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Winner of 10 Colorado Press Association & five Indigenous Journalists Awards in 2023

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Governor Polis and Lt. Governor Primavera visit Tribe



Summer Begay/SU Council Affairs

Colorado Governor, Jared Polis, Lieutenant Governor, Dianne Primavera, and the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs Director, Kathryn Redhorse (not pictured) paid a visit to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Monday, Oct. 5.

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin Baker and Tribal Council extended a warm welcome to Colorado Governor, Jared Polis, Lieutenant Governor, Dianne Primavera, and the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs Director, Kathryn Redhorse during a visit to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

During a productive meeting, a wide range of critical issues were discussed that hold significant importance for the tribal community and the State of Colorado. These topics included broadband, behavioral health, housing, transit, and legislative concerns, showcasing a commitment to addressing the pressing needs of both parties for the benefit of tribal and non-tribal residents. Informative presentations were provided by the Southern Ute Shared Services and the Tribal Health Department.

Chairman Baker and Governor Polis highlighted the importance of maintaining and strengthening the sovereign-to-sovereign relationship. "This relationship is



Summer Begay/SU Council Affairs

A tour of the SunUte Community Center was led by SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth and SunUte staff to showcase the facility and its role in fostering physical health, wellness, and community engagement.

progressive and has been a model for state and tribal relationships," Chairman Baker said. Governor Polis expressed willingness to elevate and collaborate with the Tribe on issues. Both leaders expressed interest in identifying future opportunities for meaningful engagement.

Governor Polis and Lieutenant Governor Primavera toured the SunUte Community Center with Representative Barbara McLachlan. The tour was led by Robin Duffy-Wirth and SunUte staff to showcase the facility, amenities, and its role in fostering physical health,

wellness, and community engagement across all ages. Following the tour, tribal youth shared with the state leadership about their roles in SunUte, educational goals, and future plans.

The commitment to forging a brighter, more prosperous future remains steadfast, as Chairman Baker, Tribal Council, Governor Polis, and his team continue to work hand in hand as separate sovereign governments to address the challenges and opportunities. For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2313.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Police Officer, Adrian Wauneka simulating an emergency call from SUPD Dispatch in his patrol unit – Wednesday, Oct. 4. (This image was made for illustrative purposes only; this was not an actual emergency)

RISK MANAGEMENT

Tribe to hold 'active threat' training scenarios in Ignacio Oct. 10-13

Casino, Tribal Campus designated for live training

Staff Report

SOUTHERN UTE RISK MANAGEMENT

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is hosting a mandatory active shooter/violent intruder training for employees in collaboration with Louisiana State University's National Center for Biomedical Research & Training and FEMA. The exercise, "Surviving an Active Threat: Run. Hide. Fight" will play out over several weeks beginning Octo-

ber 2 with all day sessions at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, followed by live training scenarios across Tribal Campus from Tuesday, Oct. 10 through Friday, Oct. 13.

"This is a large and critical undertaking for the Tribe and reflects the deep commitment of Tribal Council to protect the health, safety and welfare of its full community including all employees," said Don Brockus, Risk and Emergency Manager for the Southern Ute Indi-

an Tribe.

The Run. Hide. Fight. course aims to train non-traditional first responders, including civilian employees, students, faculty, staff, patrons, and any other individuals, who live, work, or visit any location where an active threat incident may occur. The course focuses on the various components of the Run. Hide. Fight. response paradigm, which is widely accepted and taught as

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Improving response to 988 crisis hotline a priority for Tribe

Suicide prevention rooted in community efforts

By Divine Windy Boy

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division is dedicated to improving existing 988 Crisis Centers within the tribal community in response to the nationwide crisis. Suicide is an epidemic effecting communities across Indian Country. The Tribe is utilizing federal grant funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, by way of the Behavioral Health Division to do this. Behavioral Health is also focused on strengthening their effectiveness in assisting individuals facing a crisis — regardless of age.

In December of last year, the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board (AAIHB) received a grant for \$1,925,000 in support of the 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreements, which



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

In partnership with San Juan Basin Public Health and Rise Above Colorado the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division features a mural titled "Ute Resilience" in their building. The youth led art project and mural was first unveiled on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

will be used by its consortium for the AAIHB 988 Tribal Response Project.

As stated via the Sub-

stance Abuse and Mental Health Services Adminis-

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courtesy Thomas Cooper/Colorado Press Association

The Southern Ute Drum staff received a total of 10 awards during the Colorado Press Association's 145th Annual Convention, winning nine awards for individual pieces in both editorial journalism and photography as well as the "Excellence in Photo & Design" sweepstakes award in the Class 8 division. The convention was held Thursday, Sept. 21 through Saturday, Sept. 23 in Denver, Colo. at the Buell Public Media Center and The Curtis Hotel. Pictured left to right, Reporter/Photographer, Divine Windy Boy, Graphic Specialist, Robert L. Ortiz and Editor/Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley.

TRIBAL MEDIA

Drum wins 10 journalism awards from Colorado Press Association

Recognized for 'Excellence in Photo & Design'

By Jeremy Wade Shockley

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Drum newsroom brought home 10 awards from last week's Colorado Press Association newspaper conference where the 2023 Better News Media contest winners were announced on Saturday night, Sept. 23 in Denver. The Drum won a total of five first place awards and four second place awards in both the Editorial and Photo & Design categories — while also taking home the coveted sweepstakes award for "Excellence in Photo & Design" in the newspaper contest's Class 8 division.

A judge's comment regarding Robert Ortiz's winning mental health feature states, "A

comprehensive understanding of the facility and its various components. Handles sensitive information well." Krista Richard's win for a photo of the Tribal Fair Grease Pole contest garnered this reaction from a judge, "THIS is a photog that understood the assignment. I can feel the magnitude and pride of this event from the photos."

Divine Windy Boy's first -place win for her image of Southern Ute Navy Veteran, Raymond Baker bringing in the American Flag ahead of the powwow was defined by a judge as, "Strong, powerful and impactful." The photography portfolio entry by Jeremy Wade Shockley also garnered

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HISTORY COLORADO

Final report published on federal Indian boarding school research

Colorado Ute tribes, Fort Lewis consulted in process

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

History Colorado has fulfilled its legislative mandate under House Bill 22-1327 by releasing a comprehensive final report that promotes a greater understanding of the impacts of the Boarding School era in Colorado and investigates the lived experiences of students during this period. The report was prepared in consultation with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Fort Lewis College, and other entities. The final report has been made publicly available on the History Colorado website. Tribal members may also access the report through the Tribal Member Experience.

The report sheds light on the egregious history of Federal Indian Boarding Schools across the United States. This era, unfortunately, saw education being used as a tool to eliminate traditional Indigenous language, culture, knowledge, and identity, primarily targeting children for assimilation.

“This report is a vital step toward acknowledging and understanding the painful legacy of Federal Indian Boarding Schools,” Southern Ute Tribal Chairman,

Melvin J. Baker said.

The report provides an overview of HB 22-1327, a general history of Federal Indian Boarding Schools across the United States, a history of schools in Colorado with an emphasis on the Teller Institute and Fort Lewis Indian Boarding School, and the Ute experience with the federal education system. Out of respect for survivors, oral testimonies were not included as their trauma and emotions are not owed to the State of Colorado. This report does affirm the historical strength, resiliency, and love of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute parents to protect Ute children despite coercion, threats, and pressure from the federal government.

