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SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

Graham to step into role as SunUte Director

Learning the ropes through mentorship

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member, Morgann Graham is currently serving in an apprenticeship under Robin Duffy-Wirth to take on the role of SunUte Community Center Director.

Graham is no stranger to SunUte or recreation. She worked as a lifeguard and front desk attendant at the Durango Recreation Center while earning a bachelor's degree in public health from Fort Lewis College. Nor is this her first apprenticeship under the Tribe. Graham successfully completed an apprenticeship position in 2018 with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness, a program under the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Health Department where she served as the program manager for the past six years.

Prior to that, Morgann also spent numerous years working for SunUte as a lifeguard early in her career.

Graham sees this apprenticeship as a once in a lifetime opportunity. Not to just jump into the position of SunUte Director, but to learn the position with a growth mindset. "I couldn't pass up on this opportunity ... I find passion in this," Graham,



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Morgann Graham stands alongside SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth for a portrait. Graham is currently serving in an apprenticeship under Duffy-Wirth for the role of SunUte Community Center Director.

said. "I don't think I could have found a better fit. I feel at home here."

Graham is a people person and very passionate when it comes to the programs that make SunUte an integral part of her tribal community.

"Robin and I are very similar; we both have

compassion for the community," Graham said.

"If you're not adapting to a community, then you're not serving the community with their input," Graham said. "It's about being able to keep the positive things going."

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Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Owners of Walker's Do it Best, Barbara and Glen Walker, with "Nikki" are closing the doors for good after 31 years in business. Walker's will be liquidating all items in the store including furnishings.

IGNACIO BUSINESS

Walker's Do It Best to close its doors after 31 years in Ignacio

Hardware store liquidating inventory

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Walker's Do It Best, a locally owned hardware store located at the south end of Ignacio on Goddard, Ave., will be closing their doors for good after 31 years in business. Despite the addition of the car wash, "High Performance Car & Truck Wash" which was added in 2009, the Walkers could not keep the business from losing money – citing economic shifts and regional competition.

"We couldn't get a buyer for the building once the petroleum (gas and oil field) industry began to slow," store owner Glen Walker said.

Walker's has partnered with G. Spalding Consulting for a huge store closing sale, every single item will be liquidated, to include all paint, lawn and garden, tools, fasteners, housewares, as well as all merchandise, store fixtures, furniture and equipment. As



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Mark Jasken and fellow employees of Walker's Do It Best clean and rearrange merchandise in preparation of the store's liquidation sale. Walker's will be closing its doors for good after all items have been sold.

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Marvin Pinecoose/Special to the Drum

Much time is spent from March through June prepping the ground for an anticipated growing season. This patch of ground will hopefully be added into production for late 2023.

AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

First cut

By Marvin Pinecoose
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Gentlemen, start your engines

Over the past three years, I've tried to gather information about when people seed, fertilize, irrigate, and cut hay. The goal was to gather data and apply it to my own farm to find best practices. It appears that this is privileged information that many farmers are reluctant to share. At first, I thought this was because divulging operations and harvesting calendars would unveil a competitive advantage. There is also a thing I notice among farmers in terms of protecting information: many people do things

in a manner that works for them, but they don't want to offer advice in case things fail, a person doesn't point to them to place blame. In short. We are willing to take risk and experiment with our own farms, but there is a sense of guilt if we mess up someone else's property because they took our advice...which was given with good intention. Regardless, merely driving around, it is simple to spot what people are doing out in their fields. With that said, apparently, the time has arrived for the first cut of the season!

Why July 1st?

The fun part about farming is that every year is different. Each year has its

own challenges. The natural goal is to be better this year than last. For me, this year's greatest challenge was irrigation. I had none. I still have none. As of the printing of this issue, the only water that has touched my fields has been rain-water. I switched over to a sprinkler system that has been in the works for over a year now. There is much to talk about with this in future articles, but for now, the point is no irrigation.

Still, this article is about the collective. We as farmers push on and I see many assignments, allotments, and private property with ample growth and just beaming with

Farm page 9

Arkansas Loop Fire update



courtesy Richard Gustafson/BIA Fire Management

The Arkansas Loop Fire has grown to 126 acres. The Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire Management has the fire contained at 5%, but crews are working to contain the fire. Crews that are assisting in efforts are Southern Ute Natural Resources, Durango Interagency Type III Incident Management Team, and numerous resources with expected up to 100 firefighters ordered. Aviation resources have been primarily used given the steep and rugged nature of the terrain.

The Chris Mountain Fire now has an InciWeb page where public can find up-to-date information on the fire status: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incide.../cosjf-chris-mountain-fire>. Archuleta County has issued mandatory evacuations of Forest Road 628. Additional information on evacuations can be found at Archuleta County, CO Sheriff's Office. The fire is burning 12 miles west of Pagosa Springs, CO and is currently estimated at around 90 acres. Aviation and ground resources have made a robust response but the incident is unfolding quickly. The local San Juan Type 3 Incident Management Team will took command of the fire Thursday, June 29.

WALKER'S DO IT BEST TO CLOSE • FROM PAGE 1



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Signage advertising huge savings hang in Walker's Do It Best as employees prepare to close the doors after 31 years of business with a liquidation sale, "Everything must go!"

stated in an upcoming liquidation advertisement. "This sale is our way of thanking you for your business," Walker said.

The liquidation sale began Thursday, June 29 by invitation only to local customers and friends of Walker's prior to opening to the public. Special discounts will be given throughout the next month until everything is sold.

Glen and Barbara Walker along with their son, Chris Walker, will keep the car wash open for business with much needed upgrades, making the car wash more reliable and user-friendly.

The Walkers bought the Wiseman's hardware store in 1992, located at 772 Goddard Ave., becoming "Walker's True Value," heated by an aging woodstove, and lacking space for the growing hardware store, the Walkers then had the current building constructed in 1999, remaining Walker's True Value for a time, until changing the name to Walker's Do it Best in 2002.

Barbara, who hails from northeastern Colorado, worked as a teacher for over 40 years, 25 of those years in Ignacio. During that time, she was recognized as Teacher of the Year in (Consumer and Family Studies) Home Economics, in the State of Colorado.

Glen, who came to Colorado from Louisiana, is a veteran, who served in the Army and was stationed in Germany (pre-Vietnam era), before meeting Barbara in the Front Range at a camp for underprivileged youth. The two were married in 1968; the Walkers will celebrate their 55th anniversary in October.

"We both just celebrated



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Walker's Do It Best employees, Gloria Furuya, Vicky Bahrens, and Mark Jasken with owners Glen and Barbara Walker, take a break from arranging the shelves in preparation of the store's liquidation sale.

our 81st birthdays, Barbara on the 18th and mine on the 25th," Glen Walker said.

The Walkers plan to stay in the community and become even more active in local events. Already attending events hosted by the Ignacio Community Library and the Ignacio Schools, they plan to "keep going," Barbara Walker said.

The Walker's son, Chris, brought the carwash to Ignacio, and has been involved with the hardware store for over 30 years. The Walker's grandchildren Christopher, Gregory and Alejandra, all have worked in the family owned and operated store throughout the years. Chris Walker's oldest son, Christopher, recently graduated from Ignacio High School.

Current employees, Gloria Furuya who's been with the store since the building was built and Vicky Bahrens, who was first employed by Wiseman, then hired by Glen, and Mark Jasken, who's been employed by the Walker's since last October, all of whom will be leaving with the closure of Walker's.

"I plan to continue working in the area, I will also be

assisting with the carwash," Furuga said. "We know every product in the store, assisting customers with their building needs, even if they didn't know what they needed. I also plan to stay in the community," Bahrens said.

Glen Walker cited the building of the current building as one of the successes for Walker's. "... this big building in this small of a town, building this building was a success," he said.

As far as customers, some who may choose to go into Durango to a bigger chain hardware store, he said, "there's a big turnover of citizens of Ignacio and the area, I'm seeing younger couples, there's no sense of attachment to the community."

"I will miss seeing certain people who are regular customers in the store, like Howard Richards, who I first met [around] 1986," Walker said.

"We want to be more active in the community - go to more community events. We have always been involved with the library and school events, we want to go to more events that we missed because we were always at the store," Walker said.

Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Chantelle Cloud is sworn in as chief judge of the Southern Ute Tribal Court on Monday, June 17, 2013. Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Vice Chairman James M. Olguin administered the oath, witnessed by members of the council, the court and the Cloud family.

This photo was first published in the June 28, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

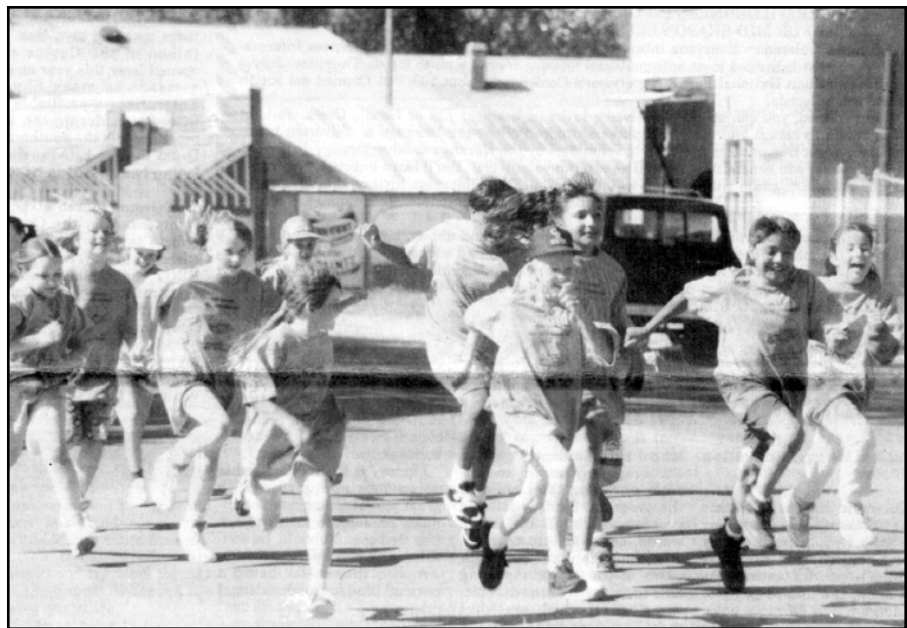


Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Dr. Jim Goss, historian and linguist, recently presented the Southern Ute Indian Culture Center and Museum with reel-to-reel tapes of recorded archives of invaluable stories told by Antonio Buck Jr. Dr. Goss recorded the tapes in the early 1960s when he developed a Ute language dictionary. Museum Director, Lynn Brittner accepted the gift from Dr. Goss.

