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**Winner of 5 Native American Journalists Association Awards in 2023, including General Excellence**



**Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum**

Chairman Melvin J. Baker presents the State of the Tribe report to tribal members in attendance of the General Meeting on Thursday, July 13 following the welcoming from Southern Ute Tribal Council. The program was held in person at the Sky Ute Casino Resort and virtually via WebEx. The General Meeting serves to inform the tribal membership of the performances from the previous year and provides an outlook for what is to come.

### TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

## Tribe gives update to membership

*General Meeting highlights*

**By Divine Windy Boy**  
**THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM**

Southern Ute Tribal Council Affairs hosted the General Meeting, Thursday, July 13, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort – kicking the meeting off with a welcome address provided by Chairman Melvin J. Baker and Tribal Council. The General Meeting serves to provide tribal membership with updates from various divisions and departments within the tribal organization. The event proved successful with a

large attendance, both in person and via WebEx.

Baker welcomed attendees ahead of the invocation, delivered by Southern Ute elder Byron Frost, followed by introductions from Tribal Council members: Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud, Treasurer Marvin Pinnecoose, and Council members Marge Barry, Linda K. Baker, Dr. Stacey Oberly, and Vanessa Torres. Chairman Baker provided the State of the Tribe and Pinnecoose presented the Treasurer's Report. All

remaining Council members gave their individual updates to the tribal membership as well.

Key updates from this year's General Meeting included presentations by the Sky Ute Casino Resort, the Cultural Preservation Department, Tribal Housing, Construction and Project Management, Water Resources alongside Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud. Attendees first heard from Cultural Preservation Di-

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### VETERANS AFFAIRS

## Regional veterans gather to learn about PACT Act eligibility

*Veterans encouraged to apply for new health care benefits*

**By Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
**THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM**

The City of Durango hosted a PACT Act Town Hall meeting at the LaPlata County Fairgrounds, Friday, July 28. The in-person informational meeting was presented by the New Mexico VA Health Care System and the Denver and Cheyenne Veterans Affairs regional offices.

Veterans Affairs (VA) encourages all eligible veterans and survivors to file a claim – or submit their intent to file a claim – for PACT Act-related benefits now. Most Veterans who did so by Aug. 9 will see their benefits, if granted, backdated to Aug. 10, 2022, the day that President Biden signed the bill into law. Veterans can still file a claim at any time, but after Aug. 9, benefits won't be backdated to last year.

The PACT Act is the biggest expansion of Veteran health care and benefits in generations. The new program expands VA benefits



**Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum**

Southern Ute Vietnam veteran, Rod Grove discusses benefit opportunities with Larry Campos, Congressional Liaison for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs based out of New Mexico.

and health care to Vietnam, Gulf, Iraq/Afghanistan War veterans suffering from exposure to Agent Orange, burn pits, and other toxic substances while in service.

Still, the PACT Act is being met with skepticism by

many veterans, given the history of the VA. Especially within the Native communities where many actively served overseas in the United States armed forces, yet

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### IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## ICL celebrates opening of 'We are Water' traveling exhibition

*Free exhibition, educational programs, and events*



**Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum**

Ignacio Middle School seventh grade student, Kandin Johnson (center) interacts with one of the ICL exhibits, titled "Make it Rain" alongside his peers, Wednesday, Aug. 2. The interactive exhibit encourages participants to build mountains and valleys out of "rubber" sand, then make it rain to see where the water flows.

**By Brigitta Rongstad**  
**WE ARE WATER**  
**PROGRAM MANAGER**

The Ignacio Community Library is hosting the traveling exhibition "We are Water: Connecting Communities," which showcases themes about water in the southwestern United States. While hosting the exhibition, the library will offer special programs and events for community members of all ages. Through the We are Water exhibition, community members are invited to explore their shared watershed and local ecosystems, connect with neighbors through their common and unique experiences with water, share their memories and stories, and come together to imagine a future for water in their communities. "The ICL Staff is excited



**Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum**

Kristie Ribera tours the Ignacio Community Library's opening of the "We are Water" exhibit with daughters, Losita Alires and Leticia Alires and their grandfather Chris Ribera of Ignacio, Wednesday, Aug. 2.

to host the We are Water exhibit offering our community a museum quality experience in our small town," Ignacio Community Library Director, Marcia Vining said. "We are anticipating seeing our patrons interact with the exhibit and with each other with respect to water in the southwest. We had a fun and

interesting opening day and can't wait to see our patrons enjoying the exhibit."

Ignacio Community Library will host the We are Water exhibit from August 1, 2023 through the end of October 2023. During this time, visitors will be able to

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## San Ignacio Fiesta celebrated!



**Krista Richards/SU Drum**

The Velasquez family float won Memoriam First-Place in the Ignacio San Ignacio Parade on Saturday, July 29. Floats of all kinds were "on parade" Saturday, July 29 in Ignacio – included Commercial and Non-Commercial, Civic and Community Service, Political, Royalty, Auto, Family Memorium, Horse and Children's floats.



**Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum**

Sierra Red attempts to fill Harmony Reynolds' bucket in the water relay, as Makayla Red awaits her turn. Events returned to the Shoshone Park after the annual San Ignacio Fiesta Parade, Saturday, July 29. The events dubbed "Sunshine, Music and Fun in the Park" was organized by Mandy Velasquez-Royal.

**See more San Ignacio Fiesta photo coverage on page 11.**





TRIBE GIVES UPDATE TO MEMBERS • FROM PAGE 1

rector, Crystal Rizzo, who presented the 101st Southern Ute Tribal Fair update.

This year's theme is "Bread of Unity" designed by Southern Ute tribal member, Yllana Howe. Howe's logo depicts a single piece of frybread held by two multicolored hands—colors inspired by the Medicine Wheel—filled with designs of Native art. In the 101st Southern Ute Tribal Fair Premium Book, Howe's artist statement reads, "besides the controversy with frybread, I always looked on the brighter side, the frybread we all consume and brings us native people together, no matter the location." As the Tribal Fair approaches, the community can look forward to events such as the fishing derby, softball and basketball tournaments, archery, Native Rez-olution Youth Concert among many other events. Also announced for this year is the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo set to occur the following weekend. Premium books containing all fair information will be distributed throughout the beginning of this month.

Following the presentation by Rizzo, Sky Ute Casino Resort General Manager, Andrea Taylor presented the Casino's update to the tribal membership. The Casino has successfully completed its first full fiscal year since re-opening from the COVID-19 pandemic, throughout the winter, hours were strategically managed for the slower season. In the spring the



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Tribal Planning Admin. Assistant, Roman Seibel points out current ongoing projects on the map of the Southern Ute Reservation, sharing an update with Southern Ute tribal member Philman Lopez during the General Meeting on Thursday, July 13. Various tribal departments and divisions filled the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center with informational booths, sharing updates with inquiring tribal members who attended the General Meeting.


Casino gaming floor opened to 100% capacity leading to a good peak summer season. The membership can expect changes to the gaming floor layout and new winter, summer, and fall hours. Taylor also announced the closing of the Sky Ute Sportsbook due to challenging economic conditions and an increasingly cost prohibitive marketplace with large national competitors.

Following the lunch break, the membership then heard from Construction & Project Management (C&PM) Manager, Yumi Johnson and Tribal Housing Director, Gavin Martinez. Opening with an introduction to the membership, the pair shared insights and goals from the Construction and Project Management division. C&PM helps to facilitate the management of a project's process for their clients and users of the spac-

es within tribal buildings. C&PM also partners with Facilities and Maintenance as well as other departments as needed. C&PM currently has eight projects in the works as well as several housing projects in the pre-development phase. The division will continue to provide technical assistance to tribal members for housing projects and other individual needs.

The General Meeting concluded with a tribal water update provided by Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud and the Tribe's Water Resources division, as well as the question-and-answer portion of the meeting led by the Tribal Council Affairs staff. Southern Ute tribal members who were not in attendance and would like more information regarding the General Meeting can contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2319.





**SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND  
GENERAL MEETING**

September 14, 2023  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

Agenda & WebEx  
Registration is Forthcoming.

This is a closed meeting for the Southern Ute tribal membership only.

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Lawn Maintenance Program moves to Elder Services Office in October 2023


After 8 years of assisting the Southern Ute tribal elders and handicap with lawn maintenance services, the TERO Dept is handing the program over to the Elder Services office. On Oct. 1, 2023, the new home for the Lawn Maintenance Program will be under the Elder Services Office, with Supervisor, Hanley Frost, and staff. The Lawn Services program started with the Tribal Housing Dept then went to TERO dept. and for eight years assisted the tribal elders and handicap with cutting grass, weeds, and assisting with heavy moving of furniture, etc. The TERO Lawn Maintenance staff would like to thank the Tribal elders and Handicap for their time and generosity. It was a pleasure to assist our Tribal Elders and Handicap in maintaining their lawns. For more information, or to set up an appointment beginning Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, please contact the Tribal Elders Office at 970-563-2309, or 970-563-2323.



**2022 Southern Ute  
Annual Report  
is now available**

The 2022 Annual Report of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is available to Southern Ute tribal members and Southern Ute Tribal Departments.

The tribal membership can request to have a physical copy mailed to them through Tribal Information Services (TIS), by calling 970-563-2208 or pick up a copy in person at the TIS office during regular business hours.



Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. thanks Records Manager Larry Tucker for his 20 years of service to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Tucker's last day on the job was Friday, July 26. He said he plans to travel and remain active in the Ignacio community

This photo was first published in the August 9, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

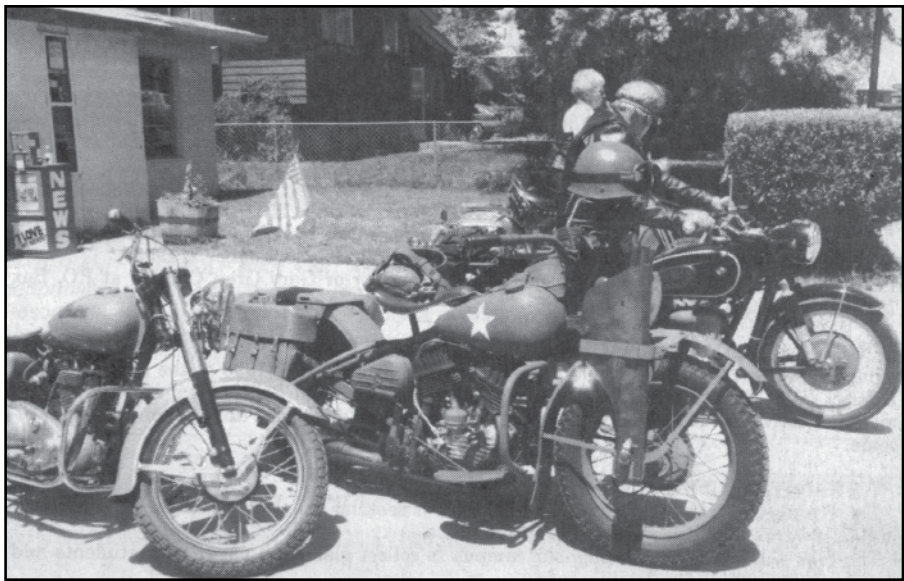


courtesy Rod Grove, SU Tribe VSO/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Ute Veterans Association members Ronnie C. Baker and Roderick L. Grove attended the July 26 unveiling of a Memorial to Costilla Country, Colorado sons who sacrificed their lives in military service during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Baker and Grove, both Vietnam era veterans, are shown standing next to the memorial, which is located next to the American Legion Hall in San Luis, Colo.

This photo was published in the August 8, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

These classic beauties are just a sample of what will be on display during the Four Corners Iron Horse Motorcycle Rally during Labor Day Weekend (Sept 3-6, 1993) to be held at Sky Ute Downs in Ignacio.

This photo was published in the August 6, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Farewell Luncheon: The Health Services staff gave a surprise luncheon for Shirley Esparza on Aug. 4. Esparza has moved to Texas with her family. A plaque and a cradle pin were presented to Esparza as a going-away gift.