“It is History Colorado’s intention that providing these resources will assist in thoughtful discourse and

reporting on this challenging subject in such a way that it reduces the harm and re-traumatization of the Indigenous communities connected to this painful history,” said Dawn DiPrince, President/CEO & State Historic Preservation Officer of History Colorado.

Additionally, the report addresses the sensitive issue of student deaths and potential burial sites, discussing matters of disease, abuse, and the burial of children. Readers are cautioned that this content may be triggering and emotionally disturbing. Southern Ute Behavioral Health is available to provide support at 970-563-5700. You may also directly contact Dr. Mary Young at 970-563-2370.

For media inquiries, please contact the Southern Ute Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2313.

The final version of “Federal Indian Schools in Colorado, 1880-1920,” can be found online. History Colorado has provided the following documents to help contextualize and guide engagement with the full report:

- A summary of the report which provides synopsis of each chapter.
- An FAQ regarding the research led by History Colorado into the history of Native American boarding schools in Colorado.
- An instruction sheet to a public comment form created by History Colorado to gather feedback and questions from the public.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute Veterans Association member Larry Tucker (right) shakes hands with students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy prior to the school’s annual flag-raising ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

This photo was first published in the Oct. 4, 2013, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jimmy Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

20 years ago

On Sept. 30, the Southern Ute Veterans Association paid tribute to the Veterans of the Vietnam War with placement of a monument at Veterans Memorial Park. The monument will display the names of tribal members who served in the Vietnam era. There will be a formal dedication of the monument in the near future.

This photo was published in the Oct. 3, 2003, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Council woman Evalyn Hudson rides off toward the morning sun. Hudson is serving her last year of a three-year term on the Tribal Council and is seeking re-election this November.

This photo was published in the Oct. 1, 1993, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Chairman Burch crowning Miss Southern Ute 1983-84, Samantha Pinnecoose. Samantha is the daughter of Sam and Georgia Pinnecoose.

This photo was published in the Oct. 7, 1983, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURE

In observance of Indigenous People’s Day, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed all-day on Monday, October 9, 2023.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

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a first-place win, described by a judge as having, “Solid compositions that tell a story. Colors are vibrant without the unnatural hues we often see these days. Photos of people were strongest.”

This year’s convention, presented by the Google News Initiative, and in collaboration with the Colorado Media Project and COLab, saw a great turnout for in person sessions and networking, where colleagues from across the state, came together to exchange ideas, and glean insights from industry experts.

The Colorado Press Association’s 145th Annual Convention was held in historic downtown Denver. The theme of this year’s convention was “Build Back Better – Revenue, reach & reporting to enhance trust, expand inclusiveness & elevate business resiliency,” highlighting key focus areas addressed during the three-day conference.

According to the Colorado Press Association, the convention is designed to enhance newsroom journalism know-how, foster innovation, and build sustainable businesses that contribute to informed and robust communities. “We have assembled a diverse panel of experts from both national and local backgrounds, who will share valuable information and fresh perspectives on revenue generation, audience engagement, and impactful reporting.”

The Southern Ute Drum newspaper has been an active member of the Colorado Press Association since 2010.

EDITORIAL

Best Agriculture Story

First Place – Jeremy Wade Shockley
“Tribe holds annual bison round up ahead of winter”

Best Environmental Story

Second Place – Divine Windy Boy
“Planet Women sponsors overflights of the Colorado River Basin”

Best Health Enterprise/Health Feature Story

Second Place – Robert L. Ortiz
“Behavioral Health now has space for growth”

PHOTO AND DESIGN

Best Photography Portfolio

First Place – Jeremy Wade Shockley
“Photography Portfolio”

Best Feature Photograph

First Place – Divine Windy Boy
“100th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair / Section Front”

Best News Photograph

First Place – Divine Windy Boy
“Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow”

Best News Photograph


Second Place – Krista Richards
Southern Ute Tribal Fair Grease Pole Contest

Best Photo Slideshow – Gallery or Photo Essay

First Place – Divine Windy Boy
“Kicking up dust in Fort Duchesne”

Best Photo Slideshow – Gallery or Photo Essay

Second Place – Jeremy Wade Shockley
“National Native American Veterans Memorial dedication brings tribes together in Washington, D.C.”




TOGHOYAQH

The Southern Ute tribal membership can now view a complete 2023 Southern Ute Growth Fund General Meeting recording on the Tribal Member Experience (TMX). To access the TMX, please visit www.southernute-nsn.gov/tmx/

If you have questions regarding the information presented during the meeting, or if you are having trouble accessing the recording, the following staff can assist:

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| Meeting Information | TMX or Recording Access |
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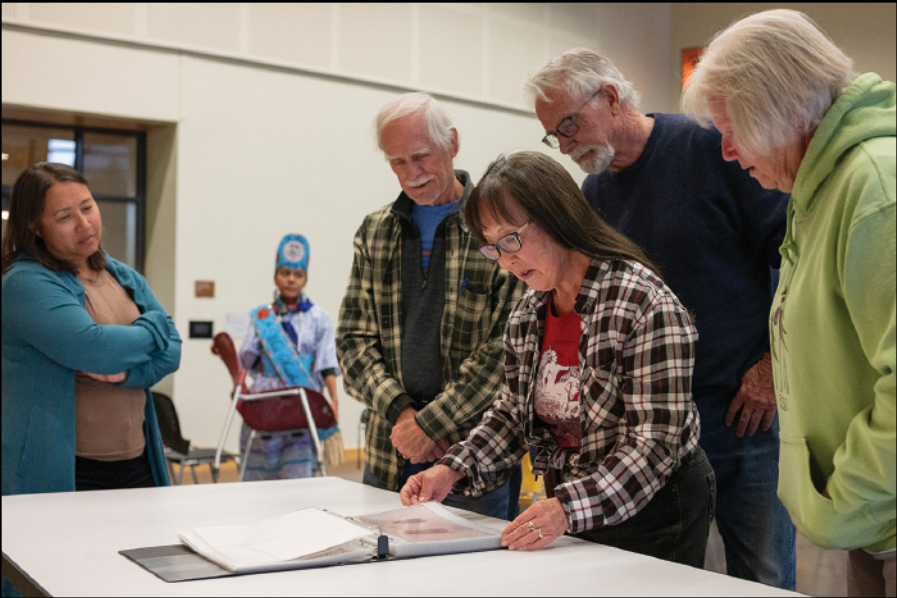


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Yellow Nose, Ute Dog Soldier



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Visitors and residents of the community attend the storytelling of Yellow Nose, Ute Dog Soldier held at the Southern Ute Museum, Friday, Sept. 20. The storytelling was told by Oreland Joe, local Diné and Ute artist.

Tribal elders, Ramona Eagle and Tim Watts attend the storytelling at the Southern Ute Museum, Friday, Sept. 20.



Ute language 101



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Ute language class wrapped up for employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Friday, Oct. 29. Ute Language participants stand together for a photo in the Hall of Warriors, alongside Ute language instructor and tribal elder, Lynda D'Wolf.

Sponsored by the Southern Ute Education Department, Ute classes were taught by tribal elder, Lynda D'Wolf. The hour-long classes were held in the Chief Ignacio Conference Room in the Leonard C. Buch Building from August to September.



