 27 Wires, 28 Scio, 30 Estate, 35 Gens, 36 Poston, 37 To-do, 38 Nolte.
Down: 1 Bye, 2 USL, 3 LLD, 4 Lee, 5 Strainer, 6 Spooled, 7 Pet name, 8 AST, 9 Roo, 11 As an, 16 Radisson, 17 CGS, 18 Roe, 19 Ill wind, 20 Mafioso, 21 Con, 22 TNT, 26 Veep, 28 Sgt, 29 CEO, 31 Tso, 32 ATL, 33 Tot, 34 ENE.