This photo was published in the August 12, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.





## Macha' – Ute language!



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Ute language classes have returned for employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Classes, held every Friday at noon, are sponsored by the Southern Ute Education Department, and taught by tribal elder, Lynda D'Wolf. The language classes focus on expanding vocabulary and memorization of basic phrases in Ute. Participants are welcome to join at any time, the hour-long classes are held in the Chief Ignacio Conference Room in the Leonard C. Buch Building through the month of August.

## BOARDING SCHOOL INITIATIVE

# Funding opportunity for projects related to Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative

Staff report  
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is pleased to announce a special funding opportunity for federally recognized Native American tribal governments and for nonprofits and state and local government organizations that work with tribal communities for projects that expand the reach and impact of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative (FIBSI).

As part of the National Endowment for the Humanities' ongoing inter-agency partnership with the Department of the Interior (DOI) to fund the collection of oral histories and digitization of records documenting the experiences of survivors and descendants of federal Indian boarding schools for the FIBSI and related "The Road to Healing" tour, NEH is offering special Chair's Grants of up to \$30,000 for research, community engagement, tribal history collection, public programs, and educational projects that work toward the FIBSI's goals of eluci-



dating the impact of federal Indian boarding school policies on tribal communities.

"The policies of the federal Indian boarding school system have left deep and lasting scars in every Native community," said NEH Chair Shelly C. Lowe (Navajo). "Through this special grant opportunity NEH hopes to enlist the help of Tribal nations and organizations in researching and recovering the history of these schools and the students who passed through them and in creating opportunities for Native communities to heal from their far-reaching consequences."

These discretionary NEH Chair's Grants will fund activities such as culture and language revitalization programming, community conversations on the impact of federal Indian boarding schools, research related to unmarked graves and burial sites associated with federal Indian boarding schools, repatria-

tion efforts, oral history projects, and the creation of educational materials, websites, books, and exhibitions on tribal history and the federal Indian boarding school system.

NEH particularly encourages project proposals that engage federal Indian boarding school survivors and/or tribal youth. Proposed projects should serve a community that has been impacted by federal Indian boarding schools or occur in a state or region that has hosted a DOI "The Road to Healing" event.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through December 1, 2023. Consult the NEH website for additional information on the funding opportunity and how to apply. Potential applicants are encouraged to submit a letter of intent to apply to NEH's Strategic Advisor for Native and Indigenous Affairs, Jason Packineau (packineau@neh.gov), by Nov. 1, 2023.

## Ute Language Class

### Southern Ute Community Ute Language Class

Where: Multi-Purpose building  
(Until August 16<sup>th</sup>)

Then classes will be held at the Education Center

When: Every Thursday, starting August 10<sup>th</sup> at noon

Instructor: Lynda D' Wolf

Sponsored by the Southern Ute Education Department

Contact La Titia Taylor at Ext. 2781 for questions

## Ute Language Class

Friday Noon Ute Language Classes Are Back!

WHO: Employees of the Southern Ute Tribe  
(PF, GF, Casino)

WHERE: Chief Ignacio Conference Room, Leonard C. Burch Building

WHEN: Every Friday, starting July 21, 2023; 12 noon to 1:00pm

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Lynda Grove D'Wolf

Sponsored by So. Ute Education Department, contact La Titia Taylor at ext. 2781 for questions.

Refreshment will be served

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## Multi-Purpose Facility August Events

### August

Yard Sale—Saturday August 12, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Elder Craft Day—Monday August 14, 2023—9:30 AM—3:00 PM

Sip Chat & Chew—Friday August 18, 2023—11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Quilting—Tuesday-Thursday August 22-24, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Healthy Cooking—Monday August 28, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Beading UnFinished Objects (UFOs) August 29 & 31, 2023 10:00 AM-3:30 PM

Evening Session 5:30 —7:30 PM

### Special Events

Pow Wow Fundraiser —Wednesday August 16, 2023—11:00 AM—2:00 PM

Cooking with Chef Bill Barbone— Tuesday August 22, 2023 10:30 AM—1:30 PM

Haunted House Food Sale—Wednesday August 30, 2023 —11:00 AM—2:00 PM

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

## 2023 WHITE MESA BEAR DANCE POWWOW CELEBRATION

LABOR DAY WEEKEND – Willow Street, White Mesa, UT

Bear Dance Sep.1-4 | Contest Powwow Sep.2-3  
Worship Dance Aug.31-Sep.1 7pm start

### CONTEST POWWOW

Host Drum: Red Spirit (N. Ute) Ft. Duchesne, UT  
MC: Reffel Kanip (N. Ute) Ft. Duchesne, UT  
AD: Ambrose Redhouse (Diné) Kayenta, AZ  
Head Man: Angel Whitebull (Hunkpapa Sioux) Cortez, CO  
Head Lady: Ute Pageantry

### GRAND ENTRIES

SATURDAY 1 PM & 7 PM

SUNDAY 1 PM

Drum Contest

\$1500 / \$600 / \$400

Golden Age (55+)

Men Combined / Women Combined

\$300 / \$200 / \$100

Adult Men & Women (18-54)

Traditional - Grass/Jingle - Fancy

\$300 / \$200 / \$100

Teen Boys & Girls (13-17)

Traditional - Grass/Jingle - Fancy

\$125 / \$100 / \$75

Junior Boys & Girls (7-12)

Traditional - Grass/Jingle - Fancy

\$60 / \$40 / \$30 sponsored by the Snyder family

Tiny Tots (1mo.-6yrs.)

sponsored by Jack Cantsee Jr. & family

### SUNDAY SPECIALS

Mary Jane Cantsee Memorial

1st place \$1,000 + 2 consolationS sponsored by family

Woman's traditional 50+

\$300 (WTA) sponsored by Jolene Cantsee

Woman's Jingle 18+

\$300 / \$200 / \$100 sponsored by Marrietta & Chuck Banados

Men's Grass 18+

\$300 (WTA) sponsored by Angel Whitebull

Switch Dance (Men WTA / Woman WTA)

\$500 EACH sponsored by Javis Cantsee

L. Wall Men's Traditional \$500 (WTA)

Woman's Old-Style Fancy 18+

\$300 (WTA) sponsored by Jacqueline Cantsee & Don Rodriguez

Tiny Tots

\$100 / \$40 / \$20 sponsored by Deandra Eaglefeather

### MORE SPECIALS WELCOME!!

\*\*poster update in July\*\*

FUNDRAISING ONGOING - contact to sponsor

HANDGAME TOURNAMENT

24 HR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Powwow Coordinator – J. Cantsee 970.676.1442 Bear Dance Info – 435.678.3397



Theme & Logo created by Ylana-Chanelle Howe

September 8 - 10, 2023  
Southern Ute Indian Reservation



101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow Theme:  
"Bread of Unity"



The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department is excited to team up with Mr. Robert Ortiz of The Southern Ute Drum to present the 101st Southern Ute Tribal Fair Premium Book. Once received from the printer, the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept. will distribute the Premium Book to Tribal Elders and Head of Households, as well as limited copies available throughout the Tribal campus.

Please enjoy the electronic version online at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/culture/fair-and-powwow/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/culture/fair-and-powwow/) as you prepare your exhibit entries and plan which activities to enjoy!

For further questions related to the Premium Book and/or Fair events, please feel free to contact Ms. Crystal Rizzo, at 970-563-2306.





HEALTHY RECIPES

Shish Kabobs, a summer dish

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

A perfect dish to serve in the summer when it's too hot to turn on the oven. Typically made with some kind of marinated protein and a variety of vegetables. This can be made with beef, chicken, shrimp, or tofu. Your family can have fun putting what they want on their skewer (watch the pointy end!).

Served with brown rice or quinoa, this is a balanced meal. The trick is to marinate the protein overnight for a most flavorful taste.



courtesy Lisa Smith/SMHW

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

Shish Kabobs

Ingredients

Marinade:

- 3 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh garlic
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Kabobs:

- 1# chicken breast, cut into 1" chunks
- 1 bell pepper, cut into 1" pieces
- 1 red onion, cut into 1" pieces
- 1 zucchini, cut into ½" thick coins
- Mushrooms, whole if small or cut in half if large

Directions:

1. If using wooden skewers, place in water for 30 minutes prior to grilling to prevent burning.
2. In a medium bowl, place all marinade ingredients together. Whisk to combine.
3. Add chicken chunks to marinade and stir

to coat. Place in zip top baggie or leave in bowl, cover, and place in refrigerator. \*Let marinate for at least one hour.

4. To assemble shish kabobs: Spear marinated chicken with vegetables, alternating on skewer. This is best done over a large baking pan to catch any drippings and have a place to hold skewers.
5. Pour marinade remaining in the baggie/bowl over finished skewers prior to placing on grill.
6. Place kabobs on grill over medium heat for 15-20 minutes, turning occasionally for even cooking.
7. Remove from heat and serve with a side of rice.

Tips:

Marinate for up to 24 hours. Make the night before and grill the following day. Marinating gives the chicken so much flavor and keeps it moist and tender. Make sure to use a pair of tongs or oven mitts to turn skewers! Vegetables should all be about the same size so when placed on the grill, they are all in contact with it. Try marinated beef, shrimp, or tofu.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: The need for community and diverse notions of 'mental health'

By Tamara D. Turner  
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

As we wave goodbye to July, we remember that every July is BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) mental health month. First recognized in 2008 and also known as Bebe Moore Campbell Minority Health Month, the July theme raises awareness about the exceptional challenge and struggles that affect minority and underserved populations. Bebe Moore Campbell was a pioneer in health equity and is best known for her work as a mental health advocate for Black and other under-represented communities.

Recently, awareness has grown around what we call "social determinants of health," particularly the adverse impacts of discrimination, racism, and historical trauma. Public health and nursing programs are now including diversity, equity, and inclusion training, such as webinars given from different cultural backgrounds. Our own Fort Lewis College is developing a nursing program specifically with culture in mind.

We've known for decades that life circumstances put certain communities at risk much more so than others. For instance, discussions on housing and food costs enter into discussions about mental health. After all, how can we expect mental health when basic needs are so difficult to meet?

This year's campaign

theme for the month was Culture, Community and Connection. This might bring to mind the years of social isolation most of us experienced during the height of COVID-19. It became painfully tangible how the lack of community can have devastating effects on mental health. But this is also a challenge of our society where individualism is often emphasized over the importance of support and action as family and social groups. Particularly for communities who face discrimination and racism, access to resources, healthcare, culture, community and connection is critical for overall health. In fact, we cannot really separate culture, community and connection. Culture is made up of a connected community.

Another thing we can learn from BIPOC Mental Health Month and the theme of community is that we always need to leave space and flexibility for a particular community's approach to mental health. For example, different cultures and communities view the mind, emotions, and sense of self differently so that mental health cannot exist without spiritual and soul health too.

So, as we recognize BIPOC communities' needs for support, it's also a time to leave the door open to defining health in ways that reflect diversity. Supporting the mental health of diverse communities means supporting cultural perspectives of health and different ways of

being a human in the world.

Sources: Mental Health America, A pioneer of equitable mental health: Honoring Bebe Moore Campbell. Honoring Bebe Moore Campbell | Mental Health America (mhanational.org)

See also: Mental Health America, Native and Indigenous Communities and Mental Health. <https://www.mhanational.org/issues/native-and-indigenous-communities-and-mental-health>

Here's to your good health!

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.

Multi-Purpose Facility  
Healthy Comfort Food

With Lisa Smith

Monday August 28, 2023  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



Lisa will show how to make comfort food healthy.  
Please call 970-563-2640 to sign-up.  
A healthy lunch will be provided.



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

DIALECTICAL BEHAVIORAL  
THERAPY (DBT)  
GROUP THERAPY

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

WELCOME  
AGES 18+

In-person or Teams options  
Call for more Information

James (Jay) Hayes: (970) 563-5705  
Cedra Etesam (970) 563-2297

Breastfeeding Awareness  
Walk & Community  
Baby Shower

Where: Sun Ute  
Community Center  
When: Thursday  
August 17

\*Walk : 12 - 1pm  
Shower: 12:30 - 2pm

photo credit: Samantha Maez

Join us after the 1 mile walk for light refreshments and goodies at Sun Ute

Community Baby Shower is open to all who want to attend.

