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Representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, Tribal Council and Southern Ute Environmental Department.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tribal Council visits Bonita Peak Mining District

By Marvin Pinnecoose, Treasurer
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

On Thursday, August 24, Southern Ute Tribal Council Members, Marge Barry, Stacey Oberly, Marvin Pinnecoose, and Chairman Melvin Baker visited the Bonita Peak Mining District. This tour was a follow-up meeting from an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) visit to the Southern Ute Reservation. The Bonita Peak Mining District is a collection of inactive and abandoned mines located near the town of Silverton in San Juan County, Colo. The EPA has been working on clean-up efforts and water monitoring in the mining district for years. In 2015, the Gold King Mine (located within the Bonita Peak Mining District) breached and spilled wastewater down the valley and into the Animas River. The public immediately noticed the discoloration of the water. Ma-



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Representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, Southern Ute Tribal Council and members of the Southern Ute Environmental Dept. tour the mines of Bonita Peak rest high in the mountains above Silverton, Colo.

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SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

Growth Fund announces Kava Equity Partners and new hires

Direct private equity investment group of the SUGF

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Growth Fund, the business arm of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, announced today its newest business subsidiary, Kava Equity Partners, LLC. Kava Equity Partners will grow and diversify the Tribe's investments by seeking majority and minority, private equity investments in lower middle market companies that see business value in partnering with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and are aligned with the Tribe's cultural, environmental, and economic values.

Growth Fund Executive Director, Shane Seibel, said, "We are excited to see the investment opportunities generated by Kava Equity Partners that will grow and diversify our portfolio."

Kava (pronounced "Kah-VAH") is the Ute word for horse, which has historically been of great importance and profound significance to the Tribe. The horse allowed the Tribe to explore new territory and expand or grow resources for the membership and represents the values of partnership, reliability, and independence critical to the Tribe's wellbeing.

The Growth Fund also announced the recent hiring of Peter Shepard as Assistant Operating Director of the Growth Fund and James Dudley as Managing Director of Kava Equity Partners. Shepard oversees the Growth Fund's GF Properties Group, LLC, which owns and manages a diverse commercial and multifamily real estate portfolio, as well as Kava Equity Part-



Peter Shepard
Asst. Operating Director
Southern Ute Growth



James Dudley
Managing Director
Kava Equity Partners

ners. Dudley, as Managing Director of Kava Equity Partners, is responsible for sourcing, underwriting, structuring, and closing private equity investments and actively participates in Kava Equity Partners' strategy development and portfolio management.

"We are delighted to have Peter join our team," said Growth Fund Operating Director, Kourtney Hadrick. "He brings many years of successful investment and operating company leadership experience to the Southern Ute Growth Fund. With Peter's assistance, we look forward to continued success and acceleration in our real estate and direct private equity investment activities."

Previously, Shepard was COO and CFO of Walker & Dunlop Investment Partners (formerly JCR Capital Investment Corporation), a Denver-based real estate private equity firm. Earlier in his career, he founded and served as Managing Director of Athena Business Solutions, a CFO consultancy, and sister company First Business Partners, an out-sourced back-office administration firm. Previously, Shepard was Presi-

dent and CEO of CapTerra Financial Group, Inc., a publicly traded real estate finance company, and Executive Director of Constellation Real Technologies, a strategic venture capital fund. He received an MS (Real Estate Development) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), a JD from Cornell Law School, and a BA from New York University.

"I'm honored and excited to join the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund," Shepard said. "The mission of the Growth Fund is to grow the economic prosperity of the Tribe. The Tribe has done a tremendous job over several decades of thoughtfully developing a thriving and diverse investment portfolio. I look forward to working with this outstanding team and building upon that success."

"We are very fortunate to have James Dudley join Kava Equity Partners as Managing Director," Shepard said. "James has a strong background in venture capital and private equity, investing across a range of industries including information technolo-

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'All aboard' to Silverton



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Alyas, Adonis, Zedaya, and Belicia Maez sit aboard the scenic round-trip Durango to Silverton all day color ride on Saturday, Aug. 26. Tribal families departed from the Durango Depot to Silverton, riding along the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad exploring historic sites, shops, restaurants, overlooking the Animas River and viewing the mountains as well as the fall foliage.

Robert Michael Lucero rides the Elk Park train car on the return to Durango Depot, families spent their afternoon exploring the historic mining town of Silverton, Colo.



See more D&SNGR photos on page 9.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Vietnam veterans honored by St. Ignatius Parish

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In recognition for their service to the country during the Vietnam Conflict and for their support of the Catholic church in Ignacio, Father Caesar Arras presented Southern Ute Veterans Association members, Howard Richards Sr. and Rod Grove with a certificate of recognition from St. Ignatius Parish on behalf of Pope Francis.

"It was for Mr. Richards and Mr. Grove," Father Cesar Arras, CR Theat., said. "The reason why we gave them this was to honor their service to the community, their sacrifices in their youth and to recognize their efforts [through the Veterans Association] — they have been instrumental in helping with events to make them more patriotic."

"It is a blessing that the Pope bestows on any baptized or good standing Catholic at the request of their



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Vietnam Veteran and Commander of the Southern Ute Veterans Association, Howard Richards Sr., holds a certificate of recognition given to him by Father Cesar Arras, CR Theat. of the St. Ignatius Parish.

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FIRE RESTRICTIONS
Southern Ute Reservation
rescinds Stage I fire restrictions

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Due to recent rains and moderating fuel conditions, Stage I fire restrictions will be rescinded for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Everyone on reservation land is still asked to be cautious and use common sense with fire, as conditions may still dry out. Since June, Southern Ute



Agency Fire Management has responded to several fires on the Reservation and managed two large fires, the Ar-

kansas Loop, and Coal Mine fires, that grew to 120 and 290 acres respectively. Fire-fighters were able to keep all other fires under 10 acres with no injuries or accidents. For more information regarding Fire Restrictions, please contact Southern Ute Agency Fire Management at 970-563-4571. Stage I fire restrictions were rescinded at 6 a.m., Sept. 1, 2023.

COUNCIL VISITS BONITA PEAK FROM PAGE 1



Summer Begay/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Tribal Council tour the Gold King Mine interior on Aug. 24. Water from the famous mine now runs to a treatment facility located at the bottom of the hill.

ny people have said that the color looked gold or bronze. I refer to a more specific color from Crayola crayons listed as Banana Mania. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is highly active in monitoring and utilizing our water rights. One of our sources of water for the Reservation comes from the Animas River. Our concern was, and still is, the fallout from the wastewater spill. We needed to know when the water would be safe for people and wildlife. We also have concerns about whether this can happen again and what is being done now to make sure that this is being handled. When the EPA came to provide an update on the Bonita Peak Mining District, the Southern Ute Tribal Council had many questions. It was decided that a tour of the area would be beneficial in understanding the current situation. Tribal representatives were shown the site of the Gold King Mine. We saw the processing plant where the wa-



Marvin Pinnecoose/SU Tribal Council

Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin Baker walks beside Athena Jones from the Environmental Protection Agency.

ter is treated through various procedures. A polymer is applied to the water which separates out the sludge and discoloration. The water is also treated to re-establish a favorable PH balance before being released down into Cement Creek and the Upper Animas River drainages. Cement Creek eventually meets up with the Animas River downstream, but the treated water is of favorable quality when released onsite; in fact, the quality is close to drinking water stan-

dards when released. Tailings from the mines are collected and a repository has been created on the mountain. The goal is to keep the sludge, wastewater, and tailings all in a centralized location, away from the public. The process of disposal and cleanup is an ongoing battle, but the efforts up to date have been very impressive. We appreciate the EPA keeping us in the loop and look forward to the continued progress of this complicated clean up.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Bridgett works hard pressing lemons, limes and oranges to create the Texas Twister, during the annual Motorcycle Rally at the Sky Ute Downs.

This photo was first published in the September 6, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Lindsay Box (left) and Ivory Harris display their moves during the Heritage Performance to an appreciative crowd of bikers and spectators, at this year's "Rally in the Rockies."

This photo was published in the September 6, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Obdulia Box/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Miss Indian World Gloria Snow stopped by to see Betty and Eddie Box Jr., two good friends of hers. She was on a short visit soon to return to her home in Canada.

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



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Oldest fair in the Four Corners – 63rd Annual Southern Ute Fair. Parade participants walk and ride south on Main Street (Goddard Ave.) in Ignacio, Colo.

This photo was published in the September 9, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.





**SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND
GENERAL MEETING**

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

Scan the QR Code or visit the link below to register for the WebEx.
<https://bit.ly/2023gfgm>

Tribal members can login to the TMX to view the meeting agenda.

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.

101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow
Sept. 8 – 10, 2023
Ignacio, Colo.
Theme: "Unity In Bread"



Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo
Sept. 15 & 16, 2023
Sky Ute Fairgrounds
Ignacio, Colo.

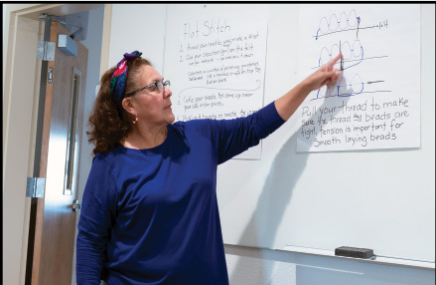


Beginning beaders learn basics



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Sherisa Valdez looks on as Feather Astor and Karen Washington thread their needles, in preparation to begin beading their earrings. The beginning beaders gathered Wednesday, Aug. 30 in the Behavioral Health Building to learn beading basics, including waxing the thread, and how to bead using a “flat-stitch.”



Beading since she was a child, Jennifer Goodtracks gives instruction and shares her vast knowledge of beading with the class. The classes are held every Wednesday at the Behavioral Health building.

Liz Williams and Loni Acevedo share the early beginnings of the earrings they are each working on creating.

ROYALTY REPORT
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
Leandra Litz

Maykh pinnu nuuchiu puan,

Hello my name is Leandra Nizhoni Anastancia Litz. I am the 2022-2023 Jr. Miss Southern Ute, I am Southern Ute and come from the Muache and Capota bands. My Ute name is Thunder Cloud Young Lady given to me by my aunty Hilda Burch. I am half Navajo — my mom’s clan is Mexican Clan and my Cheii’s clan is Zuni Edge Water Clan. My mother is Alyssa Nez and my father is Leandro Litz. My paternal grandparents are Nicole Lansing and the Late Randall Litz, my maternal grandparents are Fannie Yazzie and Darrell Nez. My great grandparents are Judy Burch Lansing, the Late Dwight Lansing, Alethea Gunn and the Late Gilbert Litz Sr.

I was crowned in September during the 100th Southern Ute Tribal Fair royalty pageant. During the pageant I had to showcase my Ute speaking, a traditional talent, and read out loud my essay about how the Jr. Miss Southern Ute title would benefit me. During those times I received guidance from Dorothy Wing and my grandmother Judy Burch in my Ute speaking and learning how to properly introduce myself in Ute.

During the process of my learning, my family provided me with words of encouragement and guidance. My community and those around me were my biggest supporters and helped me in every way possible. My late grandfather Randall who was also known as “Space Man” was my number one supporter and helped me through many hardships that I had gone through, he was a big part of my life and helped mold me into the person I am today.

During my term of the Jr. Miss Southern Ute title, I was able to experience several different opportunities such as being a head women dancer and being able to represent my people and family. Being the Jr. Miss was a privilege to me and I took it very seriously since it helped me become a better person and I was able to represent my tribe. It helped me become stronger in my heart and be more open to those around me.

During my reign I also participated in Cross Country, Basketball and was a summer youth employee. I had to learn how to balance out my schedule for my royalty events. I worked for Southern Ute Elder’s Services; my boss was Hanley Frost whose Ute class I was attending on Wednesdays at the Southern Ute Museum during lunch time. During my summer youth employment, I worked hard and attended as many events as I could.

I was able to build relationships with many other royalties such as the Ute Mountain Ute Royalty who taught me a lot as well. I also was able to build relationships with those who attended the same events I attended. I was also able to learn more about myself and who I am as a Ute woman. My favorite events were the sip chat and chews I attended with my mom and grandma



Leandra Litz
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
2022 – 2023

Judy; at these lunches I was able to learn from my elders. I also got to spend time with elders from our sister tribes. During Sip chat and chews it was an honor to serve my elders and learn as much about my culture as I can.

I am very honored to have served the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as an ambassador for my people, my community, and my family.

Tog’oiak’
Leandra Litz
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
2022-2023

March

- 3/31 – Hozhoni days Powwow in Durango, Colo.