We Are Water Book Discussion: Secret Knowledge of Water

Sunday, Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. Join Ignacio Community Library staff, guests and community members for a discussion of Craig Child's book The Secret Knowledge of Water as a final program with the We Are Water Exhibit. Books are available at the ICL service desk to pick up and are yours to keep! Free program. Snacks will be provided.

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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Cultural Center & Museum
[SOUTHERNUTEMUSEUM.ORG](https://southernutemuseum.org)
503 OURAY DRIVE
IGNACIO, CO
(970) 563-5983



courtesy Daisy Eagle

Škáta: The Art of Skateboarding – Joaquin Picaso Bear Standing, Mercedes Archuleta, Henry KillsCrow, Henry Whiteskunk II, and Terrell Toledo stand together with their skateboards outside of the Denver Art Museum, Sunday, Sept. 17.

DENVER ART MUSEUM

Škáta: The Art of Skateboarding

Staff Report
DENVER ART MUSEUM

The Denver Art Museum recently celebrated the art of skateboarding, Sunday, Sept. 17, during this afternoon of Škáta (which means to play, in Lakota). Visitors were encouraged to come meet Indigenous artists designing skate decks, explore an installation of skateboards, enjoy music and performance, and make art. The event was inspired by Desert Rider: Dreaming in Motion, which was on view through Sept. 24, and made in collaboration with Walt Pourier, Oglala Lakota of the Stronghold Society. The program invited visitors to experience the following:

- Live painting demonstrations with artists JaRon Fowler, Rafael Maldonado Bad Hand, Rosie Molina, and Leala Pourier. Artists will design and paint skate decks while visitors listen to the artists talk about their art and creative process.



courtesy Daisy Eagle

Henry KillsCrow (Grass dancer) and Henry Whiteskunk II (Fancy dancer) actively participate in the Škáta: The Art of Skateboarding exhibition the Denver Art Museum, Sunday, Sept. 17.

- Screening of skate videos produced by the Stronghold Society.
- Collective artmaking project that invited visitors to add their own designs to an oversized "skateboard," in an activity designed by artist and creative partner Walt Pourier. Visitors could also create a design on a paper "skateboard" to take home.
- Live music by DJ Tito.
- Explore the Community Spotlight: Škáta: The Art of Skateboarding, a collection of art skate decks celebrating Indigenous artists and allies.
- Watch a skate and dance performance, where skaters Mercedes Archuleta, Henry KillsCrow Jenkins, Joaquin Picaso Bear Standing, Terrell Toledo, and Henry Whiteskunk II skated from the Creative Hub outside to Kemper Courtyard for a dance finale accompanied by drummer Steve La Pointe.

From parades to powwow



courtesy Barbara McLachlan

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 Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany carry the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's flag during the annual Cowboy Poetry gathering parade in Durango, Colo., Sunday, Sept. 30.

Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage; Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Maleina Carel, and Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder all traveled to New Mexico for the 18th Annual Totah Drums of Fall Social Powwow, Sunday, Sept. 30, in Farmington, N.M.



courtesy Heather White Thunder



HEALTHY RECIPES

Rich and flourless black bean brownies

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN, CLC
Shining Mountain Health & Wellness

Try this rich and delicious dessert without guilt! A dessert with protein and fiber? Yes, please!

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



courtesy Cooking Matters

Flourless Black Bean Brownies*

Ingredients:

- Non-stick cooking spray
- 1 15oz can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 3 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- ½ cup chocolate chips, divided

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 and coat a 9” square pan with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, add eggs, vanilla and oil, stir to combine.
3. Add black beans and smash with a fork until most beans have been smashed.
4. (This may take a few minutes.)

5. Add sugar and cocoa and stir together until combined.
6. Fold in half the chips.
7. Pour batter into square pan then add remaining chocolate chips to the top.
8. Bake for 20 minutes, checking for doneness at 18 minutes and adjusting time as needed. The brownies are done when a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Let cool.

Tips: Try using walnuts instead of chocolate chips or add some of each. This can be served to people who are gluten free. Do not use seasoned black beans!

Servings per recipe: 9
Serving size: one square
Nutrition per serving: 198 Calories, 10g Fat, 23g Carbohydrates, 4 g Fiber, 6g Protein
*Adapted from Cooking Matters

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Eye movement and mental health

By Tamara D. Turner
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

In the last issue, we focused on a new training that several of our therapists are now offering, Acu-Detox: a form of gentle ear acupuncture. In this issue, we’re now moving to the eyes. What do the eyes have to do with therapy you might ask?

You have probably heard of REM sleep which stands for Rapid Eye Movement. In this stage of sleep, your eyes will dart back and forth under your eyelids and your brain activity will look very similar to when you’re awake. What this means is that eye movement is directly correlated to brain activity, memory, and processing.

Eye movement can also be correlated with painful or traumatic memories and these relationships get “grooved” together through neural pathways in the brain. This is the idea behind the therapeutic method called Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Therapy. The practice was accidentally discovered by Francine Shapiro in 1987. She happened to notice that as she was watching the patterns of light and leaves, she felt better. To make a long story short, the practice really gained attention when it was used successfully with combat veterans to the point that insurance companies started paying for it.

But EMDR can really help anyone who has experienced any form of trauma. Here we define trauma as anything that happens to a person where they had no control in the situation, and they could have been (or were) very seriously hurt or could have died. Trauma researchers and therapists also now recognize that people

ple hearing about trauma, such as from a loved one or with response workers dealing regularly with severely traumatized populations, can also experience secondary trauma. We know that parts of the brain don’t distinguish between watching something happen to someone else and it happening to ourselves. (Google “mirror neurons” sometime! It’s quite fascinating.)

Indeed, we know that trauma lives in the body. We also know that the brain does not store traumatic memories in the same ways as others. Instead of memories being organized in the brain in a typical way, traumatic memories can pop up with associations and shock us. Professionals often use the word “triggered”: suddenly out of nowhere, a memory surges forward and then you re-experience the event. For example, let’s say that you had a traumatic experience with someone who drove a red pickup. In traumatic memory, every time you see a red pickup you’re then triggered into those intense emotions and re-experience the event.

What EMDR does is help re-process that traumatic memory. You don’t lose the memory but, instead, it gets reprocessed by the brain through eye movement, and this results in a de-sensitizing of the trigger. In brief, the traumatic memory gets “filed” in the brain like other memories and stops taking control of you and your body.

How do you know if EMDR might help you? If you are a person struggling with re-experiencing nightmares, fearing that the same thing is going to happen again or that you can’t get an image or scenario of your head, there’s a great chance EMDR can help. Our lead therapist at

the Behavioral Health division, Rebecca Gale, who has been practicing EMDR for more than ten years, explained that sometimes it’s necessary to start with more broad body work to prepare a person.

One of the main things setting EMDR apart is that it can bypass “talk therapy.” In other words, most of the work happens between the eye movement and tuning into the body. Again, as trauma is better understood, therapists and scientists find that talking about trauma is not only unhelpful but can sometimes make things harder. If you’re interested in learning more, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us at the Behavioral Health Division (see below).

Here’s to your good health!

It’s okay not to feel okay.

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

Reminder: If you need to talk to someone, please reach out. And for those interested in opioid use education, harm reduction, and support, please contact us for quick Naloxone (Narcan) training and fentanyl test strips. We can schedule individual, family, or friends training times at our Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building, or we can come to you, and the training is around 30 minutes. Please call us at 970-563-5700 to set up a training appointment.

