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Bobcats beat Bears 46-0

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

The Southern Ute Drum presents Southern Ute Tribal Fair, Powwow & Rodeo



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Tyderius Wilborn competes in a youth division for his age bracket, archers took aim at over 17 3D targets carefully placed along the Bear Trail by superintendent, Travis Naneato.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Mykel-Zaine Greany shows off his traditional regalia during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair baby contest that was held at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds lawn on Sunday, Sept. 10.

Highlighting the importance of culture and custom, the Southern Ute Tribal Fair was once again true to its theme this year, under the banner – “Bread of Unity” bringing the membership, community and neighboring tribes together for the 101st Southern Ute Tribal Fair. The fair, which spanned two weekends, was packed with cultural events, contests and other activities including two nights of rodeo at the fairgrounds.

Check out full Tribal Fair coverage on pages 13-24.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Growth Fund Executive Director, Shane Seibel gave opening remarks during the Growth Fund General Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND Growth Fund reports banner year in revenue and operations

General Meeting provides update to membership

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Growth Fund held their annual General Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The purpose of the meeting was to update and inform the tribal membership on the overall performance and revenue for the year and outlook for the Growth Fund going into FY24. The agenda opened with the presentation of colors by the Southern Ute Veterans Association, Flag and Victory songs by the Southern Ute Singers, Invocation by Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran, Howard Richards Sr. and a welcome address from Chairman Melvin J. Baker and Tribal Council.

Southern Ute Growth Fund Executive Director, Shane Seibel gave the Growth Fund overview to the membership, reiterating Chairman Baker’s opening remarks – that the Growth Fund is a business



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elders, Renee Cloud and Ray C. Frost talk shop during the Growth Fund General Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

entity, which to be successful must move at the speed of business – beyond the Tribal Government. “We are here to lead and to guide,” Seibel said. “Our vision is pretty simple, we want to be the best business in Indian Country.” “In 1982, the Jicarilla Apache Nation went all the way to the Supreme Court and won; [from that point forward], oil & gas operators on the reservation had to

pay royalties [to tribes] ... that started the Growth Fund,” Siebel said, giving a brief history of the Southern Ute Growth Fund. When the financial settlement was made to the Tribe, leadership at that time made the choice to invest the capital rather than dispersing the funds directly to the membership, with a long-term vision of grow-

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STATE OF COLORADO

Senators introduce resolution reaffirming importance of water for tribal communities

Staff Report
OFFICE OF SENATOR
MICHAEL BENNET

U.S. Senators Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), and John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.) led Senate colleagues to reintroduce a resolution reaffirming the federal government’s responsibility to provide access to clean drinking water for Tribal communities. Further, the resolution calls on the Executive Branch to employ a “whole of government” approach to ensure access to reliable, clean drinking water to households on Federal Indian reservations, in Alaska Native villages, and in Native Hawaiian communities.

“Access to clean water is a fundamental human right — yet far too many Tribal communities are still forced to travel long distances for clean water,” said Bennet. “This resolution draws attention to that shameful reality, builds on our efforts to improve access for Tribes, and reasserts the federal government’s commitment to providing these communities with clean drinking water.”

“Ensuring access to clean, reliable water is a vital part of the federal government’s trust responsibility to Native communities. While the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act made historic progress toward fulfilling Native communi-

ties’ water needs by clearing long-standing water and sanitation infrastructure funding backlogs, we have more work to do to protect water as a trust resource and ensure access for all Native communities,” said Schatz.

Currently, the lack of access to clean drinking water is a significant barrier for many Native American communities. According to data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Native American households are 19 times more likely than white households to lack indoor plumbing. A report commissioned by the Colorado River Water and Tribes Initiative documents the different forms of lack of access to safe and reliable drinking water among tribes in the Colorado River Basin, together with some of the deficiencies in the federal programs designed to address this problem and recommendations for improvement. Lack of access to drinking water negatively impacts health, education, economic development, and other aspects of daily life.

In 2021, Bennet introduced the Tribal Access to Clean Water Act to dramatically expand Tribal access to clean water by investing in water infrastructure. He successfully fought to include funding to improve Tribal access to clean water in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), consistent with his legislation. The BIL included \$3.5 billion for the Indian Health Service Sanitation Facilities Construction program

to address needs for tribal sanitation facilities and services, \$1 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation to support legacy rural water supply projects, which will benefit tribes, and increased funding for the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act State Revolving Funds. Bennet, Padilla, Wyden, and Hickenlooper reintroduced the Tribal Access to Clean Water Act earlier this year, which was revised to reflect the significant funding contained within BIL as well as the need to provide more technical assistance to implement the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding.

“The lack of reliable access to clean drinking water so many Native communities face is an unacceptable deficiency,” said Hickenlooper. “It’s our trust and treaty responsibility to ensure Tribes have the basic infrastructure they need.”

“The severe water insecurity experienced by Tribal communities reflects deep historic inequities and the federal government’s failure to provide permanent homelands, as promised in countless treaties and other acts,” said Heather Tanana, Visiting Professor of Law at the University of California-Irvine and Director of the initiative on Universal Access to Clean Water for Tribal Communities. “This resolution is an important step to remedying past harms and protecting Tribal futures.”



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ing long-term wealth for the Tribe and its membership in a business model that has proven sustainable to this day.

“We’ve got to be disciplined in a challenging world environment,” Seibel said. “This is the best year in the history of the Growth Fund. The last three years are three of the four best years of the Growth Fund.”

“We take the time and effort to attract top talent,” Seibel said. “[When it comes to] employees, we want the best. It’s important that we prioritize talent.”

The Southern Ute Growth Fund cultivates diversification in its business portfolio – this is exemplified in its business practices and operations. In the energy sector is Red Cedar Gathering, Aka Energy and Red Willow Production, on the other end of the spectrum is Growth Fund Private Equity and Growth Fund Properties. Shane Seibel serves as the Growth Fund’s Executive Director, Kourtney Hadrick as the Operating Director and Darrell Owen as the Finance Director.

Real Estate is a very important part of our diversification,” Siebel said. “Businesses always need to be growing ... to be innovative.

Regarding increased operating costs in some sectors, Siebel said, “We’re growing, and that’s a good thing – my job is to maximize tribal member equity.”

In a further move towards

diversification of revenue the Growth Fund invested, as a minority owner, in the Panda High Plains Hemp Gin industrial hemp processing facility in January of this year. The majority owner, Panda Biotech, is finalizing set up of the production facility in Wichita, Texas which will produce mechanically cottonized hemp fiber for use in textiles and hurd. Hurd is used for animal feed, bedding, construction material and insulation.

In a broader effort to limit the Tribe’s dependence on fossil fuels, while also holding to the Ute values as stewards of the land and its natural resources – the Growth Fund has a Tribal Energy Transition Strategy in place. The three-point strategy includes: Carbon Intensity, target the lowest carbon intensity oil and gas production; Carbon Capture, embrace carbon capture (put carbon back into the ground); Technology, embrace new technology and infrastructure development to support carbon neutral energy development.

The Tribe has invested in its Red Sage Carbon Capture Facility as part of the Aka Energy rebranding and energy transition. “The CO2 Capture project will allow us to capture [carbon] and send it down a pipeline to Texas to be stored underground – the process is compress, dehydrate, transport and store,” Red Ce-

dar Gathering President and COO, Coy Bryant said.

“We have a 20-30 plus year transition as we work toward carbon neutrality,” Growth Fund Operating Director, Kourtney Hadrick said. “There is no energy source without impacts, we’ll always have some tradeoffs.”

Growth Fund Private Equities President and COO, Jonathan Abshagen spoke to the investment side of the Tribe’s portfolio. “A private equity fund buys privately owned companies, improves them, and sells them for a profit – such as GF Private Equity Group. These are long term partnerships,” Abshagen said. “[Our goal is] diversification to manage risk over the long term. By vetting opportunities through due diligence – our portfolio has increased by four times since 2013.”

Highlights for 2023 went beyond the energy sector and investment opportunities, the Growth Fund’s Human Resources Department also had a lot to celebrate. Vice President of Human Resources, Maria Baker spoke to the excellent track record that the Growth Fund has bringing in and retaining Southern Ute tribal member employees across the organization. Highlighting the Tribal Member Executive Mentorship Program, the Professional Development Program and tribal member advancement within the Growth Fund.

Many Moons Ago



Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Plentiful rains made for fun in the mud at the Tug-O-War Challenge. A variety of contests headlined the weekend’s events at the Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow in Ignacio Sept. 13-15, including softball, basketball, horseshoes, jalapeno eating, tipi raising, and the always-popular greased pole climb.

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



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The new Southern Ute Royalty for 2003-2004 acknowledges the crowd at the Tribal Fair Powwow on Friday, Sept. 12 at the Sky Ute Event Center Arena. The royalty members are (l-r) Junior Miss Southern Ute, Katrina Vasquez-Naranjo, Little Miss Southern Ute, Mariah Vigil, and Miss Southern Ute Brandi Naranjo, who was also Miss Southern Ute 2002-2003.

This photo was published in the Sept. 20, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



courtesy Ernest Pinnecoose/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Sky Ute Downs was the place to be last weekend as bikers from all over the southwest and beyond participated in the first Four Corners Iron Horse Motorcycle Rally. A crowd of about 8,000 rode bikes, enjoyed good food and even got that tattoo they always wanted. Next year’s rally is already taking shape and will be even bigger according to Downs Manager, Tim Craig.

This photo was published in the Sept. 17, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

The 1983 Southern Ute Fair was a success. Dancers competed in 14 dance categories and hosted 11 drum groups. The Southern Ute Royalty also hosted various other royalty from across Indian Country.

This photo was published in the Sept. 23, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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.

NO. 00000
OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 03, 2023

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
NOTICE: VOTE FOR ONE (1)

- ☐ Christine Baker Sage
- ☐ Renee J. Cloud
- ☐ Ramona Y. Eagle
- ☐ James M. Olguin
- ☐ Byron Frost
- ☐ Melvin J. Baker

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
NOTICE: VOTE FOR TWO (2)

- ☐ Conrad Thompson
- ☐ Tara L. Vigil
- ☐ Marty M. Pinnecoose
- ☐ Cedric J. Chavez
- ☐ Andrew Gallegos

NOTE THE CANDIDATE(S) RECEIVING THE MAJORITY OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

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

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

General Election – Friday, November 03, 2023, 7 A.M. to 7 P.M., held at the SunUte Community Center.
Voter Registration Deadline – Wednesday, October 25, 2023, by 5 P.M.
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Wednesday, October 25, 2023, by 5 P.M.
Emergency Ballot Request Deadline – Thursday, November 02, 2023, by 5 P.M.



Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2730
Off Reservation Tribal Member: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

ROYALTY INTRODUCTION

Southern Ute Brave

Henry Whiteskunk II

Maykwa Nuuchiu,
Hello, my name is Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk II.
My Ute name is Supernee means White-skunk. I'm 15 years old. I'm Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Cheyenne. I'm currently a sophomore at Ignacio High school.
My parents are Henry Whiteskunk and Daisy House Eagle. My paternal grandparents are the late Edward Whiteskunk and Willette Thompson. My great grandparents are the late William Thompson and Doris Red. My maternal grandparents are Linda Eagle and Bradley Hight. My great grandparents are the late Clifford and Annabelle Eagle. I'm a descendant of the late chief Jack House.
I was selected for the Southern Ute Brave 2023-24 on August 26, 2023 at the Southern Ute Multi-purpose building. I appreciate this opportunity to represent my Tribe throughout my reign. Congratulations to all the new royalty.



courtesy Daisy Eagle

Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk II
Southern Ute Brave
2023-2024

Tüviichi Togwayok
Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk II

ROYALTY INTRODUCTION

Southern Ute Brave Alternate

Theoden Greany

Maykh Nuchu,
My Name is Theoden Greany. I am the 2023-2024 Southern Ute Brave Alternate. I am five years old; I proudly attend the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. My mother is Dominika Joy, my father is Bryan Greany. My siblings are Starlitt Greany and Mykel-Zain Greany. My maternal Grandmother is Ella-Marie Ramos. My paternal Grandfather is the late Clifton "Butch" Greany Jr. My maternal Great Grandparents are the late great Anna L. Weaver, and Hardy Joy. My Paternal Great Grandparents are Clifton Greany Sr. and Hazel Greany. My father's lineage comes from the Southern Cheyenne and Arapahoe tribes from El Reno, Okla.
I'm a Southern Fancy Dancer, I've competed in many powwows across the country, some include the Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow in Concho, Okla, the White Mesa Bear Dance Powwow in White Mesa, Utah, and the Hozhoni Days Powwow in Durango, Colo. I also enjoy Bear Dancing, which I was able to dance in all of the Bear Dances this year (Randlett, Fort Duchesne, White Rocks, Ignacio, Towaoc and White Mesa.)
Some of my hobbies include Round Dancing with my grandma, working out, fishing, riding my scooter/skateboard, going to the movie theater, and traveling.
I would like to thank Marvin Pinnecoose "Mr. Marvin" and his wife for all of their love and support. I would also like



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Theoden Greany
Southern Ute Brave Alternate
2023-2024

to thank Jennifer Goodtracks for her support as well.
I am excited to learn, grow and represent the Southern Ute Tribe.
Tog'oiak'
Theoden Greany

UTE TRADITIONS

White Mesa Bear Dance ends the season

By Marvin Pinnecoose
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

2023 has been a great year. Creator has blessed us with ample snowfall. The spring runoff filled the lakes, rivers, and streams of the Southern Ute reservation and the local areas. This was a much-needed relief after years of drought and depleted water levels. The welcomed water reminds us to be mindful of the earth, its animals, and its elements. With the re-energizing water of spring, comes the awakening of the bear.
As is our Ute belief, the bear was woken up out of hibernation this spring with the first Bear Dance which was in Randlett, Utah during the first week of May. Immediately after this was Ft. Duchesne, White Rocks, Southern Ute, and



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Bear Dance is a time of gathering. It doesn't matter what tribe you are from; everyone comes together to have a good time.
then Towaoc. All these Bear Dances were done in a row during consecutive weekends in May and going into June.
The last Bear Dance is reserved for Labor Day weekend and is held in White Mesa, Utah. This is part of the Ute Mountain Reservation and is the second

Ute Mountain Bear Dance of the year. It is a symbolic Bear Dance because it is considered the final one of the year. This is the last call for the bears to gather their food, corral their cubs, and settle into their dens.
This year, the last Bear Dance song was sung Monday, Sept. 4 and lasted thirty-nine minutes. Many Southern Ute people were in attendance for the event. Our singers sang proudly and did well at representing the Tribe. Our royalty was on site and said good words as they shook hands and helped in any way possible to make the event a success. Our Bear Dancers gave their all and were prepared to take on the heat and winds, which were unusually absent this year.
Oddly enough the blessings never seem to stop as Creator grants many gifts throughout the year. Best of all is the gathering of Ute people, friends, and family for one last dance before putting the bears back to bed.
Sleep well. We'll see you again in the spring.



courtesy Rhianna Carel

Aran Johnson, Division Head for Southern Ute Wildlife, is an avid Bear Dancer. Johnson made the trek to White Mesa with his family to enjoy the last Bear Dance of the year.