April

- 4/1 – Community egg hunt in Ignacio, Colo.
- 4/1 – Hozhoni days powwow day 2 in Durango, Colo.
- 4/4 – Ute Mountain Honorary Tribal Sexual Assault Proclamation signing in Towaoc, Colo.
- 4/7 – child abuse awareness kick-off in Ignacio, Colo.
- 4/7 – Sip, Chat and Chew in Ignacio, Colo.
- 4/11 – Golden High School senior seminar visit in Ignacio, Colo.
- 4/14 – Ute Day at the Capitol in Denver, Colo.
- 4/15 – Spring Gourd Dance in Towaoc, Colo.
- 4/21 – Color run, child abuse awareness event in Ignacio, Colo.
- 4/22 – Bear Dance workshop hosted by royalty in Ignacio, Colo.
- 4/26 – Delivered gifts to construction services for appreciation in Ignacio, Colo.
- 4/28 – Gathering of Nations powwow in Albuquerque, N.M.
- 4/29 – Gathering of Nations powwow in Albuquerque, N.M.
- 4/30 – Nizhoni Days powwow at UNM Johnsons field in Albuquerque, N.M.

May

- 5/1 – 35th Annual academic awards where I received a certificate in Ignacio, Colo.
- 5/5 – Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute graduation in Durango, Colo.
- 5/10 – SUIMA family night in Ignacio, Colo.
- 5/12 – SUIMA’s annual field day in Ignacio, Colo.
- 5/26 – SUIMA’s graduation in Ignacio, Colo.
- 5/26 – Honoring Karen

Rodberg in Ignacio, Colo.

- 5/26 – Southern Ute Bear dance and powwow in Ignacio, Colo.
- 5/26 – Bear Dance kick off meal in Ignacio, Colo.
- 5/27 – Ignacio High School graduation in Ignacio, Colo.
- 5/27 – Bear Dance and Powwow in Ignacio, Colo.
- 5/29 – Day of Remembrance in Ignacio, Colo.

June

- 6/1 – Ute Mountain Ute outgoing royalty dinner in Towaoc, Colo.
- 6/4 – Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance in Towaoc, Colo.
- 6/10 – Youth conference powwow in Dulce, N.M.
- 6/12 – Durango Rendezvous in Ignacio, Colo.
- 6/15 – Father’s Day concert in the park Ignacio, Colo.
- 6/16 – Welcoming the veterans charity ride in Ignacio, Colo.
- 6/16 – Sip, chat and chew in Ignacio, Colo.
- 6/24 – Scrapin the Rockies in Ignacio, Colo.

July

- 7/13 – Southern Ute general meeting in Ignacio, Colo.
- 7/15 – Little Beaver Powwow and parade in Dulce, N.M.
- 7/22 – Missing & Murdered Indigenous people walk in Towaoc, Colo.
- 7/24 – Community healing land blessing at the Elhi in Ignacio, Colo.
- 7/26 – Jimmy Newtown youth leadership conference in Ignacio, Colo.
- 7/29 – San Ignacio parade (won grand prize) and festivities in Ignacio, Colo.
- 7/29 – We ride for her in Towaoc, Colo.

August

- 8/4 – Pino Nuche Indigenous art market & juried show in Ignacio, Colo.
- 8/5 – Pino Nuche Indigenous art market & juried show in Ignacio, Colo.
- 8/5 – Russell Box’s proclamation and reception in Ignacio, Colo.
- 8/12 – Indigenous fashion show in Ignacio, Colo.
- 8/17 – Breastfeeding awareness walk & community baby shower in Ignacio, Colo.
- 8/17 – SUIMA’s back to school open house in Ignacio, Colo.
- 8/18 – Back to school bash in Ignacio, Colo.
- 8/25 – Employee appreciation in Ignacio, Colo.
- 8/26 – Southern Ute royalty pageant in Ignacio, Colo.

September

- 9/1 – Durango Veterans Run in Ignacio, Colo.
- 9/1 – Four Corners Motorcycle Rally in Ignacio, Colo.
- 9/2 – 34th Annual Totah Festival in Farmington, N.M.
- 9/3 – M.M.I.R Ride in Ignacio, Colo.
- 9/8 – Southern Ute fair festivities in Ignacio, Colo.

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Southwest Ratatouille

By Lisa Smith, RDN, CLC
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS

Sweet summer veggies are a delight! This simple mixture makes a wonderful side dish loaded with nutrients and lots of flavor, especially when a twist of the Southwest is added. This can be used as a side dish or served over fish or chicken as a flavorful marinade. You can add any veggie you like, get creative and enjoy!



courtesy RB and Mindy

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

Southwest Ratatouille

Ingredients:

- 3 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 sweet onion, diced
- 1 zucchini, cut into 1/2" cubed
- 1 yellow squash, cut into 1/2" cubed
- 1 poblano pepper, diced
- 4 Roma tomatoes, diced
- 1 cup sweet corn (fresh or canned)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste

and poblano pepper, cook for 10 minutes, stirring frequently.

4. Add the remaining olive oil, diced tomatoes and corn, simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Serves 6

Nutrients per serving: 78 Calories, 3g Fat, 12.6g Carbohydrates, 3g Fiber, 3g Protein

Directions:

1. Place 1 teaspoon olive oil and heat a large pan or deep skillet to medium-high.
2. Add onions and sauté for 3-5 minutes, or until translucent and fragrant.
3. Add another teaspoon olive oil along with the zucchini, yellow squash,

Serving Suggestions:

- Bake with or serve over chicken or fish, use as a side dish, cook with cubed beef or bison, or use your imagination!
- Other ingredients that you might want to try: Eggplant, mushrooms, bell peppers, black beans, or olives.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

By Tamara D. Turner
SU BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Monthly observances for the month of September range from National Italian Cheese Month and National Square Dance Month to one of the most important mental health topics of the year: National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

First recognized in 2008, this is a time to acknowledge the great impact of suicide on families and communities as well as push a bit more for education around resources.

Native communities deal with significantly higher rates of suicide compared to all other racial and ethnic groups in the U.S., with suicide being the eighth leading cause of death for American Indians and Alaska Natives across all ages (Says, 2020). Prevention efforts have largely failed to address this difference because efforts are often based on a model that approaches the problem at an individual level rather than the community level. In other words, typical prevention efforts deal with the person suffering but do not consistently address the wider context of families, communities, and connection. One of the problems in the English language is that the terms "mental health" or "behavioral health" sometimes direct our attention to personal mental and emotional factors and leave out spiritual health, community health, and big-picture wellness. We don't need science to tell us that a person's health and wellbeing has everything to do with connection and belonging to a community.

Here at the Behavioral Health Division, we are dedicated to education and awareness around suicide prevention. Our grant from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) connects us to a nationwide program called Native Connections. Within this frame, we are working to involve community voices and strengthen generational connections. Our official purpose "is to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) young people up to and including age 24." The Native Connections theme is "Culture is Prevention." This underscores the importance of community, tradition, and family support.

Our work is also connected with the La Plata County Suicide Prevention Collaborative which approaches prevention from multiple perspectives, including connection with others and stigma reduction. You can find their website below.

And finally, one of the best-known sources for prevention is the 988-crisis line. The BH division has recently begun working directly with the 988 infrastructure in order to best serve the community. We look forward to seeing the results of a recent needs assessment to guide our decision-making about how we can make the most impact. As part of this effort, we are also evaluating the mobile crisis response in our community and will provide more information in the near future.

If you have thoughts about how you would like to see the community served better in these matters, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2020/10/Native-Connections-Family-Resource-Guide-2020-FINAL.pdf>

American Indian/Alaska Native Settings – Suicide Prevention Resource Center ([sprc.org](https://www.sprc.org))

Culturally Responsive Suicide Prevention in Indigenous Communities: Unexamined Assumptions and New Possibilities - PMC ([nih.gov](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6844441/))

<https://www.lpcsuicideprevention.com/>

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.

TRIBAL HEALTH

AAIHB will host the Reimagine Youth Wellness: A Caring Adults Summit

Staff report

ALBUQUERQUE AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

The Community Health Education and Resiliency Program (CHERP) at the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. (AAIHB), will host the Reimagine Youth Wellness: A Caring Adults Summit, from Nov. 8-9, 2023 at the Hilton Downtown Santa Fe.

The summit will focus on innovative ways to support youth in Native communities with the underlying goal of reducing risks related to suicide and substance use. The purpose of the summit is two-fold:

- 1) To educate adults who work with Native youth about programs, strategies, models, and frameworks that promote positive outcomes for youth; and
- 2) To build community and strengthen our networks for supporting each other in this work.

Presenters have been selected for their expertise in issues that impact Native youth, and alternative approaches that are strengths based and trauma informed. We are building an engaging, informative, and motivating agenda, that will provide new tools and insights that will help adults improve their ability to support and care for our youth.

Any adults who work with youth are welcome to attend including teachers, administrators, coaches, after-school program staff, social workers, and more.

Summit registration is free for all participants. Registration is open and available online. Additional information, including registration and lodging, can be found on the summit website: <https://www.aaihb.org/reimagine-youth-wellness-summit>.

Updates will be posted on our social media platforms at <https://www.facebook.com/CHERP.SW>.



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Pickup Date: Wed/Thurs, Sept. 27/28

Meal Kit Includes:
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• Recipe / Prep Tips
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Contact:
Heather Sorensen 970-563-2349
If you need to schedule a different pickup time/date, please reach out to Heather



International Overdose Awareness Day

International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember without stigma those who have died from overdose, and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind.

The IOAD 2023 theme "Recognizing those people who go unseen" is about acknowledging people in our communities who are affected by overdose but might go unseen in the crisis.

If you or someone you know is struggling with opioid use, please reach out to the Southern Ute Behavioral Health at 970.563.5700.

If you need Narcan, please contact:
Marvina Olguin at marolguin@southernute-nsn.gov
Preston Barry at pbarry@southernute-nsn.gov

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!



BOBCAT BULLETIN

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year!

Dayna M. Talamante-Montoya, Principal
IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Greetings everyone! Ignacio Middle School staff spent their summer preparing for the year. Our focus areas this year are academic growth, engagement and attendance. Our scores on CMAS improved from last year and the middle school showed great growth.

To celebrate the hard work of our students and staff we held an assembly to recognize the accomplishments middle school students had. As part of our BEAT CMAS, those who made a year's growth, or more, were recognized and rewarded. We filled the stage with students, it was a fabulous assembly. CMAS scores will be mailed out to families this week. If you have any questions about what the scores mean, you can contact your students' language arts or math teacher for more information. We are looking forward to and busy preparing to repeat that accomplishment this school year.

Academic growth happens when students are in school. Our school day begins at 7:50am. Please, help us by getting students to school in a timely manner. If you need support, please reach out. Early bedtime and consistent wake up



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Principal
Ignacio Middle School

times help students build academic stamina so they are ready to meet the day, and as part of the Healthy Meals for All program, all students will be provided breakfast and lunch free of charge.

Athletics are underway. We have 32 football players, 31 volleyball players and eight cross-country athletes. That is almost half of our student population! We know that when students feel connected and part of a team, they excel. If you have any questions regarding athletics, please feel free to call the office for more information.

We are looking for parent volunteers to be a part of the BAC (Building Accountability Committee). This team meets once a month to monitor processes and programs. If you have any questions or interest,

please contact the office or email me directly at dtalamantemontoya@ignacio-schools.org

In hopes of helping busy families keep track of the events and activities that happen at IMS, we have an activities calendar that you can access through the ignacioschools.org webpage. Check the calendar for things like PT conference (being held in October), dances, academic nights, honor roll breakfast, etc.

Cell phones should not be used during the school day. If you need to message your student, please contact the front office. We love your support in keeping the phones out of the classroom, so students can focus on academic learning and growth.

We are excited for this school year and eagerly look forward to our journey together. We may not always agree, but together we can find a solution or fix any issue. Thank you all for your support and ideas. It is "Together" that we will engage, empower and prepare all of our learners for the future, so that it benefits our community as a whole. The school phone number is 970-563-0600 and the district website is www.ignacioschools.org

Please, reach out with any questions or to schedule a time to meet.



courtesy SUIMA

Jacoby Scott, Andre Bluestar-Baker, Tenetke Wesley, Meskvlwv Wesley, Matthew Carrillo, Lawrence Santistevan Jr., Lucas Rael, and Bryan Howe stand ready to dance during the White Mesa Bear Dance.

SUIMA
Pawaaghani Po'ekwatu
Eagle's Nest

Students enjoy White Mesa bear Dance

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
SU MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The elementary students traveled to White Mesa, Utah to enjoy the last Bear Dance of the season. Getting up early to travel by bus, the students enjoyed dancing and meeting students from other schools. It was a day of excitement as they also realized that they were the first group from SUIMA to have made the trip to White Mesa. They showed pride in themselves and their culture as they stood tall for the first dance. They represented their families, the school, and the Tribe in a positive and respectful way.

School Board

We currently have a full school board with new members that will soon be voted into the vacant offices. Open meeting dates will be advertised soon.