Calling all “Mummies!”

Breastfeeding Class & Parent Support Group

October 12th@12pm

116 Capote Drive/Mouache-Capote Building (downstairs)

Come Learn about Home Safety
Guest Speaker: Ann Oliver from SafeCare

Lunch Provided
Bring your minions!

smtso@southernute-nsn.gov (970)-563-2163

SAVE THE DATE!

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DINNER on Thursday November 2nd! FREE EVENT!

Bring your daughters, mothers, grandmothers, and anyone that supports awareness

FREE DINNER & GIFTS
Doors open at 5:30pm
SkyUte Casino Resort

SIGN UP LINK COMING SOON!

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK

Get your PINK on!
Come join us!

OCTOBER 17th
12pm

Leonard C. Burch Building
South Lawn

Snacks and Water Provided



HIGHER EDUCATION

PCC Southwest, Habitat for Humanity announce partnership

Staff report
PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SOUTHWEST

Representatives of Pueblo Community College Southwest and Habitat for Humanity of Montezuma County expect a new collaboration to benefit students and the community.

Leaders from both organizations gathered recently to celebrate the signing of a memorandum of understanding that will provide an experiential learning lab for PCC Southwest construction program students. They will help build a Habitat for Humanity home in Cortez, Colo.

Perry Pepper, director of academic services for PCC Southwest, approached Habitat for Humanity after the college started a construction technology program. “I believe that as we diligently train a skilled construction workforce, we can also actively contribute to the construction of homes, thus fostering workforce development and helping provide homes for the community,” Pepper said.

“This partnership is a win all around,” said Heidi Mitchell, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Montezuma County. “We’re engaging students in the community, putting more affordable housing into the local inventory, and keeping students



courtesy Pueblo Community College Southwest

Ethan Deffenbaugh, co-founder of Higher Purpose Homes; Patty Erjavec, PCC president; Lyndreth Wall, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council member; Heidi Mitchell, Habitat for Humanity of Montezuma County executive director; Perry Pepper, PCC Southwest director of academic services.

here to raise their families because we can give them work skills and more affordable places to live.”

Twelve students in PCC Southwest’s carpentry class will help build the 700 square-foot starter home. The components will be constructed on the Mancos campus under the supervision of PCC instructors and transported to the home site to be assembled. Higher Purpose Homes, one of PCC’s industry partners, will build the roof. Pepper said the hope is to complete the house by the end of the fall semester in December.

“The opportunity for PCC construction technology students to work with and partner with Habitat for Humanity is sure to be a rewarding experience for everyone,” said PCC President Patty Erjavec. “This cre-

ative learning lab will yield the competencies necessary for our students to contribute to the building trades need for skilled workers in the southwest region.”

Half of the students in the construction class are members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Tribal Council member Lyndreth Wall, a staunch supporter of the college and the construction program, attended Monday’s signing.

“This partnership will provide real-world experience for students and a sense of pride for each student that works on this and future builds,” said Pepper. “Students for years to come will be able to share with their family and friends their pride from participation in these meaningful projects as they walk or drive by these homes.”



courtesy SUIMA

Tribal Council was on hand to help the entire primary level with the decorating of their pumpkins. The students were able to pick their own pumpkins at the tribally owned garden which is off of Highway 172.

SUIMA

Pawaaghani Po’okwatı – Eagle’s Nest

Exploration of natural and social environments

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
SU MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Fall is in the air and Halloween is right around the corner. Using pumpkins as our backdrop for plant exploration and scientific experiments, all of our students, from infants to upper elementary, had the opportunity to enjoy a beautiful day with the staff from the Tribal Garden.

As Tribal Council joined us, we were able to create a pumpkin patch adventure with our infants and toddlers at the school, while the pre-K, Kindergarteners, and elementary students ventured to the garden to pick their own pumpkins.

Using Dr. Montessori insight and desire for children to reach the goal of “help me do it myself,” many toddlers chose the biggest pumpkins they could carry, without the teacher/guides helping. Another goal that Maria Montessori spoke of was to realize an education should encompass the fact that every child wants to reach his or her full potential in all areas of life: emotional, social, spiritual, physical, cognitive needs, and self-chosen interests.

As the older students are working on how different soil types might affect the growth of squash and pumpkins, this was the first trip on an ongoing field trip month to other pumpkin farms. The desire to learn about the different types of soil supports Dr. Montessori’s belief in an important tendency that emerges at the elementary level: the intensification and drive to explore the natural and social environments.

Reminder

Permission slips are being sent home for our scheduled field trips. After the form comes home, please remem-



courtesy SUIMA

Raiden Cloud, who is in the SUIMA infant class, is getting ready for his first adventure in a pumpkin patch.

ber to return it quickly so that your child can attend the trip with his/her classmates.

School Board

The School Board will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month. Open meeting dates will be advertised soon. 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.

Parent Advisory Group

The next PAG meeting will be Oct. 17 from 6 – 7 a.m. via Zoom. We still have a few parents who have not signed up for Classroom DoJo.

Please remember to accept the invitation that has come to your phone, or email, so that you can get the meeting link as well as an abundance of other good stuff.

Family Nights

We had a full house for our first Family Night. With many families in attendance, the staff provided parents with information on the Montessori method, presented Montessori materials, and talked about Dr. Montessori’s philosophy. For our October Family Night, we will be using pumpkins from the Tribal Garden as they get carved into ghoulish Jack-o-Lanterns. Join us for an evening of spooky music and good food on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Upcoming events

- Early Release at 2 p.m. every Friday!
- Oct. 6 – Elementary bird house project field trip
- Oct. 9 – No School – Indigenous People’s Day
- Oct. 10- Round Dance
- Oct. 13 – Ute Language community speakers
- Oct. 16 – Picture Day
- Oct. 17 – Parent Advisory Group
- Oct. 19 – Infants/toddlers Jack-a-Lope field trip
- Oct. 20 – Field Dressing of a doe
- Oct. 22 – No school – Teacher Workday
- Oct. 25 – Primary Jack-a-Lope field trip
- Oct. 25- Family Night – Pumpkin Carving
- Oct. 26 – Upper elementary Crow Canyon field trip
- Oct. 26 – Pumpkin Splash
- Oct. 31 – Halloween! Trick-or-treating around Tribal Campus

School District appreciation



Summer Begay/SU Council Affairs

Ignacio School District Superintendent, Chris deKay thanked Chairman Melvin Baker, Tribal Council members Dr. Stacey Oberly, and Linda Baker (not pictured) for their support of education during their terms at the recent Ignacio School District Board meeting. Chairman Baker and the Tribal Council members were presented with Ignacio School District jackets to show their Bobcat spirit.



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

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NOVEMBER 16TH, 2023

From 10:00am to 3:00pm

at the

Sky Ute Casino Resort

Events Center & Banquet Hall

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

970 – 563-2348

IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Indian Policies and Procedures meeting scheduled for Oct. 16

Staff report

IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Ignacio School Board and the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council would like to invite you, as a parent of an American Indian student in our schools, to attend the Ignacio School District Indian Policies and Procedures (JPP) meeting on Monday, Oct. 16, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be

held in person at the Ignacio High School auditorium and a light meal will be served.