BF/childhood organizations from the 4 Corners area will be in attendance

\*sign up starts @ 11:45

SAN JUAN BASIN  
public health

wic WOMEN, INFANTS  
& CHILDREN

New Mexico  
Breastfeeding Task Force

Did you know?  
Behavioral Health offers these  
weekly groups!



Please call 970-563-5700 for  
more information and to sign up!  
We look forward to seeing you  
there!





### Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Craft Day

*Monday August 14, 2023*  
*10:00 AM - 3:00 PM*

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

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

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



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

## StrongHearts supports Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act

**Staff report**  
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

“It is with great anticipation and support that Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act will enhance and expand support systems designed to protect and prevent domestic and sexual violence,” said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “We applaud the efforts of U.S. Senators Bob Casey (D-PA) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) who introduced legislation today.”

Domestic and sexual violence impacts more than 1.3 million Americans nationwide and Native American and Alaska Natives experience disproportionately high rates of violence. According to the National Institute of Justice, 84 percent of Native women experience violence in their lifetimes, and 56 percent experience sexual violence.

Legislation introduced today contains significant enhancements for Tribal Na-

tions and will dedicate funding, for the first time, for Tribal Coalitions and a National Indian Domestic Violence Hotline. “These are critical enhancements and will improve access to and the delivery of services to our relatives across the country,” said Jump.

**Committed to Working Together**

“I’m introducing the Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act because there are far too many people in this Nation suffering from abuse and violence, particularly those from underserved communities,” said Senator Casey. “I look forward to working with Senator Murkowski to make sure survivors across America have the support they need.”

“I’m proud to once again join Senator Casey in introducing the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to provide victims of domestic violence with the critical support they need,” Senator Lisa Murkowski said.

“Too many Alaskans in rural communities face obstacles to receiving help. This bill would work to increase access to services like crisis counseling, emergency shelters, and support prevention efforts. We must continue to improve access to support services for victims and their children and build on efforts to improve the safety of Alaska’s communities.”

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act of 1984 (FVPSA) was signed into law in 1984 as the federal government’s first response to the crisis of domestic violence, providing support via grants to domestic violence shelters and programs, including the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and domestic violence coalitions.


1. <https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/nij/249822.pdf>  
2. [https://www.casey.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/the\\_family\\_violence\\_prevention\\_and\\_services\\_improvement\\_act.pdf](https://www.casey.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/the_family_violence_prevention_and_services_improvement_act.pdf)

### 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.



## FITNESS WEEKLY LEADERBOARDS



**WHEN:**  
During the Month of August.

**GOAL:**  
Test weekly to see your progress!

**PRIZES:**  
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Join the Fitness Department in a friendly weekly competition!  
Let's reach personal records and set new goals!  
**LEADERBOARDS WILL BE UPDATED EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON.**

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**Categories:**  
Timed mile  
Bench Press  
Squat  
Deadlift

**Men Weight Categories (Lifting):**  
Ultra light weight—160 and Under  
Light weight—160.1 to 190  
Middle weight—190.1 to 220  
Heavy weight—220.1 to 250  
Open—250.1 and over

**Women Weight Categories (Lifting):**  
Ultra light weight—115 and under  
Light weight—115.1 to 135  
Middle weight—135.1 to 160  
Heavy weight—160.1 to 190  
Open—190.1 and up



Sign-up at the trainers desk and weigh-in.  
Must sign liability form.



## 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 September 2023  
September 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>,  
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Call Kellie at Southern Ute Division of Social Services to sign up  
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**Pueblo Southwest**  
Community College

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HIGHER EDUCATION

PCC to offer bachelor’s degree in health information management

Staff report  
PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Pueblo Community College this fall will become the only college in Colorado to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in health information management. The program was approved in July by the Higher Learning Commission, PCC’s accrediting body. All courses will be offered online to provide more flexibility for students.

“The administration, faculty and staff at PCC are committed to providing relevant degrees and certificates to individuals wishing to make positive contributions in the workforce,” said PCC President Patty Erjavec. “The addition of our seventh bachelor-degree program is a shining example of that commitment. We heard from employers and



our students of the need for a Bachelor of Applied Science in health information management. Marianne Horvath and her team made it happen.”

Horvath is the coordinator of PCC’s health information technology program. She said graduates of PCC’s medical coding and HIT programs can apply those credits toward the HIM bachelor’s degree. In addition, students from other schools may be able to transfer some or all of their credits toward the program. PCC is seeking addition-

al industry-specific accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education so the first graduates will be eligible to take the Registered Health Information Administrator credential exam when they complete the program in two years.

“It opens even more doors for career opportunities,” said Horvath. “When you can say you have an RHIA credential, you can work locally or anywhere in the world.” Examples of health information management jobs include clinical director, medical records analyst and information systems coordinator.

Prospective students can contact Horvath at 719-549-3197 or Marianne.Horvath@pueblocc.edu or Ronda Gasperetti at 719-549-3434 or Ronda.Gasperetti@pueblocc.edu for information.

Slice of Raspberry Pi



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Joslynn Lee, Ph.D., a mentor with Four Corners Science and Computing Club at Fort Lewis College gives Ignacio Middle School seventh grader, Phillip Velasquez a quick pointer during the computer building workshop in Durango, Colo. Tuesday, Aug. 1.



Raspberry Pi is a tiny, affordable computer that you can use to learn programming and the basic understanding of computer architecture. This tiny computer contains all the basics of any computer including a processor, memory and graphics processors, and small LCD screen – ideal for teaching students in a classroom setting.

Matthew Maestas, a seventh grader from Durango, Colo., listens attentively while being given step by step computer programming instructions in the workshop. Through the Four Corners Science and Computing Club, students were provided kits for building small computers during a collaborative workshop for Southern Ute Education students, hosted on the Fort Lewis College campus.



**BACK TO SCHOOL Bash**

**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**  
BRING: JACKETS, CHAIRS, EXTRA CLOTHES (WATER GAMES)

**SKATEPARK JAM - DOOR PRIZES**  
MOVIE: SUPER MARIO BROS.

**FREE BBQ AND DRINKS**  
LOCATION: SUNUTE SKATEPARK

**GAMES GALORE!**

**CONTACT:**  
HIGHER EDUCATION: (970)-563-0237  
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**FRIDAY AUGUST 18TH**  
BASH: 6PM  
MOVIE: 8PM

**Logos:** Southern Ute Education, TIS, Sky Ute, Casino Resort, Southern Ute Social Services

**\$5**

**Bridge The Gap**  
Open to EVERYONE in the community.  
Ages: 6-14 yrs  
August 14th-17th  
7:30am-4:30pm

**WELCOME SUPERHEROES**

**Call SunUte Recreation Department**  
@ 970-563-0214 Virgil, Clay, Bird, Jenn

**\$5**

**Ignacio Middle School Bobcat Athletics Fall Parent**

**MEETING INVITATION**

**IMPORTANT**

**Thursday**  
Aug 17, 2023

**Start**  
4:30 PM  
During Back to School Bash

**Ignacio Middle School**

Athletic physicals must be turned in before athletes may practice.

Parents and athletes need to attend. There will be documentation that needs to be signed before they can play in a game.

Athletes need to be registered for school in order to participate in the first practice.

**www.athletics.ignacioschools.org**

**JOM SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION**

**DATES:** AUGUST 2023 SCHOOL YEAR  
~~AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> (BAYFIELD STUDENTS ONLY)~~  
AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> (IGNACIO STUDENTS ONLY)  
**TIME:** 10AM-4PM

**LOCATION:** SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students must be registered with the JOM program. You will need to show proof that you are ¼ Indian blood with either your Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or your birth certificate AND your parent's CIB (to show blood lineage).

Must be attending the Ignacio or Bayfield School District(s)

**\*\*\*PLEASE call ahead with the following information: child(s) name, grade level, and which school your child is attending.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ELLEN S. BAKER AT (970)563-0235**





ICL CELEBRATES ‘WE ARE WATER’ • FROM PAGE 1

interact with the exhibition, listen to stories from community members, and participate in youth and family-friendly activities. Upcoming community events will include family fun programs, book conversations, take home kits (available in English and Spanish and some versions in Navajo), and so much more! For more information and to access a calendar of upcoming library programs, visit <https://www.ignaciolibrary.org/>.

The We are Water project is offered by the Cooperative Institute for Environmental Sciences (CIRES), the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute (NCIL/SSI), STARNet, Indigenous Education Institute (IEI), CoCoRaHS, Western Water Assessment, and the University of Colorado Boulder, with funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) through grant numbers 1907024 and 1906951.



Jeremy Wade Shockely/SU Drum

Ignacio Community Library will host the “We are Water” exhibit from Aug. 1, through the end of October. During this time, visitors will be able to interact with the exhibition, listen to stories from community members, and participate in youth and family-friendly activities.

Local youth learn to be leaders



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Caryl wears impairment goggles while participating in an impaired driving simulation provided by the Southern Ute Police Department and facilitated by Community Resource Officers Don Folsom and Jasper Abeyta. Attendees heard from keynote speakers and also enjoyed Ute language lessons, nutritional Jeopardy, and self-defense with professional MMA Fighter Kevin Wirth during the Jimmy Newton Jr. Youth Leadership Conference, Wednesday, July 26.



Groups of youth create their own family tree's utilizing the Ute language. Youth of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and the local community gathered at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center for the youth conference.

Emcee Bird Red gives thanks to all the attendees and the coordinators of this year's Jimmy Newton Jr. Youth Leadership Conference. Red helped to keep the event organized and all guests entertained throughout the day.

Thanks Drum & KSUT Tribal!



Lea Leggitt/ISD Communications Specialist

Ignacio School District Superintendent Chris deKay presents a Certificate of Appreciation to the Southern Ute Drum Editor, Jeremy Wade Shockley and the KSUT Tribal Radio Station Manager, Shelia Naneato for all of their support of the Ignacio School District over the years.



Lea Leggitt/ISD Communications Specialist



photo Thunder Windy Boy

Pictured together is the Ignacio School District Administration, The Southern Ute Drum and KSUT Tribal Radio staff at the appreciation luncheon, Wednesday, July 26.

Ignacio School District Superintendent Chris deKay grills locally raised beef burgers for the staff appreciation luncheon, Wednesday, July 26.

Farmers Forum

August 16th, 5:30pm

Sky Ute Casino Event Center



The Southern Ute Education Department and Pueblo Community College would like to invite you to a free dinner to learn about PCC's agricultural programming. Come share which certificates, workshops and classes you would like to see offered in the community starting this fall.



Questions? Call: Nicole Cabral  
Adult Education Specialist (970) 563-2789



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KSUT TRIBAL RADIO

# Native Lens hires Southern Ute tribal member, Lopez

Colten Ashley,  
KSUT Tribal Media Center  
Coordinator

Native Lens has hired Kree Lopez a Southern Ute Tribal member and resident of Ignacio, Colorado, as an Assistant Editor for the program. This expansion of the Native Lens team is a deepening of the connections between the Native Lens partners and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



Kree Lopez  
Assistant Editor  
Native Lens

Indigenous Program Native Lab Artist in Residence, an Artist in Business Leadership Fellow through First Peoples Fund and a Jackson Wild Media Lab Fellow. Gonzales is also an alumna of Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

Tribal Media Center Coordinator Colten Ashley (Diné) is a filmmaker from the Four Corners and has worked in the motion picture industry for over a decade. He has mentored students at the college level in media advocacy as an expert-in-residence for the inaugural Tribal Water Media Fellowship out of Fort Lewis College.

## About Native Lens

Native Lens is a partnership between KSUT, Rocky Mountain Public Media (RMPM), and the Colorado Health Foundation to amplify Native American voices.

The initial concept started during the pandemic and has evolved into a program that now seeks to empower Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and First Nations people – through grassroots, first-person, narratives.