Garden of the Gods Powwow



photos courtesy Dominika Joy

Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany lining up during a men's all ages combined special at the 13th annual Garden of the Gods Rock Ledge Ranch Powwow, Colorado Springs, Colo., Saturday, Sept. 16.



Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany and Southern Ute Brave Henry Whiteskunk II at the 13th annual Garden of the Gods Rock Ledge Ranch Powwow, Colorado Springs, Colo., Saturday, Sept. 16.

Carel vies for new title



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Southern Ute tribal member Rhianna Carel was a contestant in the Ms. Indigenous San Juan College Pageant for the 2023-2024 term, during the pageant she shared her knowledge of the Bear Dance. On Friday, Sept. 15, five contestants presented their contemporary talent, traditional talent, and answered pageant questions in hopes to be crowned the new Ms. Indigenous San Juan College. Carel won the "Miss Photogenic" award and placed as third runner-up in this year's SJC pageant.

COME JOIN US SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

Ute Family Lifestyles (Presented in UTE)
Multipurpose Facility, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Program will consist of: Culture, Religion, Food, Arts & Crafts, Animated Tales-Stories, History, and Song & Dance.
Must Show Tribal ID for entry. Non-Political Presentation.

Contact Renee Cloud @ 970-563-4529



HEALTHY RECIPES

Make ahead egg and turkey casserole

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

Mornings can be so hectic! Try this make ahead casserole for breakfast. Made the night before, you can have it throughout the week. This high protein meal is ideal for sustained energy. Add your favorite vegetables or if you use what you have on hand, this is a good money saver. Feel free to exchange the seasoning to suit your taste.

This calls for ½ pound of lean ground turkey. Make a whole pound and use the remainder for another dish such as tacos or meat sauce or freeze it for later.



courtesy Ochsner Health

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

Egg and Turkey Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- ½ pound lean ground turkey
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 bell pepper, diced (any color)
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 handfuls of fresh spinach, chopped
- 12 eggs, beaten
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. In a large pan, heat olive oil over medium-high heat
3. Add ground turkey and Italian seasoning, sauté, breaking up the turkey, for about 5 minutes. Stirring frequently.

4. Add the diced onions, bell pepper, stir to combine. Sauté for an additional 5 minutes or until vegetables are at desired consistency.
5. Add chopped spinach and sauté for 1 minutes.
6. Coat a 9x13" pan with cooking spray, spread meat on the bottom
7. Pour eggs over meat mixture.
8. Bake for 30 minutes or until cooked through.

Tip: Add any vegetables you like. Try mushrooms, green onion, fresh garlic, tomatoes. Try Mexican seasonings and green chili. Add cheese for additional flavor.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Get your ears poked, it very well could make your day!

By Tamara D. Turner
SU BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Behavioral Health Division has some new resources to offer the community! This past week, several of our therapists were trained in what's called Acu-Detox thanks to an organization called POCA: People's Organization of Community Acupuncture.

The "acu" comes from acupuncture, a healing modality central to Chinese medicine dating back 3000 years. Acupuncture uses tiny needles to stimulate or calm the energy of the body and mind. Acu-detox uses five, 7-millimeter-long needles, thinner than a pencil lead that are put under the skin on five different points inside each ear. The needles are gently inserted along what are called meridians which are like avenues via which energy travels in the body. These meridians are connected to different organs in the body such as the liver, kidney, and lungs. The ear is full of meridians that connect to every area of the body. In Chinese medicine, the body's organs are also correlated with certain emotions. For example, the kidneys are related to

fear and anxiety, the liver is related to anger, and the lungs connect with grief. Hence, this treatment can serve multiple purposes and works both on physical and emotional levels.

However, what's especially helpful to know is that the Acu-Detox has proven to reduce withdrawal symptoms for people coming off of drugs. It has proven to reduce withdrawal symptoms with alcohol, marijuana, opioids, methamphetamine, and many other drugs. One of the most effective parts of Acu-detox is that it stabilizes the nervous system. It is intended to move energy – what the Chinese call "chi" – in the body so that the physical and emotional body can balance and stabilize. This means that some people experience shudders, twitching, tingling, and the release of emotions. Especially because of the emotional shifting going on, it is helpful to have a therapist present who can help cultivate a safe space.

This five-point treatment lasts from 30 to 45 minutes. The patient is encouraged to relax and remain in their seat, keeping their eyes open or closed (what-

ever is more comfortable). The treatment takes the person into a meditative state that has physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual rewards. Areas like anxiety, blood pressure, heart rate, sweating, and agitation are reduced greatly.

When a person is coming off of a drug, it is recommended that they engage in this treatment at least three times a day. People that aren't in withdrawal but in early recovery can engage in this treatment as well and can help with the psychological withdrawal symptoms that people in early recovery experience.

Now, I know the thought of needles might put some people off. I know it did for me awhile back when I first tried acupuncture. But most of the time I felt nothing. Our therapists trained in Acu-Detox reported that sometimes a person might feel a little prick but usually they felt nothing. In fact, the number one "side-effect" is relaxation. One of my colleagues who tried this said she fell asleep in the chair.

Come give it a try! If you have any questions or concerns, we are here to help!

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Tùchupikivi Sùmuguavi
“Good Brain, Strong Heart”

Positive childhood experiences

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

This is the third in a series of four articles this year about the effects childhood experiences can have on people throughout their lives.

In the January article, we talked about negative childhood experiences and the lifelong impact they can have on physical and mental health. In the April article, we discussed the protective effects of positive childhood experiences. This month, we will dive into what is meant by “positive childhood experiences.”

The positive experiences that support children are grouped into four categories: Relationships, environment, engagement, and emotional growth. If we were sitting together and talking, I bet you could list a lot of them instinctively. According to positiveexperience.org, the ones that research studies have supported are:

- Participating in family and cultural traditions.
- Developing social and culturally appropriate communication and interpersonal skills.
- Strong relationships with parents who respond to a child's needs and offer warm, responsive reactions.
- Other adults who take a



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

genuine interest in a child and support their growth and development.

- Healthy, close, and positive relationships with peers.
- A safe, stable environment that meets a child's basic needs, including adequate food, shelter, and health care.
- A nurturing home where a child is emotionally secure.
- A stable school environment where children feel valued and receive high-quality education.
- A community environment to play and interact with other children safely and equitably.
- Being involved in projects, peer mentoring, or community service.
- Joining a music, art, or sports group.
- Developing a sense of emotional and behav-

ioral self-regulation.

- Having the ability to respond to challenges in a productive way.

This does not mean a child needs all of these to develop into a healthy adult, but the more, the better. In December's article, we will talk about ways these ideas can be put into action in our community – many of which are already happening!

For more information about negative and positive childhood experiences check out: <https://centerforyouth-wellness.org/>, <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/index.html>, or <https://positiveexperience.org/>.

You can make an appointment for your child to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Clinic to talk more about these topics or anything else by calling 970-563-4581.

Shining Mountain Fresh

September

Sign up for a FREE, healthy meal kit for you and your family with Shining Mountain Health and Wellness's monthly program

Black Bean Brownies

Sign up for your meal kit now! Use the link below, or scan the QR code to quickly register in under 2 minutes!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFSept2023>

Sign-up Deadline: Monday, September 25

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

Meal Kit Includes:

- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

Contact:

Heather Sorensen 970-563-2349

If you need to schedule a different pickup time/date, please reach out to Heather

Calling all “Mummies!”

Breastfeeding Class
& Parent Support Group

October 12th@12pm

116 Capote Drive/Mouache-Capote Building (downstairs)

Come Learn about Home Safety

Lunch Provided
Bring your minions!

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Earth Spirit Acrylic & Ink 2023

“SPIRIT VISIONS” Solo Show by
NORMAN LANSING
@ BOMDIGGITY Downtown Mancos
ART OPENING EVENT:
SATURDAY, Sept. 16th 3-6pm
Show Runs Sept. 16- Oct 13, 2023
BOMDIGGITY Mancos Mystical Market Gallery GIFTS FOR THE SOUL



Healthy cooking with Lisa



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Attendees observe tribal elder, Luanna Herrera as she measures out grated parmesan cheese; the parmesan was added to cauliflower pizza crust during the Healthy Cooking with Lisa Smith culinary class held on Monday, Sept. 18. Smith works as a Registered Dietician Nutritionist for the Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Program; this class is held to share healthy and affordable recipes within the community.

Together the class worked to build four types of healthy pizzas, including two cauliflower crusts and two whole wheat crusts; attendees added a variety of toppings to the pizzas. Following the class, the attendees also took home pre-made pizza dough along with recipes to decorate their individual pizzas and share with their families.



St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church Events

The Carmelitas of St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church will hold a community fall cleanup of the historic Rosa Cemetery starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21st in Arboles. This cemetery was created when the Navajo Lake reservoir flooded Rosa and caused its graves to be moved to this new site. The cemetery is located at the south end of County Road 975, immediately to the left after the state border cattle guard. Attendees are asked to wear gloves and hats, and bring what they can, including rakes, shovels, weed whackers and riding mowers. Lunch will be provided by the Arboles Carmelitas. The event is open to all.

The Carmelitas of St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church will hold a silent auction in conjunction with the Saint Francis of Assisi annual Mass and Fiesta, Sunday, Oct. 8 at CO 151 and Old Gallegos Road. The silent auction will run from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and all proceeds will go toward paying the annual insurance for St. Peter/St. Rosa Catholic Church in Arboles. (The mass is at 1 p.m., followed by a potluck.) For more information on either event, please call 970-883-2556.

SUIMA Pawaaghani Po’ekwatu – Eagle’s Nest

U.S. Senator Michael Bennet tours academy

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal SU MONTESSORI ACADEMY

We had the honor of providing a tour of the school to U.S. Senator Micheal Bennet. Though it was a quick tour, Mr. Bennet took time to sit with a few students in P4 during their snack time and then visit with the upper elementary students. With a background in education, and through these interactions and conversations, he was better able to understand the Montessori way of teaching, stating that he would have liked to stay longer and visit with the students more.

Fishing Club has started! With the guidance of staff member, Jared Ruybal, 13 students are participating. The club has gone to Scott’s Pond a few times, enjoyed the recent Fishing Derby, and students have practiced their casting skills.

The Southern Ute Tribal Fair produced many winners with some of our students and staff being part of those winners. Our elementary students enjoyed creating the exhibits, which they displayed after the fair in the Hall of Warriors. Their current project is to research birds in this area and work with the Department of Natural Resources to build bird houses that will be placed within the Southern Ute boundaries.

In support of our talented students, SUIMA is working to get a music program started. Working with Stillwater Music out of Durango, the elementary students will enjoy weekly lessons,



courtesy SUIMA

Dewey, the traveling library, came to the SUIMA parking lot where some of the lower elementary students enjoyed checking out and reading books. Pictured here with their teacher, Bernadine Tso, are Tylin Goodtracks, Rex Olguin, Bryan Howe, and AnnaLicia del Gado Torres. The Ignacio Community Library was able to purchase the bus earlier this summer and serves the Ignacio area; Dewey comes to the school twice a month.

learning guitar, drumming, and other various percussion instruments. Our hope is to have the students become part of the annual Tribal Christmas Program.

Reminder

If you haven’t turned your students’ medical packet in, you have one more week to get them to the school office or your child’s teacher/guide. Sept. 29 is the deadline.

School Board information

We currently have a full school board with energetic members using the school’s mission and vision statements to help guide the school. Thank you to everyone who submitted their Letter of Intent. The school board members are, President – Rhianon Velasquez; Vice President – Dominika Joy; Treasurer – Joe Poynter; Secretary – Morgann Graham; Member at Large – Kristean Velasquez; Alternate – Ann Peck. Open meeting dates will be advertised soon.

Parent Advisory Group

The first PAG meeting

went well with many families – new and returning – families joining us. The parents heard about the first month of school, the various activities and events that the students have been part of the progress of the first K-6 benchmark test, and the upcoming field trip to the tribal garden with the So. Ute Agriculture Division. The next PAG meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 6 – 7 p.m. via Zoom. We still have a few parents who have not signed up for Classroom DoJo. Please remember to accept the invite that has come to your phone so that you can get the meeting link as well as an abundance of other good stuff.

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.

Upcoming events

- Early Release at 2 p.m. every Friday!
- Sept. 27: Family Night in the dining hall from 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Sept. 29: Agriculture Division field trip
- Oct. 9: No School – National Indigenous Day
- Oct. 16: Picture Day
- Oct. 17: Parent Advisory Group
- Oct. 25: Family Night – Pumpkin Carving

STEAM Fest: Supporting Curious Minds

Get ready for an electrifying night at The Powerhouse on Oct. 21! Join us in supporting equitable access to learning and play at this adults-only event filled with interactive science-themed experiments, thrilling live auctions, and complimentary drinks and appetizers. Unleash your inner scientist and have a blast while making a difference! Event runs from 7 – 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$45 and include beer/wine, appetizers, and STEAM focused hands-on activities!