Parent Advisory Group

Inviting all SUIMA parents and families! Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 6 – 7 p.m. via Zoom. Come listen to what the students have been working on, learn about upcoming events, and get up-to-date news on activities and programs of SUIMA. Please make sure you have signed up on your child's Classroom DoJo so that you

can get the meeting link.

Family Nights

The first SUIMA Family Night will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. in the dining hall. Come learn about the Montessori method and work with some of the classroom materials. There will be guides/teachers from each level. Food, or a light snack, will be served.

- **Sept. 25:** Pumpkin Carving
- **Nov. 29:** Culture
- **Dec. 6:** Christmas crafts and decorating stockings

Upcoming events

- **Early Release every Friday**
- **Sept. 19:** Parent Advisory Group meeting via Zoom, 6 – 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 22:** No School – Staff Professional Development Day
- **Sept. 27:** Family Night in the dining hall. 5:30 – 7 p.m.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Tuition-free Security + Cybersecurity and Commercial Drone Pilot course

Staff report
PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Tuition-free certifications

As part of our continued workforce development efforts, the Alliance in partnership with PCC, will be offering both a Security + Cybersecurity Certification and a Commercial Drone FAA Part 107 Pilot License course starting the first week of September. These courses are tuition-free and made available to our membership with a grant from La Plata County and Colorado OEDIT.

Please email jj@yeslpc.com to register. Seating is limited and first come first serve.

Course information:
Security + Cybersecurity certification incorporates best practices in hands-on troubleshooting, ensuring you have the practical security problem-solving skills required to:

- Assess the security of an organization and recommend appropriate solutions.

- Monitor and secure hybrid environments, including cloud, mobile and IoT.
- Operate with an awareness of applicable laws and policies, including principles of governance, risk and compliance.
- Identify, analyze and respond to security events and incidents.

Instructor: Natambu Oblaton, CCIE

Schedule: Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m Sept. 9 to Dec. 10 (skipping Oct. 7, 14 and Nov. 18, 25)

FLC Center for Innovation in the Main Mall downtown Durango.

Drone commercial pilot license

UAS 140 class is designed to teach principles of flight and control as it applies to drones/UAS equipment. This course will include the principles of flight, mission planning, systems control, safety of personnel, safety in the operational environment and

compliance with regulations and procedures. This will be a well-balanced course of flight practice time and classroom time.

UAS 1050 is designed to prepare all participants to take and pass the FAA Part 107 Exam. The Part 107 license is required for all professional/commercial UAS pilots. This course will provide an understanding of all aspects of the exam plus provides a deep understanding of the technology and an overview of what is coming in the near future with AUS integration into the National Airspace System.

Instructors:

- UAS 1040 in-person instructors will be Heather Houk, Mari-ah Klingler, and Drew Semel
- UAS 1050 virtual instructor Dr. Evert Brown

Schedule:

- Tue./Thur. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. – The Commons building Rm 108
- UAS 1040 Sept. 5 – Oct. 24 in-person
- UAS 1050 Oct. 26 – Dec. 14 (Virtual)



courtesy SUIMA

Primary 1 student, Enrique Silva, is working on his CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words.



courtesy SUIMA

Primary 1 student, Myklin Goodtracks, is working on words using the short "i" sound.

DIALECTICAL BEHAVIORAL THERAPY (DBT) GROUP THERAPY

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING
10:00-11:00AM

WELCOME AGES 18+

In-person or Teams options
Call for more Information

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

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.



courtesy History Colorado

Fort Lewis Indian Boarding School, Hesperus, Colo.

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS

History Colorado issues executive summary on research

Reports on federal Indian boarding schools in state

Staff report
HISTORY COLORADO

On September 1, 2023, History Colorado issued an executive summary of the research led by History Colorado’s State Archaeologist, Dr. Holly Norton, under House Bill 22-1327. This executive summary was written in accordance with the Federal Indian Boarding School Research Program Act (HB 22-1327), which was signed into law by Governor Jared Polis on May 24, 2022. HB 22-1327 directed History Colorado to investigate the lived experiences of students at the one-time federal Native American boarding school in Hesperus, Colo., also referred to as the Fort Lewis Indian Boarding School; as well as to identify potential burial places of students who perished while attending the school.

An executive summary of the June 30 report and the recommendations has been provided to:

- Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA)
- The Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- The Colorado State House of Representatives’ Judiciary Committee
- The Colorado State Senate’s Judiciary Committee
- The Joint Budget Committee of the General Assembly of Colorado
- The Office of Governor Jared Polis
- The Board of Trustees of Fort Lewis College

In addition to the executive summary and recommendations required by HB 22-1327, Dr. Norton provided the CCIA with progress reports on September 8, 2022, December 15, 2022, March 16, 2023, and June 1, 2023.

Executive summary and recommendations

The executive summary outlines the final report to the CCIA, which was delivered on June 30, 2023, entitled “Federal Indian Schools in Colorado, 1880-1920,” as well as recommendations for robust, long-term con-

sultations to adequately determine programmatic recommendations for future actions.

“The completion of this report represents just one step on the path to recognizing and reconciling the harm generations of Native individuals, families, and communities suffered as a result of federal schooling policy,” said Dr. Norton. “There are still years of thoughtful work ahead which includes community engagement, and culturally appropriate consultation with Indigenous peoples impacted by this tragic history.”

History Colorado’s recommendations have come out of government-to-government consultations as well as conversations with state agencies and community groups. The summary also includes appendices providing a timeline of key moments and consultation dates as well as a synopsis of steps History Colorado took to fulfill the requirements of HB 22-1327, and a proposed budget for History Colorado’s recommendations.

“A recurrent theme throughout this process has been the need for time; time to consult with the tribes, time to gather and synthesize the information and data, and most importantly time for the survivors and descendants of those impacted by, or who did not return from, these institutions to review and reflect upon this research,” said Dr. Norton.

Update on final report

In August of 2023 History Colorado provided copies of Dr. Norton’s final report under HB 22-1327 to additional tribes residing outside of Colorado impacted by the federal Indian boarding schools in Colorado.

“Consistent with government-to-government relationships with tribal nations, the full results of this investigation have been released to the tribes who had children in attendance at these schools,” said Dawn Di-Prince, President/CEO & State Historic Preservation Officer of History Colorado.

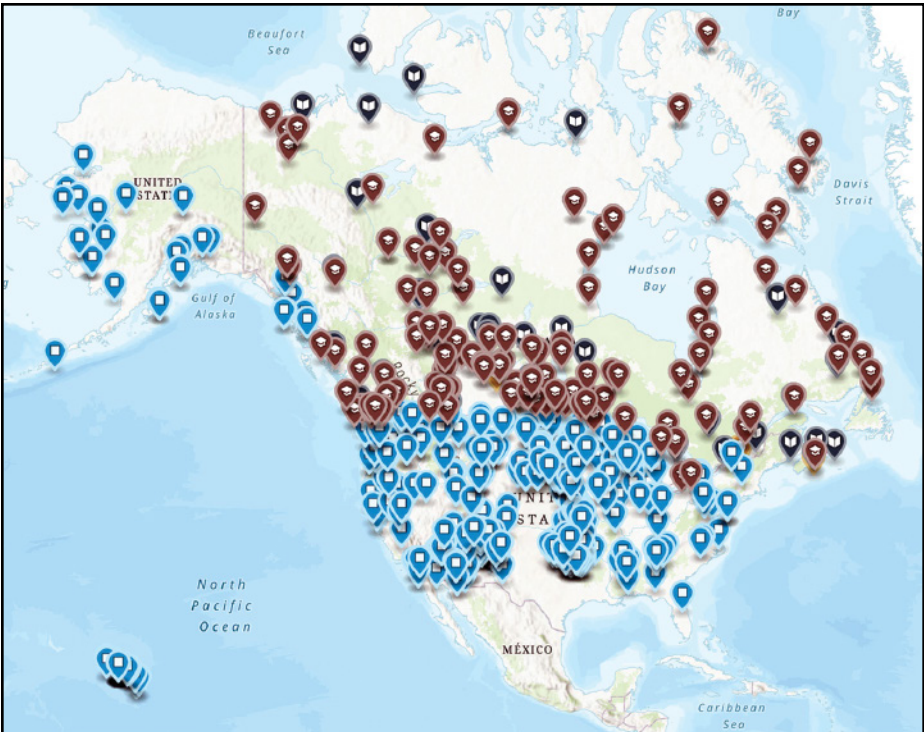
The final report issued by Dr. Norton to CCIA will be publicly released on Octo-

ber 3, 2023, after the tribal nations impacted by this history have had time to review, reflect, and process its contents.

“We acknowledge the destruction of this dark period in our shared history. We reaffirm that hatred, racism, fear, and violence have no place in Colorado’s future. The Polis-Primavera Administration is committed to partnering with tribal nations and American Indian/Alaska Native communities affected as we work together to address the intergenerational trauma and harmful impacts of the boarding school era. Colorado is part of the larger Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, and we are also supportive of dialogue and healing processes in other states and directly with the Federal Government,” said Governor Jared Polis and Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera. “As we continue to investigate the past atrocities and work to further understand the truth surrounding our state’s and country’s history, we must keep in mind that this painful history still impacts families across Colorado. We encourage those impacted to seek additional support through community resources and services. We thank History Colorado for their efforts on this report.”

About the Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation

The Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (OAHP) is a part of History Colorado’s State Historic Preservation Office. Through the Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, History Colorado operates the office of the State Archaeologist which provides technical assistance, educational opportunities, and access to archaeology and historic preservation resources. The Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation creatively engages Coloradans and their guests in partnerships to discover, preserve, and take pride in our architectural, archaeological, and other historic places by providing statewide leadership and support to our partners in archaeology and historic preservation.



courtesy National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

You can find information and locations for all 523 known Indian boarding schools in the United States, as well as known Indian residential schools in Canada.

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS

Native Healing Coalition releases interactive digital map

Largest compilation of Indian boarding schools in U.S.

Staff report
NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN BOARDING SCHOOL HEALING COALITION

In efforts toward uncovering the truth about the historical impact of Indian boarding schools in the United States, the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has released a digital map containing a total of 523 Indian boarding schools across the United States. This is the most extensive known list of schools to date and encompasses both federally operated boarding schools and institutions run by various religious entities.

The 523 schools are shown alongside known Indian residential schools in Canada, demonstrating an international scope and context geographically for the first time. Users will be able to find the locations and general information about all 523 schools, including known dates, operators, and historical notes.

“NABS is honored to release our latest findings and digital map, which will be an important resource for any future research conducted around Indian boarding schools,” said Deidre Whiteman (Spirit Lake Dakota, Hidatsa), Director of Research and Education for NABS. “Researchers, educators, and policymakers

now have a place to start to inform understanding and future change.”

In May 2022, the U.S. Department of the Interior released volume one of its Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report, identifying 408 Indian boarding schools that were operated, funded, or supported by the United States government. In NABS’s latest research, it identified an additional 115 schools, with the majority being operated without federal support by church institutions who had authority to establish schools to carry out U.S. policies meant to assimilate Native children.

“I believe this tool is going to greatly help our relatives who are seeking answers and who are on their own healing journeys,” said Dr. Samuel Torres (Mexican/Nahua), Deputy CEO for NABS. “Every Indigenous person in this country has been impacted by the deliberate attempt to destroy Native families and cultures through boarding schools. For us to visually see the scope of what was done to our communities and Nations at this scale is overwhelming, but this work is necessary to uncover the truth about this dark chapter in American history.”


NABS is already beginning to utilize its latest findings to inform fu-

ture research, curriculum, and archival digitization efforts. In November, the organization will be releasing a first-of-its-kind archival database – the National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive. After its launch, the organization plans to update the digital map with links directly to available archival records.

“We believe our latest findings will open up new dialogues and bring new insights, allowing us to dig even deeper in examining the truth in this history, as well as continued calls for accountability,” Dr. Torres said.

The digital map was created in partnership with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, which educates Canadians on the injustices inflicted on First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation by the forced removal of children to attend residential schools and the widespread abuse suffered in those schools.

“NCTR is honored to partner with NABS to expand the international research of these assimilative institutions,” said Jessie Boiteau (Métis Nation), Senior Archivist for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. “Through this digital map, we are not just capturing history. We have created a tool that can be used today to impact what happens in the future.”



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 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 26th, 28th,
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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



Thanks for the support of the Colorado voters and the Ignacio School Board. We are participating in the New Healthy School Meals for All program to provide free meals to all of our students.

There will be a Family Economics Data Survey to replace the Free & Reduced meal application that all families will need to complete. Families will be notified when this form is available to be completed through our parent portal on Infinite Campus. This data is essential in receiving additional funding for programs to support our students.

Adult Breakfast - \$2.50
Adult Lunch - \$3.50
We no longer allow meal charges.
Adults must prepay for meals through the online meal account system.
No cash transactions.