The collaboration has fostered the production and distribution of dozens of stories from individuals since 2020, which continue to be submitted and finalized for publication.

This past February, Native Lens was able to hold its first Native Lens Media Fellowship which allowed for a group of Native American filmmakers to create

two films for screening at the Durango Independent Film Festival.

## Native Lens Team

Native Lens team members include:

Project producer Colleen Thurston (Choctaw) is a 2022 Sundance Indigenous Film Fund Fellow, an award-winning documentary filmmaker, educator and programmer from Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is also an Assistant Professor at the University of Oklahoma where she teaches documentary studies and film production.

Lead editor Charine Gonzales (San Ildefonso Pueblo) is a Tewa writer/director, a 2021 Sundance Institute

Digital Media Specialist Crystal Ashike (Diné) graduated from Fort Lewis College and has been a reporter for Global Press Journal and the Navajo Times. Besides geeking out in the digital world, she is a happy mother of three children.



## Senior breakfast munchies



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder, Luana Herrera and her granddaughter Mariah Thompson fill their plates during the monthly Senior Breakfast held at the Multi-purpose Facility on Wednesday, Aug. 2. This event brings elders throughout the community together to visit and enjoy a meal together each month.

Building Maintenance Division Head, Gerard Gallegos happily enjoys his breakfast served during the Multi-purpose Facility Senior Breakfast on Wednesday, Aug. 2. Attendees enjoyed a wide selection of food, including enchiladas, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, and more.



## Rise to the occasion



photos Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

The town of Ignacio held a rising ceremony for the new Dancing Spirit Center, Studio and Gallery building that's opening on 465 Goddard Avenue on Wednesday, July 26. Edward Box III, Ignacio's Mayor Pro Tem blessed the building site during the rising ceremony.



Spectators and guests shared a moment of bubble blowing to celebrate the moment as construction continues for the new Dancing Spirit facility in downtown Ignacio.

Southern Ute Brave, Henry Whiteskunk II welcomed participants during the rising ceremony.

### Elder Services Program August Activities

—August 1, 2023—  
Nature drive through Pagosa Junction. We'll stop for lunch in Pagosa.  
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

—August 8, 2023—  
Movie Day (Durango)  
Van will depart Elder Services @ 1:00 p.m.

August 15, 2023  
Fishing at Lake Capote. Lunch will be provided.  
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

August 26, 2023  
(Saturday Trip)  
Train ride from Chama, NM to Antonio, CO  
Van will depart Elder Services @ 7:00 a.m.

August 29, 2023  
Shopping trip (Farmington)  
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

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

## MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

### Cooking with Chef Bill Barbone

## GREAT MEALS USING ITEMS YOU HAVE ON HAND

### Tuesday August 22, 2023

### 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The class is open to everyone.  
You can participate (hands-on) or observe.  
Please call and reserve your space today.  
Signing up helps us to have enough supplies  
If you forget you are still welcome.

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

## MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

### Sip, Chat & Chew

### Friday August 18 2023

### 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

The Dinner is open to members of the 3 Ute Tribes,  
and their families, all ages are invited.

Door Prize donations are welcome



# Art market and juried show awards artists



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

All winners of the Pino Nuche Indigenous Art Market and Juried Show gather for a group photo, proudly holding their winning pieces and ribbons after the announcement of winners. Following the announcement, the art market officially opened to the public for showcasing and vending.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council member Vanessa Torres read a proclamation from Tribal Council honoring Southern Ute elder, Russell Box Sr. on Saturday, Aug. 5 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM). SUCCM presented an exhibition dedicated to the life work of Southern Ute artist, Russell Box Sr. spanning 73 years of artistic work with a temporary gallery.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Show judges look over the entries for the overall show winner, viewing a selection of pottery, jewelry, sculptures, and paintings. On Friday, Aug. 4 judges announce the overall winner, Ernest Benally, who submitted a hand-crafted necklace.

**The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum invited Tribal members, local community, and art enthusiasts to the second annual Pino Nuche Indigenous Art Market and Juried Show held from Friday, Aug. 4 to Sunday, Aug. 6 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The market provides a platform for local artists to showcase and sell their work to attendees. The event also celebrated the life achievements of Russell Box Sr., a Southern Ute elder and professional artist; the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum presented the temporary exhibit, "Russell Box Sr. Retrospective" a collection showcasing 73 years of Box's work.**



courtesy Alyssa Nez

Southern Ute Brave, Henry Whiteskunk II speaks at the reception for Russell Box Sr., as other members of the Southern Ute Royalty await their turn to address those in attendance.



courtesy Marie Carel

Members of the Southern Ute Royalty, Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Maleina Carel and Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel stand alongside Southern Ute Elder, Russell Box Sr., after he spoke of his journey as an artist.

Veteran's Pow Wow

Fundraiser Food Sale

Multi-Purpose Facility

Wednesday August 16, 2023

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Donations Accepted - Thank You

For more information call Elise Redd at 970-563-2641 or the Multi-Purpose Facility at 970-563-2640

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August Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday August 12, 2023



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

Make and Take Crafting with Sandy Seibert

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

Call the MPF to reserve your table 563-2640

e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)







AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

# That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

A sticky summer

By Marvin Pinnecoose  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

### Moving into summer grasses and weeds

Cool weather grasses were all the rage back in May and June. This is also where I think most of us hay farmers find comfort. Timothy, orchard grass, and brome make up the bulk of my fields. I've been told that the season is over after first

cut ... I beg to differ. Though I agree that the grasses do stall through most of the summer, there is a rally that can happen in August and early September. My property saw a better yield last year with second cut in early September than I did with first cut. The blend of the bale is much different. The first cut is more of the pure cool grass mix. The second cut was a culmination of the strug-

gling grasses coupled with whatever weed sticks, blue flower things, and scraggly summer growth begins to infiltrate the fields.

I always thought that there was less of a demand for this when compared to the pure spring cut. As it turns out, many differing livestock equally prefer the second cut because the blades and stems are finer. The summer grasses are quite palatable for many types of animals. My mentors have been pushing to put alfalfa into the fields to boost tonnage. Also, Alfalfa thrives better in the heat thanks to the deep roots. And then, of course, Alfalfa gives nutrients back to the soil.

These are all great reasons to diversify the fields. Bottom line is that this would benefit many farmers, but my niche is smooth thin blade grasses and mixes that do not include Alfalfa. My blends are more for a specialized horse blend. Hard to explain, but I just got to trust my gut on what I plant and when to harvest it.

### Was digging up the ditches a good idea?

Sometimes you just need to commit to the cause. I made the decision to plow up my ditches last year because I was investing in a new type of irrigation system. By plowing up the primary ditches and feeder ditches, I estimated that I could increase productive

field area by 22%. This coupled with overseeding the entire property and a healthy dose of fertilizer should see good gains for this year and the years into the future. My big miscalculation was that the irrigation system fell behind schedule and though we did have a little rain at the end of May, the summer has been excessively dry.

The optimism turned sour slowly. I watched my green grass turn brown. Then I watched it turn yellow. The crickets came and haven't left yet. Sunflowers and Thistle began to take up residence on the property. I sometimes think the prairie dogs are judging me. The best I could do is to keep the fields manicured and cut low as to prepare for when the water does eventually get turned on. I think this is something I will continue to do going forward.

I like the way the fields look when the borders, fence lines, and trouble areas are shaved. It keeps snakes and critters populations low. It also helps to guide the cutting, raking, and baling process so as to incorporate less weeds and willow into the bales. Through it all, my hopes stay high because I know it will all be better once the water comes on.

The business plan is solid, and my projections can be easily increased next year to cover this year's losses. Giving yourself a buffer to take risks and understanding how to bounce back is



courtesy Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Thistle Farming. With the lack of irrigation this year areas in a couple of fields became infested with thistle, which are considered noxious weeds.

crucial. It relieves stress and paranoia. Every farm is different, and every farmer is unique. I listen to what other people say, but I also follow my heart when making decisions. Some work out and some don't. At the end of the seasons, I adjust based upon what I learned.

I think if we just follow someone else's blueprint completely, we become bored. It isn't our farm; it is just an extension of some-

one else's. Who knows, maybe in the process, we invent our own best practices, and we can celebrate the wins that we create. Most importantly, it is an extension of our confidence and our innovation. Enjoy the victories, but also enjoy the mistakes and the curves that mother nature throws at you. You will learn more each day and next year will always be better than this year, if you persist.



courtesy Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

High Willow and Thistle. Noxious weeds like to make their presences known. These willows and thistle top out at six feet in height.

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SUPER SOAKER SATURDAY

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# Ignacio celebrates 125th San Ignacio Fiesta



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Lily Quintana and Cloe Seibel prepare mangos, cutting and coating the mangos with Chamoy and Tajin as part of the fundraiser held by the Ignacio girls' volleyball and basketball teams.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz sits atop her family vehicle, throwing candy and waving to crowds of spectators along Goddard Ave., on Saturday, July 29. Litz went on to be announced as the grand prize winner of the parade, taking home a cash prize.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Betty Box along with her husband, Eddie Box Jr., hands out coins to Joaiden and Josiah Richards at the San Ignatius Parade on Saturday, July 29.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Four-year old, self-proclaimed, "Spice King" Livingston Bravo bites into one of many jalapenos, as he goes head-to-head against two other opponents, Michael Archuleta and Adam Archuleta to win the jalapeno eating contest.

**S***aint Ignatius of Loyola Parish hosted the annual 125th San Ignacio Fiesta and Patronal Celebrations in Ignacio, Colo., from Thursday, July 27 through Sunday, July 30. The Fiesta included the annual San Ignacio Parade on Saturday with floats, and a return of events to Shoshone Park, dubbed "Sunshine, Music and Fun in the Park," featuring Ignacio's very own, Grupo Ritmo. Vendors and youth games also made up the afternoon's events in the park. The events were organized by Mandy Velasquez-Roybal. Farmer's Fresh also hosted numerous events after the parade as well; with food, and a cornhole tourney. A Mass concluded the annual fiesta on Sunday, July 30 in the St. Ignatius Parish, with a dinner, live music and the annual raffle. Winners of the annual parade were announced, Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Kitz was crowned the parade's Grand Champion. Winners of the annual raffle were also announced, Eppie Quintana Jr., won the \$500 Grand Prize.*

## San Ignacio Fiesta Winners July 29, 2023

### SAN IGNACIO FIESTA RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE - \$500	Eppie Quintana, Jr.
2ND PRIZE - Blackstone Griddle	Trish McManus
3RD PRIZE - Pendleton Blanket	Gloria Marquez
4TH PRIZE - Pressure Washer	Jim Formea
5TH PRIZE - \$250	Dan & Cheryl Lynn
6TH PRIZE - Mesa Verde Portrait	Melanie Seibel
7TH PRIZE - Catholic Bible Set	Ann Blackbird
8TH PRIZE - Durango Hot Springs	Edward Box, Jr.
9TH PRIZE - \$100	Balty Quintana
10TH PRIZE - Paparazzi Jewelry	Tony Quintana
11TH PRIZE - St. Michael Picture	John Weaver
12TH PRIZE - Tote Gift Bag	Denise Lucero

### SAN IGNACIO FIESTA PARADE

Grand Prize	Junior Miss Southern Ute - Leandra Litz
Commercial - First	Durango Party Rental
Commercial - Second	Drop Tine Trucking
Non- Commercial - First	Ignacio Volleyball & Basketball
Non - Commercial - Second	Edward & Anthony Box
Civic/Comm. Serv. - First	Tin Lizzies
Civic/Comm. Serv. - Second	REZ-olution Radio Hour/KSUT Tribal Radio
Political - First	La Plata County Democrats
Royalty - First	Little Miss So. Ute/So. Ute Brave
Royalty - Second	Little Miss So. Ute Alternate Shayne White Thunder
Auto - First	Ralph Watts
Auto - Second	Xis Pas Root
Memorium - First	Velasquez Family
Memorium - Second	Silva Family Foundation
Horse Group - First	Bayfield Belles
Horse Group - Second	Lynn Jack
Children Riding - First	Ignite Gymnastics

## Racing for funds



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Distance walkers and runners gathered at the Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park for the St. Ignatius 5K Run and Walk race hosted by the Ignacio High School Cross Country Team on Saturday, July 29. Attendees of all ages ran and walked in support of the team, with all proceeds going to the group. Racers competed for three awards in their age category and a plaque for the overall winner.