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BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Bobcats bum-rush Bears at home, 46-0

First win comes at 3A-level team's expense

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Even in a running-clock scenario, enacted late in the first half to spare the visiting Wingate Bears as much scoreboard punishment as possible Friday, Sept. 8, the fact that with the exception of one third quarter oop-sie – rectified the very next play – the Ignacio Bobcats impressively controlled the football for pretty much the first 16 minutes of the second half.

That is, the third quarter and the first four minutes of the fourth – via a ‘drive’ initially begun at IHS’ 34-yard line following senior Marcus Maez’s kickoff return, interrupted by WHS junior Arwin Thompson recovering freshman Brandon Blevins’ fumble nine plays later at Wingate’s 29, and then resumed by Bobcat sophomore Aven Bourriague intercepting Bear senior quarterback Dylan Clark’s first-down pass at the guests’ 45.

A holding penalty against the ‘Cats backed them up to their own side of midfield, but on 1st-and-20 sophomore Lincoln deKay blasted through the line for a 25-yard gain down to Win-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s D.J. Hendren splits two Wingate (N.M.) tacklers on a carry during the Bobcats’ 46-0 thrashing of the Bears on Friday, Sept. 8, at IHS Field.

gate’s 30. A false-start penalty, however, then brought the third quarter to a close. Still looking to tack on one last score, junior D.J. Hendren then got the fourth frame underway with a

15-yard carry, and Blevins followed with a 10-yarder giving Ignacio 1st-and-goal at the Bears’ 10.

Wingate then burned a

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BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

Harriers face uphill battle in Shiprock

IHS boys place 11th against stocked field

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Facing opposition from all Four Corners states at the 2023 Shiprock, N.M., Chieftain Invitational on Saturday morning, Sept. 16, Ignacio High School Cross-Country received a wake-up call with roughly a month remaining in its 2023 season.

Freshman Cayson Burcham clocked a solid team-best 18 minutes, 21.43 seconds but still ended up outside the top-20 in the well-attended event’s boys’ feature as he crossed the finish line 21st overall. Sophomore James Martin ended up IHS’ No. 2, placing 48th in 19:41.97, and senior Philip Quintana finished 62nd in 20:18.47.

With the meet a score-5 competition, sophomore Dillon Brann (75th, 20:47.25) and freshman Judah Ashley (84th, 21:24.15) gave the Bobcats an adjusted total of 275 (21-45-58-71-80) points, which ultimately ranked 11th out of 16 title-eligible squads. Reigning New Mexico Activities Association Class 3A State Champion Zuni posted a meet-low 69 points to win, with 4A Kirtland, N.M., Central (84) a close second. Chinle, Ariz., scored 98 points and finished third ahead of Ganado, Ariz. (100), and Farmington, N.M., Navajo Prep (133).

Out of 113 finishers, Ga-



courtesy Jennifer Brann

In junior-varsity action, Ignacio freshman Thunder Windy Boy finished 23rd in the boys’ race, posting a 22:13.71, Saturday, Sept. 16 at the 2023 Shiprock, N.M., Chieftain Invitational.

nado senior Jayden Smith was first. His winning 16:42.31, however, bettered KCHS junior Dathan Esson (16:44.11) by fewer than two seconds and was barely three faster than Zuni sophomore Deron Lastyano (16:45.34). Window Rock, Ariz., senior Ryan Kee (16:54.08) and Navajo Prep’s Elijah England (17:03.08) filled out

the standings’ top five.

Kee placed fourth and Smith 20th at last season’s AIA Division III State Championships in Phoenix; Lastyano took seventh in the NMAA Class 3A State Championships in Albuquerque while Esson ended up tenth in 4A.

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BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

From sizzle to fizz: IHS starts mighty, ends meek vs. Dove Creek

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Like a freshly lit match, Ignacio burned brightest against Dove Creek in the opening game. But as the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League volleyball showdown progressed Saturday, Sept. 16, Ignacio’s fuel began to dwindle as the visiting Lady Bulldogs not only evened the contest, but went up two games to one. And after just a couple minutes’ worth of action in Game 4, DCHS simply snuffed out the Volleys’ hopes in earning a slow-start, fast-finish 15-25, 27-25, 25-21, 25-13 victory inside IHS Gymnasium.

“We’ve had 11 road games and one home game so far. So, I think we’re just a little worn out,” Dove Creek head coach Lacey Murphy said. “We’d played in Norwood last night, then turned around to come here this morning – it’s rough. So, I really am excited to see our gym next week!”

With a still-undefeated guest coming to town three calendar days after the Lady Bulldogs’ trip to Ignacio, sustaining momentum from the previous night’s 25-14, 25-12, 25-16 sweep of the 1A Lady Mavericks would be a vital task for Dove Creek to accomplish after arriving in La Plata County.

“We’ll have Mancos at home on Tuesday (9/19),” said Murphy, “and they got us the first time, so we’ll see what happens this time! If I’m being honest, it’ll be nice to not travel. And then we have another home game on Friday.”

Results of Mancos-at-DCHS were unavailable at press time, as were those from IHS’ test Thursday night, Sept. 21, versus Dolores as the squad resumed work against the SJBL’s 2A-level side. After facing the Lady Bears, the ‘Cats will then host Telluride on the 23rd at 1 p.m.

“We can definitely build on this; Dolores and Telluride will definitely be good ... league games,” said Ignacio senior Kacey Brown, who logged six kills, eight digs and three total blocks. “Just have to be smart, keep the ball in and lessen mistakes.”

Those were severely lim-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Ollyvia Howe (8) goes for a cross-court kill away from Dove Creek’s Kylie Gatlin (23) during action Saturday afternoon, Sept. 16, inside IHS Gymnasium.

ited in Game 1 against the Lady Bulldogs, as from the get-go, the Volleys (7-4 overall; 0-1 SJBL, 0-1 2A SJBL) looked plenty prepared to build upon a quality loss to reigning 2022 Class 2A State Champion Sedgewick County in the Denver Christian Invitational finale a full week earlier.

“It was really close, up until, like, ten points or something,” Brown said, admitting IHS’ 10-point take of the first verse against Dove Creek was an up-tempo blur. “And then we just got, like, a burst of energy and got a good lead.”

Bouncing back in Game 2, DCHS (10-2 overall; 3-1 SJBL, 2-0 1A SJBL) took an 8-7 lead and built it up to as great as 19-14 before Ignacio gained the upper hand, albeit a shaky one. Still, the Lady Bulldogs appeared to reach game point first at 24-22 after Brown threaded a spike between multiple DCHS hands and out of bounds long.

The officials, however, weren’t as positive the ball hadn’t been touched and called for a replay of the point, which the ‘Cats earned when Brown tooled a kill off Dove Creek’s block. Freshman setter Kelly Sirios (22 assists)

then somehow blocked DCHS junior Ralynn Hickman 1-on-1, only to see Hickman respond with a more-vicious swing and kill the next exchange. Ignacio regained a 25-24 lead via a kill by junior Ollyvia Howe, but DCHS swiped a match-tying win via a kill by senior setter Kallie Gatlin (29 ast), an IHS serve-reception error off Gatlin’s serve, and a failed Sirios pass meant for Howe (6 k, 12 d).

Beginning with a Brown block of Hickman, Ignacio raced out to a 6-1 lead in Game 3, but the Lady Bulldogs fought back to tie at 10-all, then went up 11-10 and never looked back. IHS head coach Jennifer Seibel called a timeout with her side down 24-20, and senior middle Solymar Cosio (7 k, 3 d, 4 blk) made the pause pay dividends with an optimistic kill. Senior Kylie Gatlin (15 kills, 13 digs), however, then put DCHS up 2-1 in the contest with a kill past Cosio’s block.

IHS’ hopes faded fast in Game 4; after going up 1-0 and 2-1, the ‘Cats never again led. Dove Creek strung together six immediate go-ahead points, then

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OBITUARY



BURCH – Irene C. Burch peacefully passed away Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at home, surrounded by family. She was 87 years old.

Irene was born October 4, 1935, to Calvin and Pearl Coolidge in Mancos Creek, Colorado. She attended the Southern Ute Vocational Boarding School in Ignacio, Colorado (Class of 1955). She attended the Albuquerque Nursing School in Albuquerque, NM, and graduated in 1956.

She worked at the Tuba City Hospital in Arizona until she was courted by Leonard Burch (whom she knew from boarding school). They were married in

Pagosa Springs, CO, on Feb. 14, 1959.

They began their family in Ignacio and she worked for a short time in the Cafeteria at the Ignacio Elementary School. Irene stood gracefully and steadfastly supporting her husband, Leonard C. Burch, who was a Southern Ute Tribal Leader for 36 years.

She loved gardening and canning as well as planting flowers, sewing and all of the skills that made her home a place of love for her family. She enjoyed bingo and fellowship at the casino. Irene and Leonard also cared for many Tribal children in their family home.

She is survived by daughters: Leonora Burch, Leona Burch, Lena (Steve) Gallegos, Lisa Burch, Leora (David) Lucero, Laurena Burch, Lynnette (Roger) Sage, and Rachel Burch; siblings: Gracie (Roger) Tsosie, Stanley (Martha) Coolidge, Carol (David) Flute, Lillie (George) Kellywood, Donald (Arlene) Coolidge; 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband: Leonard C. Burch; grandsons: Cody Cloud Bravo and Jaryn Edwin Smith Watts; siblings: William Coolidge, Phillip Coolidge, Nellie McKensley, and Jimmy Coolidge and her parents.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Sept. 22, 2023, at 10 a.m., at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center. Burial will follow at Ignacio West Cemetery.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

Letter from Cedric Chavez

Hello everyone,

My name is Cedric J. Chavez and I am currently in the running for one of the two opening seats on our tribal council.

While some of you may know me, I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself to those who may not.

My mother is the late Lydia T. Chavez, who is the daughter of the late Thelma B. Kuebler and the late Ramus Kuebler.

I graduated from Ignacio high school and later earned an Associates Degree from the Dona Ana Branch Community College at New Mexico State University and am currently working towards receiving a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from New Mexico State University.

I’ve worked in the construction industry, the service industry, and most recently in public services as a tribal employee, a tribal council member from 2017-2020 and as a city government employee.

In my time I have, like many of you, been a student of life and been blessed with the ability to overcome my own shortcomings.

Living, learning and understanding that at the end of the day we are all just people.

We have good days and bad days and with a little help and a lot of faith we can learn to better ourselves for our families, our community, and our Tribe.

I look forward to seeing you all out and about. Stay safe and have a great day!

Thank you,
Cedric J. Chavez

are met. Tribal Fair Security team for keeping everyone in line and pointing everyone in the right direction, thank you! Thank you to KSUT Tribal Radio 91.3 FM and REZ-olution Radio Hour for the live on-air interviews with the bands and promoting the Youth Concert, as well as representation in the SUTF Parade. A.D. Designs for printing the exclusive concert poster, the posters were a hit!

Thank you to those that contributed to sponsorship, or by donating items for raffles, or preparing food, or even donating time to volunteer in assisting with the Youth Concert: Bertha Box, Andi Hiett-Cook, Ula Gregory, Tabitha Formea, Velma Armijo, Lee Litz, Omar Valdez, Nishoni Johnson, Dazzleen Elkriver, Oolcu Buckskin, Cynthia Buckskin, Blenda Ortiz, Sapphire Ortiz, Alexis Ortiz, Jade Richards, Jodiah Richards, Mataya Rock, Miracle Ortiz, AhKeem Williams, Syre Sanchez, Danielle Burns, Joseph Maez, Brandon Blevins and Arianna Bridges.

Businesses and Organizations that either donated items for the giveaways or set up a booth at the Youth Concert, you are appreciated as well; Main Street Music (Aztec, NM), Jimmy Music Supply (Durango, CO), The Hive (Durango, CO), Integrated Insight Community Care (Durango, CO), SASO (Durango, CO), Native Love (Ignacio, CO), Waci-Ci Trading (Ignacio, CO), Southern Ute Behavioral Health, Johnston Harden, Nishoni Johnson and Devyn Valandra.

As anyone who puts shows or events like this together, knows it takes many hours of preparation, organizing and coordinating with many people to make this happen. From seeing the bands perform prior to booking them, to securing funding, lodging, food, and working with the volunteers to assist in making the event run smoothly.

Every year I learn something new, or what I can improve on. This year I ensured there was a variety in genres, and although some music isn’t for everyone, music is as varied as people’s individual tastes.

If I forgot to include anyone’s name, it was unintentional, as there are so many components to the Youth Concert every year. So many people donated without hesitation, some – once they heard the purpose and focus of the Youth Concert donated items, food, money, etc. You are truly appreciated.

Thank you,
Robert L. Ortiz
Native REZ-olution Youth Concert

Native REZ-olution Youth Concert!

I would like to thank everyone involved in helping make the Native REZ-olution Youth Concert XIII a success! Firstly I want to thank the bands for traveling here to perform on our rez. Six Million Dead (Gila River, AZ), Project BC (Albuquerque, NM), Tribus (Gallup, NM), Wavelengths (Yah-ta-hey, NM), One Way Sky (Gila River, AZ) and Community Pancake (Durango, CO) and special thanks to Dritty Pope (Flora Park, NY) for being my Co-Emcee.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation for putting on the 101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair (SUTF) and including the Youth Concert once again! Your staff is always helpful, and you all are greatly appreciated for all the hard work, although some don’t appreciate how hard it is to put an event of this magnitude together, your hard work does not go unnoticed! Thank you goes out to Durango Party Rental for the stage and hospitality tent, set up and tear down.