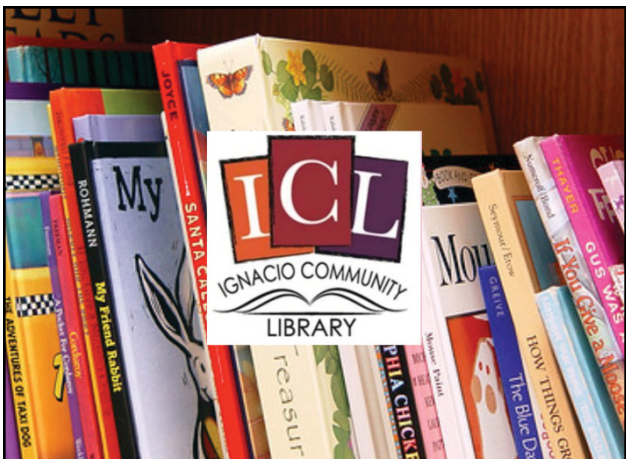
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

‘Back to School’ at the library

Marcia R. Vining, Director
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The definition of a school is a place or institution for teaching and learning. The definition of a library is a building or room with books and other materials for people to read or checkout, or at least it was. As libraries continue to transform to meet the needs and wishes of its patrons, the differing definitions no longer apply and the library is now also a place for teaching and learning. The Ignacio Community Library provides a variety of ways for student patrons (of all ages) to learn many subjects and skills, from basic computer usage to building your own computer, from creating simple video slideshow to advanced movie making using stop motion animation techniques, and from learning to make a simple electronic circuit to building advanced robots — to name a few examples. Your local library can assist you on your educational journey with resources, equipment, practice, and experience.

In a makerspace we pick a project, start work on that project and then learn along the way. Adley loves taking electronic devices apart. Deconstruction (taking things apart) is actually a great way to learn how items are put together. We learn about different types of materials and design and mechanical ideas are contemplated as the next step is decided. We learn new vocabulary (such as “contemplated”) as we discuss techniques.



We learn fine motor skills and how to properly and safely handle tools. We learn responsibility and consequences as difficulties arise and we work through them. Sometimes we learn the history or background actions concerning the subject. And most importantly we hopefully learn perseverance and are filled with a desire to continue to learn. Many times we also learn soft skills such as how to work with other people, communication skills, how feelings arise and hints on improving our emotional intelligence. Adley remains engaged because the learning moves at her own pace and expectations are kept to a minimum while at the same time she is encouraged to move outside her comfort zone and given the opportunity to explore.

All this learning is great, but years from now Adley will be considering higher education or entering the workforce. How does she show these institutions or businesses verification of this knowledge and acquired skills? This is where digital badges or

e-badges come into play. Just as it sounds, a digital badge is a new type of credential that allows you to show specific skills that you have gained through learning experiences. A digital badge includes an icon but it is not a static image. It is web-based, clickable, and contains unique verifiable metadata, (showing what was involved in earning the badge). With these credentials, Adley will be able to display badges in 3D printing and design, video editing, electronics, and more. This will be a little more evidenced based than simply saying, “I learned it at the library.”

Education is on the cusp of reformative changes and many organizations in Southwest Colorado are involved in this effort. The Ignacio Community Library is actively involved and working to provide meaningful educational opportunities while also providing proof of this learning. Old definitions of libraries are being rewritten and I invite you to go back to school at the library and experience the future of education now!

PINE RIVER SHARES

September is ‘Pine River Shares Month’ by proclamation

Staff report
PINE RIVER SHARES

Pine River Shares (PRS) is celebrating its 10th anniversary beginning this month. In recognition of PRS’s contributions to helping Pine River Valley communities thrive, the Town of Bayfield Mayor Ashleigh Tarkington recently proclaimed that September is Pine River Shares Month. The Proclamation states, “Over the last 10 years, Pine River Shares has lived and worked by the saying, ‘When everyone shares, no one goes without’ — in

the spirit of sharing, they are inviting you to participate in a delicious fund-raising project that benefits local business and celebrates Pine River Shares throughout September 2023.”

Beginning Sept. 1, numerous Pine River Valley food establishments, from Vallecito to Ignacio, are helping PRS celebrate their 10th anniversary. Sixteen businesses, to date, are supporting PRS, each in their own way. A calendar of participating restaurants and grocery stores can be found on Pine River Shares Facebook

page and on their website calendar at www.PineRiverShares.org. Patronize a local food establishment on the day their logo appears on the calendar and Pine River Shares will benefit.

PRS is meeting its mission to create healthy, thriving communities when we create opportunities for people to patronize local businesses. Support those businesses that support Pine River Shares!

More information about Pine River Shares can be found at <https://www.PineRiverShares.org>.

CENTER OF SOUTHWEST STUDIES

The ‘Return of the Force’ to open at the Center of Southwest Studies

Staff report
CENTER OF SOUTHWEST STUDIES, FLC

The Center of Southwest Studies (CSWS) at Fort Lewis College (FLC) in Durango, Colo. is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibition, The Return of the Force, on Wednesday, Sept. 27. The Return of the Force explores the significant influence the Star Wars movies have had on contemporary Native artists through an innovative collection of work that addresses themes such as resistance, place, belonging, and Indigenous knowledge. The exhibition will open on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 5:30p.m. in the Center of Southwest Studies exhibit galleries, with an artist panel from 6 - 6:45 p.m. in the Lyceum. The Return of the Force will run through August 2024 and include a suite of programming throughout the year.

The exhibition will feature works by over twenty

artists, including Ryan Singer (Diné), Dwayne Manuel (On’k Akimel O’odham), and Christal Ratt (Algonquins of Barriere Lake). Singer is known for paintings that reference both Indigenous and mainstream popular culture, while Manuel brings together street-style art and traditional O’odham imagery. For this exhibition, Ratt has contributed a wigwas (birch bark) Mandalorian costume that engages the question, “What if the Mandalorian were Indigenous?” A variety of mediums will be on display, ranging from painting and costumes to jewelry.

The Return of the Force is a sequel to the Museum of Northern Arizona’s 2019 exhibit The Force is With Our People. Guest Curator Duane Koyawena (Hopi) and Center Curator Elizabeth Quinn MacMillan expanded the original show, inviting artists from beyond the Southwest to participate in the exhibition and exploring new topics such as the balance of the light and dark sides of the Force as they relate to Native culture. Return of the Force also builds upon the Center’s previous collaboration with Koyawena and Landis Bahe (Diné) on PIVOT: Skateboard Deck Art in 2020.

The Return of the Force was made possible through generous grants from the City of Durango Lodgers’ Tax Arts and Culture Fund and the La Plata Electric Association Round Up Foundation.

As an academic museum, archives, and library dedicated to the diverse cultures, histories, and environments of the Southwest, the Center of Southwest Studies provides collections-based learning opportunities and internships for undergraduate students, preserves and provides access to its diverse research collections, and offers exhibits and educational programs for the College and the public.

Haunted house raise funds



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Instructor, Bernadine Tso gets food to-go during the Multi-Purpose Facility’s Haunted House fundraiser held, Thursday, Aug. 30. The Southern Ute MPF holds fundraisers to help with their annual haunted house every year in October.

Southern Ute tribal elder, Terry Box and Kiefer Goodtracks-Aires help cook and prepare the food Thursday, Aug. 30, during the Multi-Purpose Facility’s fundraiser.



Ignacio Community Library

SILLY SCIENCE SATURDAY

First date Saturday, September 9 at 12:00 p.m.

Join us and our favorite Mad Scientist, Mrs. Libby, for a day of having fun with hands on learning and science experiments every month!

\$5 deposit required | focused for elementary school kids (older and young may also attend)

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

Teen Night

Monday September 18
6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

Middle school - high school kids are invited for pizza and mini golf in the library!!

This after-hours library program is a great way to make friends and connect with peers in your community!

Program held the third Monday of every month.

staff will be present | please pickup kids promptly at 8:00 p.m. or earlier

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



Vets ride into Ignacio



Riders on the annual Durango Veterans Run assemble in front of the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial for a group photo, which has become a tradition over the years.

Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel shakes hands with Rose Vigil as her and her family wait in line to draw their respective cards.



Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin Baker welcomes the Durango Veterans Run participants to the Southern Ute Reservation.



Juan Valencia shakes hands with Southern Ute Veteran Howard Richards Sr., as David Latham greets Veterans and other riders.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

MMIR rides to SUCCM



Members of Southern Ute Tribal Council stand in support of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women with members of Native Love at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, as over 100 supporters rode their motorcycles from Durango to Ignacio, Sunday, Sept. 3.



Bradlin GoodTracks and Waynoka Whiteskunk and other riders, rode into Ignacio in support of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.



Brittany Lambright (Potawatomi) from Forest County, Wisc., places her painted hand on a mural created by other riders in solidarity and support of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Motorcycle Run at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, after enjoying a meal prepared by Velma Armijo and her Jemez family.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

Multi-Purpose Facility

September Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday September 16, 2023
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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



MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

September Sip, Chat & Chew

Saturday September 9, 2023
After the Fair Parade



Mini Craft Fair - open to all 3 Ute Tribes
Set-up a table, sell your crafts, baked goods

Call to reserve your space

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

Door Prize donations and side dishes are welcome

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



Multi-Purpose Facility

September Quilt & Sewing Class

Tuesday - Thursday - September 12-14, 2023



10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Holiday Table Runner

Supply List:
Fat quarters :
4—1/4 yard of green fabrics
1/2 yard green fabric (includes binding)
3— 1/4 yard of 3 red fabrics
1/2 yard white background
5/8 yard of backing (red or green)

Call to sign up - Have a question? Call Elise 970-563-2641
Need more Information? Call the Multi-Purpose Facility 970-563-2640 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO



Durango to Silverton by rail



Torrica Howe views the Animas River as she returns to Durango, Colo. aboard a gondola car during the scenic trip to Silverton.



Wahleah Frost enjoys the mountain views along the train ride from Durango to Silverton, tribal families take a step back in time as they journey 45 miles through the San Juan Mountains by rail.



Tribal members travel along the Animas River, viewing the mountains and foliage within the Weminuche Wilderness in the San Juan National Forest.



Southern Ute tribal member Conrad Thompson and his daughter Lavinia Thompson overlook the Animas River aboard the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. Passengers move about the train cars to take in the sights during the round trip to Silverton.

Tribal members and their families board the Durango to Silverton all day color ride – sponsored by Tribal Information Services – Saturday, Aug. 26 departing from the Durango Depot to Silverton. Tribal Information Services provided 50 tickets to tribal families, giving them a chance to enjoy a scenic round trip to the historic mining town. Families rode three hours to Silverton with a two-hour layover to explore historic sights, curio shops, and numerous restaurants.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Donovan Watts peers into the river and wildlife just below the train car during the scenic round trip Silverton train ride. This train ride was sponsored by Tribal Information Services offering 50 tickets for tribal members and their families.

August 21, 2023



TRIBAL
PLANNING
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

NEWS UPDATE

Tribal Planning has a new email!
suroadmaintenance@southernute-nsn.gov

The purpose of this email is to collect information about maintenance needs on SU Roads from the Tribal membership and Tribal Employees, who hunt or access Tribal Roads.

What Tribal Planning ask of you.

- What SU roads need maintenance?
- Is the road a low or high priority?
- Use the Tribes [land status](#) website to mark the problem area or get Longitude/Latitude.
=> [HGPS:geo.southernute.com/landstatus](https://geo.southernute.com/landstatus)
- Have photos of the road. (Don't need them, just ask if you have them).
- A detailed description of issue of the road.
- A point-of-contact.

What Tribal Planning can do.

Given the above information, Tribal Planning, SU Road Maintenance, and with the GIS department, can identify the road and schedule an on-site. From there we will set a high-low priority for the road and a project date for the repair. Once the issue has been resolved, verification will be relayed back to the reporting party.

“Ensure that Tribal lands are preserved, occupied or developed in a manner which at all times considers and adheres to the best interests of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.”

-Tribal Planning



Legend

BA/Tribal Non-Forest Road Surface Type

Southern Ute Boundary

Counties

Communities

Soil, Gravel or Stone

Primitive, Unimproved, Graveled & Drilled

All Other Roads

ELDER SERVICES
SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

September 8 -10, 2023
Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Powwow

September 12, 2023
Movie Day (Durango)
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Southern Utes host pageant to crown royalty



Recently crowned Ute Mountain Ute Royalty joined the current Southern Ute Royalty, after each gave a welcome, and the outgoing royalty gave their farewell speeches at the 2023 Southern Ute Royalty Pageant, Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.



Contestant for Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder presented her puppet, "Nova" and her dance style as her talent presentation. White Thunder currently holds the title of Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate for 2022-23.



Outgoing Miss Southern Ute, Grace Gonzales and outgoing Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel, each received a shawl from the pageant judges as a parting gift for their representation as Southern Ute Royalty.