Local community elder, Glen Walker crosses the finish line after completing the course. Walker, who is now in his 80's, is well known throughout the community for his supportive efforts and athletic abilities.





## COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

# Drivers in Colorado must now move over or slow down for any vehicle on the side of the road

Staff report  
COLO. DEPT. OF  
TRANSPORTATION

Starting Monday, Aug. 7, Colorado is enhancing its Move Over law to provide greater protection for people and their vehicles on the side of the road. This significant change goes beyond just safeguarding police and emergency responders; it now requires drivers to also move over when passing disabled vehicles on the side of the road.

Earlier this year, Gov. Jared Polis signed into law HB23-1123, requiring drivers to move over a lane whenever they encounter any stationary vehicle on a highway with its hazards flashing – and if they can't move over, they must slow down to at least 20 mph below the posted speed limit. The new protections come as 2022 marked the deadliest year on Colorado roads on record.

Gov. Polis has also proclaimed Monday, Aug. 7 as "Slow Down, Move Over Day" in the State of Colorado.

On July 31, the Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado State Patrol, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and AAA held a press conference announcing the changes that take effect statewide on Monday, Aug. 7.

"With the updated Move Over Law, we are taking a significant stride toward our goal of zero deaths on Colorado roads," said Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Slowing down for disabled vehicles shows respect for every road user, and together, we can create a safer driving environment for everyone."

While all states have a Move Over law to protect emergency responders, Colorado joins nineteen other states that provide protections to all disabled vehicles. With this change, Colorado's Move Over laws are now among the nation's strongest.

The penalty for failing to move over or slow down for a disabled vehicle includes a Class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense, with a possible



fine of \$150 and a 3-point license violation.

"People dealing with an issue on the side of the road are in a dangerous position, especially our first responders and others who regularly are near live traffic," said Shoshana Lew, executive director of CDOT. "It is up to all of us, in every situation, to make the road as safe as possible when we see a vehicle pulled over on a shoulder. Move over and slow down for everyone, every time."

So far this year seven CDOT safety patrol trucks have been hit by passing motorists resulting in one serious injury. In addition, four CDOT attenuators trucks have been hit in Denver.

"Please think about the hundreds of law enforcement officers, fire, EMS, maintenance and tow operators when you're driving down the road or highway," said Gina Espinosa-Salcedo, the Region 8 regional administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "We need your cooperation and compliance. Please give space to emergency personnel, because it isn't just a courtesy – it's the Law."

The roadside's inherent dangers are why, according to research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle towing is one of the country's deadliest lines of work – with a death rate 15 times more than that of every other private industry combined. In 2022, across the

country, 51 emergency responders who were working at the roadway were struck and killed, including 17 law enforcement officers, 18 tow truck operators, 4 mobile mechanics, and 11 firefighters and EMS personnel. Each year, nearly 350 people are struck and killed while outside a disabled vehicle, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"As Coloradans, we look out for one another," said Skyler McKinley, regional director of public affairs for AAA - The Auto Club Group. "This strengthened Slow Down, Move Over law takes that spirit to the roadside with a straightforward message: If you see any vehicle on the side of the road with its hazards on, slow down and move over. It's always been the right thing to do, and now it's the law, too."

Despite the existence of a Move Over law in all states, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that nearly a quarter of people (23%) are unaware of the law in the state where they live – even though 51% of Coloradans, for example, report having been stuck in a disabled vehicle on the side of the road. To help ensure widespread awareness of Colorado's updated Move Over law, AAA, in partnership with CDOT and the Colorado State Patrol, has launched a campaign to educate drivers about these changes and their role in keeping our roads safe for everyone.

## VETERANS, PACT ACT • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Local veterans attend a PACT ACT Town Hall meeting at the LaPlata County Fairgrounds, Friday, July 28, where the VA presented new health care and benefits signed into law by President Biden.

saw little to no support in the years following their tours in Vietnam and other conflicts.

"Speaking from real life experience that I've had with the VA ... you're bounced around in the system and continuously being denied benefits," Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr. said. "I'm not going to hold my breath. Even though the PACT Act is promising a lot, it hasn't been proven to me that it is going to happen." Richards is an honorably discharged Vietnam veteran having served with the Ninth Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta from Jan. 1 – Aug. 16 of 1969.

"Hopefully the Native American veterans that are still around look at this and get enrolled, we've got to hold the government accountable for what they did to us," said Rod Grove, Vietnam combat veteran (Army) and longtime Southern Ute Veterans Association member.

Since President Biden signed the PACT Act into law, VA has delivered more than \$1.4 billion dollars in PACT Act benefits to Veterans. Additionally, more than 660,000 Veterans have applied for PACT Act-related benefits, more than 3.7 million Veterans have received the new toxic exposure screenings, and more than 287,000 Veterans have enrolled in VA health care



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southwest Regional Veteran Services Officer, Kristy Cunningham speaks with veterans at PACT ACT Town Hall meeting at the LaPlata County Fairgrounds, Friday, July 28.

(this is 40,000 more enrollments than during the same timeframe last year, and it includes 94,000 enrollees from the PACT Act target population).

"I've got mixed feeling about that ... [the PACT Act]. I really wish they had allowed a little more time for veterans to get their stuff together, in terms of paperwork," Richards said. "I really think that timeline should be extended."

The VA remains optimistic. "There are millions of Veterans and survivors across America who are eligible for new health care and benefits, and we will not rest until every one of them gets what they've earned," said Dennis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "That's what this is all about: educating veterans, their families, and survivors – and encouraging them to apply today."

For more information

about VA's implementation of the PACT Act, visit the PACT Act Dashboard. The VA publishes the dashboard every other Friday to document the implementation of this legislation and showcase its impact on veterans and survivors.

Eligibility information is available at VA.gov/PACT.

The Town Hall meeting was partially facilitated by the New Mexico VA office. "I want to recognize Larry Campos," Grove said. "He's been a big help to us; he is a Vietnam veteran himself." Stating that Campos has been a longtime supporter of the Southern Ute Veterans Association, going back to his early days in Albuquerque where he served as Director of the Field Operations Division for Veterans Services. Campos now serves as the Congressional Liaison for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs out of New Mexico.

## DURANGO VETERANS RUN Friday, September 1st, 2023

### Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

Scenic Ride, Group Photo, High/Low Hand Prizes, Challenge Coins, Patches, Music and Raffle!

REGISTRATION @ LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION 8:30-9:30

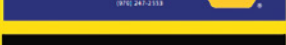
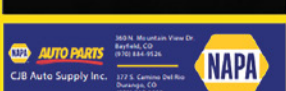
KICKSTANDS UP AT 10 AM SHARP!!

\$20 Single  
\$30 Couple

includes card hand & bandana



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For more info: Text 970-426-9606

## M.M.I.R. RIDE

MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

REGISTRATION @9AM RIDE BEGINS @10AM

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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES TASK FORCE OF COLORADO

INCLUDES: GUIDED RIDE, VISIT TO SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER, REFRESHMENTS, CULTURAL PERFORMANCES, BIKE BLESSING & RALLY PIN



RIDE WILL CONCLUDE AT 12PM AT THE LA PLATA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS & EVENT CENTER



WEAR RED!



## Herrera & Rodriguez sworn in

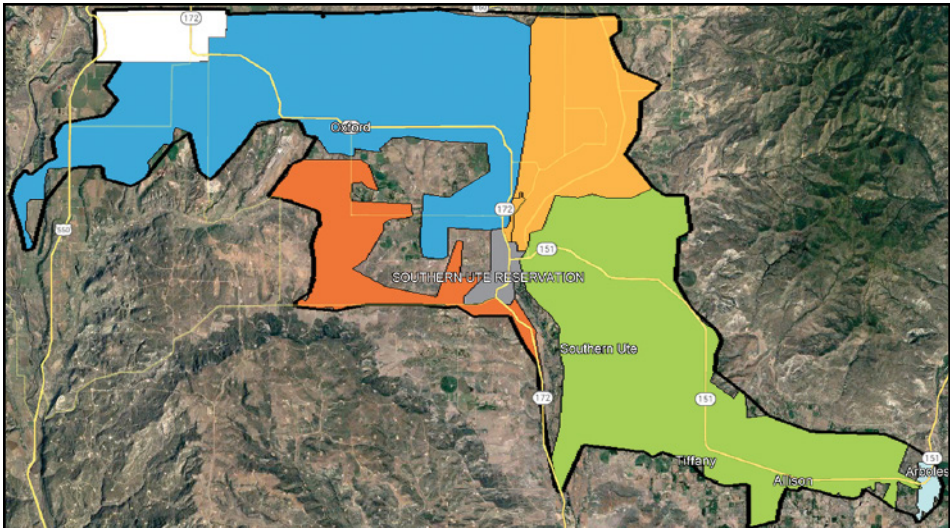


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Legal Assistant Gabrielle Herrera repeats after Chief Judge Scott Moore and completes her swearing in as a Lay Advocate for the Court on Thursday, Aug. 3. Herrera has been working as a Legal Assistant since March of 2022, she is a Fort Lewis College alumnus with her bachelor's degree in criminology and justice studies. She is in the process of applying to law school to become an attorney.



Prosecution Legal Assistant, Tasha Rodriguez raises her right hand and repeats after Chief Judge Scott Moore, completing her swearing in as a Lay Advocate on Thursday, Aug. 3. The role of a Lay Advocate is to assist tribal attorneys in court on cases, while also completing an extensive training process under the attorney to handle cases independently. Rodriguez has been working as the Prosecution Legal Assistant for eight years and has gained valuable experience working with the court, probation, and the police department.



courtesy Bonfire Fiber

This is the build plan for the Southern Ute Reservation. We plan to provide fiber to all areas outlined in the map by 2025, in partnership with Southern Ute Shared Services. We will update this map as we make progress to providing residents and small businesses with a superior fiber internet experience.

### BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

## Southern Ute Tribe chooses Bonfire Fiber to manage its open access network

**Staff report**  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, in keeping with its commitment to deliver broadband services to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, has announced the hiring of Bonfire Fiber, LLC, an open access broadband operator, to manage and operate the Tribe's fiber broadband network. This new open access model is intended to enable a range of digital opportunities for tribal members on the Reservation and other community members.

The open access model is intended to stimulate market competition and will offer residents and businesses a variety of choices and access to innovative technologies.

This step by the Tribe will change broadband on the Reservation, paving the way for greater access to the internet. "Open access will improve broadband speed, quality, and affordability, and will provide opportunities to the Tribal and Reservation-wide community," said Jeff Engman, the Tribe's Chief Information Officer. "The relationship with Bonfire Fiber is an important Tribal step toward bridging the digital divide and fostering digital equity."

The Tribe's broadband network and Bonfire Fiber's management and operation of the Tribe's network will improve the delivery of education, healthcare, and job opportunities.

"Broadband connectivity has proven to increase digi-

tal equity, bringing essential services to communities. Bonfire Fiber's objective is to minimize the hurdles in obtaining such vital connectivity," said Brian Hollister, CEO of Bonfire Infrastructure Group, parent company of Bonfire Fiber.

To learn more and to be put on the list for service please visit <https://bonfirefiber.servicezones.net/southernute>

#### About Bonfire Fiber

Bonfire Fiber is a leading provider of broadband network solutions, with a focus on creating and managing open access fiber networks. Its mission is to deliver affordable, reliable, and high-speed connectivity, driving digital transformation for communities. Learn more at [bonfirefiber.com](https://bonfirefiber.com).

### Stay up to date on tribal & community events

Check out The Drum's Events Calendar at [www.sudrum.com/events](https://www.sudrum.com/events)



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## BGC bids Cordova farewell



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Behavior Coordinator Journii Cordova receives farewell gifts for her time spent working with the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Friday, July 28. Cordova has worked with BGC for the last five years and will now be transitioning to the Aztec Municipal School District.