We encourage you to attend this important meeting to get information about the collaboration between the school and the Tribal Educational Department and the services that are provided jointly. This will include test score results, survey results, intervention and support services, MOU revisions, strategic plan update and in-

formation on programs that are offered to your students. All parents and guardians of Native American students in the Ignacio School District are invited to attend.

The annual IPP report that is handed out will be available online for your viewing prior to the meeting. This can be found at: <https://www.ignacioschools.org/indian-policies-and-procedures-0267fc7e>

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!



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Tribal Planning Department staff stand for a portrait alongside the new Kubota excavator – Tribal Planning Admin Support II, Roman Jay Box Seibel, Heavy Equipment Operator, Matthew Box, and Acting Planning Director, Mary Evening Star Eagle.

TRIBAL PLANNING

Southern Ute Tribal Planning acquires Kubota excavator

New equipment will aid in tribal road maintenance

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Department of Tribal Planning Department recently acquired a brand new KX040 Kubota compact excavator. The excavator is the first of its kind for the Tribal Planning Road Maintenance Program.

The new excavator will be used primarily for regional road work, including vegetation removal, scarification, culvert excavation, bar ditch clearing, compaction failures, and subgrade rock hammering. Tribal Planning Heavy Equipment Operator, Matthew Box explained that the 4-ton, track driven Kubota is compatible with their heavy-duty mower/chipper head which can be attached to the machine, in addition to a versatile 6-way directional blade for fine-tuned grading projects.

Tribal Planning was able to purchase the new Kubota excavator using Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act funding. In 2022, Tribal Planning also acquired a brand-new Caterpillar 120 AWD motor grader funded by the Tribal Transportation



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Tribal Planning Heavy Equipment Operator, Matthew Box examines the department's brand new KX040 Kubota compact excavator, which will be used for ongoing road improvement projects throughout the Southern Ute Reservation.

Program, that new equipment is being used to perform routine and preventative maintenance on eligible earthen and gravel roads throughout the Southern Ute Reservation.

While the department celebrates the acquisition of new equipment, they are also pleased to announce that they have a staging ground for their road maintenance projects, located just behind the BIA Fire, Southern Ute Agency, Tribal Planning now has a secure lot for heavy equipment and material storage.

"It is the new home base for all of our new equip-

ment and supplies," Acting Planning Director, Mary Evening Star Eagle said. "It was an undeveloped hay field. Matthew (Box) grubbed it from vegetation, leveled the sub grade and topped it with 12 inches of structural 3" road base – 525 tons in total."

The Tribal Planning Department is currently made up of three employees, all Southern Ute tribal members – Acting Planning Director, Mary Evening Star Eagle, Heavy Equipment Operator, Matthew Box, and Tribal Planning Admin Support II, Roman Jay Box Seibel.

Gaming welcomes 2 members



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Gaming Commission welcomes two new members, Tara Vigil and Misty Wilson. Following their swearing-in the pair stand alongside Associate Judge Paul Whistler on Friday, Sept. 22 at Tribal Court.

Thompson joins Ethics Comm.



courtesy Jessica Anthony/SU Tribal Court

The Ethics Commission office officially swore in Reagena Thompson as a new ethics committee – alternate commission member at the Casias Newton Justice Center, Wednesday, Sept. 27.

TRIBE TO HOLD ACTIVE THREAT • FROM PAGE 1

one of the primary response paradigms regarding active threat incidents. Participants will learn about ways the Run. Hide. Fight. response paradigm can be applied in any active threat incident, regardless of the location or other factors involved.

This course is designed for presentation over one day. Total instructional time is eight hours for five standard modules. The course is structured to cover five modules of which the first three are in classroom training (Oct. 2 - Oct. 6) and the last two modules are site based (Oct. 10-Oct. 13).

Module 4 in particular is the practical exercise where participants will participate in various active threat incident scenarios. They will receive information and apply the principles of the Run. Hide. Fight. response paradigm appropriately. The module is intended to prompt participants to quickly process the information received and respond accordingly using the skills taught in the course. Following each scenario, instructors will conduct a hotwash in which participants are evaluated on their response actions and are able to ask any questions that they may have. By the end of this module, participants will be able to apply the Run. Hide. Fight. response paradigm based on

active threat incident characteristics.

Practical exercise statement

Participants will process information and apply the Run. Hide. Fight. response paradigm for a given active threat incident. Scenarios include simulated gunfire, screams and shouts, and use of various weapons. Using the information from this course, participants will appropriately run, hide, and/or fight based on the information they have received. Instructors will evaluate response actions among participants and provide feedback as needed.

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Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)

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Classes will be in person at the:
Southern Ute Growth Fund Administration Building Room 223
Snacks will be provided

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For more information or to sign up contact:
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Tuesday, October 10, 2023
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

Registration is not required, walk-ins welcome!

For questions, please contact Misha Weaver at (970) 563.4730

This event is open to the community, tribal employees are encouraged to attend.

Join us for a day of training and discussion surrounding disability and why each of us belongs in this conversation. The training includes topics on disability etiquette, having a workplace where people with disabilities feel safe, and how vocational rehabilitation services support those experiencing challenges at work due to disability.

Resurrect haunted house funds



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Keifer GoodTracks-Alires assists Amber Box filling orders of Terry's salsa and chips, and orders of red chili during the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility's haunted house fundraiser. The funds will be used towards off-setting costs of the haunted house, set for Oct. 27-31.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

Changing of the leaves expected to bring more mountain traffic

Be a smart leaf peeper

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation is reminding drivers to plan on additional traffic in the high country, especially over the next few weekends, as people head out to see the fall colors. Mountain roads see increased traffic when the aspens begin turning red and gold, so drivers and those taking photos outside of their vehicles and walking along roadways need to watch out for each other.

Tips for driving along roads and highways this fall:

- Beware of other vehicles that may be traveling at lower speeds.

- Watch for vehicles pulling off the roadways, and vehicles parked on the roadside.
- Find safe, designated areas to park.
- Drivers be aware of pedestrians! People will be out of their vehicles, often taking photos.
- Pedestrians should be extremely diligent and watch out for passing vehicles.

Leaf peeping season also is a good time to explore one of Colorado's 26 Scenic and Historic Byways. Leaf peepers are encouraged to

visit www.COTrip.org to see where all of the Scenic and Historic Byways are and learn fun facts, estimated drive times, key attractions, route length and more! Plan your route ahead of time by clicking on the Scenic Byways layer on the Layers menu on both COTrip.org and the COTrip Planner App. CDOT also reminds drivers that highway work zones are possible, even on weekends. Although most projects shut down for the weekend, some may take advantage of favorable fall weather to continue construction activities before winter weather stops work until the spring.

Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Craft Day

Fall Decor Crafts

Tuesday October 10, 2023
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Crafting - Treats - Socializing - Fun

Elders - Adults Only Please

Please call to sign up - space is limited -

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



Multi-Purpose Facility October Food Sales

HAUNTED HOUSE FUND RAISER
FRIDAY OCTOBER 13, 2023
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM



Eat in or Carry-out
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VETERANS POW WOW FUND RAISER
MONDAY OCTOBER 16, 2023
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM



Proceeds support MPF Haunted House 2023 & the Community Veterans Pow Wow
Call - 970-563-2640 for more information



Fundraising for veterans



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Multi-Purpose Facility staff and volunteers serve a choice of either a hamburger steak dinner or a country style pork rib dinner along with other goods during the Veterans Powwow Fundraiser Food Sale held on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. The event was held in support for the upcoming Southern Ute Veterans Powwow scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Ignacio High School. For more information, please contact Elise Redd at 970-563-2641.