I want to thank the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Tribal departments that were responsible for funding and assuring our guests and attendees were safe and taken care of; Legal, Finance and S.U. Police Dept., also the following departments and entities that had a hand in helping with the concert in one-way or another; Forestry, GIS, and The Southern Ute Drum. Thank you to the Sky Ute Fairgrounds and crew for hosting the three-day powwow and all the Tribal Fair events. The SUFG crew are always there to ensure all the event’s needs

Chief Severo

Severo originally belonged to the Moache band of Utes, he was chief of Capote. He was born in the cimarron country in northern New Mexico.

Also, the Kiowa Indian’s raided the camp, Severo’s mother fleeing with him on horseback across the ice when the horse slipped down, throwing her and the baby. The pursuing raiders thrust a lance into his side, which would heal with the best Ute medicine. However, he carried the scar until he died.

Also, the Cheyenne were with the Kiowas in this battle. Also, he was an Indian man.

Joseph Rael Jr.

Welcoming new enrollee



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Council welcomes new Southern Ute tribal enrollee, Paisley Frost, on Tuesday, Sept. 19 during the Regular Meeting. Members of Tribal Council and Frost’s family gathered in the Hall of Warriors for a photo to commemorate Frost’s enrollment to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Frost’s parents – Hunter Frost and Kelcie Mills – and her older brother RedSky Jorgenson stand by her side.

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Correction

In a photo published in the September 8 issue of the Drum, Theoden Greany’s name was misspelled.

In a photo published in the September 8 issue of the Drum, Terence Whyte works for Vital Statistics, not Records.

Drum Deadline

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Oct. 6
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ETHICS COMPLAINT 2023-01 filed by Chris Mimmack, a tribal employee, against Lorelei Cloud, a tribal elected official. Pursuant to § 19-6-103 of the Code of Ethics, a hearing in this matter is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023 in Southern Ute Tribal Court at 9 A.M.

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Evalyn L Hudson, Deceased
AKA Evalyn Lavine Pinnecore Russell
Case No.: 2023-0043-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **OCTOBER 30, 2023 at 9:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address

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Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Jenny Lynn Silva, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2023-0099-CV-NC

Notice is hereby given that Jenny Lynn Silva has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jenny Lynn Long. 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 **OCTOBER 24, 2023.** If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

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BY THE COURT,
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

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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

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970-563-2945

OCTOBER 16 through 20 ONLY! By Appointment Only No pickups over the weekend or the week after.

Tribal Members, Tribal Departments, and any tenant of the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority. We will not pick up for non-tribal tenants living in Tribal Member owned rental homes. All pick-ups must be within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation only. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE AREA and general trash MUST BE BAGGED FOR PICK UP. No Pickups will be made without prior scheduling with the homeowner or department. **APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

If you have tires, only 4 tires per household will be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** No semi or heavy equipment tires accepted.

We will not pull your trailer to the transfer station for you.

Tribal Elders. Please contact Elder Services at (970) 563-2323 if you need assistance with bagging and piling of your trash.

All vehicle disposals please call Building Maintenance at 970-563-0265.

HAZARDOUS WASTE. If think your trash is hazardous waste, or you cannot identify the waste, please call Environmental Programs at 970-563-2256. If the pickup teams suspect that your trash may contain hazardous waste, or it is not identifiable, we will call Environmental Programs.

LARGE SITE or DANGEROUS or HAZARDOUS WASTE testing and cleanup will be completed at the **HOMEOWNER'S EXPENSE.** This will be on a case-by-case basis and scheduled dependent on program availability.

Areas of Operation

- Motor Pool, 970-563-0280, Tribal Member homes west of the Pine River except those listed below.
- Building Maintenance, 970-563-0265, Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes on Cr 314, Cr 315, Cr 316, and Cr 311 and ALL VEHICLES.
- Grounds Maintenance, 970-563-0272, Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes located in Cedar Point East & West, Ignacio Peak and the La Boca area west of the Pine River, Tribal Member tenants of Quichas Apartments.
- Construction Services, 970-563-0260, Tribal members within the Town of Ignacio and Tribal Member homes east of the Pine River.
- Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority, 970-563-4575, Southern Ute Housing Authority renters and Senior Center.

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.bgsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

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.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

- Distribution Friday, Sept. 29 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.*



Multi-Purpose Facility
Haunted House Food Sale

Friday September 29, 2023
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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| Red (Beef) or Green (Chicken) Enchiladas, with rice, beans sopapilla | \$15 |
| Substitute Sopapilla with Fry Bread or Tortilla | \$18 |
| Posole (pork) with Fry Bread or Tortilla | \$15 |
| Add-ons: Fried Egg | \$3 |
| Calabacitas (Zucchini with Corn and Green Chile, Cheese) | \$3 |
| Garden Salad | \$5 |
| Desserts | \$5 |
| Frybread or Tortilla | \$5 |
| Beverages | \$1 |
| Soda—Bottled Water | |
| Terry's Chips on Salsa—Single serve | \$5 |
| Large container with chips | \$15 |

Eat in or Carry-out Order ahead at 970-563-2640
970-563-2645 Cash or Check Only

Proceeds support MPF Haunted House 2023 - 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



Multi-Purpose Facility

September

Beading & Traditional Sewing Workshop

Tuesday & Thursday, September 26 & 28, 2023



Two Day Sessions: Tuesday & Thursday
Two Evening Sessions: Tuesday & Wednesday
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Learn to apply an applique'.
Bring design and project.

Or

You are welcome to bring your
beading or sewing project to work on.



For more Information: 970-563-2640 or 970-563-2641
email: multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



SOUTHERN UTE
INDIAN TRIBE'S
HEALTH FAIR 2023

Join this community event to learn all things health, participate in games, and win prizes. This family fun event is FREE admission!



Presented by: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Department of Health Services and Community & Home Health Services

VENDORS

GAMES

RAFFLE

PRIZES

LOTS OF FUN!

NOVEMBER 16TH, 2023

From 10:00am to 3:00pm

at the

Sky Ute Casino Resort

Events Center & Banquet Hall

For more information please contact:

Alyssa Seibel, CHS Admin
aseibel@southernute-nsn.gov

970 - 563-2348

PEOPLE
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

REPRESENT YOUR COMMUNITY!

These advisory boards have upcoming vacancies:

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| Board of Equalization | Ignacio Community Library District Board |
| Board of Health | Lake Durango Water Authority |
| Board of Adjustment | Ignacio, Allison, Oxford Cemetery District Committee |
| Board of Review | Living w/ Wildlife Advisory Board |
| Citizens Review Panel for Child Welfare Grievances | Lodging Tax Panel |
| Community Corrections Board | Long-Term Finance Committee |
| Durango Hills Road Improvement District Advisory Committee | Pine River Public Library District Board |
| Durango Public Library Board | Planning Commission |
| Durango-La Plata County Airport Commission | San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging Board |
| Extension Advisory Committee | Southwest La Plata Library District Board |
| Fire Code Board of Appeals | Undesirable Plant and Rodent Advisory Commission |
| Historic Preservation Review 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

Air Quality Technician

Closes 10/2/23 – Operation and maintenance of all air quality monitoring equipment and assuring quality control objectives are met through weekly precision measurements, monthly calibrations, and quarterly audits. Database management responsibilities include data reduction, production reports, and maintaining auxiliary instrument programs. Pay grade N10; pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

Economic Development Project Coordinator

Closes 10/2/23 – Under general direction of the Economic Development Manager, will assist with projects to develop, plan, organizes and implement economic development functions from conception to completion, involving programs related to Tribal Member small business development and entrepreneurship. Promoting the small business and economic development interests of the Tribe. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$45,236.26/Annually.

Education Specialist (Southern Ute tribal members only)

10/2/23 – A professional position within the Department of Public Education, assisting and advocating for students and families that live on or near the Southern Ute Indian Tribal reservation in the public schools. Assists families and students in understanding the public educational process, thereby increasing the student's potential for success. Pay grade E13; Pay range starts at \$49,517.56. \$5000 sign-on bonus.

Home & Community Health Services Manager

Closes 10/2/23 – Management and administration of all Community and Home Health Services, programs, and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series. Pay grade E14; pay starts at \$54,517.63/Annually.

Medical Assistant (Part-time w/benefits)

Closes 10/3/223 – Providing professional and clinical services. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

NAGPRA Coordinator Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

9/27/23 – Will learn how to develop and administer procedures for determining the affiliation of Native American Remains, funerary objects, sacred objects of cultural patrimony, as well as the protection of archaeological and sacred sites. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N12 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases to assure that key goals are met. Upon successful completion of the training curriculum, incumbent will assume the NAGPRA Coordinator position. Due to cultural significance, a female is needed to fill . Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

Receptionist – SunUte Community Center

Closes 10/2/23 – Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade N5; Pay range starts at \$12.54/hour.

Receptionist – Tribal Information Services

Closes 9/27/23 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

Recreation Manager

Closes 10/2/23 – Operation of the Tribal Recreation Program in the SunUte Community Center including planning, budgeting, implementing, and supervising recreational program of interest to Tribal members of all ages including children, teens, young adults, adults, and senior citizens. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$49,517.56/Annually.

Administrative Assistant II (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – 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.

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 range \$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 range \$60,370.75/year.

Air Quality Technical Manager – Ambient Monitoring

Open Until Filled – 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.

Assistant Environmental Program Manager

Open Until Filled – Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade E16; Pay range \$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. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series. Pay grade N8; Pay range \$15.61/hour.

Dentist – Part-time w/Benefits

Open Until Filled – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Pay grade X20; pay starts at \$69,431.68/Annually. 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 N21; \$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 range \$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 range \$18.32/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, 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. 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. 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 range \$45,236.26/year.

Events/Heritage Coordinator (Southern Ute tribal members 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.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

• Cook

• Secondary Social Studies Teacher

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements cont.

Forestry Fuels Crew Member

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

Grants Financial Analyst

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

Grants Program Coordinator

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

Group Exercise Instructor

Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the SunUte Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – 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.

Internal Auditor

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

Investment Associate (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Lands Technician

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

Lifeguard (Full-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour. \$400 Sign on Bonus.

Lifeguard (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay range \$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 range \$16.88/hour.

Media Archivist – The Southern Ute Drum

Open Until Filled – 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.

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 range \$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. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$29.02/hour.

Registered Nurse

Open Until Filled – Providing professional and clinical services. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series. Pay grade N15; Pay range \$29.02/hour.

Scorekeeper – (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Department. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$12.32/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. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, breakdown of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Pay range \$14.48/hour.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Tribal Attorney – Prosecutor

Open Until Filled – 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. 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.

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.

Umpire/Referee

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Pay range \$14.48/hour.



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

*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.

*Bell Person (Full-time)

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

*Bingo Coordinator (Full-time)

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

Bingo Staff (Part-time)

Servicing guests during Bingo games, 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.

*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. Reports to the Bowling and Recreation Manager.

*Bowling Mechanic I (Full-time)

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. Bowling mechanics are responsible for 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.

*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.

*Employee Relations Specialist

Performs Human Resources related duties at the professional level, fostering a positive Employee Relations climate at Sky Ute Casino Resort under the supervision of the Human Resources Director. Managing Employee Relations matters by providing day-to-day leadership and guidance to all level of employees; developing cohesive, effective working relationships with management for mediation of resolution of employee issues and providing support, advocacy, and guidance as appropriate. Works with management and staff to provide job coaching with the goal of promoting and maintaining positive Employee Relations.

*Facilities Staff (Full-time)

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

*Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*Facilities Tech (Full-time)

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

Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

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

* Gaming and Sports book Writer (Full-time)

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

*Housekeeping 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.

*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.

*Room's Division Manager

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

*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 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.

*Specialized Facilities Technician (Full-time)

Maintaining the electrical and mechanical func-

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.

Reservoir Engineer II – Red Willow Production

Closes 10/6/23 – Requires a strong understanding of reservoir engineering, petroleum engineering and project evaluation principles. Works under supervision as a member of a multi-discipline team to evaluate reservoir performance and optimize development and de-

pletion plans for assigned areas. Contributing to project evaluations and supporting internal processes associated with reserve evaluations, budgeting, approvals and post-appraisals.

Royalty Auditor – Department of Energy

Closes 10/4/23 – Performing audits of Southern Ute Tribal oil and gas royalties.

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.

GIS Programmer Analyst I – SUSS

Closes 10/3/23 – Providing geographic information systems (GIS) support for all SUIT entities. Provide geospatial database development and maintenance, produce standard cartographic products, and develop applications and workflows for SUIT entities.

Solutions Engineer – SUSS

Closes 9/29/23 – Provides technical and development support on technology projects for staff and business unit customers. Provides support for database creation and maintenance, project coordination, application development, process automation, custom reporting, hard and soft copy production mapping, and GPS technology coordination.

PeopleSoft HCM Analyst – SUSS

Closes 10/4/23 – Supporting PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) developers and user groups, performing system requirements analysis, functional system design, developing identified projects, upgrades, development, and testing as necessary to provide the highest level of customer support.

SUDEP Ambassador Program – SUSS

Closes 9/29/23 – Ambassador program is designed to provide training, mentoring, and on-the-job experience to learn and assist with configuration, installation, support of the end-user computing environment including all desktop hardware, operating system, and end user applications. Will work directly with Southern Ute tribal membership on technological questions and concerns.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

For job opportunities apply on-line at www.sococaa.org or call 970-563-4517.
All jobs open until filled unless otherwise noted.

Ignacio Early Learning Program:

• Substitute Teacher: \$13.65/hr.

Ignacio Youth Services:

• Program Coordinator: \$15.02/hr.

Road Runner Transit:

• Transit Driver: \$19.25/hr.

• Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance \$18.17/hr.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
Occupancy/Resident Assistant

Full-time. Reports to Executive Director, Occupancy Department/Division. Position Summary: Responsible for assisting in processing applicants for housing in the low-rent programs and in performing a variety of clerical tasks related to the admission and continued occupancy of residents. Primarily responsible for interviewing that must be conducted for applications, community services, orientation interviews. Responsible for the Agency receiving at least a satisfactory rating concerning HUD required evaluation systems. The duties listed below are illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements regarding duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment in association with this position. Qualifications and Knowledge: High school diploma or GED equivalence required and one (1) year of progressively responsible experience in administration, social service or interviewing or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience resulting in the ability to fulfill the essential job duties of the position. Must have a valid Driver's License, remain insurable, successfully pass a pre-employment drug test, and submit to random drug testing per the Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy. Pick up applications at 760 Shoshone Ave., Ignacio CO 81137, or email ctwedt@suiha.org to request an application and a copy of the full job description. Questions can be directed to Eric Spady or Crystal Twedt at 970-563-4575. The position will remain open until filled.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements cont.

tions, 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.

activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities.

*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming

*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.

<u>Southern Ute Tribal Member</u> <u>AG Division — Fall Produce</u> <u>October 2023</u>			<u>Pick Up Date 10/05/23</u>
<u>FINAL ORDER Date 09/26/23</u>		970-563-0220	<u>Final Pick Up Date 10/06/23</u>
<u>PAY IN ADVANCE — Cash or Personal Check ONLY — NO Credit Cards</u>			
Beans: Adobe Milling in Dove Creek			
<u>Pinto</u>		<u>Anasazi</u>	
2# --- \$2.50		1# --- \$1.55	
4# --- \$4.25		4# --- \$5.50	
10# --- \$10.00		10# --- \$12.00	
20# --- \$19.00		20# --- \$22.00	
50# --- \$42.50			
Potatoes: Farm Fresh in Monte Vista			
<u>Red Potatoes</u>	<u>Yellow Potatoes</u>	<u>Russet Potatoes</u>	
5# --- \$2.00	5# --- \$2.00	5# --- \$2.00	
10# -- \$4.00		10# --- \$3.00	
50# -- \$17.00	50# --- \$17.00	50# --- \$13.00	
		Bakers 50# Box --- \$18.00	
Flour: Cortez Milling			
<u>Red Rose (Unbleached)</u>	<u>White Rose</u>	<u>Blue Bird</u>	
5# --- \$4.00	5# --- \$4.00	5# --- \$4.00	
10# -- \$7.00	10# -- \$7.00	10# -- \$7.00	
25# -- \$16.00	25# -- \$16.00	20# -- \$16.00	
50# -- \$27.00	50# -- \$27.00	50# -- \$27.00	
<u>Blue Corn Meal — Unroasted</u>			
3# -- \$4.00		25# --- \$29.00	



BOBCATS BUM-RUSH BEARS • FROM PAGE 6

timeout, stopping the clock with 10:51 left in regulation, and the pause paid off when Hendren was dropped for a 4-yard loss on first down. A personal-foul penalty then forced IHS back to the 29, and Blevins was stopped for a 3-yard gain on 2nd-and-goal. Always with speed to spare, Hendren managed to get the 'Cats back to the 10 with a 16-yard romp, but WHS then recorded a turnover-on-downs by tackling sophomore quarterback Zane Pontine after a four-yard keeper.

Pinned back at their own 6 with just 7:45 left and ticking away, the Fort Wingate, N.M., representatives managed to escape the proverbial 'red zone' thanks to senior Titus Morgan's three-yard run on first down, then Clark's 13-yard throw to Thompson – Blevins, unfortunately, was injured while attempting to pull Thompson down from behind – on second.

But Bobcat senior Rylan Maez broke up Clark's next attempt, and Wingate essentially lost all hope of avoiding a shutout when senior lineman Kaden Herrera had to fall on a backwards-bouncing fumble back at his team's own 2 for a 20-yard loss. Two plays later, junior Jaden Martin's last punt grossed just 10 yards out to the 21, but netted just three after Bourriague returned it seven. Positioned at WHS' 14 with 1:54 left, Ignacio decided to call it a night and two Pontine kneeldowns in 'victory formation' capped a thorough 46-0 win.

"We were very disappointed by the loss, so you know we had to get it back," Rylan Maez said, referring to IHS' competitive 42-30 setback on the 1st at 2A Moab, Utah, Grand County. "So, we just shoved it down their throat, played smash-mouth football."

"I think we did an outstanding job on defense," added senior Nate Hendren. "We really, like, stepped it up. Our offense ... still needs work, but the defense is solid; we were at that quarter-back ... making sure ... at the end of the game."

"Practice was really good," D.J. Hendren said, when

asked how preparations went to welcome Wingate, in the wake of the loss at GCHS. "Maybe the first day wasn't such a hard practice, but everyone really did step it up because ... it takes everyone to be really good, not just one person. In our minds we feel we can beat everyone; we have to have that 'team' mentality to do it."

With Hendren and Hendren pairing up to plant Clark for an 11-yard loss on the night's first play from scrimmage, Martin was summoned to punt and end a three-and-out possession. Senior Devante Montoya netted 20 yards on the return, setting Ignacio (1-2 overall, 0-0 1A South Central) up at the Bears' 15 with 10:16 left in the first quarter. One snap and one penalty later, the Bobcats scored via a 16-yard Pontine-to-Montoya connection with 9:14 left, plus Pontine-to-Rylan Maez two-point conversion.

Things only went downhill from there for overwhelmed Wingate (2-2, 0-0 NMAA Dist. 5-3A).

Three snaps into a WHS series which started at their own 49, the 'Cats struck again as Montoya intercepted Clark and returned the pick 65 yards for a touchdown with 8:01 to go. Pontine's two-point try also flew his way, but went incomplete. But no matter; sophomore Gabe Archuleta recovered a squibbed kickoff muffed by the Bears, and IHS went back on offense at the visitors' 48 with 7:56 remaining. 11 seconds later, Ignacio's lead had grown to 20-0 after Nate Hendren rocketed 48 yards for a first-down TD (Pontine's conversion toss to Archuleta fell short).

D.J. Hendren then gave the Bobcats yet another possession when he recovered what was essentially an on-side kick all the way down to the Wingate 30. Set up with 7:40 left, IHS needed just 1:48 to again capitalize with D.J. Hendren (unoff. 7-54 rushing) carrying across the goal line from 20 yards out. Pontine's conversion pass went incomplete, but WHS' first try at a fourth-down conversion would return the

ball – Bourriague intercepted a long Morgan option pass at the Ignacio 15 – to the Bobcats.

And Ignacio needed just five plays and 1:49 to further inflate their advantage to 32-0, thanks to a 22-yard TD tote by deKay (unoff. 10-114 rushing). Montoya (1-16 receiving) couldn't hang on to Pontine's two-point toss, but the 'Cats very nearly had yet another opportunity before the quarter mercifully expired. D.J. Hendren scooped up a Thompson fumble on WHS' very next offensive play and ran it back for an apparent score, but the return was negated by a personal foul penalty.

Starting their new drive from the Bears' 33 with 2:04 left, Ignacio completed the short quest in six plays – the last being a 15-yard Pontine-to-Rylan Maez pass with 11:37 remaining in the second quarter. Junior Charlie Pargin's first point-after kick was no good, but the Bobcats quickly ensured the night would end early.

Forcing Wingate into another three-and-out after freshman William Mendoza-Lechuga broke up a Clark pass, IHS again set up shop in enemy territory after Martin's punt out of bounds grossed/netted 10 yards out to WHS' 39. Four plays and a false-start penalty later, Ignacio gained the desired 40-plus point lead when Nate Hendren (unoff. 4-85 rushing) scored from 24 yards out with 7:10 left until halftime. Pontine hit Archuleta with the two-point throw, extending IHS' onslaught to 46 points unanswered as the 'Cats took nothing for granted. Especially not with Montezuma-Cortez set to visit two Fridays later on the 22nd.

"We played really hard tonight because we do have a bye week," said D.J. Hendren, "to get ready for Cortez."

"That was just what we needed," Maez (2-22 receiving) said, of the timing of Ignacio's first win this season. "We had to go hard; we didn't think (Wingate) was going to be a slouch. We just studied film and did our jobs, and came out with the 'W.'"

SIZZLE TO FIZZLE • FROM PAGE 6

later swelled their lead to 15-5 via another six-point run. Seibel called a desperate timeout with Ignacio down 23-13, but Hickman secured DCHS' ninth out-of-town triumph with back-to-back service aces of senior Maci Barnes.

"Yeah, we had a momentum-changer," Kalie Gatlin said, speaking of Hickman

(17 k, 10 d) but DCHS' hitters as a whole. "They were blocking us and then we finally found the holes. We just knew we had to win this to move up in the state standings."

"We're trying to get higher, but we're good with where we're at," she added. Knowing how tough the Lady Bulldogs would be, the

'Cats seemed okay with having taken at least a game.

"We've just got to keep fighting; I think that's what helped us out at that (Denver Christian) tournament and in Kremmling (at the MHS-won West Grand Invitational)," Brown said. "We've just got to ... be very scrappy; that's what we're known for."

HARRIERS FACE UPHILL BATTLE • FROM PAGE 6

Recording a time of 21:59.40, senior Corey Gomez placed 90th as IHS' other varsity entrant.

Senior Lauren deKay ran a 26:53.38 to earn 94th in the girls' race, but Ignacio as a team didn't factor into the title chase. Classmate Moriah Ashley managed a 28:23.08 and came in 103rd, and sophomore Alyssa Atencio took 117th with her 32:55.76.

Skilled Montezuma Creek, Utah, Whitehorse freshman Keiarra Martin grabbed first – she'd previously won at Monticello, Utah's Loyds Lake Classic back on Sept. 1 and then at Price, Utah, Pinnacle Canyon Academy's Stewart Foster Invitational held

on the 11th in nearby Huntington, Utah – by clocking 20:00.18. Farmington, N.M., Piedra Vista senior Nicole Pierce (20:23.83) came in second, followed by Zuni junior Maleah Lalio (20:25.69), Navajo Prep senior Nicole Tsosie (20:38.52) and Ganado sophomore Damira Allen (21:01.84).

12th place individually at last season's AIA Division III State Championships, she and the Lady Hornets tallied a race-low 83 points. Farmington, N.M., amassed 116 and settled for second, with the hosting Lady Chieftains (127) ending up third. Zuni (160) and PVHS (175) rounded out the top five.

Lady Panther Pierce had placed fifth at the 2022 NMAA Class 5A State Championships, while Tsosie was sixth in 3A. Recently, Lalio and Tsosie had finished 1-2 at the Sept. 9 Miyamura Invitational in Gallup, N.M.,

In junior-varsity action, Ignacio freshman Thunder Windy Boy finished 23rd in the boys' race, posting a 22:13.71. Greg Walker took 49th – out of 95 runners – in 23:46.79, but IHS had no entrants in the JV girls' feature.

Up next, Ignacio will travel to Pagosa Springs on Saturday, Sept. 23, for the Pirates' McGinn Cross-Country Challenge. The crew will then take on Mancos' Chicken Creek Challenge on the 30th.

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Check out the Drum's Events Calendar at www.sudrum.com/events

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 "Curse you, --- Baron!"
- 4 "Brain" of a computer, briefly
- 7 Gilbert & Sullivan's "--- Pinafore"
- 10 Cheer at a bullfight
- 11 "--- Duke" (Stevie Wonder tune)
- 12 Little cell
- 13 Ministers
- 15 Connections
- 16 Diva --- Te Kanawa
- 17 Youngsters
- 19 "Now I've --- everything!"
- 20 Antsy
- 21 Dynamic Duo's garb
- 23 Bar perches
- 26 Akimel O'odham
- 30 Ripped to pieces
- 31 Chief Norse god
- 32 Heart chart
- 33 Powwow
- 35 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act predecessor
- 36 Ariz. neighbor
- 37 Approves
- 38 Antonio Buck, to Sapiah
- 39 Passports, driver's licenses, etc.
- 40 New York opera house

Down

- 1 Ice, in a bar
- 2 Bobby's mom on "Dallas"
- 3 19th century plowmaker John ---
- 4 "--- : Miami" (CBS hit)
- 5 Accelerate
- 6 Of bears
- 7 British Columbia indigenous group
- 8 Grinders used with metates
- 9 Full of lip
- 14 Luiseño band
- 18 Autocrat
- 22 Grads
- 23 Gets madder and madder
- 24 Old way to spell Japanese capital
- 25 Heart, but not soul
- 27 Manner of speaking
- 28 Small baleen whale
- 29 Acute anxiety
- 34 Battery autos

Answers for this crossword will appear in October 6 issue of the Drum.

Answers for September 8, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Chloe, 6 Pawed, 11 Loire, 12 Liane, 13 Upper, 14 U-turn, 15 BEA, 16 I am, 18 Pat, 19 N Mex, 21 Fop, 22 Fairmount, 24 APR, 25 Acre, 26 CTA, 27 Gnu, 28 Hen, 31 Occur, 33 Lusty, 35 Cahto, 36 Areas, 37 Ate at, 38 Reese.

Down: 1 Club, 2 Hope, 3 Lipan Apache, 4 Ore, 5 Eerier, 6 Plum, 7 Alt, 8 Wau-pon-eh-see, 9 Enrapt, 10 Dent, 17 Axman, 20 Mir, 21 Fur, 22 Fat cat, 23 Ocular, 26 Coca, 27 Grot, 29 ETAs, 30 YSE, 32 UTA, 34 Ure.

Museum Hours Spring - Fall Hours

SPRING-FALL HOURS WILL TAKE EFFECT OCTOBER 1ST

Administrative Offices:

Monday - Friday | 8am - 5pm

Museum:

Wednesday - Friday | 10 am - 4pm



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LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Sept. 22



Sunny 72°F

Saturday, Sept. 23



Mostly sunny 72°F

Sunday, Sept. 24



Sunny 74°F

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The Southern Ute Drum Presents
101st Annual
Southern Ute Tribal Fair

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Grand Marshal, Josephine Olguin rides with her great granddaughter, Bianca Weaver this year during the parade.