BGC Club members take turns hugging Journii Cordova, wishing her well as she prepares to transition into a new job. Club members took this time to thank Cordova for all her work during the past five years, in a brief assembly held in the SunUte Community Center gymnasium.



## SunUte ballcourt upgrade!



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center Staff sit above freshly laid outdoor court material on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at the Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park. Crews work throughout the day to install the material on the outdoor basketball court. This new addition will feature line markings for both pickleball and basketball.

**Fort Lewis & SunUte Community Center presents**

**Meet your very own Skyhawk coaches and athletes!**

**SKYHAWKS FORT LEWIS COLLEGE**

**Women's Basketball Camp**  
08/13/2023  
12pm-4pm

**Men's and Women's Soccer Camp**  
08/11/2023  
12pm-5pm

**Women's Volleyball Camp**  
08/19/2023  
12pm-5pm

**All camps open to boys and girls ages 8 through 17**  
**Will be hosted at SunUte**  
**\$5 for each camp (\$10 if you join all 3!!)**  
**Free for all Southern Utes and Decedents**

**Contact Clay Seibel at SunUte Community Center @ (970)563-0124 ex.2655**

**IGNACIO ATHLETICS**

**SCAN TO SAVE YOUR SPORTS CALENDAR**

1. Scan code  
2. Find and select calendar sync  
3. Choose which sport you'd like to save  
4. Select add to calendar & choose what type of calendar you want it saved to  
5. Once selected it should redirect you to that calendar to confirm  
6. Repeat process if necessary for multiple sports

NOTE: If Athletics makes an update to the schedule it will automatically update on your calendar as well!

**NOON BASKETBALL**  
**5 x 5**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY @  
SUNUTE COMMUNITY  
CENTER GYM  
STARTING @12PM

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT RECREATION @ (970)-563-0214**

**2023 AUTUMN SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
**MEN'S & CO-ED**

Entry Fee: \$300.00  
Deadline: August 20th  
Late Registration is open until:  
August 27th  
**\$25 LATE FEE**

Monday Nights Men's: Starts August 28th  
Wednesday Nights Co-ed: Starts August 30th  
**ALL TEAMS MUST BE PAID IN FULL TO BE ADDED TO SCHEDULE**

For more information, please contact the SunUte Recreation Department.  
Virgil Morgan- Recreation Manager: (970)563-2652,  
Bird Red- Recreation Coordinator: (970)563-2664,  
Jenn Seibel- Recreation Specialist: (970)563-2667.

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★ BARREL RACING - \$80

★ JR BULLS (14 & UNDER) - \$60  
★ MUTTON BUSTING (6 & UNDER) - \$40  
★ RIBBON ROPING (PER TEAM) - \$80  
★ TM ROPING (PER CONTESTANT) - \$80  
★ JR BARREL RACING (14 & UNDER) - \$60  
★ STEER RIDING (12 & UNDER) - \$50

★ **BUCKLES TO AVERAGE WINNERS**  
\* MUTTON BUSTER WINNERS WILL HAVE A BUCKLE BOTH DAYS!

★ **WHITLEY BUCKERS**





## Spotlight on youth employment



Summer Begay/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Chairman Baker and Tribal Council congratulated Autumn Sage on Thursday, July 27 during her presentation highlighting her work with Internal Audit. Sage has been a Summer Youth Employee for three summer sessions, during this summer she worked under the leadership of Internal Audit Director, Brian Bex. In her presentation to Tribal Council, Sage reviewed the Youth Employee Program with recommendations based on research from similar programs with other Tribes. Tribal Council thanked Sage for her hard work and research.

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### New Comers Part 2

They raided miner's camps, they burned cabins, they stole horses and supplies, they killed prospectors, and travelers. However, after a while these intimidation techniques no longer worked, because the balance of power had shifted. Within a year the white settlers outnumbered the Utes more than five to one and they were determined to go where they pleased in what appeared to be open and

available land. Many of the new arrivals viewed the Utes as mere stumbling blocks in the road of progress, and stumbling blocks could be removed. Some newcomers embraced (General Philip Sheridan's) aphorism, (The only good Indian is a dead Indian.) And Kit Carson said the Ute's are the most dangerous of the mountain Indians (very) good with rifles and pistols.

Joseph Rael Jr.

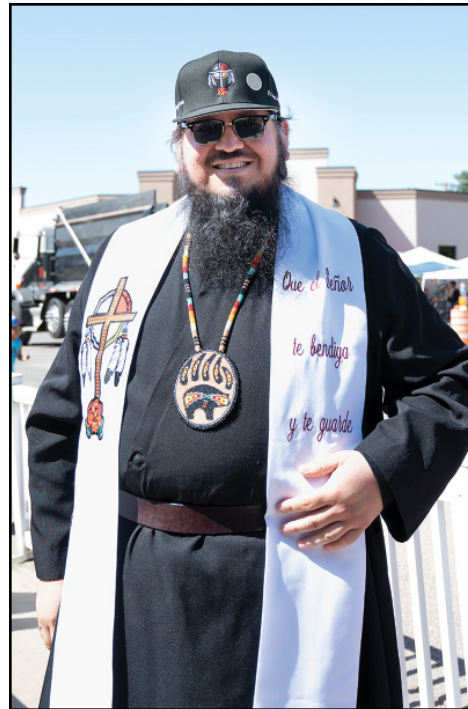
### Thankful and grateful: San Ignacio's 125 Patronal Celebrations

St. Ignatius Patronal Celebrations in Ignacio, Colo., is one of the most beautiful and jubilant expressions of the Catholic Heritage in the area of the Four Corners. Rooted in a long-lasting Catholic identity and rich cultural heritage, the Tri-Ethnic community of St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish once again gathered from July 27 – July 30 to witness the joy of the Gospel, being grateful for 125 years of Catholic presence and for our lives together here in Ignacio since 1898.

125 years of walking together, one cannot help but to reflect on the many blessings the Heavenly Father has bestowed on each one of our families and to ponder on the role of St. Ignatius of Loyola, our patron and protector, in all the good that has happened to us. San Ignacio's Patronal Celebrations happens every year on the last full weekend of July, offering an opportunity for those who may be living on their own, or who are not able to get away that easy for a break, to spend some time around people to enjoy one another's company through the religious celebrations of the parish or the food festival of the town.

Saturday's San Ignacio Fiesta Parade was opened by the Parish's car float representing our community being unified in the Lord was prepared by parishioners and the Theatine Fathers. The car floats and the parade were a true manifestation of catholicity, i.e., universality. Over two hundred people from all over the Four Corners, Catholics and non-Catholics, come together on this day to take a break and enjoy the colorful celebration filled with the enthusiasm and happiness distinctive of our community.

Sunday's solemn Mass was presided by Rev. Fr. Cesar Cayetano Arras, CR, last Theatine administrator and animated by Rev. Fr. Juan Miguel Tabares, CR, performing with the guitar and at the church organ proper bilingual music for the occasion. The homily reflected the princi-



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Cesar Cayetano Arras

Reverend Father

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

ple and foundation of mankind, "to love and serve the Lord in all things," and the importance of wisdom to discern between many goods and learn to choose the best for our humanization.

After the Eucharistic celebration, the Theatine Fathers formally thanked St. Ignatius community for their support and love over the last 117 years as they prepare to conclude their service and history in the Parish by returning its pastoral care to the Diocese of Pueblo due to personnel shortage. The celebrant also assured the people of Ignacio that the Diocese is in the process of appointing a new priest. The celebration concluded with the solemn blessing and with the people adjourning to the parish hall to conclude the festivities with a big dinner, live music and our annual raffle.

Rev. Fr. Cesar Cayetano Arras,  
St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

### 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

- Distribution Friday, Sept. 29
- Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 22
- Distribution, Friday Dec. 29

- NOON, Friday Sept. 22, 2023
- NOON, Friday, Nov. 17, 2023
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\*\*Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors distribution is 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

## Feasts of St. Peter and St. Rosa

St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church in Arboles, will celebrate the feasts of St. Peter and St. Rosa with a mass at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 20, followed by a potluck dinner in the church hall. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. The church is located at 18851 Highway 151 in Arboles, Colo. All are welcome. For more information, please call 883-2556.



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Featuring Rome, Vatican City, Assisi, and Pompei  
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## St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

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among the SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

### Native American Heritage Mass

#### Schedule 2023

~~Sun. June 25 @ 10am~~

~~Fri. July 14 @ 6pm~~

Sun. August 27 @ 10am

Wed. September 20 @ 6 - (St. Hubert  
Hunter's Mass) -

Sun. October 22 @ 10am

Wed. November 22 @ 6pm

Wed. December 20 @ 6pm - (Posadas)  
Unless otherwise specified, our celebrations are followed by a fellowship gathering with food and refreshments at the Parish Hall.

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## Drum Deadline

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Aug. 21

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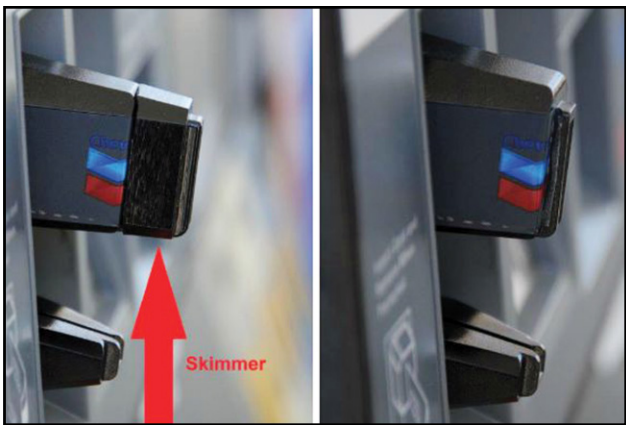


CYBER SECURITY

Credit card advisory: Skimmers and compromised cards

By Chris H. Mimmack, Director  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND REGULATORY

Recently there have been credit cards getting compromised in the area. Be alert when using your department or personal credit cards. Card skimmers are one way your card could get compromised at fuel pumps or ATM's. Perpetrators will place a skimmer at the pump temporarily and come back later to get the skimmer which retains your credit card information. Some skimmers may be placed inside of the cabinet panel at a gas pump. The most common will be done on the side of the pump that faces away from the cashier, so they aren't seen tampering with the pump. Try to avoid independent ATM's at bars or convenient stores, preferably use Bank ATM's. Although skimmers can be hard to spot, it's possible to identify a skimming device by doing a visual and physical inspection. Before using an ATM or gas pump, check for alignment issues between the card reader and the panel underneath it. Skimmers are often placed on top of the actual card reader making it stick out at an odd an-



courtesy SU Dept. of Justice

The image is a skimmer that is placed on the card reader at the pump.

gle or cover arrows in a panel. Compare the card reader to others at a neighboring ATM or gas pump and look out for any differences. Gas pumps should have a security tape or sticker over the cabinet panel. If the tape looks ripped or broken, avoid using the card reader because a thief may have tampered with it. Try looking inside the card reader to see if anything is already inserted – if there is, it may be a thin plastic circuit board that can steal card information. A physical inspection of a card reader and keypad can often reveal fraudulent devices. Feel around the reader and try to wiggle it to see if it can easily come out of place. Also make sure the gas pump panel is closed and doesn't show signs of

tampering. Many stations now put security seals over the cabinet panel. If the pump panel is opened, the label will read "void." If you use a debit card at the pump, run it as a credit card instead of entering a PIN. That way, the PIN is safe and the money isn't deducted immediately from your account. If you're really concerned about skimmers, pay inside rather than at the pump. Monitor your credit card and bank accounts regularly to spot unauthorized charges. If your credit card has been compromised, report it to your bank or card issuer. Federal law limits your liability if your credit, ATM, or debit card is lost or stolen, but your liability may depend on how quickly you report the loss or theft.