Southern Ute Veterans Pow Wow

Saturday November 11, 2023
Ignacio High School
315 Ignacio St. Ignacio, CO



Head Staff
Head Man Dancer: Bruce LeClaire, Sicangu Lakota, Durango CO
Head Lady Dancer: Carleen Vigil, Jicarilla Apache, Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota, Dulce NM
Head Gourd Dancer: Henry Robert Tapaha, Navajo / Cheyenne & Arapahoe / Arapahoe, Fonda OK
Arena Director: Marty Pinnecoose, Southern Ute / Jicarilla, Ignacio CO
Master Of Ceremonies: Kenny Brown Sr. Northern Arapahoe / Cree, Ft. Defiance AZ
Host Drum : KCA , Cache Oklahoma Head Singer: Delvin Bennett
Host Northern Drum: Shiprock Agency, Shiprock NM, Michael King, Lead Singer
Color Guard: Southern Ute Veteran's Association Ignacio CO
All American Veterans are invited to attend and participate regardless of race or ethnicity.

Doors Open at 12:00 Noon
Gourd Dance at 1:00—5:00 PM
Dinner Break—5:00-6:00 PM
Grand Entry—7:00 PM

More Information Contact: Elise Redd, 970-563-2641 or 970-779-8149
MPF—970-563-2640
Arts & Crafts Vendor Space \$40 Contact Stais Harlan—970-563-2642
Dinner Meal is provided potluck donations are welcome.
Sponsored by: Volunteers to Honor our Veterans, Southern Ute Veterans Association, Ignacio School District – Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility



Multi-Purpose Facility

October Beading & Traditional Sewing Class

Tuesday - Thursday October 17-19, 2023

Day Session
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM



Evening Session
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Learn to cut and sew moccasins and leg-gings of cloth with applique'

Need measurements; foot print, width, & diameter of calf

Space is limited call to sign-up.

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





AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer

Sprint to the finish line

By Marvin Pinnecoose
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Whatever happened to those Monsoons I heard about?

How many times do we buy a tool only to use it once? I did this with a set of punches that were used to remove one roll pin from a rotary cutter about two months ago. With my bad memory, I predict that I will probably buy another set of punches when it comes time to remove another roll pin in the future. I tend to “discover” tools I buy after buying another one later in life. Guess it’s good to always have a backup.

One of the tools I found I rarely used this year was my rain gauge. I was excited to get it from the Water Resource Division. It’s always good to have met-

rics about as many things as possible. I track temperature and on which days it rains. Now that I can track how much rain we get, the only thing I was able to track was the number of wind-blown leaves that accumulated in the cylinder instead of water. No Bueno.

As I understand it, the last two weeks of July and most of August are supposed to be the rainy season with annual monsoons arriving. During these months, rainfall is unpredictable, and a person is more likely to find that cut grasses would be met with a dose of sprinkles or drenches. I do recall that this was the case growing up. Are times changing? This year was a welcome change of having a healthy amount of snowfall in years. Is this now con-

sidered a fluke? It’s hard to know what the concept of typical weather means now and in the future.

Holidays are not the time to be idle

Looking around at the neighbors and the community, it appears that most people favor the 4th of July weekend to knock down that first cut of hay. Maybe it is because there is an extra day to bring in the harvest. Now, I look around and it seems like farmers are also big on knocking down another harvest right during Labor Day weekend.

Without having too much expertise whispered to me, I tend to think about the why. In this case, I believe that the “why” for when people choose to harvest hay during 4th of July might also be be-



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Every person, from all walks of life, should be able to appreciate the colors of a Colorado sky.

cause this is where the grasses are fully seeded out and anything that was going to grow in the Spring is up, out, and showing its little head. This is also when the temperatures are blazing, and stalks and leaves can dry very rapidly.

Tying harvest to a holiday is also one less thing to have to think about. It’s like a yearly clock reminder that requires no mental space to remember. So, 4th of July and Labor Day it is. So, for those of you planning out that last cut and bale, I imagine that the clock is winding down. The days are getting shorter. The temperatures are dropping. I even discovered that my orchard is ready to have the pears and apples harvested. How do I know this? Because people who like to pick those fruits are now coming by to let me know. So, I guess it is prob-



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

A sampling of bales from the field is brought back for weight, moisture, and temperature analysis.

ably canning season too. Talks of winterizing pumps, equipment, vehicles, and animal structures are occurring. Last-minute changes to the land are imminent. The water will be shut off by the time this article goes to print. I can already see these darn prairie dogs waiving that lit-

tle waive under their chin as they button down the hatches for the winter. Always take time to appreciate the successes and learning opportunities of the season. Pass along the lessons learned. Smile and smirk as the sun sets on yet another great season that the creator has blessed upon us.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Fall seeding is something I thought I would try this year. It would have helped to time this closer to the end of August.

ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE

October 14th - 2023

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SEAL OF THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE
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STATE OF COLORADO

State announces \$19 Million in clean energy funding for rural communities

Staff report
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR
MICHAEL BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper welcomed \$18.83 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)’s Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) for agriculture producers and rural small businesses across Colorado to lower energy costs, expand access to clean energy, and fight climate change. This was funded in part by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which Bennet and Hickenlooper helped pass last year. The Rural Energy for America Program helps agricultural producers and rural small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements.

“We can’t make the transition to a clean energy economy without rural communities playing

a vital role,” said Bennet. “This funding is a recognition that rural communities are central to our transition to a clean energy economy. By investing in Colorado’s small businesses and family farms and ranches, we can cut greenhouse gas emissions, drive rural economic growth, and lower energy costs for all Coloradans.”

“Our Inflation Reduction Act is helping provide almost \$19 million dollars to Colorado farmers and ranchers to make sure their businesses grow right alongside our clean energy economy,” said Hickenlooper. “From turning manure into renewable energy to using solar power to irrigate crops, America’s agricultural producers are the original climate innovators.”

“Creating opportunity for rural communities means investing in farmers, ranchers, and small businesses,” said USDA Secretary Vilsack. “A key pillar of Bidenomics, President Biden’s Investing

in America agenda is ensuring our producers and business owners are not only a part of the clean energy economy but are directly benefiting from it. These once-in-a-generation investments in renewable energy, like wind and solar, and energy efficient technologies create new markets and deliver real cost savings for our small and mid-sized agricultural operations and Main Street businesses, building and keeping wealth in rural America.”

Bennet has consistently fought for robust funding for USDA’s rural clean energy programs including the Rural Energy for America Program. In December, Bennet and Hickenlooper welcomed \$425,000 in REAP funding for rural small businesses in Colorado following Bennet’s urging that USDA quickly distribute clean energy funds from the IRA to rural communities in innovative, flexible ways.

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

CO Highway 151 full closure to begin next week

24/7 closure scheduled south of Chimney Rock

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation continues culvert replacement work on Colorado Highway 151 with a 24/7 full closure set to begin on Fri., Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. The road is anticipated to reopen to motorists after seven days on Fri., Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. The closure points are located on either side of the project site, five miles south of the US Highway 160 Junction near Chimney Rock National Monument at Mile Point 28.