This photo was published in the June 27, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

These young warriors spent the better part of six days running from the Southern Ute-New Mexico state border to show their solidarity in the war on drug abuse.

This photo was published in the June 25, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoneroad present Francis Hoy (behind shawl) with a gift. Hoy retired from the BIA after 32 years of service and was stationed in Towaoc. The Ute Mountain and Southern Ute Tribe each presented Hoy with plaques for his years of outstanding service to the two Ute tribes.

This photo was published in the July 2, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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SUNDAY 1 PM

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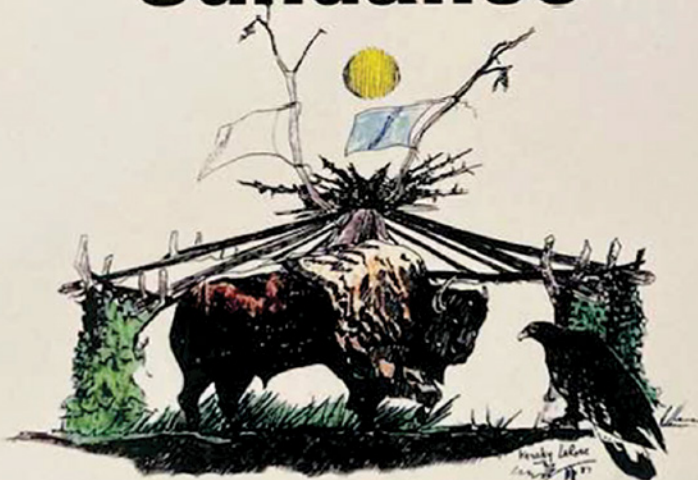
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INDIGENOUS FILM EXHIBIT

Poeh Cultural Center presents Seeing Red: An Indigenous Film Exhibit

By Cougar Vigil,
Outreach Coordinator
POEH CULTURAL CENTER

The Poeh Cultural Center presents *Seeing Red: An Indigenous Film Exhibition*, opening at the Poeh Cultural Center on July 7, 2023, from 7 - 10 pm. The exhibition runs from July 7, 2023, through October 2023 and will feature daily screenings in the Poeh's theater and film memorabilia displays in the rotating gallery.

The Poeh Cultural Center considers film an essential medium of Indigenous contemporary art. These selected filmmakers offer an integral voice and perspective into the challenges of Indigeneity, exploration of queerness, and the future of filmmaking.

Featured artists are Ashley Browning (Pojoaque Pueblo/Santa Clara Pueblo), Peshawn Bread (Comanche/Kiowa/ Cherokee), M.J. Rain Song (Taos Pueblo), Charine Gonzales (San Ildefonso Pueblo), Autumn Rose Billie (Acoma Pueblo/Taos Pueblo/Diné) Lejend Yazzie (Diné), and Keanu Jonez (Diné).

"I'm inspired by the blend of artistic talents that goes into filmmaking, from the writing, costumes, acting, art direction, and edit-

ing. As a multi-disciplinary artist, I admire the harmony of the many artists that come together to tell a story through film,” said Lejend Yazzie, writer, and director of the film Ch’jidi.

Also, in the rotating gallery, an interactive installation by M.J. Rain Song invites viewers to write on leaves about what they view as important about the land. Rain Song says, "On the day of the screening, we will have any audience members who would like to participate afterward do the following activity as a demonstration of harmony and reciprocity: They write down what they love about the land on a leaf and hang it up on the reciprocity trees, and we will give them a flower - because the land loves them back."

Seeing Red focuses on how filmmakers have interpreted and reassembled the elements of Indigenous cinema to create new experiences of the moving image. The exhibition brings together young filmmakers from diverse backgrounds whose films engage the medium with innovation and authenticity.

“As a filmmaker, my proudest moment is showing my work to the community and seeing how they re-

act to the campiness of it! But also, as a filmmaker, my proudest moment was working with Marvel and bringing in so many talented native artists, actors, and dancers to the screen,” said Peshawn Bread, director of *Miss Red*. “My plans as a filmmaker include creating a two-spirit/LGBTQ short film in the Comanche language, creating T.V. series with native content as well as making a feature film before I’m 30!”

“One would be my short film, *Giving Back the Navajo Way*, which was selected for the 2015 White House Student Film Festival. *Liberty of Jewels* is another film I’m really proud of because it showed my development and maturity as a filmmaker,” said Keanu Jonez.

Live music performances by Tha' Yoties, Terria XO, and the Jacob Shije Trio will occur in the Poeh's plaza.

Seeing Red is curated by Jacob Shije, Marketing Manager for the Poeh Cultural Center.

About the Poeh Cultural Center

To learn more about Poeh Cultural Center, please visit: www.poehcenter.org and www.facebook.com/PoehCulturalCenter.

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HEALTHY RECIPES

No sugar added thirst quenchers

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

No need for lots of added sugar to quench your thirst this summer. Just think fruits and herbs!

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



courtesy That Yummy Life

No sugar summer drinks

Tart Cherry Fizz

1. Mix 12oz of seltzer with 4oz of tart cherry juice.
2. Add sliced lime.
3. Pour over ice or chill in fridge.

Citrus and Herb Water

1. Slice lemons or limes.
2. Slice cucumber.
3. Add whole mint leaves or rosemary sprigs.
4. Let sit for 20 minutes to enhance flavors.
5. Pour over ice or chill in fridge.

Ginger Lemon Tea

1. Start with raw ginger root. Wash it and peel it back about an inch.
2. Thinly slice the ginger.
3. Place ginger into a pot with 4 cups of water.
4. Bring pot of water/ginger to boil and reduce to simmer. Let simmer for 10-20 minutes then remove from heat. If adding tea bags, do this a few minutes before done so it steeps for 4 minutes.
5. Juice a half a lemon into pot.
6. Add honey or maple syrup if needed as a sweetener.
7. Pour over ice or chill in fridge.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Nutrients, connection and a healthy brain

How does planting food help you have a healthy brain?

Mary Trujillo Young
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Is it true “you are you what you eat”? Nutrients from food have long been a form of traditional practices. Planting fruits and vegetables is a popular custom for cultures around the world. Why is this a practice? Well, let us get to the “root” of it.

Nutrients affect the brain chemistry and the immune system. For example, B Vitamin participates in the production of neurotransmitters and the regulation of inflammation. Iron is essential for oxygen delivery and energy production.

Nutrient deficiencies have been associated with conditions of depression and anxiety.

Green, leafy vegetables such as kale, spinach, collards, and broccoli may slow cognitive decline.

Flavonoids, which are in the natural plant pigments of berries, help improve memory.

The sheer process of putting your hands in soil and planting these green leafy vegetables wakes up the nervous system. Let us admit being outside in a garden helps with creating a sense of accomplishment by watching the fruits of our labor.

In addition to all these wonderful things, planting helps connect us back to our traditional songs, language, dancers, and the caretakers of mother earth. It helps bring back a matriarchy balance with patriarchy. Planting is done each season in relation to the stars. Elder’s sharing traditional stories and language of plants and vegetables remind us about the relationship to the land and animals, healing ourselves naturally as it was



courtesy SU Behavioral Health

once upon a time.

Planting seeds one at a time together, nurturing them, and watching them grow – this is healthy for our brain, just like nurturing our relationships with others.

It’s okay not to feel okay

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

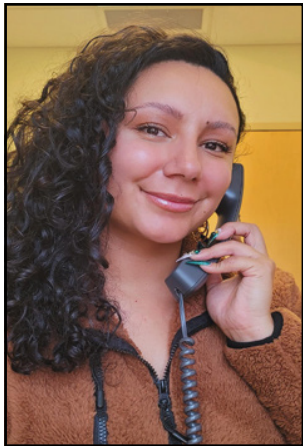
information or to set up an appointment to see a counselor or therapist.

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

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.

Audiocare

Beginning in December 2022 the Southern Ute Health Center will begin utilizing a system called Audiocare to call/text patients to remind them of their upcoming appointments.



What to Expect

The call has the same number as the Health Center, (970) 563-4581. Please take the call, it is just us reminding you about your upcoming appointment. There will be prompts for you to confirm, cancel or reschedule your appointment. There are also prompts to sign up for text reminder calls.

Never leave home without...



LIFT THE LABEL

DIALECTICAL BEHAVIORAL THERAPY (DBT) GROUP THERAPY

STARTING JULY 12TH, 2023
EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING
10:00-11:30AM

WELCOME
AGES 18+

In-person or Teams options

Call for more Information

James (Jay) Hayes: (970) 563-5705

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Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

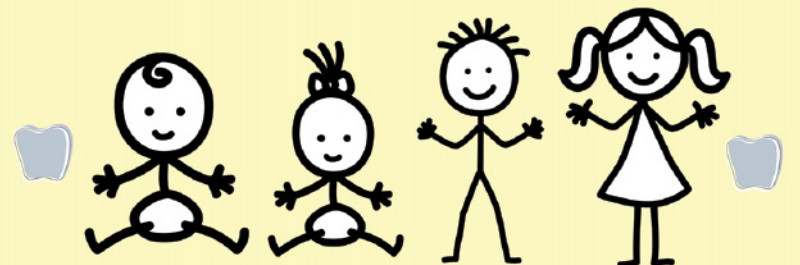
Dial 988

for mental health emergencies.

Text **INDIGENOUS** to **741741**
for free, 24/7 support.

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

We invite anyone to attend. Please

feel free to bring your support group and children

Where:

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

When:

Thursday 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

Tribal Health Department & Southern Ute Health Center

+ introduce +

Patient Advocate Line

(970) 563.4757

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

Try it out today!