**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 Utilities Division**  
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**UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRANSFER STATION 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

SEPT. 4<sup>TH</sup> LABOR DAY — **CLOSED**

OCT. 9<sup>TH</sup> INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY — **CLOSED**

NOV. 10<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY — **CLOSED**

NOV. 23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING — **CLOSED**

DEC. 11<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — **CLOSED**

DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY — **CLOSED**

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION**

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

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

**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:  
**August 2nd / September 6th October 4th**

**Settle your payments before 10 AM**

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

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

**JULY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Tribal Member Customers: July 2023 variable Natural Gas rate is \$4.57 per MCF (Thousand Cubic Feet).
- E-Bill Express Service will be **unavailable** for online payments on **Saturday, July 15th**, from 8am-3pm due to system maintenance.
- Utilities Lobby **CLOSED** for lunch on Fridays, 12Noon—1pm.
- Tribal residences on County Roads 518/516: Water will be **OFF** or with **LOW PRESSURE** on 7/11/23 from 6AM-5PM due to on-going water main upgrade.
- Beat the heat — drink plenty of water!

**STAY hydrated!**

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**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE ELECTION BOARD**

Dear Southern Ute Tribal Member,

The **Southern Ute Tribal 2023 General Election**, will be held on **November 03, 2023**. If you will be turning eighteen (18) years old by October 25, 2023, or if you are eighteen (18) and over to be eligible to vote for the **Southern Ute Tribal 2023 General Election**, the **Voter Registration Deadline is on Wednesday, October 25, 2023**. You are only required to register once, and you will be eligible to vote in any tribal election and/or referendum from that point on.

According to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Election Code: ARTICLE 1 11-1-104 Registration. (1) Any enrolled tribal member wishing to register to vote shall apply to the Election Board on forms provided by the Election Board no less than seven (7) business days before the next tribal election.

Register at our Election Board office which is located at:

285 Lakin Street  
Ignacio, CO 81137

Or email a request for a registration form at:

[election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)

The deadline to return the registration form is **5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 25, 2023**, to be eligible to vote in the upcoming **General Election**. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Election Board at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2303. Off reservation tribal members, please call 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303.

Thank you,  
Southern Ute Election Board  
P. O. Box 709  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
[election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)

**IT'S YOUR VOTE ✓ • IT'S YOUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY**

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2023 GENERAL ELECTION TRIBAL CHAIRMAN (2) TRIBAL COUNCIL SEATS**

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2023 General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

**GENERAL ELECTION**– Friday, November 03, 2023 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.  
**RESIDENCY DEADLINE**– Saturday, August 05, 2023  
**STATEMENT OF INTENTION DEADLINE**– Monday, September 04, 2023 by 5:00 P.M.  
**DECISION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE**– Tuesday, September 19, 2023  
**NOTICE OF ELECTION**– Wednesday, October 04, 2023  
**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE**– Wednesday, October 25, 2023 by 5:00 P.M.  
**ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE**– Wednesday, October 25, 2023 by 5:00 P.M.  
**EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE**– Thursday, November 02, by 5:00 P.M.

**ELECTION BOARD: (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2729/2730**  
**OFF RESERVATION TRIBAL MEMBERS: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303**  
**EMAIL: [election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)**

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

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

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

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

- Email: [TIS@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto: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](mailto:lbarnhart@southernute-nsn.gov), (970) 563-2144; or
- Amy Barry, Tribal Information Services Dept.: [abarry@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:abarry@southernute-nsn.gov), (970) 563-2250.

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

**NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE**  
**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2023-0082-CV-NC**  
**Darelene Frost, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Darelene Frost has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Darlene Frost. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2023.  
By The Court, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**  
**In the Estate Of,**  
**Christina Marie O'John, Deceased**  
**Case No.: 2023-0014-CV-PR**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 14th of July, 2023  
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk





Call for Nominations for School Directors  
Ignacio School District 11JT  
La Plata County, Colorado

The Ignacio School District 11JT in the County of La Plata, State of Colorado, calls for nomination of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

At this election **three (3)** directors will be elected for a term of office of **four** years. To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months before the election. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be a candidate for school director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 25 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election.

Nomination petitions may be obtained at:  
**Ignacio School District Administration Office**  
455 Becker Street, Ignacio, CO

During these times and dates:

AUGUST				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		9 7:30 am-4:30 pm	10 7:30 am-4:30 pm	11 <i>not available</i>
14 1 p.m. - 4:30 pm	15 7:30 am-4:30 pm	16 7:30 am-4:30 pm	17 7:30 am-4:30 pm	18 <i>not available</i>
21 7:30 am-4:30 pm	22 7:30 am-4:30 pm	23 7:30 am-4:30 pm	24 7:30 am-4:30 pm	25 <i>not available</i>
28 7:30 am-4:30 pm	29 7:30 am-4:30 pm	30 7:30 am-4:30 pm	31 7:30 am - 4:00 pm	

Completed petitions must be submitted to:  
**Ignacio School District Administration Office**  
455 Becker Street, Ignacio, CO

No later than 4:00 p.m. on August 31, 2023

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD

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

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

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

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](mailto:zvogenthaler@southernute-nsn.gov). If you have any questions, please speak with Zeb Vogenthaler, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill ONE vacancy for “Member-At-Large” and One vacancy for “Alternate Member-At-Large” positions on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality, Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for consideration.

GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions for specified terms, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age. Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation. Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures. Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality. Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. If you are interested, contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

JOHNSON O’MALLEY COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – JOM has TWO (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov). Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

TERO COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) commissioners; A person with Tribal Regulatory knowledge and experience and; Southern Ute Tribal member at-large to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: Tribal Regulatory Knowledge and Experience; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Tribal Member At-Large: Not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division or send to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Admin. Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way.

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.



Free On-Site Business Training  
Learn Steps to Start or Grow Your Small Business

Sun Ute Community Center

290 Mouache Circle  
Ignacio, CO 81137

September 26 - 27, 2023  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Register and reserve your seat at the link below:  
<https://nativesba.sisterskyinc.com/workshop/empowerment-workshop-17-2/>  
Limited Seats Available



Notice of Closure

Departments of Natural Resources  
will be closed all day

August 18th, 2023 for a staff retreat

Thank you

AGRICULTURE DIVISION --- HAY FOR SALE!



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

SMALL BALES	LARGE BALES
COST: \$9.00 per bale LIMIT: 160 bales per TM WEIGHT: 60 Lbs.	COST: \$160.00 per bale LIMIT: 8 bales per TM WEIGHT: 1100-1200 Lbs.

Hay is available FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.

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

SCHOOL BOARD  
MEMBER POSITION  
AVAILABLE

INTERESTED APPLICANTS PLEASE  
SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST TO  
[MJOWENS@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV](mailto:MJOWENS@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV)  
OR A PHYSICAL COPY @ THE SUIMA  
MAIN OFFICE

- REQUIREMENTS:
- MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER
  - MUST BE A COMMUNITY MEMBER OR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER



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## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

### ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

#### Active Kid Care Leader (Part-time)

Closes 8/22/23 – Provides childcare and physical activities for the Active Kid Care program to meet the needs of children ages toddler through 6 years. Pay grade N4; Pay range at \$12.32/hour.

#### After School Program Leader

Closes 8/14/23 – This is a regular full-time position that provides education and physical activities for the After-School program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 13 years. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

#### Education Assistant

Closes 8/14/23 – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide. Responsible for supporting instruction through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$13.47/hour.

#### Fitness Trainer PT

Closes 8/15/23 – Fitness evaluation, exercise prescription, personal training and fitness activities related to the Fitness component of the Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

#### Healthcare Accounting Manager

Closes 8/11/23 – Tribal Health Department grant management and writing function as well as accounting, financial reporting, budgeting, revenue cycle management, and accounts payable activities within the Tribal Health Department. Overall direction and supervision of the charge capturing systems for all services provided data entry, coding, billing and collection of all third-party resources and payment processing across the Tribal Health Department. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/annually.

#### HIM Medical Records Technician

Closes 8/14/23 – Provides a complete and accurate patient health record that will be maintained and processed for all patients utilizing the health center. Enters accurate and updated patient data extracted from PCC forms, Reports, EHR to generate health summaries and monitor health maintenance requirements. Performs technical functions of retrieving, tracking, and maintaining medical records. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### Lake Capote Recreation Assistant (Southern Ute members only)

Closes 8/17/23 – Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Maintenance Worker will; greet guests, collect fees for fishing, camping, small concessions, clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, buildings, and assist with site development and improvements. Seasonal/full-time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

#### Lands Technician

Closes 8/15/23 – Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provides general information to the Tribal Membership and general public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

#### Patrol Officer II

Closes 8/15/23 – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; pay range starts at \$23.81 - \$27.38/hour.

#### Public Health Nurse

Closes 8/19/23 – A Registered Nurse position, providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Closes 8/22/23 – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Department. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$12.32/hour.

#### Teacher Aide

Closes 8/14/23 – Supporting the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After-School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$12.32/hour.

#### Umpire / Referee

Closes 8/23/23 – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

#### Water Quality Specialist: 319 Coordinator

Closes 8/11/23 – Under direct supervision of the Environmental Programs Manager, provides assistance with the development and administration of the non-point source areas of the Water Quality Programs for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/annually.

#### 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 (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 - \$99,600.68/annually.

#### Clinical Supervisor

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

#### 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.

#### Detective: Drug/Liquor Code Investigations

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

#### 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. Sign-on bonus available DOE.

#### Detention Officer

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

#### Dispatcher

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

#### Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute members only)

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

#### Elementary Teacher

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

#### Events/Heritage Coordinator (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – Planning and organizing various traditional cultural events, develops

## SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For job opportunities apply on-line at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org) or call 970-563-4517.

#### Ignacio Early Learning Program:

- Substitute Teacher: \$13.65/hr. – Open Until Filled

#### Ignacio Youth Services:

- Program Coordinator: \$15.02/hr. – Open Until Filled

#### Peaceful Spirit:

- Addiction Counselor: \$54,000-\$60,000 DOE – Open Until Filled

#### Road Runner Transit:

- Lead Driver: \$19.50-\$20.50 – Open Until Filled
- Bus Driver/ICB Operator: \$23/hr. – Open Until Filled
- Transit Driver: \$19.25/hr. – Open Until Filled

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Apply Today! Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Visit our employment website for more info: [www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310](http://www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310)

- Bus Driver
- Cook
- Elementary Aide
- Elementary Teacher

- Secondary Math Teacher
- Secondary Native American Studies Teacher
- Secondary Science Teacher
- Secondary Social Studies Teacher

## FOR SALE

Perfect camping, RV-ing, hiking and hunting on 35-acre lot with multiple building spots and stock pond. Glade Ranch HOA, gated community outside Dolores, Colorado. Perfect swimming, boating and fishing at nearby McPhee Dam. For sale, \$68,500 or best offer. Contact Barbara Cogswell at 520-288-4466.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

heritage tourism activities, and coordinates cultural camp for youth. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

#### 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; the 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.

#### Heavy Equipment Operator

Open Until Filled – Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. Pay grade N9; the Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

#### Internal Auditor

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision, performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of moderate difficulty involving a variety of auditing tasks that include, but are not limited to, assessing risk, and identifying control deficiencies, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. 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. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/year. This position will be located in Three Springs.

#### Lifeguard (Part-time)

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

#### Maintenance Technician – SunUte Community Center

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting and preventative main-

tenance, 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. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### 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.

#### 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. This position is temporary/part-time at a pay rate of \$30/hour.

#### Registered Nurse

Open Until Filled – A Registered Nurse position, providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

#### 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. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

#### TERO Worker

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

#### Tribal Apprenticeship Program (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.





Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

\*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 Casino's 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, disciplining employees, addressing complaints, and resolving problems and concerns. Must maintain a high standard of guest service within hotel departments and actively promote positive customer and employee relations.

\*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. This position will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, daily. Maintaining a professional appearance to clients and always wearing the appropriate uniform.

\*Bell Person (Full-time)

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.

\*Beverage and Cocktail Server (Full-time)

Must maintain the highest level of guest service while providing cocktail and beverage service to Casino guests. Will prepare beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 pounds regularly and will be responsible for monetary transactions.