With the seven-day, around-the-clock closure in place, motorists will need to use US 160 and CO 172 as an alternate route. Travelers are advised that a resurfacing project is also occurring on CO 172, between Ignacio and Elmore’s Corner, at the US 160 junction. Delays of up to 30 minutes can be expected on CO 172 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., depending on traffic volumes. Visit COTrip.org for CO 172 project traffic impacts.

Traffic Impacts

Motorists will encounter daytime and nighttime closures between Arboles and the US 160 Junction (October 13 - 20). Traffic impacts will include:

- South closure point is located at MP 28.1, north of Old Gallegos Road
- North closure point is located at MP 29, south of Cabazon Canyon Road
- Do not attempt to bypass road barricades at the closure points
- Travelers are encouraged to seek alternative routes and check COTrip.org for the most current road conditions

Implementing a full closure of CO 151 will reduce the amount of work time and traffic impacts required at this location. Work includes the installation of two new concrete box culverts, rebuilding and resurfacing of the roadway and re-establishing proper water drainage in the area.

In April, CDOT was alerted of erosion issues on the shoulder of the highway caused by heavy spring runoff in Stollsteimer Creek. Maintenance crews completed temporary repairs in May and permanent structures are expected to be in place by late November.

Travelers are reminded that Chimney Rock National Monument’s Visitor Center and visitor services will be closed for the winter season beginning Monday, Oct. 16. Visit chimneyrockco.org for more information about the national monument.

Project Information

For additional information about the CO 151 Emergency Culvert Replacement Project:

- Call the project information line at 970-661-2466
- Email the project team at: co151emergencyculvert@gmail.com
- Visit the project website at: www.codot.gov/projects/co151-arboles-culverts

ELDER SERVICES
OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 3, 2023
CASINO TRIP (TOWAOC)
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 10, 2023
CASINO TRIP (FARMINGTON)
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 17, 2023
MOVIE DAY (DURANGO)
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 1:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 24, 2023
SHOPPING TRIP (FARMINGTON)
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 31, 2023
HAPPY HALLOWEEN !

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OCTOBER FRIDAY THE 13TH

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Biden Administration allocates \$40 million to address legacy pollution

Southern Ute Dept. of Energy awarded \$497K in funds

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Department of the Interior has announced an initial allocation of nearly \$40 million as part of President Biden’s “Investing in America” initiative. This substantial funding represents the first phase of a comprehensive effort to support tribal communities in addressing abandoned oil and gas wells across Indian Country. The primary goals of this investment include advocating for tribal land rights, promoting economic opportunities, addressing legacy pollution, and mitigating environmental hazards.

The Southern Ute Department of Energy (DOE),

in collaboration with the Tribe’s Contracts and Grants Department, applied for a grant under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Section 40601 Orphaned Well Program from the Department of Interior. Their grant application was specifically tailored to secure funds for conducting technical and field investigations into legacy plugged and abandoned wells, ensuring their integrity and long-term environmental protection. Andy Wetherell, Energy Manager at the Southern Ute Department of Energy, said, “the team is appreciative of Tribal Council’s support and the collaboration with the Tribe’s Contracts and Grants Department

to proactively manage the Tribe’s resources and ensure legacy issues related to energy development are managed appropriately.”

Chairman Melvin J. Baker expressed, “The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is honored to have been awarded this funding, which will serve as a valuable resource in furthering our commitment to a clean and sustainable future.”

In recognition of their dedication and proactive efforts, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been granted \$497,850. This financial support will enable the Tribe to play a pivotal role in the broader mission of addressing legacy pollution and enhancing the well-being of tribal communities.

IMPROVING RESPONSE TO 988 • FROM PAGE 1

tration website, “This project is focused on improving response to 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline contacts, ensuring follow-up care and facilitating collaborations with tribal/state health providers, tribal organizations, law enforcement, and other first responders in a manner which respects tribal sovereignty.”

The AAHIB 988 Tribal Response Project is a collaboration of a tribally designated organization, the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc., all six of its consortium tribes – Jicarilla Apache, Mescalero Apache, Ramah Navajo, To’Hajiilee Navajo, Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, along with three Pueblo tribes — Santo Domingo (Kewa) Pueblo, Isleta Pueblo, and Zuni Pueblo.

This project will include eight activities at minimum, these activities include developing and implementing

a tribe-specific action and sustainability plans, developing quality improvement plans for existing 988 crisis centers, adapting and disseminating 988 crisis center communication products to strengthen tribal community awareness and utilization of existing 988 crisis centers, creating or enhancing screening and referral protocols to ensure navigation and follow-up care for tribal members post contact with 988 crisis centers, training a mobilizing a cadre of peer support workers in all 9 participating tribes to provide crisis services, offering instructor training and certification in evidence-based practices for suicide prevention and crisis services, i.e., ASIST, QPR and Mental Health First Aid, and training 988 crisis center staff to enhance cultural competency and understanding of the needs and priorities of participating tribes.

participating tribes.

Within the details of the first activity Behavioral Health completed a tribal readiness or needs assessments to identify assets and gaps in tribal crisis response as well as follow-up protocols. On Wednesday, June 14 a Community Readiness Assessment (CRA) for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe was conducted by the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center. CRA identified the strengths, gaps, resources, protocols, and relationships that contribute to addressing mental health challenges within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and its community.

The details and results of the Community Readiness Assessment will be made available at a later date. For more information please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700.

Eclipse Viewing Event

Saturday, Oct. 14 at 9:30 a.m. Come view the total eclipse with us at the Ignacio Community Library! We’ll have free glasses, science demos, food, fun and more! The eclipse will be at maximum viewing at around 10:30 a.m., don’t miss this great event in our area.



Hazy skies greet residents in Pine River Valley



Heavy smoke from the Vallecito-Piedra Prescribed Fire Project in the Columbine Ranger District to the north settled down valley on Friday, Sept. 29.



Smoke filled skies settled into the Pine River Valley on Friday, Sept. 29, resulting in unhealthy levels of particulate in the air.



Shrouded in smoke, a pump jack cuts through the silence of the morning on the Southern Ute Reservation.

Hazardous air quality levels filled the Pine River valley last week, where visibility was especially poor on Friday, Sept. 29. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Division operates three air quality stations on the Reservation and maintains a website that provides real-time air pollutant and EPA Air Quality Index (AQI) health alerts from data collected at these stations. Smoke from wildfires can cause unhealthy levels of fine particulate matter (PM) in the air. Heavy smoke from the Vallecito-Piedra Prescribed Fire Project in the Columbine Ranger District was present throughout the region most of the week.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

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Stories & Poems

Wednesday
Oct. 18th
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NOVEMBER 3, 2023



KSUT TRIBAL RADIO

Inaugural Tribal Water Media Fellowship showcase at Fort Lewis College

By Colten Ashley
KSUT TRIBAL MEDIA CENTER
COORDINATOR

The first Tribal Water Media Fellowship is hosting a free, open-to-the-public showcase of original media projects created by Fort Lewis College fellows on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Fort Lewis College Student Union Ballroom.

Attendees will learn about regional water issues that affect Indigenous communities, meet the fellows as they present their research and projects, and have light snacks and re-

freshments. Projects range from film screenings, podcast excerpts, to presentations of written materials, and original creative works by the fellows, in collaboration with local Native American artists.