Contestant for Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage speaks about the hand drum she made, and sang a song she composed on her hand drum. Sage previously served as Junior Miss Southern Ute from 2017 to 2022.



Contestant for Junior Miss Southern Ute. Maleina Carel speaks about her beaded breastplates, holding one she made for her sister, while also wearing one she made. Carel currently holds the title of Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate for 2022-23.



Both vying for the Southern Ute Brave title, Theodone Greany and Henry Whiteskunk, both fancy feather dancers, showed their dance skills and regalia before the judges.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

Ute Mountain Ute Royalty and loved ones joined the outgoing Southern Ute Royalty in celebrating a year of Southern Ute representation across Indian Country. Outgoing royalty gave their farewells and Royalty candidates all presented their respective talents, including Ute knowledge, before a panel of judges for the upcoming year. The panel judged each contestant in the areas of Ute knowledge and history, talent, regalia and dancing, while also paying attention to public speaking, and appearance and if the contestants knew their family background. The official crowning will take place at the Friday evening Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow, Sept. 8 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.



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Tribe shows its appreciation



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Terence Whyte with Records tosses his bean bag as Acie Patterson from Gaming looks on. Sunshine and Terence Whyte partnered together as team SunTee and won the cornhole tournament.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Employees from the Southern Ute Permanent Fund joined the early morning archery competition during the Tribe's Employee Appreciation Day, Friday, Aug. 25. Travis Nanaeto, Building Maintenance Technician, shoots his compound bow while Darren Rock, Grounds Maintenance worker, Quinten Lucero, Property and Facilities worker, and Andrew Gallegos, Ground Maintenance Division Head watch to see where his arrow hits.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Chairman Melvin J. Baker welcomes Permanent Fund employees to the annual Employee Appreciation Day on Friday, Aug. 25, outside of the Multi-Purpose Facility. Standing alongside other members of Tribal Council, Tribal Information Services, and Southern Ute Tribal Royalty, Chairman Baker shared his gratitude with the employees in attendance, thanking them for their continued service.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Senior Internal Auditor, Erik Tsosie tries his hand at fly fishing in Scott's Pond, hoping to deceive a bass and trout into striking his fly.

The Southern Ute Permanent Fund celebrated its tribal employees during the Employee Appreciation Day held on Friday, Aug. 25, various tribal departments and divisions collaborated to host this event offering games, competitions, and entertainment for the employees. The day began with a 3D Archery competition and the welcoming address provided by Southern Ute Tribal Council, Southern Ute Tribal Royalty, Southern Ute Singers, and Tribal Information Services Director, Amy Barry. Throughout the remainder of the day employees enjoyed numerous activities, including a poker walk, fishing, pickleball, volleyball, karaoke, bowling, scavenger hunts, kickball, horseshoe and cornhole competitions.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Andrew Gallego from Grounds Maintenance tosses his horseshoe attempting to score a ringer, as Garret Becker from Water Resources watches on.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Permanent Fund employees walk along the Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park nearing the halfway point of the Poker Walk course. Employees spent the day celebrating Employee Appreciation Day with multiple events sponsored by various departments, the Poker Walk saw a large number of participants.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Winners of the Karaoke Contest, third place – Rosemarie Rivera from Finance, second place – Aislinn Ryder with the Southern Ute Montessori Academy, and first place winner – Divine Windy Boy from The Southern Ute Drum proudly display their winning certificates.



101st ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR & POWWOW

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

- 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. Fair Kick-Off Meal – Sky Ute Casino Resort
- 12 p.m. Corn Hole Tournament – Multi-Purpose Facility, Park
- 4 p.m. Youth Games – Multi-Purpose Facility, Park
- 5 – 7 p.m. Gourd Dance Sessions – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena
- 5 – 6 p.m. 3-Man Handgame Tournament (Registration) – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn
- 6 p.m. 3-Man Handgame Tournament – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn
- 7 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

- 7 a.m. Ouray-Vigil Family Veteran's Memorial Run/Walk – SunUte, Park
- 7:30 a.m. Archery 3-D Shoot – SunUte Archery Range (Multi-Purpose Facility)
- 7:30 a.m. Parade Registration/Line-Up – (Registration) Ignacio High School
- 7:30 a.m. Kiddie Parade Registration/Line-Up – (Registration) Ignacio High School
- 8 a.m. Men's & Women's Softball Tourney – Patrick Silva Softball Field
- 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Livestock Displayed – Sky Ute Fairgrounds
- 10 a.m. Parade & Kiddie Parade – Goddard Ave. (Main Street)
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Gourd Dance Sessions – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena
- 12 p.m. Outdoor 3-on-3 Co-ed Volleyball Tournament (Registration) – SunUte, Park
- 1 p.m. Sam Burch Memorial Horsemanship – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield
- 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Exhibits Displayed – SUCCM, Large Classroom
- 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Sasquatch Archery Shoot – Location (TBA)
- 1 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena
- 2 p.m. Arm Wrestling Tournament – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield
- 2 p.m. Jalapeño Eating Contest – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield
- 2 – 3 p.m. Main Handgame Tournament (Registration) – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn
- 3 p.m. Main Handgame Tournament – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn
- 4 p.m. Native REZ-olution Youth Concert XIII – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield
- 5 p.m. Skate Competition – Piinu Nucchi Skatepark
- 5 p.m. Tug-O-War: 12-on-12, Open Co-Ed; Tug-O-War: Women & Men, Open; Tug-O-War: Kids, Open Co-Ed – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield
- 5 – 7 p.m. Gourd Dance Sessions – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena
- 7 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield
- Dusk Fireworks Display – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

- 8 a.m. Co-Ed Softball Tourney – Patrick Silva Softball Field
- 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast – Sky Ute Fairgrounds
- 8:30 a.m. Golf Tournament – Hillcrest Golf Club, Durango, CO
- 9 a.m. Tipi Raising Contest – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Exhibit Pick-Up/Premium Payouts – SUCCM, Large Classroom
- 11 a.m. Greased Pole Climb – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield
- 11 a.m. Frybread Contest – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Gourd Dance Sessions – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena
- 12 p.m. Baby Contest – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn
- Afternoon Session Powwow Drummers Jalapeño Eating Contest – Sky Ute Fairgrounds Arena

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR RODEO

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

- 7 p.m. Southern Ute Fair Rodeo – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

- 9 a.m. Southern Ute Fair Rodeo – (Slack) Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena
- 12 p.m. Youth Stick Horse Race – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Horse Track
- 1 p.m. All Native American Chicken Pull – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Horse Track
- 2 p.m. All Native Best Hand Painted Horse – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Horse Track
- 3 p.m. All Native Bareback Horse Watermelon Race – Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Horse Track
- 7 p.m. Southern Ute Fair Rodeo – Sky Ute Fairground, Indoor Arena

Welcome to the 101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair!

Fairs are a time-honored tradition where people from all walks of life come together to celebrate their shared community. Here at the Southern Ute Tribal Fair, we are proud to offer something for everyone, from delicious food and exciting entertainment to fascinating cultural exhibits, dancing, and games.

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More information about the fair's events and activities can be found in the Premium Book, or you can follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the Southern Ute Drum for the latest updates.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the tribal staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to organize this year's fair. We appreciate your dedication and hard work in making this celebration possible.

Thank you for visiting the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. May the Creator bless you and your loved ones!

Toghoyaqh!
Melvin J. Baker, Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribe



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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. Enjoy the electronic version online at 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.

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101st Annual Bread of Unity
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'CATS SECOND TO MANCOS • FROM PAGE 1



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Marissa Olguin (5) stretches to swing at a ball Saturday, Sept. 2, during the 2023 West Grand Invitational's championship match versus Mancos. IHS lost 20-25, 30-28, 24-26, 20-25 to the Lady Jays inside WGHS Gymnasium up in Kremmling.

for a four-contact violation resulting from a cross-court spike by Volleycat junior Marissa Olguin.

Mancos, meanwhile, beat the hometown Lady Mustangs 25-13, 25-12, 26-24 on Day 1 in Pool A, and also downed Peyton 25-14, 25-21, 27-25. Sanford then succumbed 25-13, 28-26, 25-19 on Day 2 – setting up the all-SJBL showdown, which initially went the Lady Jays' way.

Gaining a 6-5 lead in Game 1, MHS never again let IHS pull even before reaching game point, 24-19, via sophomore Claire Goodwin's ace of senior Kacey Brown. Goodwin's next serve was unplayable but ruled out of bounds long – giving the 'Cats one last shot at a comeback. But after receiving Ignacio's serve, Mancos claimed the game when senior Teya Yeomans blasted a backrow kill through Cosio's block.

Having closed the gap on the scoreboard to just two points on two separate occasions in the first verse, Ignacio more or less picked up where they'd left off and began Game 2 with Brown stuffing Yeomans. MHS, however, would battle back to re-tie the score at 6-6 via an ace by sophomore libero Brooke Jabour, and after surviving an IHS rally, leveling the score at 11-11 via a Howe kill, the Lady Jays went up 13-12 and grew their advantage to 22-16 before Seibel used a timeout.

After Goodwin then served long, Barnes' subsequent serving yielded four points – coming via as many Mancos errors – and brought the 'Cats back to 22-21. Goodwin, however, then stuffed IHS setter Kelly Sirios to get the Lady Jays back on track, and Mancos would reach game point, 24-23, via a Yeomans kill.

Coming out of Seibel's second timeout, Cosio kept the game going with a solo block. And after denying

MHS twice more, Ignacio capitalized on the momentum boost. Barnes rolled a shot over, tying the score at 26, and Cosio then split Jabour and Yeomans for an ace. Mancos re-tied at 27 when Cosio's next serve went in to the net, and still had hope at 28-28 after Olguin served long, but the 'Cats would knot the match at a game apiece when Brown zipped a kill through three MHS players, and Barnes then scraped the back line with an ace Jabour chose not to receive.

"We were just tenacious on defense ... picked up most everything," said Seibel. "It wasn't pretty, but we were able to keep balls playable." "They're super tall and can hit straight down, but our defense is there; we're good at picking things up and being scrappy," Barnes said.

Refocused, Mancos raced out to a 9-3 lead in Game 3 before Ignacio again buckled down and tied the score at 13-13 via a Howe kill off the Lady Jays' block. Later regaining a 19-18 lead, MHS would reach game point, 24-22, via senior Haylie Higgins' 1-v-1 block of Cosio, and Seibel took a timeout. Again, the pause paid dividends; a net violation and a Higgins attack sent long brought IHS level at 24.

Yeomans-Allison called a timeout before Sirios served, and after play resumed the Lady Jays went up 2-1 in the match via a Higgins/Aysia Mathews block, followed by a Goodwin ace into Ignacio's center.

Their resolve unshaken, the Volleys began Game 4 with Cosio roofing a Yeomans roll shot, then Sirios acing Goodwin with a perfect floater. Mancos then began to answer, and a Higgins block tied the score at 6-all. Seibel would take a timeout with IHS down 10-6, and MHS' lead grew to 13-7 after back-to-back Higgins kills and a Goodwin ace. Mancos' lead

maxed out at 20-12 before the 'Cats attempted to claw back into contention.

Down 24-17 after Yeomans ripped a kill off the block, IHS stayed alive with three straight points including two Howe aces. But with the Lady Jays still enjoying a comfortable cushion, Ignacio's luck finally ran out when Yeomans fooled Ignacio with a slower-paced kill into a vacated middle, rather than a missile deep into IHS' back row.

"I saw they were all kind of back on their heels; I think everyone was expecting a hard kill," she said, "and I just put it right into the middle. At the end of the day, a kill's a kill no matter how hard you hit it."

"We were struggling on some serve-receive when we played Ignacio (inside IHS Gymnasium); we were more out-of-system than we'd want to be, so this time we kind of switched it up to adjust for that, so we could get (Teya) some more swings," said Yeomans-Allison. "She's leading us in kills ... tends to hold the team to higher standards that keep us going."

"We'd had a really good week of practice, and so matching up with them I think we did a lot better," Seibel said. "They're just a great team, and our goal was just to take a set or two off them. We didn't have those first-game jitters that we'd had, and we were in a neutral spot so it kind of had that sense of no one having the upper hand, you know?"

"No one's going to let us have anything. If we want something we need to go get it, and we've got to work for it."

Standing 5-2 overall after the 20-25, 30-28, 24-26, 20-25 loss to Mancos (7-0), Ignacio will next see action Saturday, Sept. 9, in Lakewood at the Denver Christian Invitational, and will first face the hosting Thunder at 10:30 a.m.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Solymar Cosio (20) spikes a ball past Mancos senior Haylie Higgins (12) during the 2023 West Grand Invitational's championship match Saturday, Sept. 2, up in Kremmling. IHS lost 20-25, 30-28, 24-26, 20-25 to the Lady Jays inside WGHS Gymnasium.