Produced by Lindsay J. Box



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

StrongHearts announces Blue Campaign collaboration

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

“We recognize that the crisis of our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) intersects with human trafficking and that eradicating violence against Native people hinges upon our ability to educate the public,” said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “That is why we are embracing a partnership with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Blue Campaign.”

The Blue Campaign is a public awareness campaign created to educate the general public, law enforcement, and industry partners to recognize the indicators of human trafficking and how to appropriately respond to possible cases. DHS Blue Campaign works closely with other DHS components and various partners to develop general awareness training, as well as specific educational resources to help reduce victimization of human trafficking.

DHS Blue Campaign and StrongHearts Advertising Campaign

Blue Campaign and StrongHearts are collaborating on advertising efforts between the months of July and September 2023 to be distribut-

ed throughout the state of Washington. More importantly, StrongHearts and DHS staff will develop training for StrongHearts advocates on best practices when responding to Human Trafficking.

“We are diversifying training for StrongHearts advocates to enable them to better serve the needs of our people,” Jump added. “Washington is a progressive state that has implemented a Missing Indigenous Person Alert (MIPA) as well as launched a cold case unit for missing and murdered Indigenous people. Engaging in this partnership with the DHS will help to eradicate violence against our relatives.”

Expanded Reach

The DHS partnership expands the reach of StrongHearts by creating another avenue for spreading awareness that culturally appropriate support and advocacy is available for Native Americans experiencing human trafficking, domestic, and sexual violence. It’s a collaboration that will open lines of communication between Native centered service providers and our relatives who need help.

The Blue Campaign leverages partnerships with the private sector, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), law en-

forcement, and state/local authorities to maximize national public engagement. Blue Campaign’s educational awareness objectives consist of two foundational elements: prevention of human trafficking and protection of exploited persons.

Recognizing Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is an exploitation-based crime against a person that involves force, fraud and/or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act - victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. Key indicators can include:

- The person appears disconnected from family, friends, and community.
- The child stopped attending school.
- The person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior.
- A juvenile engages in commercial sex acts.
- The person is disoriented or confused/ showing signs of mental or physical abuse.
- The person may have bruises in various stages of healing.
- The person is fearful, timid, or submissive and shows signs of neglect.
- Someone else seems to be in control of where they go or who they talk to.



courtesy FBI Denver Division/U.S. Dept. of Justice

Tesla “designer” fentanyl pill, just one of many of these pills are designed to attract a younger customer base.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Agencies warn of new threats associated with fentanyl

Staff report
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FBI DENVER DIVISION

An influx of substances, more potent and deadlier than ever, are being seized in Colorado in record amounts. Fentanyl pills in all colors, shapes and sizes; fentanyl in liquid and powder form; and fentanyl adulterated with Xylazine are leading to an increased number of drug poisonings and overdoses throughout the state.

The local field offices of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for Colorado, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, the Colorado State Patrol and the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, want the public to be aware and recognize the dangers of these substances, know how to protect yourself and help to spread the life-saving message, “One Pill Can Kill.”

Fentanyl remains the leading cause of drug-related deaths in Colorado, increasing by more than 70 percent throughout the state in 2021. Fentanyl is a highly addictive synthetic opioid that is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. Two milligrams of fentanyl, just enough to fit on the tip of a pencil, is considered a potentially lethal dose. In the last year, the DEA has reported a dramatic increase in the number of potentially lethal pills circulating in our communities.

In addition to pills designed to look like Oxycodone or other legitimate medications, fentanyl is found in powder form and can be mistaken for heroin or cocaine. It can also come in liquid form and has been seized in Colorado as a nasal spray. There is also concern about multi-colored fentanyl pills that come in a variety of shapes, to include popular logos like Tesla and TikTok; the Versace “designer pill” is shaped like Medusa. Many of these pills are designed to attract a younger customer base.

Mexican cartels are responsible for the majority of fentanyl seized in Colorado. As a way to introduce fentanyl into the market, the cartel adulterated other illicit substances such as heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine. However, fentanyl is now being adulterated with Xylazine. Xylazine is non-opiate sedative, analgesic, and muscle relaxant only authorized in the United States for veterinary use, but it recently has been



courtesy FBI Denver Division/U.S. Dept. of Justice

There is concern about fentanyl pills that come in a variety of shapes, to include popular logos like TikTok and Tesla.

linked to overdose deaths throughout the country.

In 2022, approximately 23 percent of fentanyl powder and seven percent of fentanyl pills seized nationally by the DEA contained Xylazine. In 2023, fentanyl pills analyzed by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation increasingly contain Xylazine. Since Xylazine is not an opioid, Naloxone might not reverse the effects of an overdose, essentially making the deadliest drug threat facing our country even deadlier.

“Fentanyl is the most urgent drug threat facing our communities and the cartels are one of our greatest security threats,” said DEA Acting Special Agent in Charge, David Olesky. “The relationship between the cartels and the local street gangs and criminals groups drives the drug trade and the violence associated with it. The DEA Rocky Mountain Division has already removed nearly one million deadly doses of fentanyl pills from our communities this year and we show no signs of slowing down. Our mission includes holding the cartels responsible for the grave impact they’ve caused our communities. We are grateful to our local, state and federal partners who join us in this important work.”

“Fentanyl in all its forms and variations is killing our children. It’s killing our families and neighbors. This is why disrupting drug trafficking organizations continues to be a top priority for FBI Denver,” said Special Agent in Charge Mark Michalek. “We have tools to go after the people responsible, and we will continue to do all we can to raise awareness and put a stop to fentanyl-related deaths and the associated suffering it brings to communities.”

“Fentanyl is deadly, and we are seeing new combinations of drugs mixed with fentanyl making it even more dangerous,” said U.S. Attorney for Colorado Cole Finegan. “Unless a drug comes from a licensed pharmacist, don’t take it - your life depends on it.”

“We remain extremely concerned as increased

deadly fentanyl supplies at historic low prices are expected to continue fueling the illicit drug trade in Colorado communities,” said Keith Weis, executive director of the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

“So far this year, seizure amounts are quickly approaching 2022 numbers. In fact your Colorado State Troopers have seen a resurgence of fentanyl and other illicit narcotics on our roadways over the last few weeks, and these loads are destined for our communities in Colorado,” stated Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. “The cartels and drug traffickers haven’t lessened their grip on those addicted or experimenting with narcotics. And, we haven’t lessened our commitment to removing every trafficker and every load from reaching its destination.”

The FBI is also closely watching the emergence of N-Pyrrolidino Etonitazene, otherwise known as Pyro. This synthetic opioid has been found in metro Denver.

The DEA, FBI, USAO, CBI, CSP and HIDTA encourage people to use only prescription medications that were prescribed by a doctor and filled at a legitimate pharmacy within the United States. It is also important to note that legitimate pharmaceutical medications cannot be legally purchased on social media platforms.

We understand mental health and addiction are an ongoing concern in our communities. Local, state and federal agencies will continue our work to stop the trafficking of illegal drugs in Colorado, but in addition to enforcement, we also need partners in recovery and prevention to continue their important work, as well as community leaders, friends and caregivers to help spread public awareness. For more information and free resources, we encourage you to check out the One Pill Can Kill Public Awareness Campaign at www.dea.gov/onepill.

GRAHAM: SUNUTE DIRECTOR • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Morgann Graham and SunUte Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth discuss various aspects of managing SunUte Community Center during one of their many “philosophy walks” where the two share ideas and insight as part of the yearlong training process. Graham is currently serving in an apprenticeship under Duffy-Wirth for the role of SunUte Community Center Director.

Going from Program Manager at Shining Mountain Health and Wellness to the SunUte Community Center is no easy feat, Graham is stepping into a leadership position on a much larger scale. She has already transitioned from two full time employees under her guidance at Shining Mountain to working with close to 65 at SunUte.

Duffy-Wirth feels that Graham is the ideal candidate for this apprenticeship.

“While the apprenticeship is roughly a year long, it’s ultimately ‘when Morgann is ready’ Duffy-Wirth explained. “It’s important that I go from here to there, to out there,” Robin said referring to her gradual transition of responsibility to Morgann Graham. “In six to seven months, Morgann takes over more responsibility,” Duffy-Wirth explained, reinforcing the notion that she will step back and let Graham step into the driver’s seat, assuming more for the leadership roles at SunUte with her continued guidance.

Both Duffy-Wirth and Graham laud the Tribe’s apprenticeship program for

its forward-thinking mindset versus the traditional onboarding, which offers less opportunity for an employee to grow into their new leadership role.

“Robin really shows me what I aspire to be,” Graham said. “She really has given me those steppingstones to get there — I’m excited to get there.”

In her role as apprentice, Graham is also bringing over grant writing knowledge and other skill sets to her new role at SunUte. Communication and teamwork will also be key for Graham as she enters her new role and builds relationships at SunUte.

“I’ve known Robin for more than half my life,” Graham said. “I look up to Robin. The energy she brought [to this place]. SunUte is the pinnacle of the community and I’m excited to help guide the way it grows.”

“I’ve felt I’ve made full circle here from lifeguard to director,” Graham said.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Permanent Fund has been successfully mentoring Southern Ute tribal members through their apprenticeship program for

nearly 20 years. The program, which is tailored to the needs of individuals, focuses on training and career advancement. While many participants opt to gain experience through the mentorship component, others use this program as an opportunity to reach their career goals.

Duffy-Wirth also serves on the Tribe’s Apprentice Committee and feels strongly about the success of the program and the Tribe as a whole.

“You have to be dedicated,” Duffy-Wirth emphasized in a previous interview. “It’s a gift from the Tribe to its tribal members, allowing them to grow, and gain experience under a mentor. But you have to put the work in.”

“We [the committee] all believe so strongly in membership growth and opportunity, but we have to find people that are willing to mentor, and tribal members that are willing to be mentored,” Duffy-Wirth said.

“I could not imagine a tribal member that could be a better fit than Morgann for SunUte!” Duffy-Wirth said.



SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION

Summer Youth Employment Program a boon for tribal youth

By Krista Richards
SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Since the early days, the Southern Ute Tribe has seen tribal youth and first descendants work in different positions in the tribal organization; many of whom were a part of the program get hired into bigger positions after high school or college.