\*Bingo Coordinator (Full-time)

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

Bingo Staff (Part-time)

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

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

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the 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/Cashier Staff, 4 10hr shifts (Full-time)

Provides 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 with accordance with defined policies and procedures. Performs functions for Bingo, Slot and Pit areas as required and ensures the safety of all restricted and non-restricted keys.

\*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.

\*Count Team Staff (Full-time)

Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. It is the job of the Count Team to pull the containers, and count or verify 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.

\*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

\*Facilities Staff (Full-time)

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

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.

Gaming and Sports Book Writer (Full-time)

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

\*Housekeeping Supervisor (Full-time)

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

\*Kitchen Steward Supervisor (Full-time)

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

\*Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

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

\*Lead Facilities Technician HVAC (Full-time)

Electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. This position works as the lead of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment, and building; by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems including boilers, AHU's, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers, walk-in coolers, and freezers. Reports to the Director of Facilities while sharing the responsibility to train and lead activities of departmental employees; technicians, shift supervisors, and facilities staff in appropriate Service Standards and Facility operations/maintenance.

\*Line Cook (Full-time)

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

\*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.

\*Rolling Thunder Grill Server (Full-time)

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

\*Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping, and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Requires the ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. Duties of this job are physically demanding and may be stressful at times, particularly during peak season periods. Cleaning an average of 16 guest rooms, and during peak season, up to 20 guest rooms per shift, depending on whether you are working as an individual or a pair.

\*Security Supervisor (Full-time)

Ensures the safety and welfare of the guests and employees. Supervision of Security officers for day-to-day operations on the casino floor and surrounding property. Must maintain a professional, courteous, and communicative relationship with the Casino customers and employees.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

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

Closes 8/18/23 – Drilling, completions, and applicable petroleum engineering support primarily focused on horizontal unconventional resource development in the San Juan Basin. Responsible for wellbore and completion design, execution, and supporting internal processes associated with budgeting and post-appraisals. Works collaboratively as a member of a multi-discipline team to optimize field development and depletion.

Finance and Accounting Manager – GF Private Equity (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/25/23 – Managing all accounting, reporting and compliance functions of GF Private Equity Group including financial and managerial reporting functions, overseeing the recording of transactions, preparing forecasts, preparation and management of the annual audit process, and providing financial analysis to support company objectives. Responsible for maintaining an adequate internal control environment, accounting practices, principles, and procedures.

Land Administration Assistant – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/22/23 – Provides administrative and communications support to the Land Administration department, including data collection and performing database quality checks for Land Records Analysts, Division Order Analysts and Landmen.

Lease Operator II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/11/23 – Managing and maintaining field operations to ensure that production pro-

ceeds safely and efficiently in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with Red Willow and Tribal priorities and concerns. Assists in collecting and maintaining accurate data related to operations including production data and equipment data.

Pipeline Systems Operator I & II and Senior – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)

Closes 8/11/23 – Performing all pipeline equipment and facility operations, maintenance, and installations including specific DOT tasks; completes all One Call pipeline locates.

Senior Operations Engineer – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/18/23 – Providing engineering and project management related to facilities projects; provides engineering and technical support for surface issues for Red Willow operated assets; and ensures all production facilities and are designed and constructed within accepted industry guidelines and practices.

Treasury Analyst – Growth Fund Administration (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/31/23 – 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.

Quichas Apartment for Rent

2BR/2.5 BA. \$815/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Application forms are available by email at [kmorris@sugf.com](mailto:kmorris@sugf.com). Use the subject line Quichas Application. You can also pick them up in person at the GF Properties Group office: 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250, Durango, CO 81301 during working hours Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and returned by 5 p.m. Thursday, August 24, 2023. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

FOR RENT  
The Southern Ute Housing Authority has TWO 4 bedroom units ready for move in for Southern Ute Tribal members.

Qualifications:

- Head of household must be a Southern Ute tribal member with a family of 4 or more
- Rent is based on income (per-capita is excluded)

Contact the Southern Ute Housing Authority for more information (970) 563-4575

Occupancy: Jennifer Silva: Occupancy/Resident Coordinator  
Cutke Edwards: Occupancy/Resident Assitant

LOCATION: 238 ROLLING THUNDER AVENUE & 250 ROLLING THUNDER AVENUE

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Must carry out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with Gaming Code, Internal controls and Casino policies and procedures.

\*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.

\*Seven 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.

\*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 Attendant (Full-time)

Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Will at times require the employee to work without direct supervision. Job knowledge and the ability to "self-start" are essential. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee, ensures guest relations through prompt, and assists guests with slot machine usage, educating them regarding play, wagers, and pay tables.

\*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. This individual is trained and certified or holds a license that is construction/maintenance specific.

\*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

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

\*Surveillance 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 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 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 and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed.

\*Willows Host (Full-time)

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service by greeting and ensuring timely and appropriate seating of guests. Will assist Supervisor and/or Manager with table management to maximize seating and assist guests with special requests. Will answer phone calls and return messages, track reservations and comps and assist servers when needed.

\*Willows Server (Full-time)

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





FLY FISHING

A reunion

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

What I refer to as the Middle Fork of the Hermosa River was always a great place to spend time fly fishing for myself, and guiding people new to the sport. I define the middle fork of the river as being upstream from the horse corral to Sig Creek. The San Juan National Forest map calls it, and all the area behind Purgatory, the East Fork. But it's my column, so I get to designate that stretch of river as I see fit. When I was guiding the Middle Fork was fairly wide open which made casting and wading easy. It was also full of brook trout, my favorite, some rainbows, and even fewer cutthroats.

A number of years ago the Department of Wildlife, the National Forest Service, and various other entities, made the decision that all the trout in the Hermosa River had to be cutthroat. I'm not here to argue for or against that decision. I did that a number of years ago. The process of building dams and replacing all the trout with cutthroats took several years. Since there was no fishing during the dam building and trout replacement, the riverbanks be-



came overgrown and some of the river channels changed their paths of flow. For the newbies this made fly fishing difficult, and not much fun for me, so I stopped going to the Middle Fork. A couple of weeks ago it dawned on me I missed fly fishing the Middle Fork. So, since my Friday fly fishing partner, Kim, and I are not newbies, we decided to see how the fly fishing there was. That day did bring back some great memories.

We started at the first dam, upstream from the corral. I had tied on my favorite dry fly, a Royal Wulff; I'm not sure what Kim tied on. Within a few casts I caught a nice cutthroat in the tailwater. However, that's all either of us caught there, and we decided to head upstream and start our usual buddy fish-

ing. The catching was slow until our second change of flies. We both tied on foam hoppers, and the catching started. Once we found the correct pattern, we began to catch a single fish in the spots that looked like they would hold fish. However, as we moved further upstream, the number of fish in each location began to increase. It could have been because the farther upstream we moved there were fewer campers and hikers. As far as other fly fishers, we didn't see a single one all day.

I will say as we moved upstream some of my old favorite spots were still there. Other favorite spots that I looked for had been altered by flora and fauna or changed in many of the turns and eddies of the river. Regardless, the fly fishing was really good. All the trout were cutthroat, as they should now be. They were up to twelve inches in length and appeared to be very healthy – and they loved dry flies. Now that I've reintroduced myself to the Middle Fork, I will need to go back to other areas of the Hermosa Rivers that I used to truly enjoy but have neglected. Reunions can be really great.

Community Concert PSA

Please join us outside on the Carver Family Plaza for a community concert on Aug. 23 from 5 – 7 p.m. featuring Six Dollar String Band. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds benefit the Firefighter Foundation and Powerhouse. Food and beverages available from Laura's Artisans, Sunbird Coffee, and The Powerhouse bar.



MPF Haunted House Volunteers Wanted



Do you like to scare people?  
Are you creative or like to play a character?  
Volunteers can create a space in the Haunted House or you can come and play a character, or play a support part. call the MPF if you are interested.  
Volunteer meetings will begin in August.  
Need more information? Call - 970-563-2640.



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



Southern Ute Fishing Permits  
Are Now Available Online

For Both Non-Members and Tribal Members. Please Scan the QR Codes for Permits and the Fishing Proclamation. For more information, please call the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130



Southern Ute Fishing Permits

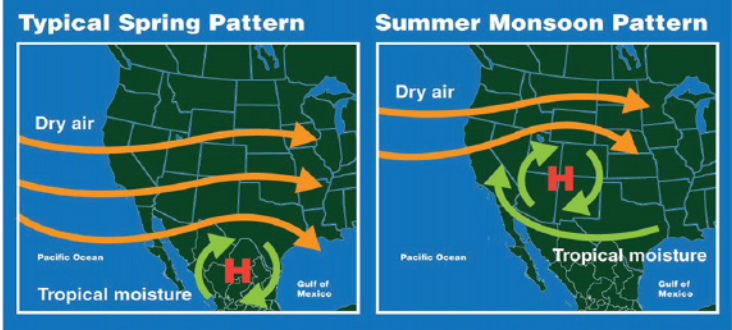


Southern Ute Fishing Proclamation



did you know?!

A monsoon is a change in winds that often causes a very rainy season or even a very dry season.



During typical conditions in the spring, the U.S. Southwest experiences strong, dry winds blowing from the west. During a summer monsoon, the region experiences winds from the south, which carry moisture from the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of California. This can cause heavy rainfall and thunderstorms.

Source: <https://scijinks.gov/what-is-a-monsoon/> Image: NOAA SciLinks

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division at 970-563-0135 with any questions or comments.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, August 11



Mostly sunny 87°F  
20% chance of showers/t-storms

Saturday, August 12



Partly sunny 86°F  
40% chance of showers/t-storms

Sunday, August 13



Partly sunny 84°F  
Chance of showers/t-storms

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



The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Utes are members of one
- 6 Most famous person from Kosciusko, Mississippi
- 11 After blue or black, a pirate
- 12 La Scala cry
- 13 Egyptian god
- 14 Removed a wreck
- 15 Native American Confederacy
- 17 Omen
- 20 Fats and waxes
- 23 Revitalized
- 25 Wrestling surface
- 26 Onion for Ovid
- 27 --- windmills (like Quixote)
- 29 One of six popes, in Italy
- 31 17th century English philosopher John ---
- 35 Did a bank job
- 36 Pipe material
- 37 Altar locales
- 38 People originally from the Ohio and Mississippi valleys but now in Oklahoma

Down

- 1 "Details forthcoming"
- 2 Sleep stage, initially
- 3 "Before Abraham was, ---"
- 4 The Tugumlepm lived where this city is now
- 5 --- Krabappel (Simpson teacher)
- 6 Get hold of
- 7 Claim workers
- 8 Old Eastwood Western
- 9 "--- Maria"
- 10 Brick carrier
- 16 Beatified
- 17 Certain NCO
- 18 "Deathtrap" author --- Levin
- 19 Some penguins
- 21 Exact repro.
- 22 Baden-Baden, for example
- 24 Symbols of virtue
- 28 Lauren ---, "Dead Voices" and "Stardust" actress
- 29 Type of test for men
- 30 Biochemical energy source, briefly
- 32 "Homeland" org.
- 33 Beer holder
- 34 Before, to a poet

Answers for this crossword will appear in August 25 issue of the Drum.

Answers for July 28, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Mid, 4 Cos, 7 Aah, 10 Orr, 11 Ova, 12 SLA, 13 Double takes, 16 On me, 17 Run out, 18 Cyst, 19 Drafty, 20 Terns, 22 Mobile, 25 As of, 29 Pianos, 30 Zuni, 31 Ellipsoidal, 33 Gum, 34 Eek, 35 StL, 36 Spy, 37 SDI, 38 Yes.  
Down: 1 Modoc, 2 Irony, 3 Drums, 4 Col, 5 Overdressed, 6 Saturn, 7 Ask of, 8 Aleut, 9 Hasty, 14 Bettini, 15 Anasazi, 21 Elopes, 22 MPEGs, 23 Oil up, 24 Balm, 26 Sudsy, 27 Onate, 28 Fills, 32 OKI.