BOBCATS BEDEVIL GRAND COUNTY • FROM PAGE 1

dez had been 4-of-4 in PAT tries, but head coach Dennis Wells called for a two-point play instead and Paris hit senior tight end Lane Berry to increase GCHS' lead to 36-24 with 8:18 left.

The Red Devils were then able to milk precious time off the clock, after Berry's low kickoff crashed into an Ignacio up-back and caromed backwards enough for Grand County to smother the fumble at IHS' 46 with 8:14 left. Late in the resulting drive, Montoya nearly intercepted a Paris throw but couldn't hang on to the ball with a clear path to paydirt before him – leaving Paris fortunate to then quick-kick a punt downed at the Bobcat 5 with 5:42 remaining.

Two bubble-screen passes to Montoya, running behind Maez's effective blocking, advanced the ball out of danger to the 23-yard line, but after a penalty pushed the ball back ten yards, Maez's option attempt was easily picked by Paris at the 45. And with Montoya removed from play due to a lingering thigh injury, GCHS went for the proverbial jugular with junior J.T. Dowd trucking in a 45-yard TD with 3:48 left.

Hernandez's PAT was blocked, indicating the 'Cats still had fuel to burn. Which was no small achievement considering how much had been consumed during the opening quarter, in which the Red Devils threatened to quickly dispatch the 'Cats.

Scorching hot from the outset in balmy conditions giving way to a brief thunderstorm (which closed to within six miles), Paris punished Ig-

nacio for seemingly any and all early mistakes. Attempting five first-quarter passes, he completed four with three ending up in the end zone.

First came a 29-yard strike to Berry with 9:06 left, capping a 6-play, 50-yard drive using only 2 minutes, 54 seconds. After Nate Hendren completed the visitors' subsequent 3-play, 61-yard response with a 10-yard carry around right end with 7:30 remaining (junior Charlie Pargin's PAT was blocked), Paris connected with Dowd for a 62-yard TD on 3rd-and-13. Hernandez's second PAT of the night was successful, putting Grand County up 14-6 with 6:05 left.

Sacked by Berry on a third-down play during Ignacio's next series, Pontine lost a fumble which GCHS senior Shayne Randall recovered at the Bobcat 21 with 4:17 still to go. Five plays later, Paris fired an 8-yard dart to Berry, and Hernandez's third PAT increased the home team's lead to 21-6 with 2:55 remaining.

But the visitors countered; including a 47-yard carry by sophomore Lincoln deKay on first down from the IHS 30, the 'Cats went 70 yards in four plays, with Pontine finding Maez (3-30 receiving) on a 4-yard slant for a TD with 1:23 left. Pontine's conversion toss to Nate Hendren went incomplete, and the score stood GCHS 21, IHS 12 after a wild first quarter capped by Maez sacking Paris for a 3-yard loss.

Ignacio (0-2 overall) would later approach as close as 21-18, via a 4-play,

78-yard drive capped with 4:13 left in the second quarter by Pontine following senior center Cruz Martinez four yards into the end zone (Randall then blocked Pargin's kick).

"If you look at it in perspective, (there were) a lot of positives but a lot of negatives," said Pontine, alluding to Ignacio's six turnovers. "It was a little better than last game though. But it's alright; we'll just try and fix it next week. We've just got to get a little more conditioning in, so we're not as gassed in the fourth quarter as we were tonight."

"Everyone believed in each other, everyone took the time to hype each other up," Hendren (unoff. 14-73 rushing) said. "No one was talking down on each other; that's what a team needs to do ... to stay together as one. I felt there was a lot of improvement."

Looking ahead, Ignacio will next welcome the Wingate Bears, from Fort Wingate, N.M., to IHS Field for a 7 p.m. kickoff Friday, Sept. 8. After totaling 96 points in season-opening routs of Many Farms, Ariz., and in-state Farmington Navajo Prep, WHS (a NMAA Dist. 5-3A member) most recently ended up on the wrong side of a 30-18 score against Tohatchi (Dist. 1-3A).

"I've got to get healed up, everybody's got to get healed up," said Montoya. "We've got to put in work this week and be ready for it; we've still got a lot to work on, honestly. But I think it's going to be good."

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Saturday, September 9th – Southern Ute Fair

Friday, September 15th – Honoring SunUte Employees

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CYBERSECURITY

Microsoft support scams on the rise

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE SHARED SERVICES

Mique (Hello) Tribal Community,
We hope you're doing well and have had a great summer! The Shared Services Cyber Security Team wanted to bring something to your attention that's been on the rise - Microsoft support scams.
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Take care, keep vigilant
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(Thank you very much)

Paving to resume on HWY 172



courtesy CDOT

After the Labor Day holiday, CDOT will jump back up north of Ignacio and finish paving the bottom lift on the unpaved stretch. And remember, once the bottom lift is done ... you'll see us back out there along the entire stretch - Ignacio to US 160 at Elmore's Corner - to pave the top (and final) lift of asphalt. Finally, we'll pave all driveway and connector roadway aprons, apply permanent striping, etc. Stay tuned!

VIETNAM VETERANS HONORED • FROM PAGE 1

parish priest, in this case it was our father provincial who requested this on behalf of the church - and the Pope," Father Arras explained. "As a Vietnam veteran they had not been recognized when they served, this was our way of acknowledging their sacrifices and all that they have done for their country."

The recognition was held during the last mass when

the Theatine Father Arras served the Ignacio community. Father Arras was recently assigned to a parish in the Denver area after nearly five years in Ignacio; it is now the responsibility of the Diocese of Pueblo to provide a new priest to serve the St. Ignatius Parish. Kevin F. Novack, formerly a pastor of St. Columba Parish in Durango, Colo., is slated to step into that role as early as next week.

The St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish is rooted in a long-lasting Catholic identity and rich cultural heritage of Ignacio's Tri-Ethnic community. Established in 1898, the St. Ignatius Parish celebrates 125 years of Catholic presence in Ignacio this year. "It's just a way of thanking them for their service, and my way of expressing my gratitude to them," Father Arras said.

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gy, biotech, and consumer products, and we are eager to leverage his knowledge and relationships."
Dudley's experience in private markets investing spans early-stage venture capital to growth equity at Colorado-based investment groups Caruso Ventures and Boulder Ventures. Previously, he held technical engineering roles at several companies, including Tesla and Boulder-based Acroname. He has MS (Mechanical Engineering - Mechatronics), BS (Mechanical Engineering), and BA (Archaeology) degrees from Stanford University, as well as an MBA from the CU Boulder Leeds School of Business.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

The Ute people are the oldest continuous residents of what is today the state of Colorado. Historically a loose confederation of ten bands, the Mouache and Caputa bands make up the present-day Southern Ute Indian Tribe. In the 1950s, natural gas was discovered on the Southern Ute Indian

Reservation. Nominal royalty payments collected from the 1950s through the 1980s did little to support tribal members. In the 1980s, in pursuit of economic and cultural self-determination, the Tribe created its own gas production company. From that initial investment, the Tribe has grown and diversified its holdings across multiple industries. Today, the Tribe is the largest employer in La Plata County, Colo., maintains a Triple A credit rating, and oversees a thriving investment portfolio with assets in 14 states and the Gulf of Mexico.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund

Established in the late 1990s and headquartered within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in southwestern Colorado, the Southern Ute Growth Fund manages the business investments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The Growth Fund holds the Tribe's diverse array of operating businesses and in-

vestment entities engaged in on- and off-reservation oil and gas exploration, production and gathering, carbon-neutral energy infrastructure and innovation, commercial and multifamily real estate acquisition and development, private equity fund of funds, and direct private equity investments.

Kava Equity Partners

Kava Equity Partners is the direct private equity investment group of the Southern Ute Growth Fund. Based in Colorado, Kava Equity Partners invests long-term, patient capital in visionary management teams of lower middle market businesses seeking to build enduring value. Our ideal partners see strategic and business value in partnering with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and are aligned with the Southern Ute values of economic empowerment, environmental stewardship, and community development. For more information, please visit: www.kavaequity.com



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CATHOLIC CHURCH - IGNACIO, CO
Saint Bartholomew, Bayfield - Saint Peter and St. Rose, Arboles

Join us on Pilgrimage to Italy next February.
Featuring Rome, Vatican City, Assisi, and Pompei
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For more information or to register please visit stignatiuschurchignacio.com or contact Parish office at office@stignatiuschurchignacio.com or at (970) 563 4241

Come and Enjoy a Cultural and Religious Experience by discovering the beauty of our One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church by uniting Cultures in Christ.
Pilgrimage is open to all.

Correction

In a photo published in the August 25 issue of the Drum, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students, Tavach Litz, Chrissy Cloud, and Nathan Ruybal's names were inadvertently omitted from the outline.

Drum Deadline

Next issue:
Sept. 22

Deadline:
Sept. 18

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: jschockey@southernute-nsn.gov



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Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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Notices

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September 8, 2023

REQUEST FOR BID Quichas Hills Duplexes • Ignacio, Colo.

GF Properties Group, LLC ("Owner's Representative") is accepting bids from qualified contractors for the construction of three duplexes, designed by Reynolds Ash + Associates ("Architect"), in Ignacio, Colorado until 3:00 pm MST on September 21, 2023. The Owner's Representative reserves the right to reject late bids. Email bids to Owner's Representative and Architect and, if contractor is not able to email, hard copies must be delivered to Owner's or Architect's office. See contact info below:

Owner's Representative:
GF Properties Group, LLC
Attn: Jon Penny
65 Mercado Street, Suite 250
Phone: (970) 764-6442
Email: JPenny@sugf.com

Architect:
Reynolds Ash + Associates
Attn: Lauren Davis
564 E. 2nd Avenue, Suite 201
Phone: (970) 259-7494
Email: LDavis@ra-ae.com

Representative would like to begin construction in fall of 2023 with completion by fall of 2024. Contracting Preference for certified Indian Owned Businesses, in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) will apply. Selected contractor must comply with all local, state, federal and tribal law as applicable to the work, including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. For all questions, and to obtain the complete set of construction drawings and bid documents, please contact Architect or Owner's Representative. The Owner's Representative reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to reject bids containing substantial computational errors, to reject bids not deemed in the best interest of the owner, and to re-advertise for bids, and further reserves the right to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in its acceptance of bids.

The project includes three duplexes (6 town-home units), single-story, with site improvements to be constructed adjacent to the existing Quichas Hills Apartments on Quichas Hill Ave. The townhome units are 2 bedroom, 2 bath, and approximately 1,347 SF each, with an attached single-car garage. The Owner's

REQUEST FOR BID Tranquilo Court Single-Family Homes • Ignacio, Colo.

GF Properties Group, LLC ("Owner's Representative") is accepting bids from qualified contractors for the construction of two (2) single-family homes, designed by Reynolds Ash + Associates ("Architect"), on Tranquilo Court in Ignacio, Colorado until 3:00 pm MST on September 21, 2023. The Owner's Representative reserves the right to reject late bids. Email bids to Owner's Representative and Architect and, if contractor is not able to email, hard copies must be delivered to Owner's or Architect's office. See contact info below:

Owner's Representative:
GF Properties Group, LLC
Attn: Jon Penny
65 Mercado Street, Suite 250
Phone: (970) 764-6442
Email: JPenny@sugf.com

Architect:
Reynolds Ash + Associates
Attn: Lauren Davis
564 E. 2nd Avenue, Suite 201
Phone: (970) 259-7494
Email: LDavis@ra-ae.com

The project includes two (2) single-story, single-family homes with site improvements to be constructed on 2 vacant lots on Tranquilo Court in the Neher Subdivision. The homes are designed with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, approximately 1,620 SF each with attached two-car garages. The Owner's Representa-

tive would like to begin construction in fall of 2023 with completion by fall of 2024. Contracting Preference for certified Indian Owned Businesses, in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) will apply. Selected contractor must comply with all local, state, federal and tribal law as applicable to the work, including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. For all questions, and to obtain the complete set of construction drawings and bid documents, please contact Architect or Owner's Representative. The Owner's Representative reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to reject bids containing substantial computational errors, to reject bids not deemed in the best interest of the owner, and to re-advertise for bids, and further reserves the right to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in its acceptance of bids.

Confirmation Notice Of Final Rulemaking

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission hereby confirms that no adverse comments were received in response to the Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking (i.e., certain non-controversial revisions to the Commission's Reservation Air Code) that was published on May 5, 2023. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Air Quality Program submitted the revisions to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and received EPA's approval on August 9, 2023. The purpose of the revisions was to update and/or remove outdated language and provisions; and to provide better clarification in certain provisions. The revisions become final thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice (effective September 15, 2023).