In 1977/78, TERO Division Head and Southern Ute tribal elder, Hilda Burch, was one of the many tribal members who applied to the program, originally called the Youth Job Conservation (YJC). Burch worked with a department that would later become the Forestry Division. Her roles were to build fencing, clear brush and help maintain outside yards and areas around the reservation. The youth in her age group were able to choose if they wanted to work for the YJC, or summer recreation. If participants worked with the summer recreation, they could choose jobs in various areas including fencing, lifeguards, umpires, working with the Sky Ute Downs, or Wildlife and going out to help with Lake Capote and Scott's Pond. Unlike today, there were not many office jobs available for those students participating.

"We didn't have technology back in the day, it was all hands-on mechanical work for us youth," Burch said. "We had to work to support our families and what we wanted, we had to save up money for that, for our own stuff."

As the program developed and grew, the Youth Job Conservation was renamed to Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) under the Southern Ute Community Actions Program (SUCAP) in the late 1990's, early 2000's. Dustin Weaver, who is the overall coordinator for the YEP program today, told of his experience from his time with the Job Training Partnership Act and what jobs he worked at. "I was fifteen, sixteen the time. I had a good experience. Not only did I get the office job experience, I got to learn the job of the Natural Resources in the area and around the reservation," Weaver explained. Latitia Taylor and Eloise Weaver were his supervisors while he worked at the Natural



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Andres Richards, Youth Employment Worker, works in the Southern Ute Legal Department. This is his first year and enjoys the program. Richards' job is helping with any work and sits in meetings. He was interested in the program as he was wanting to get more active and social on his communication skills.

Resources Department, and he also worked with Custom Farms where Leonora Burch was his supervisor.

Weaver has been the coordinator for the Youth Employment Program since 2019 and he oversees the entire program. Since 2019, Weaver has seen the youth have better organization and professionalism with the ones who have gone into clerical work. "The program since I've been here has helped the youth come out of their shells. Those who are shy and standoffish are now more talkative," Weaver stated. As the years go by, youth who turn 14 years old and are able to apply for the YEP program are encouraged to do so. "It's your page to make the leap and try it. Even if it is your first time your off put, it will help you in the end with future job applications."

Southern Ute Community Actions Program (SUCAP) had the program until 2013, that's when the Southern Ute Education Department took over and renamed the program the Youth Employment Program (YEP) as we know it today. Tribal member Lylene Scott was the Southern Ute and Youth Employment Coordinator during this time and oversaw the program. The YEP program had added more trainings to help the tribal youth learn about how jobs worked.

"My second job I applied for and got was as a docent working at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum in 2010," Southern Ute tribal member Fabian Martinez said. "It was the first year of the museum was reopened in its new facility. I focused on learning more

of the history of the Southern Ute Tribe and doing the tours for people who would come visit. It helped lay down the foundation of my professional career."

Every Friday, the youth employees were scheduled to do mandatory trainings that showed them how to write resumes and emails, conduct their own interviews, learn Ute history, visit and tour different spots around the Southern Ute Reservation such as the Growth Fund, Pagosa Junction, La Plata Animas project before it became Lake Nighthorse in Durango, Colo., before they were able to receive their weekly checks. "I learned how to dress, answer phones, write emails professionally. It all came from the mandatory Friday trainings we had to attend," Martinez explained.

Burch who has been supervisor of the program for many years explained what she would like to see in the future with the program. "I'd like to see more youth starting at the age of 14 years old, they'll have more of a career path, try to get them interested in other areas, something they can look forward to as the Tribe won't always be able to provide for you," Burch said.

Dustin Weaver said the Tribal Education Department plans on keeping the YEP program going every summer for the youth. Starting in the summer of 2024, the way they recruit, and hire will be restructured. If anyone has any questions in regard to the YEP program they are encouraged to call or email Dustin Weaver at dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov or 970-563-2786.

Ed. Dept. celebrates 2023 grads



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Isabella Peña, is a recent San Juan College Esthetician Program graduate. She receives an embroidered Pendleton along with a plaque for her program completion during the annual Graduation Banquet on Friday, June 23, shaking hands with members of the Ignacio School District, Tribal Council, Southern Ute Education Department, and JOM Committee.

Southern Ute tribal member and recent Ignacio High School graduate, Autumn Sage was the student guest speaker at the annual Graduation Banquet in celebration of all recent tribal graduates and Johnson O'Malley students. This banquet, hosted by the Southern Ute Education Department and JOM Committee, was held on Friday, June 23 at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort Event Center.



SUIMA REGISTRATION

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is accepting new student registration forms.

To qualify, students must be Southern Ute Tribal Members or first generation, direct descendants.

Go to www.suima.org

Click on the "For Parents" Tab

Fill out the registration/enrollment packet and submit! It's that easy!!

Questions? Call 970-563-0253

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

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

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

Protect ICWA Campaign responds to SCOTUS decision

Staff report
PROTECT ICWA CAMPAIGN

The U.S. Supreme Court recently issued their decision in *Haaland v. Brackeen*. The Protect ICWA Campaign released the following statement.

In a major win for Native families, Supreme Court Upholds the Constitutionality of ICWA. The decision is a massive victory for Native children, Native families, and the future of Native peoples. The Court’s decision affirmed that the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is constitutional, puts the best interests of Native kids first, and is grounded in tribal sovereignty. This ruling respects the work that Tribal Nations have done for millennia to ensure Native kids stay connected to their families, communities, and cultures whenever possible.

Not only will this ruling allow Indian Country to continue to advocate for the best interests of Na-

tive children, but it also reaffirms what we have said and known all along: Tribal Nations are sovereign nations. Similar to states or foreign countries, Tribal Nations have the inherent powers of self-government and have the right to provide for the social, economic, safety, and cultural needs of their citizens.

For too long, ICWA’s opponents have used cases like *Haaland v. Brackeen* to try to undermine tribal sovereignty. Today, the Justices have sent a clear message that these biased, ahistorical attacks have no legal foundation and will not be tolerated. We hope this decision will lay to rest the political attacks, but let this case show that Indian Country and its many bipartisan allies are united in defense of Native children and of tribal sovereignty.

The recent ruling is a ringing endorsement of the protections that ICWA requires. The ruling reinforces that ICWA is binding federal law. The court’s

opinion adds momentum to collective efforts to increase ICWA compliance, enact state-based ICWA laws that build on ICWA’s strong foundation, and continue to support tribal child welfare and justice systems.

Indian Country stands together in joy with the countless allies who have supported us throughout this case.

The Protect ICWA Campaign (the Campaign) was established by four national Native organizations: the National Indian Child Welfare Association, the National Congress of American Indians, the Association on American Indian Affairs, and the Native American Rights Fund. Together, the Campaign works to serve and support Native children, youth, and families through upholding the Indian Child Welfare Act. The Campaign works to inform policy, legal, and communications strategies with the mission to uphold and protect ICWA.

WATER RIGHTS

Supreme Court concludes the U.S. cannot be held responsible for water rights it holds in trust

Leaves Navajo Nation still battling for water

Staff report
NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND

On June 22, 2023, the United States Supreme Court refused to hold the United States accountable for water rights it holds in trust for the Navajo Nation. The Court’s decision in *Arizona v. Navajo Nation* held that the United States did not have an affirmative treaty or trust obligation to identify and account for Navajo Nation water rights in the Colorado River. While the Court agreed Tribal Nations indeed have water rights under the Winters doctrine, the Court nevertheless concluded there was no obligation to take steps to secure, or even identify, the water needed for the reservation. Winters rights, confirmed in the Winters case, are water rights tribal nations have to ensure their reservations are livable and productive.

“The U.S. government excluded Navajo tribal citizens from receiving a share of water when the original apportioning occurred and today’s Supreme Court decision for *Arizona v. Navajo Nation* condoned this lack of accountability,” said Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Executive Director John Echohawk. “Despite today’s ruling, Tribal Nations will continue to assert their water rights and NARF remains committed to that fight.”

Thirty-seven tribal governments, the National Con-

gress of American Indians (NCAI), the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority filed an amicus brief in support of the Navajo Nation in February 2023. The brief urged the Court to respect the Winters water rights doctrine and enforce the trust relationship under which the United States has an obligation to assure water for the Navajo Reservation.

“Water is necessary for all life, and when our ancestors negotiated agreements with the United States to secure our lands and our protection, water was understood and still is understood to be inseparable from the land and from our peoples. Today, the Supreme Court has once again assisted in the United States’ centuries-long attempts to try to get out of the promises they have made to Tribal Nations by stating that treaties only secure access to water, but do not require the United States to take any steps to protect or provide that water to our people. While this decision is a setback, through unity and vigilant advocacy, will continue to defend our sovereignty and preserve our cultures and ways of life,” said NCAI President Fawn Sharp.

The amicus brief was filed by Professor Whiteman Runs Him; Professor Monte Mills, Native American Law Center at the University of Washington School of Law; Professor Dylan R. Hedden-Nicely, Universi-

ty of Idaho College of Law; and John Echohawk, Steven C. Moore, David L. Gover, Ada Montague Stepleton, Joe Tenorio, Morgan E. Saunders, Wesley James Furlong, and Sydney Tarzwell at the Native American Rights Fund.

Read the Opinion: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/22pdf/21-1484_aplc.pdf

More About Arizona v. Navajo Nation: https://sct.narf.org/caseindexes/arizona_v_navajo.html

About the Native American Rights Fund (NARF)

NARF is a non-profit 501c(3) organization focused on applying existing laws and treaties to guarantee that federal and state governments live up to their legal obligations to Native Americans. Since 1970, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has provided specialized legal assistance to Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals nationwide to assert and defend the most important Native rights. In hundreds of major cases, NARF has achieved significant results in critical areas such as tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, natural resource protection, voting rights, and Indian education. Like us on Facebook and follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter (@NDNrights) to learn about the latest fights to promote justice and protect Native American rights.

Whiteskunk, tuuCai graduate



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

tuuCai Wellness Court celebrated Henry Whiteskunk as he graduated on Wednesday, June 21 in the Southern Ute Tribal Court. The mission of the tuuCai Court is to improve the quality of life for participants by providing multi-agency community-based services, specialized treatment that is designed to address and mutually benefit the needs of the participants.