101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair

PARADE



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Education Department parades down Goddard in frybread ingredient costume.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Cassandra Sanchez and Samara O'John of the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hand out goods during the parade.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Department of Natural Resources placed second in the service group float and first place for the Executive Office's pick. Wildlife Administrative Assistant, Nicole Black hands out sacks of Blue Bird flour to spectators during the parade on Saturday, Sept. 9, along Goddard Avenue.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute Royalty pauses for a photo during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Parade.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Newly crowned Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder rides horseback down Goddard Ave, waving to the crowds of spectators. White Thunder was later announced first place in the Best Dressed Female Indian Rider category.

The 101st Southern Ute Tribal Fair Parade commenced on Saturday, Sept. 9, lineup began at Ignacio High School and contestants paraded down the entirety of Goddard Ave. This year's parade featured multiple categories including floats, best dressed, horses, and cars all decorated in adherence to this year's theme "Bread of Unity." Spectators lined the street, ready for the abundance of candy and other goodies.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud hands out Tribal Seal hand fans to spectators of the 101st Southern Ute Tribal Fair Parade.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

SunUte Director Apprentice, Morgann Graham, throws candy during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair parade. SunUte Community Center won third place in the service group float.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum staff Tallias Cantsee and Logan Gasdia carry their departments banner during the parade.



101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair

POWWOW



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Newly crowned Southern Ute Royalty stand together for a photo on Friday, Sept. 8, left to right: Miss Southern Ute Autumn Sage, Jr. Miss Southern Ute Maleina Carel, Little Miss Southern Ute Shayne White Thunder, Southern Ute Brave Henry Whiteskunk II, and the Southern Ute Brave Alternate Theoden Greany.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Autumn Sage is crowned the new Miss Southern Ute for the year 2023-2024.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Veterans Association leads in the first Grand Entry of this year's Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow.

The 63rd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow was held Friday, Sept. 8 through Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. The Southern Ute Tribal Council and Southern Ute Powwow Committee kicked off the event with a welcoming address to all guests. Dancers, singers, and fair attendees who gathered for the three-day celebration enjoyed competition dancing, singing, and a variety of vendors.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Outgoing royalty received Pendleton's along with custom plaques in honor of their individual reigns for the last year.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Johnson Taylor was honored during the first session of gourd dancing on Friday, September 8 at the Sky Ute Downs Arena.



Divine Windy Bot/SU Drum

Rosie Iron competes during the Saturday night dance competition, showcasing her style and skills as a Prairie Chicken Dancer.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Fancy Shawl dancer Kailanii Graham dances around the arena during Saturday afternoon Grand Entry.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Host Northern Drum Meskwaki Nation kicks off a round of intertribal dancing on Friday, Sept. 8.



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RODEO



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A local bronc rider gives a good performance at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Levi Whitley brings in the American Flag on horseback during the opening ceremonies for the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Strong showing for a bronc rider coming out of the gate during rodeo competition at the Sky Ute fairgrounds.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Bull riders take turns at achieving a qualified ride during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo on Friday, Sept. 15. Cowboys from surrounding areas attended this year's rodeo, bull riders showcase their skills vying for prize money each night.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Jube Baker adjusts the bridle on his horse ahead of Friday night's rodeo at the Southern Ute fairgrounds.

The Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo returned to Ignacio again this year, presented by the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department. Keeping with tradition, the rodeo ran for two consecutive nights from Friday, Sept. 15 through Saturday, Sept. 16 and featured everything from bull riding to barrel racing, and of course mutton busting for the more adventurous youth.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Bull riders and bull fighters work together to ensure safety throughout the duration of the rodeo.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Jube Baker and Levi Whitley help to bring in a horse during the bronc riding on Friday night.

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HORSE GAMES



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Keagan Black won first place for her hand-painted horse entry, named “Doc.” Keagan, her mother Nicole, and Doc — stand for a photo following the Painted Horse Competition.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Lorenzo “Woody” Pena, Levi Whitley and Brooke Gilbert fight each other for the money bag and a finish line winner takes all victory on Sunday during the Chicken Pull Competition. Whitley ultimately wrestled the bag from Pena as the trio rounded the last corner of the racetrack, claiming the cash prize.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Lorenzo “Woody” Pena pulls the buried bag during the Chicken Pull event, held on Saturday, Sept. 16. Contestants take turns trying to pull up the buried bag, after which they must complete one lap around the track all while fighting off other contestants who can try to steal the bag.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder Byron Frost puts his best foot forward in an attempt to best the competition during the Watermelon Foot Race, despite muddy conditions on the track.

In keeping with tradition, the Southern Ute Culture Department hosted a full afternoon of horse games and competitions at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 16, in conjunction with the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo. Victors took home cash prizes in adult and youth categories ranging from bareback horse watermelon race to the best hand painted horse. The watermelon foot race was introduced this year, which proved to be a hit with participants of all ages.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Young riders saddle up on their “stick horses” for the youth stick horse race, held inside of the Sky Ute Fairgrounds on Sunday, kicking off an afternoon of horse events and watermelon races. Cultural Department Media Technician, Juliya Valdez helped to coordinate the youth event.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

D'Lynn Jacobs competes in the Watermelon Foot Race, a new competition introduced during this year's Fair. Contestants race against one another while holding watermelons for their chance at a cash prize.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ivan Watts (Pictured in red) makes small talk with a fellow competitor as the two ready themselves for the Watermelon Foot Race, these two competed in the youth category for fastest time to the finishing line.



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CONTESTS



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Nickey Murray, Jarid Yazzie, Jackson Gray, and Juwan Lakota compete in the Men's Jalapeño Eating Contest on Saturday, Sept. 9. Lakota was named the Grand Champion with a time of 1:33, his time was the fastest overall between men's and women's categories.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Kataleya Pena won first place in the youth division of the grease pole for the fastest time.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Katrina Baker competes in the Women's Jalapeño Eating Contest with water and final jalapeños in hand. Baker went on to place 2nd in her category during the event held annually as part of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair contests.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Children flood the SunUte Park field for free snacks during the 101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Youth Games, this event was hosted by the Cultural Preservation Department.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

In the women's division of arm wrestling, a handful of ladies faced off for the annual event.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Paisley Frost won first place in the newborn traditional category for the event.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Neki Graham and Consuela Phillips stand in front of the judges during the baby contest.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Orion Watts and Preston Abeyta go against each other for first place in the arm-wrestling contest on Saturday, Sept. 9 during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair; Abeyta came out ahead and won the contest.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Families came from near and far to get their little ones into the Southern Ute Fair baby contest that was held at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds lawn on Sunday, Sept. 10. Kaylyn LeClaire with her son, Ross James; McKayla Lee with her daughter, Kiana; and Alyssa Nez with her son, Tavach entered the traditional portion of the contest.



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CONTESTS



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Leora Lucero of Ignacio walks to the judges table with her frybread entry. Contestants had to submit two of their best frybreads for judging. Lucero won the frybread contest, beating out Sophia Box of Towaoc, Colo., who took home second place, Box won the frybread contest last year. Other winners were Lee Litz, who came in third, and Miali Colorow, who placed fourth.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Frybread Daddies win in the men's division of the tug-o-war event. It was held in the middle area of the racetrack at the Southern Ute Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 9.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Winners of the annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Frybread Contest hold their prizes. (Pictured left to right) Leora Lucero, won the frybread contest, Sophia Box, last year's winner took second, one of the only two males competing, Lee Litz placed third and Miali Colorow placed fourth.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Precious Collins MC'd this year's Southern Ute Tribal Fair tug-o-war event. It was held in the middle area of the racetrack at the Southern Ute Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 9.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Teams throughout Indian Country traveled to compete in this year's 3-Man Handgame Tournament, this tournament – open to all Native American teams – has teams play through double elimination for a chance to win.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Judah Le won the pee-wee division – reserved for the youngest of archers – of the archery challenge with a traditional bow. He went home with a small fox 3D target.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder and lifelong hunter – Ernest “Muz” Pinecoose keeps a watchful eye on the target as his competition sets up for a shot in the tall grasses along the Bear Trail.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Teams of two to five compete during the main handgame tournament at the 101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. This double elimination tournament was open to all Native American teams with guaranteed first, second, and third place finalists.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

It's a family affair — members of the Scott family enjoyed themselves on the 3d archery course set up along the Bear Trail, Saturday, Sept. 9.



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CONTESTS



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Youth gather around to see Jayceon Richards' bass firsthand; young anglers out fished the adults in the youth category during the morning hours of the derby at Scott's Pond.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Mamie Burch rides "Doc," led by owner Danielle Austin, and the winning horse from this year's Sam Burch Memorial Horsemanship contest, which pits riders and their steeds against each other in a variety of horsemanship skills.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Janae Lansing beams with pride after having caught a bass during the Wildlife Division's annual fishing derby, Friday, Sept. 8.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Walter Reynolds (far left) and Southern Ute tribal elder, Judy Lansing helps teach Walter Rynolds III and Savannah Lane scoring methods for the Sam Burch Memorial Horsemanship competition.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Marten Pinnecoose wins first overall in long bow/recurve bow category at the 'Sasquatch Long Shoot' competition held at Scott's Pond, Saturday, Sept. 9.



courtesy SunUte

Sasquatch was hiding out on the island at Scott's Pond over the past weekend. SunUte had some sharp shooters from the community, vying for prizes, in this year's archery challenge — as evident by the arrows in the 3D target!



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Cyrus Naranjo showcases his skateboarding chops during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair's 2nd annual skate competition hosted by SunUte, Saturday, Sept. 9.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The SunUte Community Center held the 'Sasquatch Long Shoot' competition at Scott's Pond on Saturday, Sept. 9. Travis Nanaeto watches where the arrows fly as Elmer and Darren Rock each shoot their bows.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The end of summer was in the air during the weekend of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair, as teams filled the dugouts for men's and women's softball games at SunUte Park.

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EVENTS



courtesy Marie Carel

Newly crowned Southern Ute Royalty Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Maleina Carel and Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany serve slices of watermelon – as part of the Royalty Dinner – to those in attendance at the Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow, Saturday, Sept. 9.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Runners and walkers gathered for a photo after the final runner completed the Ouray-Vigil Family & Veterans Memorial 5k Run and Walk at the SunUte Park adjacent to the SunUte Community Center.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Outgoing Southern Ute Royalty, Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz and Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Rhianna Carel, serve lunch to elders from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair kickoff meal held at the Sky Ute Casino, Friday, Sept. 8.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Tribal Credit Division Head, Zeb Vogenthaler and Tribal Council Affairs Communications Specialist, Summer Begay grab lunch during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Kickoff meal held at the Sky Ute Casino, Friday, Sept. 8.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Rod Grove, Vietnam combat veteran (Army), is honored with a Pendleton blanket during the Ouray-Vigil Family & Veterans Memorial 5k Run and Walk on Saturday, Sept. 9. Like many others, Grove received this Pendleton as a “welcome home” gesture after the commencement of the event.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

One Way Sky performed during the Native REZ-olution Youth Concert XIII held on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. One Way Sky is an Indigenous indie rock band hailing from the Gila River Indian Community and the Tohono O’odham Nation. The band consists of four members: Adrian D Thomas, Cody Bruguier, Loma Manuel, and Damien Carlos.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Girls’ varsity basketball coach, Trae Seibel readies a plate of pancakes, eggs, and hashbrowns to be served during the annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow’s Pancake Breakfast at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Sunday, Sept. 10, to benefit the Ignacio Bobcats girls’ basketball team.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Youth kick up the dust as it rises into the evening during Project BC’s set as part of the Native REZ-olution Youth Concert XIII, Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. Project BC are from Albuquerque, NM led by vocalist, Masheyti Romero and backed by guitarists, Santino Billie and Jalen Lee and drummer, David Alvarado.