A copy of the Commission's Reservation Air Code is available at the following website: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/>

For information contact: Daniel Powers, Program Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137 or dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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| • Distribution Friday, Sept. 29 | NOON, Friday Sept. 22, 2023 |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 22 | NOON, Friday, Nov. 17, 2023 |
| • Distribution, Friday Dec. 29 | NOON, Friday, Dec. 22, 2023 |

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

One of the services provided by Tribal Housing to the Southern Ute tribal membership is coordination and assistance with Indian Health Service Water/Wastewater Service Applications. We have had several applications submitted over the past few months and, as such, I wanted to make each of you aware of this service should you receive any related questions or concerns on this process. Included in this pdf is a copy of the IHS application as well as document with additional information on their process once completed applications are submitted. If you have any questions on this, please feel free to reach out.

Gavin S. Martinez
Director of Housing, Construction & Project Management
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Office: (970) 563-4710



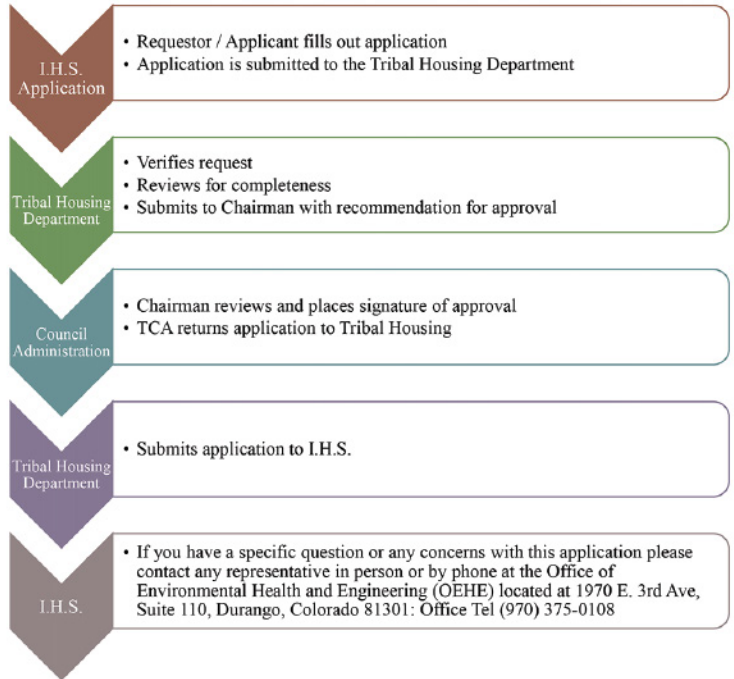
Tribal Housing Department

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 737-24
285 Lakln St.
Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-4710 – Fax 970-563-4832
Email: tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov

Indian Health Service Application for Water / Wastewater Services

Southern Ute Tribe Process

- Eligible to apply: Enrolled Native American
- Services are for primary residences and/or residences occupied at least 6 months per year.



SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



Water Main Line Rehabilitation Project
Location: CR 516/CR 518 Ignacio, CO
Completion Timeline: Fall 2023

The water transmission line that provides drinking water to the Southern Ute Utilities water distribution system is being rehabilitated. Due to the ongoing construction, users may experience air in the water main and notice discoloration or cloudiness in tap water due to dislodged light sediment in the system.

TIP: Open fixtures and run water for 15 minutes to flush out your water service line.

Utilities will routinely monitor the water quality in the distribution system to ensure our high-quality standards are maintained.

If you continue to experience any discoloration or cloudiness in your tap water, please contact the Utilities Division at (970) 563-5500.

Questions? Contact Utilities Management
Hayes Briskey or Julian Baker: (970) 563-5500
Chris Musgrave, Water Treatment Plant (970) 563-5509



Southern Ute Utilities Division

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UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



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

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

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

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

AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tribal Gas Customers: Suspect a gas leak? Be safe and report it to Utilities Office at (970) 563-5500 (or if after-hours, call SUPD). Be safe—don't try to tighten gas fittings—leave it to the qualified personnel.
- Utilities Lobby CLOSED for lunch on Fridays, 12pm—1pm.
- Tribal residences on County Roads 518/516: Ongoing water main upgrade project continues until 9/30/23.
- Reminder: Office & Transfer Station CLOSED on Labor Day, September 4, 2023. Regular business hours resume on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.
- GFL will not pick up trash on Labor Day (9/4/2023). Anticipate a 1-day delay in the trash schedule for the week of 9/4/2023.



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: **September 6th / October 4th / November 1st**
- **Settle your payments before 10AM**

PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

2023 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per Household.
PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 www.suitutil.com



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Limited Seats Available








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



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

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



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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
2022 Annual Report



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.



ATTENTION

IRRIGATION WATER USERS

PINE RIVER INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT

WILL BE SHUTTING OFF IRRIGATION WATER AND TURNING OFF HEADGATES ON:

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY

BRANCH of IRRIGATION

970-563-9484

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ELECTION BOARD
Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. 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 709, 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.bgcso.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

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

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
Darlene Frost, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Darlene 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

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PEOPLE

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

REPRESENT YOUR COMMUNITY!

These advisory boards have upcoming vacancies:

Board of Equalization
Board of Health
Board of Adjustment
Board of Review
Citizens Review Panel for Child Welfare Grievances
Community Corrections Board
Durango Hills Road Improvement District Advisory Committee
Durango Public Library Board
Durango-La Plata County Airport Commission
Extension Advisory Committee
Fire Code Board of Appeals
Historic Preservation Review Commission

Ignacio Community Library District Board
Lake Durango Water Authority
Ignacio, Allison, Oxford Cemetery District Committee
Living w/ Wildlife Advisory Board
Lodging Tax Panel
Long-Term Finance Committee
Pine River Public Library District Board
Planning Commission
San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging Board
Southwest La Plata Library District Board
Undesirable Plant and Rodent Advisory Commission
Wildfire Advisory Board

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS OCTOBER 16!
Visit www.co.laplata.co.us/apply for position description and application or call 970-382-6219


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Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Administrative Assistant II (Southern Ute member only)

Closes 9/15/23 – Provides administrative support for the Culture Department, including secretarial duties, filing, clerical and information system support, including office records management services. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$16.88/hour.

Air Quality Technical Manager – Ambient Monitoring

Closes 9/11/23 – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, provides management and oversight of the Air Quality Ambient Air Monitoring Program and technical assistance to the Air Quality Planning and Assessment team within the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$67,244.15/annually.

Dentist (Part-time w/Benefits)

Closes 9/14/23 – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Pay grade X20; Pay starts at \$69,431.68/Annually.

HVAC Technician

Closes 9/13/23 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$26.21/hour.

Media Archivist

Closes 9/8/23 – Under general supervision of the Media Manager, organizes, inventories and implements professional archiving practices to ensure the best preservation methods are used to maintain historic newspapers, photographs, film negatives and other materials under the care of The Southern Ute Drum. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

Tribal Attorney – Prosecutor

Closes 8/29/23 – Under the supervision of the Legal Department Director, attorney will serve as a member of the Tribe's Legal Department, with principal responsibility for the effective, efficient, and fair prosecution of violations of the Tribal Code to include criminal, gaming, and wildlife cases. In addition, the attorney will represent the Tribe in other matters that require the Legal Department's attention, including code review and drafting, civil litigation, contract review, employment matters, and the consideration of social services cases. A strong command of Tribal jurisdiction, an understanding of tribal sovereignty, and an ability to provide accurate legal advice in a fast-paced environment is essential. Pay grade X19; salary starts at \$95,745.85/annually.

After School Program Leader

Open Until Filled – 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.

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.

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

Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled

Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

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; Pay starts at \$26.45/hour.

Detention Officer

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

Dispatcher

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

Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute member only)

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

Education Department Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under the direction of the Executive Assistant, the Education Program Assistant will assist the Education Staff in the teaching and tutoring responsibilities for K-12 Tribal students. This position will provide the employee with direct teaching experience through student contact in the public schools and in after school tutoring programs, opportunities to participate with professional teaching staff in the public schools and within the SUIT Education Department and other experiences relative to a career in the teaching field. The position will also assist the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council "Youth Council" Coordinator and with summer enrichment programs. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

Elementary Teacher

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

Events/Heritage Coordinator (Southern Ute member only)

Open Until Filled – Planning and organizing various traditional cultural events, develops heritage tourism activities, and coordinates cultural camp for youth. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

Fitness Trainer Trainee (Part-time) (Southern Ute member only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position developed for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in the fitness field with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Trainee will learn how to conduct fitness evaluations, perform exercise prescription, personal training, and fitness activities in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. The length of the program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will receive quarterly performance evaluations. Upon successful completion of the training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Fitness Trainer position. 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.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Operations Specialist – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/15/23 – Providing advanced technical support to the Engineering, Operations, and Development teams which involves input, extraction, processing, and manipulation of data associated with company software programs. Assists with the preparation of team metrics, meeting agendas and logistics, and monthly reports.

Engineering Tech II – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/15/23 – Support position to the Operations Department for daily operational tasks while remaining in compliance with Red Willow Production Company's priorities and procedures. May specialize in one or more areas of production and may be asked to direct the work of contractors and company operations personnel.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Database Administrator – SUSS (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/15/23 – Providing database administration for all Southern Ute Enterprise functions including backup and recovery, security, reporting, tuning, high-availability, design, and administration. Provide the PeopleSoft teams with database, application, and server support. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance including backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe operating units.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

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.

Healthcare Accounting Manager

Open Until Filled – 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 Dept. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/annually.

Investment Associate (So. Ute member only)

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

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

Maintenance Technician – SunUte Community Center

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

Patrol Officer I

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

Patrol Officer II

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 N13; pay range starts at \$23.81 – \$27.38/hour.

Public Education Tutor (Temp/Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Guiding students to improve their academic performance through extended lessons, creative teaching, and interactive materials. Will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Temporary/part-time at a pay rate of \$30/hour.

Public Health Nurse

Open Until Filled – 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.

Registered Nurse

Open Until Filled – 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.

Supply Technician

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Purchasing Manager, is responsible for the Supply Room and Central Receiving. Maintenance of Supply Room inventory, processing and distributing Supply Room orders, and processing and distributing shipments received through Central Receiving. Assists with purchasing duties as needed, including processing requisitions, travel requests, and purchase orders. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

Swimming Instructor

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Pf 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.

Teacher Aide

Open Until Filled – 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.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute member only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute member only)

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

Tribal Health Department Director

Open Until Filled – Must have a MA/MS in Health Care Administration or related field and 7 years of experience in an administrative capacity in a health services/medical related field OR BA/BS in Health Care Administration or related field and 9 years of experience in an administrative capacity in a health services/medical related field. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series.

Tribal Ranger

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of Tribal Ranger Sergeant and Ranger Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.



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

*AV Tech Assistant (Full-time)

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

*AV Tech (Full-time)

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

*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.

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.

*Bingo Coordinator (Full-time)

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

*Bowling & Rec Counter Clerk (Full-time)

Multi-tasks and thrives in a fast paced and high energy environment. The initial point of contact for customers, providing superior and friendly customer service at all times. Proactively builds customer relations through soliciting feedback and addressing and resolving customer complaints. Continuously improves operational execution through attention to detail.

*Bowling Mechanic I (Full-time)

An entry level position to allow mechanically oriented, but less experienced individuals an opportunity to get familiar with pinspotter machines. Will improve operational execution through attention to detail and experience. Follows the direction and trainings of the Lead Technician. Repairing automatic pin spotters and related bowling equipment.

*Career Development Coordinator (Full-time)

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

*Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

*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.

*Deep Cleaning (Full-Time)

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

*Facilities Staff (Full-Time)

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

*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms. All areas must be disinfected, swept, mopped, vacuumed, and dusted.

*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. 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.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY
September 19, 2023

National Voter Registration Day is the country's largest single-day voter registration drive and will next take place on September 19, 2023!

The La Plata League of Women Voters will host a local Voters Registration Drive from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Ignacio Community Library located at 470 Goddard Ave., Ignacio, Colo.

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- Secondary Math/Science Teacher
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Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements cont.

*Gaming and Sports book Writer (Full-time)

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

*Lead Facilities Technician HVAC (Full-time)

Electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as the lead of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment, and building; by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems including boilers, AHU's, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers, walk-in coolers, and freezers. Reports to the Director of Facilities while sharing the responsibility to train and lead activities of departmental employees; 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. Servers are expected to have a courteous and respectful demeanor toward guests, employees, supervisors, and managers.

*Rolling Thunder Grill Server (Full-time)

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

*Security Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*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. Busser 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.

*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.

*Specialized Facilities Technician (Full-time)

Maintaining the electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility. Works as a professionally trained individual with the team to ensure smooth operations of the facility. Trained and certified or holds a license that is construction/maintenance specific. Must have a working knowledge of maintenance and repair procedures for HVAC, Building Automated Systems, as well as a working knowledge of pressure vessels, boilers, chillers, hot water heaters, heat recovery units, VFD's, Pumps, Motors, and radiant systems.