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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—	July 12th, 2023
—June 14th, 2023—	July 19th, 2023
—June 21st, 2023—	July 26th, 2023

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


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



Southern Ute Indian Tribe

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children

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

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

WHERE: Online – Virtual sessions –

Download the “Microsoft Teams” App for access

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays in July 2023

July 6th, 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th, 25th, 27th Aug. 1st
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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



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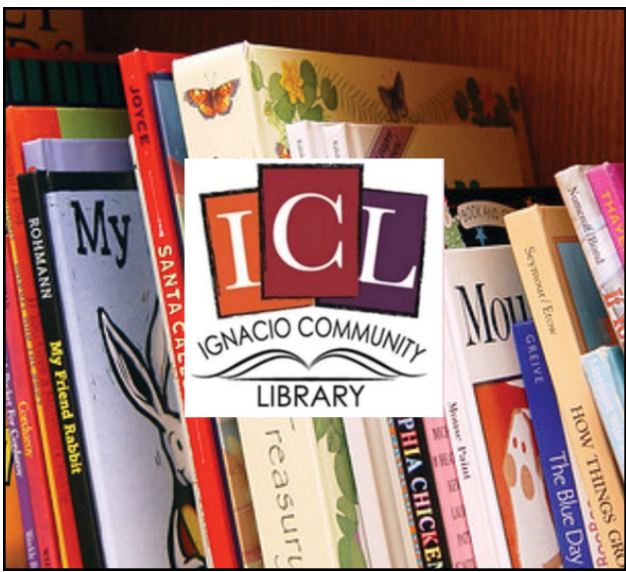
Makerspace news for July

By Ron Schermacher
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Repair Cafe Ignacio & Bayfield is a go! The first Repair Cafe is scheduled for Thursday, July 6 at 6 p.m. at the Ignacio Community Library.

Ignacio Community Library and the Pine River Library are joining teams to bring the Repair Cafe to the Pine River Valley. An initial repair team has been gathered and the Repair Cafe will be held on the first Thursday of every month, starting on Thursday, July 6.

Bring in your broken, torn or non-working items and put the Repair Cafe team to work accessing and attempting to put them back in service. Cracked or broken plastic tubs and pieces, bicycles needing adjustment, zippers, buttons, or torn clothing, and computer or electronic devices needing a fix, are just a sample of the work planned in the Repair Cafe. If you are interested in joining the Repair Team, call the library or just show up early for the first meeting.



courtesy Ignacio Community Library

Don't have an item needing fixing?

Folks interested in supporting the Repair Cafe effort are invited to lend a helping hand or simply observe and socialize with the group. There will be activities for youth and lessons on recycling as well as light refreshments.

The Repair Cafe team is looking for some items and equipment to help us with this effort, such as large plastic containers for sorting recycled materi-

als. Surplus tools including wire cutters and box cutters. We will also be accepting some donations of recyclable materials including aluminum cans and copper wiring.

Help support the Repair Cafe to keep your things working for you, reduce waste, and properly dispose of electronics and other valuable materials. Hope to see you on Thursday, July 6, at 6 p.m. in the ICL McClanahan Community Room.

Cooking with Barbone



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Mia Lopez coats catfish in breadcrumbs Tuesday, June 20, in the Multi-Purpose Facility's Kitchen. The class was taught by Chef Bill Barbone using catfish and bison donated by Southern Ute Food Distribution.



Maleina Carel/SU Drum

Professional Chef Bill Barbone assembles a bison gyro on Tuesday, June 20 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. The cooking class was open to the community and allowed participants to hone their cooking skills.

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JULY 18TH - PAGOSA HOT SPRINGS
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Employee Spotlight

Rob Gram
Instructor since 2016

What do you love most about teaching group fitness classes?
I enjoy connecting with and motivating our members. One of my favorite things about teaching Group Ex is seeing members engage and succeed with their fitness goals while having fun in class.

If you could snap your fingers and be an expert at anything what would that be?
Finances

What three words describe you best?
DRIVEN, EXCITED and LOYAL

Favorite TV Series to Binge watch: NETFLIX LOVE IS BLIND

Favorite Music Genre: Music Lover

Favorite Food: Steak and Broccoli

Hobbies: swimming, biking, hiking

Favorite Book/Audible: LESMILLS sprint RPM CORE

SunUte Member Lyn Jahnske has this to say about Rob:
Rob's positivity and motivation emits an energy that encourages others to push themselves to the limit. Rob's personality and energy is infectious and it reflects in his teaching and coaching. I do remember a quote he shared with a group in class once that I still keep in my head to this day...if it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you!

SunUte Member Melissa Barnes has this to say about Rob:
I absolutely love taking Rob's classes! He is a fantastic instructor. He pushes you to do your best, how to keep on target, how to challenge yourself. I always come out of his Sprint and RPM class feeling like an athlete, feeling good, and feeling accomplished! Thanks Rob!

Employee Spotlight

Deja Herrera
Instructor since 2019

What do you love most about teaching Group Fitness: What I enjoy most about teaching is my participants. Whether they are new or have been coming for awhile I enjoy the energy that they bring into the room. They always have a smile on their beautiful faces walking in, even though they might not have the same smile when class is over. They are always ready for whatever I am going to throw at them. I enjoy being able to help them with their fitness journey and push them to be their best.

If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be? Honestly, I am a very busy lady all day every day, always on the go. If I could choose to do ANYTHING... I would spend my day sleeping in my bed and eating whatever I wanted and when I wanted.

The best gift you have ever received? My children, all 5 of them.

Favorite TV Series to Binge watch: NETFLIX LOVE IS BLIND

Favorite Music Genre: Spicy Foods

Favorite Food: Spicy Foods

Hobbies: Reading, travel and family time

Favorite Book/Audible: LESMILLS BOOTCAMP LESMILLS BOOTCAMP

SunUte Member Shelly Riddle has this to say about Deja:
Deja is a great instructor! Her timing is spot on, and her teaching style is informative and clear with a heavy dose of fun and giggles mixed in! She inspires the entire class to work to their full potential and she is just a little nugget of energy, I mean have you seen her in Combat?

With Deja instructing, you always know you are going to get a great workout!

SunUte Member Michelle Robertson has this to say about Deja:
Deja is fantastic! She always shows up with a spark, ready to get the lunch hour moving. Really appreciate her preparation (and humor if things don't go as planned...). Her classes are definitely a highlight of my week and we are lucky to have her as an instructor.

THAT FARM LIFE • FROM PAGE 1

grasses ready to cut. As I understand this, when the grass seeds start to “seed out,” that is pretty much when that grass stalk is done growing. This can happen at various stages of growth depending on water, drought, heat, and other factors. My simple mind thinks that when it appears that the majority of the grass is showing that they are seeded out, that would be the time to cut. Not so fast grass-hopper, there are other grasses that are still growing in, and people will tend to wait to let as much of the growth mature as possible before rendering that first cut.

To me, this answers the question of why someone might wait an extra three weeks to cut when it appeared that the grass was ready back in the middle of June. More grasses yield more tonnage. More tonnage yields more bales.

The second thing to consider is temperature. This was a great year for mois-



Marvin Pinecoose/Special to the Drum

The smell of fresh cut hay is something that I’ve become quite fond of. Many people will be stocking up the barns with nice, fresh bales. Within the second week of July, all irrigation systems will be running again.

ture and the moisture not only provides water to our rivers, lakes, and ditches, it also softens the ground and keeps the temperatures lower in the seasons. This is great for cold weather grasses. In the air, the temperature has just recently been teetering into the mid and high 80’s. We need high temperatures to dry the grasses faster. Cut hay will need a spe-

cific number of hours on the ground to dry and a couple of rakings. How many and how long are part of those trade secrets that we discussed above.

Since June 19, we have yet to have rain. The window is wide open for cutting, drying, raking, baling, and stacking. It’s good to see people taking to the tractors and filling up their barns.

BGC Summer Club



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Eager Club members line up for their food; hot dogs and hamburgers were grilled up on location at SunUte Park by the BGC Board Members. The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe sponsored a Kickoff BBQ ushering in their Summer Club, Friday, June 16. BGC board members, Tribal Council and Southern Ute Royalty all joined in on the celebration at SunUte Park. Hot dogs and hamburgers were provided along with refreshments to Club members over the lunch hour.



Southern Ute Council member, Dr. Stacey Oberly serves up lunch to a Club member.

Tim Ryder, Jon Chavarillo, Tyson Thompson and Sam Burch provide a drum song prior to the welcome address.



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Fatherhood Rocks: Concert in the Park



Billy Crawley II and the Good Ole' Boys, a country band from Kayenta, Ariz., brought a little of that country flavor to the Father's Day Concert in the Park at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.



Southern Ute elder, Kean Richards, spoke about the memories of his father and lessons bestowed upon him as a youth. He was joined by his grandson Camron Heintz and great grandson James.



Division of Social Services Family Therapist, Angelina Whitehorse spoke of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) that was affirmed in the Senate earlier that day. Whitehorse spearheaded the Father's Day Concert, organizing her first-ever event.

The Southern Ute Tribe's Division of Social Services sponsored the first ever Father's Day Concert in the Park, Thursday, June 15 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility's Park. The Father's Day event celebrated fatherhood with music, food, and fun. The event hosted food vendors – Jemez Foods, Sweet Peas, and Rez Girls Catering, and face painting by Social Services staff. The concert brought in musicians of varying genres, including Irv Wauneka, Billy Crawley II and the Good Ole' Boys and Escape the Badlands. Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Melvin Baker read the official proclamation designating June 18 as Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day, which was approved and adopted by Tribal Council on June 14, 2016. Special thanks to Tyson Thomson of TnT Audio for providing sound and Sky Ute Fairgrounds for the staging.



Southern Ute tribal member and father, Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk sang a song that his father taught him, expressing that the song got him through some tough times in his life.

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Veterans Motorcycle Rendezvous



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

In conjunction with the Durango Rendezvous motorcycle event, Veterans Charity Ride members stand for a group photo with Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran, Rod Grove (center) following their tour of the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran, Rod Grove welcomes participants of the Durango Rendezvous Veterans Charity Ride to the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.