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RESULTS

64TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR POWWOW

RESULTS

Junior Boys - Fancy (6-12) 1st Iinii Scalplock 2nd Caiden Tortalita 3rd Mason Johnson	Teen Boys - No. Traditional (13-17) 1st AJ Gray 2nd Rylee Begay 3rd Skeil Beasley	Jr. Men's No. Traditional (18-34) 1st Jared Brown 2nd Malcolm Murphy 3rd Colby Donaghey	Sr. Men's Fancy - (35-59) 1st Sheldon Johnson 2nd Quanah Henry 3rd Joe Valdez	Sr. Women's So. Cloth (35-59) 1st Mychal Grant 2nd Olivia Welsh 3rd Amura Shije
Junior Boys - Grass (6-12) 1st Raiden Morgan 2nd Kolton Slim 3rd Bradley Buffalocalf III	Teen Girls - Fancy (13-17) 1st Neveah Jishie 2nd Keiarra Martin 3rd Gracie Donaghey	Jr. Men's So. Traditional (18-34) 1st Dwayne Iron 2nd Mattheu Duncan 3rd Kyle Toya	Sr. Men's Grass (35-59) 1st Kendrick Slim 2nd Nathan Mistsuing 3rd Kenny Donaghey	Sr. Women's No. Buckskin (35-59) 1st Jacqueline Cantsee 2nd Tillie Coversup
Junior Boys - Traditional (6-12) 1st Indian Cornpeach 2nd Misty Rose Ira 3rd Lennyn Begay	Teen Girls - Jingle (13-17) 1st Taylor Jishie 2nd Lily Grant 3rd Gracelyne Blackhair	Jr. Women's Fancy Shawl (18-34) 1st Coral Rae Benton 2nd Tia Scalplock 3rd Jazlyn Quintana	Sr. Men's Chicken (35-59) 1st Sheldon Scalplock, Sr. 2nd Herbert Kaye 3rd JJ Meninick	Sr. Women's So. Buckskin (35-59) 1st Ponka-We Cozad
Junior Girsl - Fancy (6-12) 1st Maleya Jishie 2nd Harmony Ironchild 3rd Ciara Gray	Teen Girls No. Traditional (13-17) 1st Leah Wave 2nd Dinay Whitford 3rd Aubrey Keeswood	Jr. Women's Jingle (18-34) 1st Prairie Rose Jack 2nd Ser Rae Running Eagle 3rd Kiera Sandoval	Sr. Men's No. Traditional (35-59) 1st Nathan Largo 2nd Brando Jack 3rd Bud Grant	Men's Golden Age (60+) 1st James Reeder 2nd Greg Red Elk 3rd Marty Pinnecoose
Junior Girls - Jingle (6-12) 1st Scarlett Scalplock 2nd Emily Howard 3rd Malia White Thunder	Teen Girls So. Traditional (13-17) 1st Naliya Littlechild 2nd Kiahna Slim 3rd Kolani Yazzie	Jr. Women's No. Cloth (18-34) 1st Avaleena Nanaeto 2nd Janelle Ernest 3rd Ashleigh Davenport	Sr. Men's So. Traditional (35-59) 1st Steven Toya, Jr. 2nd Johnson Taylor	Women's Golden Age (60+) 1st Shirley Reeder 2nd Lady Bird Jack 3rd Rita Keeto
Junior Girls - Traditional (6-12) 1st Mihayla Howard 2nd Keya Taylor 3rd Jazlynn Jacket	Jr. Men's - Fancy Dance (18-34) 1st Shaundai Poncho 2nd Terrell Johnson 3rd Isaiah St. Cyr	Jr. Women's So. Cloth (18-34) 1st Cheryl Davenport 2nd Lyndee Archie 3rd Jennifer Moses	Sr. Women's Fancy (35-59) 1st Katy Isennock 2nd Urseloria Walsey 3rd Carol Melting Tallow	Drum Contest 1st Elk River 2nd Sharp Shooter 3rd Southern Style 4th Calling Eagle 5th Sun Eaglew
Teen Boys - Fancy (13-17) 1st Chase Hill 2nd Sheldon Scalplock III 3rd Gourdin Dee	Jr. Men's Grass (18-34) 1st Red Sky Chimburas 2nd Wyatt Littlewolf 3rd Dante Thunder Hawk	Jr. Women's No. Buckskin (18-34) 1st Leanne Dreaver 2nd Katrina Baker 3rd Danita Plentyholes-Lakota	Sr. Women's Jingle (35-59) 1st Yolanda Poncho 2nd Yanana Haungooah 3rd Sarah Orange	
Teen Boys - Grass (13-17) 1st Xavier Bolton 2nd Alazae Lachane 3rd Arturo Badback	Jr. Men's Chicken (18-34) 1st Nathan Littlechild, Jr. 2nd Harley Winters 3rd Shauntay Begay	Jr. Women's So. Buckskin (18-34) 1st Brittany Taylor 2nd Wheylaya Becenti 3rd Tierra Draper	Sr. Women's No. Cloth (35-59) 1st Danielle George 2nd Heather Blackgoat 3rd Marissa Woody	

101ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR

PARADE RESULTS

Family Float 1st Candi Valencia 2nd Gabrielle Velasquez 3rd Leonra Litz	Best Rez Car 1st Roman Seibel 2nd Uriyah Casey
Commercial Float 1st Red Willow 2nd Andrea Taylor 3rd Danny Abeyta	Best Dressed Indian Indian Rider Female 1st Shayne White Thunder
Service Group Float 1st SUIMA 2nd Dept. of Natural Resources 3rd Sun Ute Community Center	Best Dressed Cowgirl Rider 1st Malia White Thunder
Best Native Dressed Male 1st Marty Pinnecoose 2nd John Mininick 3rd Terry Pecos	Best Kiddie Categories
Best Native Dressed Female 1st Tasia Pecos 2nd Carol Melting Tallow 3rd Leah Ware	Best Bicycle 1st Serenity Velasco
Best Native Group 1st Hopi Group	Best Wagon Entry 1st Jerna Weaver
	Best Native Male 1st Rachell Lee
	Best Native Female 1st Peyton Moses 2nd Melody Chee



CONTEST RESULTS

Look for more Southern Ute Tribal Fair Contest Results in the upcoming issue of The Southern Ute Drum, Friday, Oct. 6.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Dan Rohde competes in the grease pole as a solo climber, Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.



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EXHIBITS



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Grand Champion in the Arts & Crafts division, entered in the Traditional Indian Painting lot.

ARTS & CRAFTS

ART

Traditional Indian Drawing – Elder
1st Lafayette Taylor
2nd Lafayette Taylor

Contemporary Drawing – Elder
1st Lafayette Taylor
2nd Lafayette Taylor

Traditional Indian Painting – Elder
1st Lafayette Taylor
2nd Lafayette Taylor

Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Angela Abeyta

Traditional Indian Drawing – Adult
1st Katrina Baker
2nd Trinity Taylor

Contemporary Drawing – Adult
1st Katrina Baker
2nd Paris Rael

Traditional Indian Painting – Adult
1st Trinity Taylor
2nd Avaleena Nanaeto

Contemporary Painting – Adult
1st Trinity Taylor
2nd Ashley Brooks

Composition Story (original) or Poem (original) – Adult
1st Shailyn Olguin

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Trinity Taylor
2nd Phillip Martinez

Traditional Indian Drawing – Junior
1st Silas Wilbourn
2nd Ambrose Valdez

Contemporary Drawing – Junior
1st Raines Tauri
2nd Ambrose Valdez

Traditional Indian Painting – Junior
1st Leandra Litz

Contemporary Painting – Junior
1st Tylee Pinnecoose
2nd Derek Sage

Contemporary Drawing – Youth
1st Kenzie Anthony
2nd Sophie Romero

Traditional Indian Painting – Youth
1st Anilah Hight
2nd Kandin Johnson

Contemporary Painting – Youth
1st Zalissa Johnson
2nd Tia Howe

Miscellaneous – Youth
1st Colt Phillips
2nd Colt Phillips

CRAFTS

CRAFTS GRAND CHAMPION
Trinity Taylor

Wood Articles (including carvings) – Elder
1st Angela Abeyta
2nd Troy Scott

Plastic Articles – Elder
1st Cynthia Buckskin

Leather Articles – Elder
1st Levi Vigil
2nd Sam Maez

Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Raymond Baker
2nd Levi Vigil

Wood Articles (including carvings) – Adult
1st Brandi Raines
2nd Root Xispas

Plastic Articles – Adult
1st Abriana Silva
2nd Angela Baker

Crafts Leather Articles – Adult
1st Avaleena Nanaeto
2nd Kenneth Pena

Models (hand painted/decals, including cars) – Adult
1st Phillip Martinez

Ceramics (pots, vases, etc.) – Adult
1st Autumn Sage

Flower Décor (dried, silk, plastic) – Adult
1st Autumn Sage
2nd Leandro Litz

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Heather Baker
2nd Alicia Carmenoros

Wood Articles (including carvings) – Junior
1st Kyle Rima
2nd KJ Reynolds

Ceramics (pots, vases, etc.) – Junior
1st Zuriah Baker
2nd Neatris Wilbourn

Flower Décor (dried, silk, plastic) – Junior
1st Lilly Valdez

Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Tauri Raines
2nd Derek Sage

Wood Articles (including carvings) – Youth
1st Neveah Sandoval
2nd Amonnie Johnson

Plastic Articles – Youth
1st Brandon Silva
2nd Brandon Silva

Ceramics (pots, vases, etc.) – Youth
1st Kandin Johnson
2nd Sophia Romero

Soft Sculpture – Youth
1st Zachary Raines

Flower Décor (dried, silk, plastic) – Youth
1st Katalaya Pena
2nd Colt Phillips

Miscellaneous – Youth
1st Colt Phillips
2nd Katalaya Pena

INDIAN CRAFTS

War Bonnet – Elder
1st Raymond Baker

Beaded Moccasin (full/partial) – Elder
1st Ramona Eagle
2nd Pearl Casias

Beaded Neckties, Bolo Ties, Necklaces/Chokers – Elder
1st Franklin Allen
2nd Franklin Allen

Beaded Earrings – Elder
1st Janae Lansing
2nd Pearl Casias

Beaded Pins – Elder
1st Pearl Casias
2nd Ramona Eagle

Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Franklin Allen
2nd Franklin Allen

Indian Dolls – Adult
1st Kim Naranjo
2nd Kim Naranjo

Beaded Moccasin (full/partial) – Adult
1st Agatha Bison

Beaded Neckties, Bolo Ties, Necklaces/Chokers – Adult
1st April Toledo
2nd Obdulia Box

Beaded Purse or Coin Purse – Adult
1st Pearl Winterhawk
2nd Robin Scott

Beaded Earrings – Adult
1st Izabella Cloud
2nd April Toledo

Beaded Hair Ties/Barrettes – Adult
1st Candi Valencia

Beaded Pins – Adult
1st Jerna Weaver

Beaded Key Chain – Adult
1st Juliya Valdez
2nd Pearl Winterhawk

Beaded Caps/Hats/Sun Visors – Adult
1st Elisia Cruz
2nd Trinity Taylor

Bone Breast Plate – Adult
1st Odyssey Silva-Baker
2nd Stais Harlan

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Leandro Litz
2nd Agatha Bison

Beaded Earrings – Youth
1st Katherine Rice
2nd Katherine Rice

Beaded Pins – Youth
1st Kellis Wilbourn

ANTIQUES/RARE ARTS

Antique/Rare Arts – Open Class
1st Ernestine Maez
2nd Angela Abeyta

PHOTOGRAPHY

Black & White – Still Life (Inanimate) – Elders
1st Williamette deKay
2nd Williamette deKay

Black & White – (Scene) – Elders
1st deKay Williamette

Black & White – Portraits (single/Indian Group) – Adults
1st Avaleena Nanaeto
2nd Jalissa Paul

Black & White – Still Life (Inanimate) – Adults
1st Litz Leandro

Black & White – Nature (Wildlife) – Adults
1st Jalisa Paul
2nd Brandi Raines

Black & White – (Scene) – Adults
1st Brandi Raines
2nd Coven White

Color Still Life (Inanimate) – Elders
1st Tim Watts
2nd Tim Watts

Color Nature (Wildlife) – Elders
1st Tim Watts
2nd Williamette deKay

Color (Scene) – Elders
1st Mary Maez
2nd Mary Maez

Color Portraits (Single/Indian Group) – Adults
1st Dominika Joy
2nd Jalisa Paul

Color Still Life (Inanimate) – Adults
1st Dominika Joy

Color Nature (Wildlife) – Adults
1st Ashley Brooks
2nd Fabian Martinez

Color (Scene) – Adults
1st Orion Watts
2nd Jalissa Paul

Color Sports (Action) – Adults
1st Orion Watts
2nd Dominika Joy

Color Portraits (Single/Indian Group) – Juniors
1st Kyle Rima
2nd Kodi Rima

Color Still Life (Inanimate) – Juniors
1st Zachary Raines

Color Nature (Wildlife) – Juniors
1st Kodi Rima
2nd Kodi Rima

Color (Scene) – Juniors
1st Katalaya Pena
2nd Kyle Rima

Color Sports (Action) – Juniors
1st Zachary Raines

AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURE GRAND CHAMPION
Mandy Naranjo

Garden Largest Zucchini
Pebbles deKay

Garden Largest Sunflower
Toph Pinnecoose

GARDEN & ORCHARD

Beets – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo

Tomato, Green – Elder
1st Pebbles deKay
2nd Michael Naranjo

Tomato, Ripe, – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo

Cherry Tomato – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo

Peppers, Chili – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo
2nd Pebbles deKay

Peppers, Jalapeno – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo

Peppers, Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo

Squash, Acorn – Elder
1st Sam Maez

Squash, Summer – Elder
1st Troy Scott
2nd Michael Naranjo

Squash, Zucchini – Elder
1st Pebbles deKay
2nd Troy Scott

Squash, Winter – Elder
1st Troy Scott

Potato, White – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo

Potato, Red – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo

Cabbage – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo

Pumpkin, Carving – Elder
1st Joyce Frost
2nd Pebbles deKay

Apples – Elder
1st Pat Torres
2nd Rebecca Real

Miscellaneous Herbs – Elder
1st Rebecca Real
2nd Pebbles deKay

Miscellaneous Veggies – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo

Miscellaneous Fruits – Elder
1st Troy Scott
2nd Sam Maez

Beans, Green Snap – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Candi Valencia



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Placed inside a wicker basket, this lot of green tomatoes earns a first-place ribbon.

Beets – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Gabriel Pinnnecoose

Tomato, Green – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Candi Valencia

Tomato, Ripe – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo

Cherry Tomato – Adult
1st Trae Seibel
2nd Mandy Naranjo

Peppers, Bell – Adult
1st Trae Seibel
2nd Mandy Naranjo

Peppers, Cherry – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo

Peppers, Chili – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo

Peppers, Jalapeno – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Mandy Naranjo

Peppers, Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Mandy Naranjo

Cucumbers – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo

Squash, Acorn – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo

Squash, Summer – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Candi Valenica

Squash, Zucchini – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Tyrell Scott

Squash, Winter – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo

Carrots – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Trae Seibel

Turnips – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Trae Seibel

Peas, Unshelled – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Trae Seibel

Peas, Edible Pod – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Mandy Naranjo

Cabbage – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Trae Seibel

Onions, any color – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo

Onions, green – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Mandy Naranjo

Apples – Adult
1st Haley Yesslith
2nd Christian Thompson

Sunflower – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo

Miscellaneous Herbs – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Trae Seibel

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Randolph Scott

Miscellaneous Veggies – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Randolph Scott

Miscellaneous Fruits – Adult
1st Trae Seibel
2nd Timothy Scott

Miscellaneous gourds – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo

Beans, Green Snap – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel
2nd Zalissa Johnson

Sweet Corn – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel

Beets (6/plate) – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel

Tomato, Green – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
2nd Tytan Loudenburg

Tomato, Ripe – Junior
1st Tytan Loudenburg
2nd Zack Loudenburg

Cherry Tomato – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel
2nd Zack Loudenburg

Peppers, Chili – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel
2nd Tytan Loudenburg

Peppers, Jalapeno – Junior
1st Zalissa Johnson
2nd Kodi Rima

Peppers, Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Brandon Silva
2nd Brandon Silva

Cucumbers – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel
2nd Kodi Rima

Squash, Acorn – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel

Squash, Summer – Junior
1st Kyle Rima
2nd Kodi Rima

Squash, Zucchini – Junior
1st Kelly Siebel
2nd Kandin Johnson

Radishes – Junior
1st Kyle Rima
2nd Kodi Rima

Carrots – Junior
1st Zalissa Johnson
2nd Kandin Johnson

Peas, unshelled – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel
2nd Tytan Loudenburg

Peas, Edible Pod – Junior
1st Zalissa Johnson

Cabbage – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg

Onions, any color – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel

Onions, green – Junior
1st Tytan Loudenburg

Pumpkin, Pie – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel

Apples – Junior
1st Zuriah Baker
2nd Lane Frost

Sunflower – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg

Miscellaneous Herbs – Junior
1st Kodi Rima
2nd Kelly Seibel

Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
2nd Tytan Loudenburg

Miscellaneous Veggies – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel
2nd Brandon Silva



101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair

RESULTS



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Canned fruit, vegetables, and meats are placed on display during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Exhibits showcase.