*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.

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PCC Southwest, in collaboration with the La Plata Economic Development Alliance and the Fort Lewis College Center for Innovation, will offer a **Security+ class**.

Classes will be held **Saturdays September 9-December 10** from **10 am-2 pm** at the Fort Lewis College Center for Innovation, 835 Main Ave., Suite 225, Durango.

Note: NO classes will be held October 7 and 14 and November 18 and 25.



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NATAMBU OBLETON

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FLY FISHING
Feeder streams

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

My definition of a feeder stream is a small stream that feeds or flows into or out of a large river or lake. I thought about this as I was fly fishing in a small stream that flows into the Gallatin River. The Gallatin River is a large river that is very popular in Montana and Wyoming. It is host to lots of fly fishers and rafters. The feeder stream I was fishing flows through Big Sky, Montana, has lots of parks, a river trail, a golf course, and great parking lots close to the river. It then feeds into the Gallatin. What it doesn't have is an over-abundance of fly fishers. In fact, during the two days I fished it, I saw a total of two other fly fishers. I was also able to catch a large number of rainbow trout and one brown trout over 12 inches long. I caught all these fish on my favorite dry fly, a Royal Wulff.

As I stood in this small feeder stream, catching a large number of fish, I began to think about the feeder streams in the Durango area. The reasons I like feeder streams are two-fold. First, as mentioned above, feeder streams don't attract as many people as the more popular big rivers. Next, fish seem to really like migrating into and out of big rivers and lakes via small streams. It's a win-win situation in my book. To find feeder



streams around Durango, I suggest you get a San Juan National Forest map and look for the various streams.

One area I like is the Dolores River area. The Dolores flows into McPhee Reservoir and is fed by several smaller rivers. The West Dolores flows along County Road 38 with multiple pull-offs to fish. For a twofer, go to Fish Creek then fish your way down to the West Dolores. Finish the day where the West Dolores intersects with the Dolores River.

The Animas River is well known as it flows through Durango, but there are some great feeder areas. North of Silverton is Cunningham Creek. There are lots of campers in this area, but not an abundance of fly fishers. North of Purgatory, Cascade Creek flows into the Animas. However, to get to the confluence takes a long hike into Purgatory Flats. I did it when I was younger, it was great. Hermosa Creek also flows into the Animas. However, most of that ar-

ea is private property, so be sure and ask before crossing a fence. Another overlooked small stream flowing into the Animas is Junction Creek. I have caught a number of good-size trout up and down Junction Creek that I am sure migrated up from the Animas.

Lemon and Vallecito are two reservoirs that have several options for feeder streams. The Florida River flows into and out of Lemon. Again, the people using the campgrounds around the Florida River don't put much fishing pressure on it. Similar to Hermosa, the property downstream from Lemon is mostly private. Just be aware of the signs. Vallecito has two rivers flowing into it. They are the Pine River and Vallecito Creek. Once again, private property along the Pine makes it difficult to access. Vallecito Creek has an abundance of accessible water and good-size fish coming upstream from the lake.

While many fly fishers are attracted to the bigger rivers in hopes of catching "Moby Trout," I really enjoy fly fishing without hundreds of my nearest and dearest friends close by. I am at the point in my fly fishing where size is just not important. I really enjoy being able to talk to myself without people around me hearing the good advice I'm giving myself. Get a map, study it, and find some feeders. I think you will enjoy them.



LATITUDE 37°
September 14 – November 12, 2023
ART OF SOUTHERN COLORADO
UPPER GALLERY

OPENING RECEPTION - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 6 - 9 PM

Southern Colorado's unique history, scenery, and culture has been a source of imagery and introspection for centuries. This group exhibition features contemporary artists living within the 37th parallel, capturing a wide swath of Colorado's Southern-most cities. Works are a variety of medium and type, all celebrating the creativity and talent of the region.

Participating Artists:

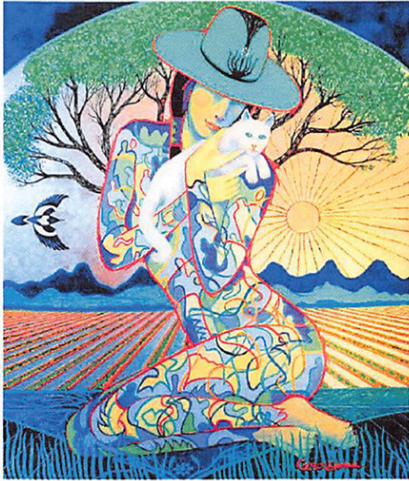
Esther Belin
Brendt Berger
Dean Fleming
Crista Gulaian
Eric Havelock-Bailie

Norman Lansing
Jeremy Manyik
Ted Moore
Emilie Odeile and Ken Chapin
Carlos Sandoval

Eugene Schilling
Arthur Short Bull
Annette Troncoso
Peggy Zehring

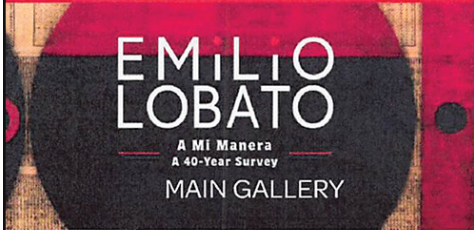


Ken Chapin and Emilie Odeile, Torn Mix Wept

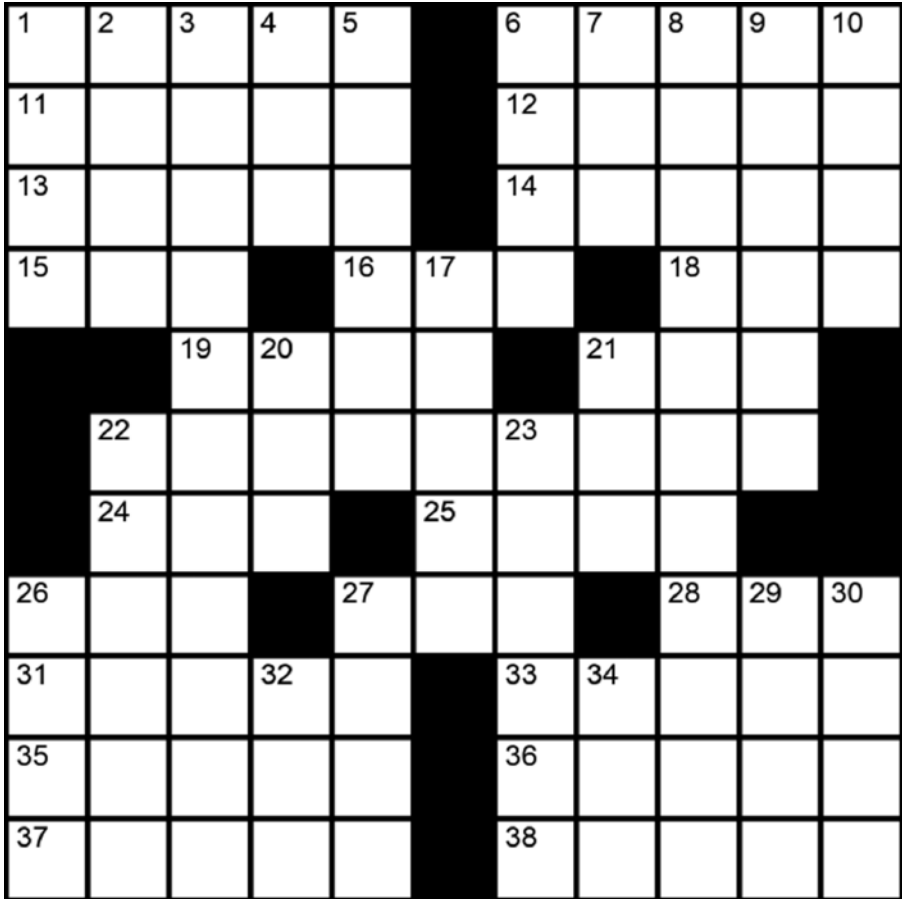


Carlos Sandoval, Primal Field Day

ALSO IN THE GALLERIES:



The Southern Ute Drum's
Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 2009 Julianne Moore/Liam Neeson movie
- 6 Handled roughly
- 11 France's longest river
- 12 Tarzan's tropical transport (variant)
- 13 The --- Skagit tribe, Washington State
- 14 Driver's one-eighty
- 15 Federal business statistical agency
- 16 "Before Abraham was, ---"
- 18 A way to stand
- 19 "Land of Enchantment" (Abbr.)
- 21 Dandy dresser
- 22 Philadelphia park
- 24 Auto loan letters
- 25 Area one man could till in one day with one ox, originally
- 26 El overseers, for short
- 27 African antelope that doesn't sound old
- 28 Kind of party
- 31 Come to mind
- 33 Vigorously passionate
- 35 People who call themselves Koo'yoohaangn
- 36 Fields of expertise
- 37 Bothered incessantly
- 38 Big name in trailer hitches

Down

- 1 Gunstock war ---, which could give one a headache
- 2 It springs eternal
- 3 "Light Gray" Texas people
- 4 Metal-bearing mineral
- 5 More spooky
- 6 Especially valued
- 7 Military "A School"
- 8 Early 19th century Chippewa chief
- 9 Deeply absorbed
- 10 A little progress
- 17 Firing specialist
- 20 Former Soviet space station
- 21 It flies in a heated argument
- 22 Wealthy big shot
- 23 Eye-related
- 26 Imogene ---, mid-20th-century comic
- 27 Small man-made cave, briefly
- 29 Airport guesses, for short
- 30 "The Big Board," initially
- 32 Texas research institution
- 34 "Where Eagles Dare" actress Mary ---

Answers for this crossword will appear in September 22 issue of the Drum.

Answers for August 25, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 NLRB, 5 Hippo, 10 IAEA, 11 On air, 12 Play it by ear, 15 Soc, 16 Ley, 17 Gin, 18 Toll, 20 Baba, 21 Bids, 22 Muni, 23 Jive, 24 Lamb, 25 AKA, 26 Par, 27 Lye, 30 Witherspoon, 33 Nehru, 34 Sort, 35 Issue, 36 Ides.
Down: 1 Nips, 2 Lalo, 3 Reactivates, 4 Bay, 5 Hotel, 6 In by, 7 Pay, 8 Piegan blood, 9 Oraibi, 13 Ills, 14 RNA, 19 Ode, 20 Bum, 21 Bikini, 22 Mars, 23 Jaw, 24 LaRue, 26 Peru, 28 Yore, 29 Ents, 31 HHS, 32 PSI.

Multi-Purpose Facility September Events

September

Sip Chat & Chew—Saturday September 9, 2023—11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Quilt & Sewing Tuesday-Thursday September 12-14, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Yard Sale—Saturday September 16, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Healthy Cooking with Lisa Smith Monday September 18, 2023—10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Elder Craft Day—Wednesday September 20, 2023—9:30 AM—3:00 PM

Beading / Traditional Sewing September 26 & 28, 2023 10:00 AM-3:30 PM

Evening Session 5:30 —7:30 PM

Special Events

Cooking with Chef Bill Barbone— Tuesday September 12, 2023 10:30 AM—1:30 PM

Haunted House Food Sale—Friday September 29, 2023 —11:00 AM—2:00 PM

Veterans Pow Wow Fundraiser Dinner to be announced

Canning and Freezing Workshop—Thursday September 21, 2023—9:30AM—3:30 PM

MPF Events are open to the Community—Sip, Chat & Chew is for the SU, UMU, & NU Tribal Members & Their Families

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

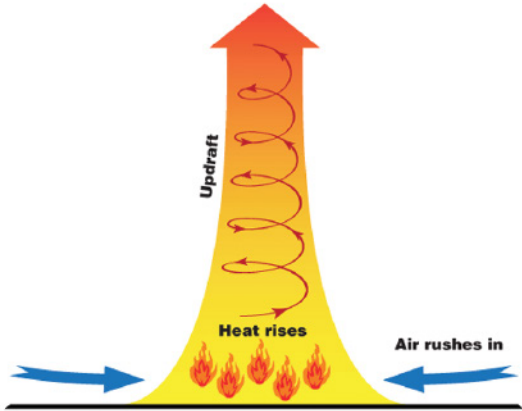


did you know?!

How Firestorms Form

A firestorm occurs when heat from a wildfire creates its own wind system.

Heat constantly and quickly rises from the fire. As heat and air move upwards, it causes an up-draft. In some cases this rising air is so fast it creates a fire whirl or a fire tornado.



Source: <https://scijinks.gov/firestorm/>
Image: NOAA Scijinks

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

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Sept. 8



Sunny 88°F
Breezy

Saturday, Sept. 9



Sunny 88°F
Breezy

Sunday, Sept. 10



Mostly sunny 86°F

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