Durango Rendezvous guests were invited along with local community leaders from the VFW Post and the Southern Ute Veterans Association to officially welcome the Veterans Charity Ride members for a welcome ceremony at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Friday, June 16. This event was just one of many during the weeklong Durango Rendezvous held in Ignacio, with special events spread out across the region – tailored for motorcycle enthusiasts.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veteran's Association and Southern Ute Tribal Council welcomed the Veterans Charity Ride members as they return to Ignacio, Colo. for the Veterans Charity Ride Social and Banquet on Friday, June 16. Riders arrived at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort following their visit to Veteran's Park, ready to enjoy a meal and other events.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Miss Southern Ute Alternate Rhianna Carel shakes hands with members of the Veterans Charity Ride, welcoming the group to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Friday, June 16 during the welcoming ceremony.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran, Rod Grove shares the significance of the park's memorials with visiting veterans on Friday, June 16 at Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Members of the Veterans Charity Ride hold small American Flags as they are welcomed to the Sky Ute Casino Resort following their ride throughout Southwest Colo., on Friday, June 16. Riders also enjoyed a social and banquet following the welcoming by Tribal Council, Southern Ute Veterans Association, and the Southern Ute Royalty.



courtesy Alyssa Nez

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz with Mark Heaney, Sky Ute Casino's Director of Food & Beverage, and Brian Lundstrom, Director of Sales at the 2023 Durango Rendezvous motorcycle event at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Friday, June 16.



BIA program managers meet



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Branch of Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation held a conference this year in Durango, Colo. The Southern Ute Wildlife division coordinated with them to host an interactive field trip to show off some of their projects involving programs and funding on Thursday, June 15 in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum's big classroom.

Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzalez and Miss Southern Ute Alternate Rhianna Carel greeted and welcomed the various department members to the Southern Ute Reservation on Thursday, June 15.



Scrapin' the Rockies is back!



photos Malenia Carel/SU Drum

After a long hiatus, Scrapin' the Rockies are back, bringing back what Matt Stone started in 2011. Owner, Abi Lozano won Best Hydraulics for his 1984 Cadillac Coupe Deville. Dozens of custom show cars of all makes and models were on display at the Scrapin' the Rockies held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Saturday, June 24. Other competition categories included Hot Rod style, Custom Motorcycles, Lowriders, Mini Trucks and Luxury Cars. Live music was also showcased with bands: Signal 99, Red Lotus, Crimson Kiss, Big Dane, and DJ's Phish and Brunch Drizzle.



Not to be outdone, custom bikes were also on display, as this Raiders inspired bike shines in all its glory.

Southern Ute tribal member, Terrence Hight stands next to his 1986 Chevy Monte Carlo Super Sport, he had a total of three cars in the car show, including a 2013 Chevy Camaro ZL1 and a 1984 Buick Grand National.

Pooch protection



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Robert Jack takes his dog, Chunnley Martinez, to the Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic held by Animal Control Thursday, June 22, at Ute Park. Chunnley Martinez receives a vaccination shot by USDA Veterinarian Pallavi Organti with help from USDA staffer Deidra Wauneka.

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A haunting fundraiser



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Ed Howlett, with Building Maintenance, picked up his food from the Multi-Purpose Haunted House Fundraiser that was held on Friday, June 23. The MPF will be holding different fundraisers from now until Halloween for their annual Haunted House.

HR hosts Sip, Chat & Chew



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

HR Admin Assistant, Molly Bellino serves side dishes to attendees of the June Sip, Chat, and Chew. This event encourages members of the three Ute tribes and their families to gather for a meal amongst new and old friends. Southern Ute Human Resources staff also provided departmental information to all attendees on Friday, June 16 at the Multi-Purpose Facility.

Multi-Purpose Facility July Events

July

Sr. Breakfast—Wednesday July 5, 2023—10:00 —11:30 AM

Elder Craft Day—Monday July 10, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Quilting—Tuesday through Thursday July 11-13, 2023—9:30 AM—3:00 PM

Sip Chat & Chew—Friday July 14, 2023—11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Cooking Class—Wednesday July 18, 2023—10:30 AM—1:30 PM

Yard Sale—Saturday July 22, 2023—9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Beading / Traditional Sewing July 25 & 27, 2023 10:00 AM-3:30 PM

Evening Session 5:30 —7:30 PM

Special Events

Haunted House Food Sale—Friday July 28, 2023 —11:30 AM—2:00 PM

Cooking with Chef Bill Barbone—Date & Time to be determined

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

Southern Ute tribal elders and Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz read the latest edition of the Southern Ute Drum — hot off the press on Friday, June 16 at the June Sip, Chat, and Chew event.

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Multi-Purpose Facility July Senior Breakfast

Wednesday July 5, 2023
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Tuesday, July 4, 2023
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Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

Have a Safe and Happy Fourth!



LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Tri-State seeks FERC approval for rate increase

Proposes 6.2% pass-through increase to LPEA

Staff report

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

La Plata Electric Association Inc.'s (LPEA) wholesale electricity provider, Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association Inc., announced Friday, June 16, that it had submitted a new formula rate filing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The new rate, if approved by FERC, would increase the rates for LPEA by 6.2%.

Tri-State must obtain rate approvals from FERC rather than through its local Board of Directors. If approved by FERC, the new rates will take effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

In Tri-State's June 16,



announcement, Tri-State CEO Duane Highly explained, "For the first time since 2017, Tri-State is proposing a rate increase, driven by factors including inflation, increased fuel and energy costs, and supply chain pressures, and notably, the proposed wholesale rate increase remains below the rate of inflation over the past seven years."

Tri-State is expecting to

receive a response from FERC within 30 days on whether the proposed rate increase is accepted. Once FERC accepts the rate, Tri-State will raise its rates to its members.

"LPEA will continue to closely monitor the decision from FERC and the impact this rate increase from Tri-State will have on our members," said Jessica Matlock, LPEA CEO.

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Professional Development

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Permanent Fund Risk Specialist and Colorado Academy for Professional Emergency Managers (CAPEM) Graduate, Teresa Bagdol, successfully completed the second part of professional development series offered to select emergency managers in the state of Colorado, Thursday, May 18. Her first debut was at the Colorado Basic Emergency Manager Academy (CBEMA) in 2019. More recently, the Advanced Academy began in November 2022 and ran three consecutive days every other month at the State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) office in Centennial, Colo. culminating in a final capstone presentation and completion ceremony.

Selection for the 2022-23 CAPEM was highly competitive and only a few highly qualified candidates were selected for the 2022-23 cohort. Mrs. Bagdol attended the advanced academy with 22 other Emergency Managers from across the state. Themes throughout the months included: Foundational Leadership, Operational Support, Policy and Legal Issues, Recovery, and a



courtesy Theresa Bagdol

2019 CBEMA graduation with Colorado Office of Emergency Management Director, Mike Willis.

group capstone project. Once again Mrs. Bagdol is truly honored to have represented the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for both academies and plans to apply and share what she has learned through this experience as well as maintain important networking relationships made with other emergency managers as an invaluable resource.

SUIMA thanks Sky Ute Casino

In the May 19th edition of The Southern Ute Drum, there was a list of sponsors who helped with SUIMA (Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy) for Field Day, and one important sponsor was inadvertently missing.

Thank you from SUIMA to Sky Ute Casino Resort for sponsoring the shirts for the staff and students at the school. Each level had its own unique design going along with the school totem. Mountain lion/tuk were the orange shirts for admin. Green stood for

the infant/toddler level and were grasshoppers/atakach. Purple is for primary and has eagles/pawaa. Elementary is blue and has buffalo/kuch.

The shirts were meant to keep the students safe, while representing their school and Ute culture. The Sky Ute Casino paid for the shirts to be made for the students and staff, SUIMA is very appreciative!

Blessings,

Gabriela Garcia, PE Specialist,
Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

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Case No.: 2022-0121-CV-PR

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Dated this 23rd of June, 2023.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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Dated this 12th of June, 2023.
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Dated this 2th of June, 2023
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

THANK YOU!!!

FATHER'S ROCK CONCERT

June 15th, 2023

The Southern Ute Division of Social Services would like to once again send out a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who made our Father's Day Rock Concert in the Park a success! This event would not happen without each of you! We would also like to wish all those who take the role and responsibility of a father, a HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Thank You Sky Ute Casino Resort!

Sky Ute Casino graciously provided their pool for Water Fitness Classes and Swim Lessons while SunUte's pool boiler was down earlier this Spring.

SunUte wants to thank Sky Ute Casino Resort from the bottom of our hearts!

Drum Deadline

Next issue:
July 14

Deadline:
July 10

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jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov



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NOTICE OF DRAFT Ambient Air Monitoring Annual Network Plan And Request For Comment

Notice is hereby given the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program has prepared the 2024 draft Ambient Air Monitoring Annual Network Plan. Under 40 CFR 58.10 (relating to annual monitoring network plan and periodic network assessment), air quality monitoring agencies must adopt an annual air monitoring network plan and make the plan available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final submission to the EPA Regional Administrator. This public comment period is open for 30 days from this notice (June 30, 2023). The draft plan is available on the AQP's public comment website <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/public-comments/>. Any interested person may submit written comments on the plan to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov.

REQUEST FOR BID

Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority Shoshone Houses Wahser Box & Grey Line Replacement Project #2022-01

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is requesting bids for Shoshone Houses Washer Box & Grey Line project for housing units on the Southern Ute Reservation. The bid should include the cost of labor and materials in completing this project. A project specification packet can be obtained at the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority office at 760 Shoshone Ave, Ignacio CO. Monday – Friday. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may also request a Bid Packet by emailing rtorres@suiha.org. A mandatory site visit will be July 18, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m. You may reach Rebecca at (970) 442-6353. Bid deadline is July 24, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m. Bids must be sealed and labeled. Bid opening is July 24, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. All bids must adhere to the Southern Ute Indian TERO Ordinance and the Federal Indian Preference Statutes. 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Davis-Bacon Wage Rate for LA Plata County are in effect. Uniform Builders Code to be followed. Tribal Crossing Permits must be obtained. Bids not responsive and responsible will be rejected.

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.