Miscellaneous Fruits – Junior
1st Shyla Watts
2nd Zúriah Baker

FLOWERS

Annuals, Single Blossom – Elder
1st Joyce Frost
2nd Joyce Frost

Annuals, Arrangement – Elder
1st Ernestine Maez
2nd Joyce Frost

Perennials, Single Blossom – Elder
1st Joyce Frost
2nd Joyce Frost

Perennials, Arrangement – Elder
1st Joyce Frost
2nd Joyce Frost

Annuals, Single Blossom – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Mandy Naranjo

Annuals, Arrangement – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo

Perennials, Arrangement – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo

Annuals, Single Blossom – Junior
1st Zalissa Johnson
2nd Zalissa Johnson

Annuals, Arrangement – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel
2nd Johnson Zalissa

Perennials, Single Blossom – Junior
1st Aubrey Lucero
2nd Aubrey Lucero

Perennials, Arrangement – Junior
1st Colt Phillips
2nd Kelly Seibel

FIELD CROPS

Hay, Grass – Elder
1st Preston Abeyta
2nd Angela Abeyta

Hay, Alfalfa – Elder
1st Preston Abeyta

Hay, Mixed – Elder
1st Angela Abeyta

Sheaf of Grass (any species) – Elder
1st Gabriel Pinnecoose

Hay, Grass – Junior
1st Kyce Pena
2nd Colt Phillips

Hay, Alfalfa – Junior
1st Kelly Seibal

Hay, Mixed – Junior
1st Kelly Seibal

Sheaf of Grass (any species) – Junior
1st Toph Pinnecoose
2nd Colt Phillips

FOOD PRESERVATION

Canned Fruit – Elder
1st Pat Torres

Canned Vegetables – Elder
1st Rebecca Rael

Dried Meat – Elder
1st Troy Scott

Pickles – Elder
1st Rebecca Rael

Jellies/Jams – Elder
1st Troy Scott
2nd Troy Scott

Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Troy Scott
2nd Rebecca Rael

Canned Fruit – Adult
1st Robin Scott
2nd Randolph Scott

Canned Vegetables – Adult
1st Trae Seibel
2nd Robin Scott

Canned Meat – Adult
1st Randolph Scott
2nd Randolph Scott

Dried Fruit – Adult
1st Randolph Scott
2nd Robin Scott

Dried Vegetables – Adult
1st Randolph Scott

Pickles – Adult
1st Robin Scott
2nd Robin Scott

Jellies/Jams – Adult
1st Randolph Scott
2nd Timothy Scott

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Robin Scott
2nd Robin Scott

Canned Vegetables – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel

Canned Meat – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel

Dried Fruit – Junior
1st Katherine Rice
2nd Kelly Seibel

Pickles – Junior
1st Lucas Rael

Jellies/Jams – Junior
1st Kodi Rima
2nd Jaxx Pena

Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Katherine Rice
2nd Katherine Rice

POULTRY EGGS

Brown eggs – Elder
1st Troy Scott
2nd Sam Maez

White eggs – Adult
1st Jen Seibel
2nd Trae Seibel

Brown eggs – Adult
1st Randolph Scott
2nd Haley Yesslith

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Brandi Raynes
2nd Randolph Scott

White eggs – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel
2nd Zack Loudenburg

Brown eggs – Junior
1st Jaxx Peña
2nd Zack Loudenburg

Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Kataleya Peña
2nd Tauri Raines

LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK GRAND CHAMPION
Brooke Cundiff

CATTLE

Mature Cow – Elder
1st Terry Taylor
2nd Taylor Lance

Mature Bull Elders
1st Lance Taylor

Heifer – Elder
1st Lance Taylor

Steer – Elder
1st Lance Taylor
2nd Lance Taylor

Cow-Calf Pair – Elder
1st Terry Taylor
2nd Lance Taylor

Mature Cow – Adult
1st Brooke Cundiff
2nd Brooke Cundiff

Mature Bull – Adult
1st Brooke Cundiff

Heifer – Adult
1st Brooke Cundiff
2nd Brooke Cundiff

Steer – Adult
1st Brooke Cundiff

Cow-Calf Pair – Adult
1st Brooke Cundiff
2nd Brooke Cundiff

POULTRY

Chicken Rooster – Elder
1st Debbie Lucero
2nd Debbie Lucero

Chicken Hen – Elder
1st Debbie Lucero
2nd Debbie Lucero

Chicken Rooster – Adult
1st Trae Seibel

Chicken Hen – Adult
1st Trae Seibel

Chicken Pullet – Adult
1st Hailey Yeslith
2nd Trae Seibel

Chicken Rooster – Juniors
1st Kelly Seibel
2nd Jaxx Pena

Chicken Hen – Juniors
1st Kelly Seibel

Chicken Pullet – Juniors
1st Kelly Seibel

Ducks & Geese Drake – Open Category
1st Zachary Yesslith

Ducks & Geese Drake – Open Category
1st Kelly Seibel

Ducks & Geese Duck – Open Category
1st Kelly Seibel

RABBITS

Buck – Elder
1st Debbie Lucero

Doe – Elder
1st Debbie Lucero

Buck – Adult
1st Shonda Phillips

Buck – Junior
1st Colt Phillips

Doe – Junior
1st Kelly Seibel

SWINE

Sow – Open Category
1st Debbie Lucero
2nd Debbie Lucero

GOATS

Nanny – Open Category
1st Alex Pena
2nd Pena Kayce

Billy – Open Category
1st Kateleya Pena
2nd Kayce Pena

HORSES

Mares – Adult
1st Brooke Cundiff
2nd Brooke Cundiff

Yearlings Colts & Fillies (under 1 year) – Adult
1st Brooke Cundiff
2nd Brooke Cundiff

Yearlings Colts & Fillies (under 1 year) – Juniors
1st Kodi Rima

HOMEMAKING

CLOTHING GRAND CHAMPION
Patricia Torres

CLOTHING

Childrens Clothing – Elder
1st Patricia Torres

Dress – Adult
1st Robin Scott
2nd Robin Scott

Pant/Top Set (Girls and Ladies) – Adult
1st Robin Scott

Childrens Clothing – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Rhonda Wilbourn

Blouse or Shirt (Western/Sport) – Adult
1st Robin Scott

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Jalisa Paul
2nd Robin Scott

Childrens Clothing – Junior
1st Olivia Watts
2nd Olivia Watts

INDIAN CLOTHING

Ribbon Shirts – Elder
1st Mary Maez

Ribbon Skirt – Elder
1st Mary Maez

Shawl (Ribbon/Applique/Painted) – Elder
1st Ramona Eagle

Ribbon Cloth Dress – Adult
1st Odyssey Baker-Silva
2nd Elisia Cruz

Shell Dress – Adult
1st Odyssey Baker-Silva

Buckskin Dress – Adult
1st Jalisa Paul

Ribbon Shirts – Adult
1st Theodosha Frost
2nd Rhonda Wilbourn

Ribbon Skirt – Adult
1st Avaleena Nanaeto
2nd Jalisa Paul

Shawl (Ribbon/Applique/Painted) – Adult
1st Avaleena Nanaeto
2nd Candi Valencia

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Sky Dawn Moccasin-Flower
2nd Avaleena Nanaeto

Ribbon Shirts – Junior
1st Nevaeh Sandoval
2nd Nevaeh Sandoval

NEEDLEWORK GRAND CHAMPION
Patrica Torres

Crocheted Article – Elder
1st Veronica Pinnecosse
2nd Veronica Pinnecosse

Quilts – Elder
1st Patrica Torres



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Debbie Lucero took home a first-place win for her sow in the swine category under livestock exhibits.

Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Patrica Torres

Embroidered Article – Adult
1st Maria Trujillo

Crocheted Article – Elder
1st Katrina Baker
2nd Katrina Baker

Quilts – Elder
1st Theodosha Frost
2nd Robin Scott

Cross Stitch – Adult
1st Maria Trujillo

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Katrina Baker
2nd Katrina Baker

Quilts – Junior
1st Katherine Rice

BAKING

BAKING GRAND CHAMPION
Walter Reynolds

BAKING

Yeast Breads – Elder
1st Elsie Calabaza

Quick Breads, Cornbread – Elder
1st Elsie Calabaza
2nd Joyce Frost

Quick Breads, Muffins – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo

Indian Bread, Fry bread – Elder
1st Elsie Calabaza

Indian Bread, Tortillas – Elder
1st Ernestine Maez
2nd Joyce Frost

Miscellaneous Breads, Zucchini – Elder
1st Williamette deKay

Miscellaneous Breads, Banana – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo
2nd Elsie Calabaza

Miscellaneous Breads, Pumpkin – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo
2nd Maez Sam

Cake (all varieties) – Elder
1st Joyce Frost
2nd Elsie Calabaza

Pies (open faced or covered) – Elder
1st Elsie Calabaza

Cup Cakes – Elder
1st Cassandra Atencio
2nd Michael Naranjo

Cookies, Chocolate Chip – Elder
1st Debra Lucero
2nd Michael Naranjo

Cookies, Peanut Butter – Elder
1st Michael Naranjo
2nd Joyce Frost

Cookies, Sugar – Elder
1st Elsie Calabaza

Brownies – Elder
1st Elsie Calabaza

Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Williamette deKay
2nd Elsie Calabaza

Quick Breads, Muffins – Adult
1st Blenda Ortiz
2nd Rachel Burch

Quick Breads, Biscuits – Adult
1st Rachel Burch
2nd Leora Lucero

Indian Bread, Fry bread – Adult
1st Leora Lucero
2nd Mikki Naranjo

Indian Bread, Tortillas – Adult
1st Leora Lucero
2nd Shoshone Thompson

Miscellaneous Bread, Zucchini – Adult
1st RC Lucero

Miscellaneous Breads, Banana – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Candi Valencia

Miscellaneous Breads, Pumpkin – Adult
1st Lynnette Sage
2nd Shailyn Olguin

Cake (all varieties) – Adult
1st Skydawn Moccassin Flower
2nd Shayleen Watts

Pies (open faced or covered) – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Shayleen Watts

Cup Cakes – Adult
1st Brandi Raines
2nd Shayleen Watts

Cookies, Chocolate Chip – Adult
1st Leora Lucero
2nd Brandi Raines

Cookies, Peanut Butter – Adult
1st Brandi Raines
2nd Shailyn Olguin

Cookies, Oatmeal – Adult
1st Blenda Ortiz
2nd Shailyn Olguin

Brownies – Adult
1st Shayleen Watts
2nd Shailyn Olguin

Biscochitos – Adult
1st Jerma Weaver
2nd Layla Cuthair

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Candi Valencia

Yeast Breads – Junior
1st Walter Reynolds

Quick Breads, Cornbread – Junior
1st Aubree Lucero
2nd Keyanna Velasquez

Quick Breads, Muffins – Junior
1st Stephen Romero

Quick Breads, Biscuits – Junior
1st Lilly Valdez
2nd Aubree Lucero

Indian Bread, Fry bread – Junior
1st Aubree Lucero
2nd Keelyn Reynolds

Indian Bread, Tortillas – Junior
1st Aubree Lucero
2nd Keelyn Reynolds

Miscellaneous Breads, Banana – Junior
1st Keyanna Velasquez
2nd Stephen Romero

Cake (all varieties) – Junior
1st Aubree Lucero
2nd Catori Aasland

Pies (open faced or covered) – Junior
1st Kayanna Velasquez
2nd Lilly Valdez

Cup Cakes – Junior
1st Aubree Lucero
2nd Zachary Raines

Cookies, Chocolate Chip – Junior
1st Aubree Lucero
2nd Kandin Johnson

Cookies, Peanut Butter – Junior
1st Kandin Johnson
2nd Aubree Lucero

Brownies – Junior
1st Kandin Johnson
2nd Aubree Lucero

Biscochitos – Junior
1st Keelyn Reynolds

Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Kandin Johnson
2nd Kandin Johnson

Decorated Cake – Adult
1st Jamie Rivera
2nd Alissa White

GROUP/CLASSROOM

Indian Bread, Tortillas – Youth
1st Jinora Mills
2nd Malia White Thunder

Cake (all varieties) – Youth
1st Sophia Romero
2nd Kataleya Pena

Cup Cakes – Youth
1st Jinora Mills
2nd Zalissa Johnson

Cookies, Chocolate Chip – Youth
1st Kataleya Pena
2nd Shawnee Rizzo

Cookies, Peanut Butter – Youth
1st Sophia Romero

Cookies, Oatmeal – Youth
1st Syre Sanchez
2nd Zerek Romero

Cookies, Sugar – Youth
1st Shawnee Rizzo
2nd Jinora Mills

Brownies – Youth
1st Jaxx Pena
2nd Syre Sanchez

Miscellaneous – Youth
1st Sophia Romero