CEDAR POINT HOUSING ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WCA CONSTRUCTION LLC
TRIBAL PLANNING
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6/15/2023

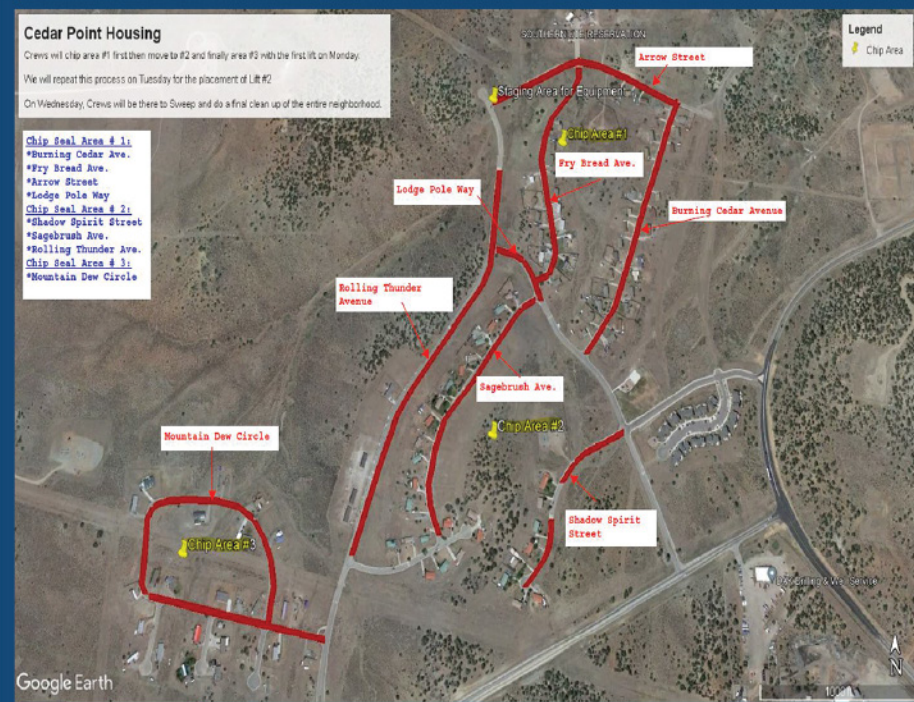
Good morning and good afternoon,

Tribal Planning with WCA Construction LLC and Cactus Asphalt would like to inform ALL residents that we will be kicking off our Road Improvement Project starting 6/19/23. Below are key dates and notes:

- Schedule:**
 - WCA Mobilization: 6/12/2023
 - WCA Prep Work: 6/19/2023
 - Cactus Asphalt Mobilization: 7/9/2023
 - Cactus Asphalt Begins Chip-Seal: 7/10/2023
- Duration of Chip-Seal:**
 - Day 1 for 1st coat.
 - Day 2 for 2nd coat.
 - Day 3 for 3rd coat.
- Work hours:**
 - 6:30am – 5:30pm.
- Notice:**
 - Please allow 10-15 minutes after coating to drive on driveway. When on driveway, please stay at slow speeds.
 - Please have all vehicles off driveways and sidewalks during the coating.
 - If your vehicle hasn't been removed. A tow will be enforced.
 - Please plan accordingly.

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<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-planning/> | (970)563-2270 or (970)563-2283 | meseagle@southernute-nsn.gov or rseibel@southernute-nsn.gov



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

CREDIT COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for up to three (3) years. This is a compensated Committee, and, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. The Credit Committee submits approved applicant recommendation to the Tribal Council for final appointment. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass criminal background and reference checks, per the Credit Committee By-laws. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Division Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to the Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity, and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by email at zvogenthaler@southernute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions, please speak with Zeb Vogenthaller, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

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

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 or 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 Indian 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

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. 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.

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.



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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.*

UTE ELDERS AND THEIR FRIENDS Workout Classes

Classes will take place on
Mondays and Wednesdays starting June 26th, 2023

Mondays and Wednesdays
10:00am – 10:45am
Capote Room SunUte Community Center

If you have any questions about the class, please contact
Fitness Trainer- Eliyah Lucero (970)563-2658



We are looking for 20 Native Entrepreneurs to join our first year cohort



ELIGIBILITY

- Enrolled members of the Jicarilla Apache, Ute Mountain Ute, Southern Ute, and Navajo Nation tribes.

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

- Access to incubator space, offices, computers, software, and conference rooms
- Membership to The Big Idea makerspace @ SJC
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- 1:1 advising and mentorship

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

Apply Here
<https://shorturl.at/fqwYH>



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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

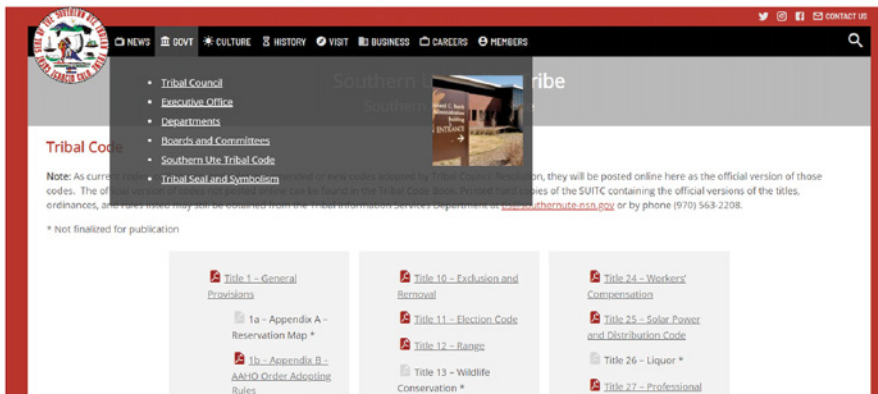
- Questions on your bill? Call us to help you better understand.
- Monthly Shutoffs are the first Wednesday of each month:
**July 5th / August 2nd
September 6th**

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 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.

INVITATION!!

Learn about the Baha'I Faith at:

- Bahai.org**
- Bahaiteachings.org**

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

Local contact: 970-382-1231



Building Skills for the Future

PCC Southwest's construction class will offer classroom and experiential learning.

Students will receive training leading to industry-recognized credentials from the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), OSHA 10, and Red Cross CPR and first aid.

Students will build small starter homes at our Mancos Campus utilizing the panelized construction method and participate in the assembly of the starter home on site in local communities to support local housing efforts.

NCCER CORE Credential

- Construction Safety
- Intro to hand tools
- Intro to power tools
- Intro to construction drawings
- Intro to basic rigging
- Basic communication skills
- Basic employment skills
- Material handling
- Construction math

NCCER General Carpentry Credential

- Building materials, fasteners and adhesives
- Construction plans and documents
- Principles of site and building layout
- Floor system
- Wall systems
- Roof framing
- Basic stair layout
- Building envelope systems

Class schedule:

- Classroom Sessions
Tuesday and Thursday 7:45-11:30 am and
Friday 8:20 am-1:30 pm

Classes begin August 21

PCC Southwest Mancos Campus | 33057 Hwy. 160

Visit pueblocc.edu to register for classes.
For more information, call 970.564.6201 or email Perry.Pepper@pueblocc.edu.





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

Administrative Assistant II – Construction Services

Closes 6/30/23 – Under general supervision of the Construction Services Division Head, provides accounting and secretarial support to Southern Ute Tribe Construction Services Division performing basic accounting and clerical duties. Pay grade N9; pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Behavioral Coordinator

Closes 7/7/23 – Addresses behavioral incidences/needs of Club Members. Develops, implements, and monitors Behavior Plans. Consults with family, and school as needed. Responsible for all aspects of Volunteer Program. Pay grade N9; the pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Police Sergeant

Closes 7/4/23 – Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/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.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Summer Program)

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Summer program runs from May 30 – Aug. 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.

Building Maintenance Technician

Open Until Filled – 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.

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. 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 teaching and activities, creating language and culture learning technological tools, editing the material, and copying and archiving the material. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$19.93/hour.

Detention Cook

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

Detention Officer

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

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian

Tribe. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute 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. 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. To communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/year.

Forestry Fuels Crew Member

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

Grants Financial Analyst

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

Grants Program Coordinator

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

Internal Auditor

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

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

Lifeguard (Full-time and 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.

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.

Human Resources Administrative Assistant – Growth Fund Human Resources

Closes 6/30/23 – Provides general office and administrative support to the Growth Fund Human Resources office, including benefits administration, and training and development, maintaining an orderly and efficient office environment. Meeting arrangements and assists with special events; interacts with Growth Fund employees, Southern Ute Indian Tribal employees, applicants, Tribal members and the public in an efficient, courteous and helpful manner.

Sr. Environmental, Health & Safety Specialist – Environmental – Red Willow Production Co

Closes 6/30/23 – Promoting EHS awareness, compliance and stewardship throughout the company to all employees and functions as the lead for multiple programs which minimizes or eliminates worker safety, environmental, and regulatory risks. The development, execution, and training of EHS programs and initiatives with an emphasis on environmental aspects and will be an environmental program lead.

Drilling and Completions Engineer II – Red Willow Production Co

Closes 7/3/23 – Drilling, completions, and applicable petroleum engineering support primarily focused on horizontal unconventional resource development in the San Juan Basin. 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.

Treasury Analyst – Growth Fund Administration

Closes 7/14/23 – 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.

Landman I – Department of Energy

Closes 7/14/23 – Developing, obtaining, and maintaining orderly and accurate land records, including tribal surface leases and rights-of-way, and coordinates energy projects within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Works with operators on tribal lands to coordinate and participate in on-sites for oil and gas projects.

Portfolio Manager - Investments – GF Private Equity Group

Closes 7/17/23 – Providing support in analyzing, selecting, closing and managing Private Equity investments.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers 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: 970-563-5024.

Cloud Developer II – So. Ute Shared Services

Closes 7/7/23 – Performing cloud application development project work including security, support, content management, maintenance, development. and training for the Southern Ute Indian Tribal entities. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance to meet information needs.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221 Visit our employment website for more info: www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310

- Secondary Math Teacher
- Secondary Permanent Substitute
- Secondary SpEd Paraprofessional

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

Maintenance Technician – SunUte Community Center

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.

Swimming Instructor

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, breakdown of equipment, and all documentation associated

with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

TEAM Worker (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 (Temp/Part-time) (Native Americans only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute 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 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.

*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.

*Assistant Rooms Division Manager (Full-time)

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

*AV Tech 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. Will be responsible for maintaining a professional appearance to clients and always wearing the appropriate uniform.

*Bell Person (Full-time)

Will be mainly responsible for assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Assistance may include but not limited to luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport, and assisting with phones as needed.

*Bingo Coordinator (Full-time)

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

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.

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

*Career Development Coordinator (Full-time)

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

*Catering Sales Associate (Full-time)

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. 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. Will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

*Facilities Staff (Full-Time)

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

*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*Facilities Tech (Full-time)

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

*Fine Dining Server (Full-time)

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

*Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

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

*Front Desk Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*Housekeeping Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*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.

*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.

*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.

*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; tech-



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@nativelens.org. <https://tribalradio.org/native-lens-seeks-assistant-editor/>

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
- Teacher Assistant - \$13.65-\$15.02/hr., Closes 7/28/23
- Substitute Teacher - \$13.65/hr., Open Until Filled

Peaceful Spirit:

- Addiction Counselor - \$54,000-\$60,000 DOE – Open Until Filled
- MST Therapist (La Plata County) \$55,000-\$66,000 – Open Until Filled

Road Runner Transit:

- Clerical/Dispatch - \$18.17-\$19.99/hr., Open Until Filled
- Bus Driver/ICB Operator - \$23.00/hr., Open Until Filled
- Operations Manager - \$50,315.20 DOE – Open Until Filled
- Dial-A-Ride Driver - \$19.25/hr., Open Until Filled

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements cont.

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

*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.

*Rolling Thunder Grill Busser (Full-time)

Perform multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Clearing off and sanitizing tables for next group 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 and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. Servers are expected to have a courteous and respectful demeanor toward guests, employees, supervisors, and managers.

*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.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

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

*Security Supervisor (Full-time)

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 A la Carte menu in the Shining Mountain Café and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Requires one to be an excellent team player and trustworthy.

*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.

*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.



FLY FISHING

High, fast, and deep

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

A number of years ago I wrote a column about similar water conditions this late in the summer. So, if you have a memory that recalls everything you’ve read and think you’ve read something like this before, just enjoy a new approach. I, who can’t remember what I had for breakfast, think this is still a timely column.

With many of the streams and rivers flowing at record levels, thanks to a great snow year and spring rains, fly fishing can be challenging, if not downright dangerous. That is, unless you have something that floats and will keep you upright. I and my Friday fly fishing partner, Kim, have float tubes. And, we’ve been using them. We have fished Lake Capote, Joe Moore Reservoir, Haviland Lake, and I fished Pastorius by myself.

A friend told me there were bass in Pastorius, in addition to trout and panfish. So I ventured out to see for myself. Sure enough I caught a bass, a trout, and a pan-fish, all on dry flies. The bass was caught on a popper and the other two on a dragon fly. That’s the upside to Pastorius. The downside is the lake is once again slowly being taken over with moss and other aquatic vegetation. This has been an on-going problem at Pastorius. I know it has been addressed in the past but still continues. It’s a great lake and hopefully something will come along to control the green stuff.



Haviland, as always, was drop dead beautiful. There were osprey and bald eagles flying overhead as you watched trout rising. It is a lake that is easily fished from the shore, so there are lots of bait fisherman casting all sorts of lures and bait. For fly fishing Kim and I had our most success using Woolly Buggers, black seemed to be the most successful color. We also noticed that if the bugger had a long tail the trout would nibble the end of the tail and not take the whole fly. If you’re going to fly fish Woolly Buggers, I suggest you clip the tail back. Or, use an articulated fly.

Joe Moore Reservoir was a brownish color from all the runoff. However, that was the only thing that was off. Kim actually caught a trout on a popper within the first five minutes. However, that stopped after the first fish. We both went to the old reliable Woolly Bugger. I was using a green one and I am not sure what my partner was using. We fished along the dam and lost count of the number of fish we caught. It was steady catching all day. I am look-

ing forward to fishing it again when it clears up.

I have saved my favorite for last, Lake Capote. There are lots and lots of smallmouth bass and rainbow trout in the lake. They come in all sizes. And their favorite food is something on the surface. On this outing Kim and I both used poppers and were rewarded with a large number of bass, in all sizes. We fished from the boat launch then across the lake. We kept talking about kicking down to the dam, but remembered, “don’t leave fish to go find other fish.”

Similar to Haviland there are eagles and osprey watching you. There are even nests high up on poles designed for them. There are picnic areas and concrete walkways around the lake. During the week, what you don’t see are lots of people. The other fisherman are mainly on the shore so there is little to no activity nearby. I do have to laugh remembering hearing a youngster, with his picnic and fishing family, proudly proclaim he was no longer afraid of worms. I wanted to ask him to cast his worm towards me in hopes a bass would follow it to my popper.

I haven’t been on my short soap box in a long time, but I’ll now get on it. It truly amazed me how many people, adults and children, using paddle boards, kayaks, canoes, and float tubes, were not wearing life jackets. If you’re on the water that should be the first item you put on. Don’t be stupid, live to enjoy another day on a lake.

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upon the mat covering Harry H. Simmons Court.

“If my belly button’s facing the sky, I am in trouble!” McCabe explained, grinning while recalling how Hackett had her in danger of being pinned after latching on with a leg-hooking shot. “So I just knew I had to get my hips up and not go to my back ... make sure I was in a better position than her – that’s what was going through my head.”

Composed enough to wriggle free and regain control on top, McCabe – owning an improved 12-2 lead in the 130-pounders’ showdown – soon clutched and stretched out Hackett’s left arm, and using that leverage, then pressed the Lady Bobcat’s shoulder down, finalizing the fall with just 30 seconds remaining.

“The atmosphere here was great; everyone was super kind, welcoming,” said McCabe, set to build upon father/NHS head coach Rob’s legacy at Adams State

University (NCAA Div. II) in Alamosa. “I didn’t know Hackett very well, but we became close and it was fun to wrestle her – it was like wrestling a friend.”

“State didn’t go exactly how I wanted it, so this was a great last match of my high-school career before college.”

McCabe’s six-point stick gave Team Blue, guided by 3A Eaton’s Tony Mustari and 5A Centennial Eaglecrest’s Javier Quintana, a 10-6 overall lead three bouts into the dual. Hackett and Red, however, emerged as 47-38 victors after 15 subsequent pairings (a 19th match, Hackett versus 5A Boulder Fairview’s Sydney Wu – who’d repped the Boulder Valley School District in ’22-23 through 4A Broomfield, and who’d already beaten 4A Denver South’s Kiana Suro by 15-5 major decision – was scratched).

“It almost felt nostalgic, you know, just being here ... on the mat for probably the last time,” said Hackett,

coached at the Games by 3A Bennett’s John Faczak and 5A Fruita Monument’s Lucas Archuleta. “Even though I lost, I still had a lot of fun.”

“It’s fun just being around other people who are working as hard as you,” she continued. “If any of my (Ignacio) coaches were here right now, I think they’d say ‘Great season, Faye! Hope you take this hard work and use it for the rest of your life!’”

“Other than Faye they were all pretty new to the sport,” IHS Girls’ Wrestling head coach Aimee Larsen had said of her team late in the Lady Bobcats’ regular season. “And Faye, personality-wise, is just so mellow; she’s really not a showboat-y kind of kid. But even when she meets up with a kid who’s not quite at her level, she’ll be intentional about practicing moves she’s been working and stuff like that. It’s really cool; I’m really so proud of her – and all our girls.”



The Southern Ute Drum’s
Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Irritating internet ad
- 6 International trade body
- 10 “Gentlemen Prefer Blondes” author --- Loos
- 11 Retired Stockbridge-Munsee wrestler --- Strongbow
- 13 Place for some exiled prisoners
- 15 Affliction named from the Greek for “breathe hard”
- 16 Muslim ruler
- 17 It’s standard
- 19 Noted Boston skyscraper
- 20 Short-winged diving seabird
- 23 Hoppy beer
- 24 Gesture of appeasement
- 25 Used to prove ID
- 26 Nobleman
- 28 Bear root, medicinal herb
- 30 Mafia code of silence
- 34 Campanulas
- 36 Chopin composition
- 37 Pie chart lines
- 38 Former “born from jets” automaker
- 39 Fragrance

Down

- 1 “--- Don’t Preach” (#1 Madonna hit)
- 2 Washingtons
- 3 Liquid measure
- 4 Many a Mormon
- 5 Soapy substance
- 6 Eye originally made by the Huichol people
- 7 Software conditions
- 8 Walks heavily
- 9 “Grudge Match” star
- 12 Topping for a stack
- 14 Car-sharing commuters
- 18 Turkish sea (variant)
- 20 Native American brick-making material
- 21 Displaces
- 22 Coffee-flavored liqueur
- 27 Inventor of the Thermos flask
- 29 Alan --- of “Crimes and Misdemeanors”
- 31 Make over
- 32 Barbershop quickie
- 33 60% of us live here
- 35 Abe’s birthday month

Answers for this crossword will appear in July 14 issue of the Drum.

Answers for June 16, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Cove, 5 Chaco, 10 Aden, 11 Smalls, 13 Rare, 14 Morale, 15 A word, 17 Prig, 18 Tangier, 21 KEO, 22 Aye-ayes, 24 DDT, 26 Starved, 29 Ours, 31 Naive, 32 Snap-on, 35 Slop, 36 Encino, 37 Elko, 38 Otter, 39 Deet.

Down: 1 Carat, 2 Odawa, 3 Verona Tract, 4 Energy, 5 CSM, 6 HMO, 7 AARP, 8 Clarksville, 9 Ollie, 12 Segó, 16 Dies, 19 Eat, 20 Ryan, 23 Erased, 24 Dose, 25 Dunno, 27 Evoke, 28 Depot, 30 Spit, 33 One, 34 Nor.



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LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, June 30



Sunny 84°F
Gusting afternoon winds

Saturday, July 1



Sunny 87°F
Afternoon winds

Sunday, July 2



Sunny 89°F

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