No registration is required to attend, if you would like further event details, contact the KSUT Tribal Media Center Coordinator or the Four Corners Water Center for more information.

This showcase will also serve as the opening call for applications for next year's Tribal Water Media Fellowship.

About the Tribal Water Media Fellowship

The Tribal Water Media Fellowship is a Walton Family Funded collaboration between the Four Corners Water Center at Fort Lewis College, the KSUT Tribal Media Center, and Rocky Mountain PBS that gives students and recent graduates the opportunity to research, create, and present multimedia projects centering on water, water usage, and Indigenous communities. Funding for this first year of the fellowship was provided by the Southwestern Water Conservation District & The Colorado Plateau Foundation.

PUBLIC BROADCASTING STATION

NATIVE AMERICA Season 2 premieres Oct. 24

Series returns with new Native-directed episodes

Staff report
PUBLIC BROADCASTING STATION

NATIVE AMERICA returns this October to PBS with four new hour-long episodes that present a groundbreaking portrait of contemporary Native America. Building on the first season's success, Season 2 of the Native-directed series reveals the beauty and power of today's Indigenous communities.

Smashing stereotypes, it follows the brilliant engineers, bold politicians and cutting-edge artists who draw upon Native tradition to build a better 21st century. The series is narrated by Joy Harjo of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the internationally renowned poet, performer and writer who served three terms as the 23rd Poet Laureate of the United States. NATIVE AMERICA premieres Tuesdays, Oct. 24 through Nov. 14, 9-10 p.m. ET (check local listings) on PBS, PBS.org and the PBS App.

Each hour explores a core tenet of Native American heritage: the power of Indigenous design, how language and artistry fuel the soul, the diverse ways Native women lead, and the resilience of the warrior spirit. Brought to life with dynamic stories of the here and now, the se-

ries launches an active dialogue between past and present, revealing how foundational beliefs and traditions are shaping and transforming modern Native life.

"We are excited for the return of NATIVE AMERICA and to continue partnering with Native American filmmakers to tell their own stories," said Bill Gardner, Vice President, Multiplatform Programming & Head of Development at PBS. "Audiences are in for a captivating, multiplatform experience crafted by a collective of talented storytellers that highlights contemporary experiences and ongoing traditions from communities across the country."

NATIVE AMERICA was created with active input from Native American participants and communities and filmed by Emmy Award-winning cinematographers. This collaboration created a depth of access and a sense of up-close intimacy and authenticity rarely seen on television.

"NATIVE AMERICA is built on trust – trust that comes from the unspoken understanding of shared experiences between Native producers and the people in tribal communities whose stories we are telling," said Dan Golding, series producer and enrolled member of the Quechan Indian Nation. "What follows is the free-

dom to express ourselves in a way that is truly representative. As a Passamaquoddy Elder says in the series, 'Language is who I am.' As a producer/director on this series, I can say NATIVE AMERICA is who we are!"

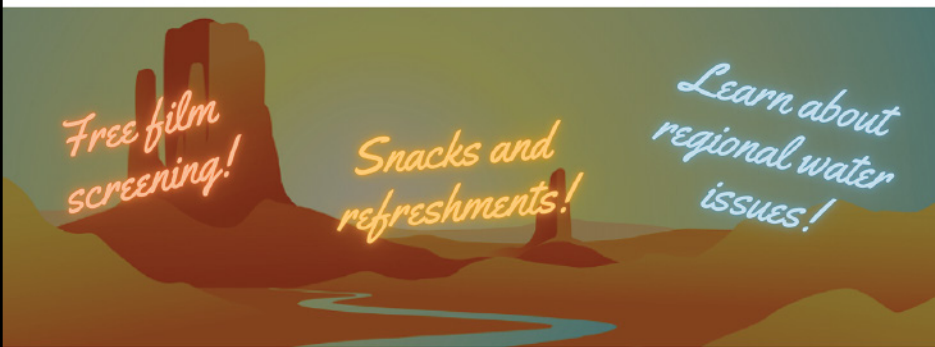
"Native people share their wisdom and knowledge by the telling and retelling of stories," said Francene Blythe-Lewis, Executive Director of Vision Maker Media. "The stories mark histories, express relationships to climates and environments, and instill humanity, as well as lessons learned and joys. NATIVE AMERICA portrays this generation's Native stories to further reveal who and where we are in this world."

Funding for NATIVE AMERICA was provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and a grant from Anne Ray Foundation.

NATIVE AMERICA will stream simultaneously with broadcast and be available on all station-branded PBS platforms, including PBS.org and the PBS Video app, available on iOS, Android, Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV, Samsung Smart TV, Chromecast and VIZIO. In addition to the broadcast series, PBS Digital Studios will also stream a digital companion web series exploring more Native American cultures and histories.

Tribal Water Media Fellowship Student Showcase

A free community event showcasing original media projects created by FLC students on water issues in Indigenous communities.



Wednesday, Oct 25th 6:00-8:00PM

Fort Lewis College Ballroom

Learn more about the fellowship at fourcornerswater.org or follow @ksut_tribal_radio for updates.

KSUT Tribal Radio & Native Public Media host screening of PBS NATIVE AMERICA Season 2

KSUT Tribal Radio and PBS are hosting a free screening of the season two episode of Native America: "Warrior Spirit," on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m. in the Fort Lewis College Student Union Ballroom in Durango, Colorado. Following the screening, there will be a Q&A with Producer Pam Belgarde (Anishinaabe) and food and refreshments will be provided. This event is a great opportunity to learn about Native American culture and history through the lens of film. The three episodes that will be screened cover a wide range of topics, from the warrior spirit of Native American athletes to the traditional sport of Indian relay to the Pueblo Revolt of 1680.

Multi-Purpose Facility

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Saturday October 7, 2023

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PUBLIC RADIO

KSUT Fall Membership Drive

Staff report
KSUT

KSUT will be holding its Fall Membership Drive from Oct. 9 – Oct. 13. The grand prize for this drive is a Trek Dual Sport+ 2 Stager e-bike from 2nd Avenue Sports in Durango, Colo. In addition to Friday's grand prize, each day of the drive will feature a daily themed prize giveaway, guest DJs and interviews with community leaders.

Thanks to the generosity of our listeners, KSUT has continued to expand our service to the Four Corners region. We've increased our local and regional news coverage through partnerships with Rocky Mountain Community Radio, Mountain West News Bureau and AP StoryShare. Both KSUT.org and TribalRadio.org won

awards from the Colorado Broadcasters Association in November; and we continue to produce music festivals and special events, to both entertain and foster a deeper sense of community.

Our Tribal Media Center has robust partnerships with Rocky Mountain PBS, Fort Lewis College, Durango Independent Film Festival, Vision Maker Media, and Dream Warriors, offering multimedia training and content production and distribution opportunities to Indigenous community members. Programs include Native Lens, Native Braids and the Tribal Water Media Fellowship.

With our commitment to regional news and public affairs, in addition to our affiliations with NPR, PRX, APM and NV1, our costs have increased. Nonprofits

and public media, just like small businesses and ordinary citizens, are struggling to meet inflationary increases. Now more than ever, your support of KSUT Public Radio is an investment in the future!

Thank you for considering a one-time or monthly sustaining gift to KSUT. Donors can also specify specific areas like Tribal Radio, news, and festivals. Festival donations of \$250 or more from residents who file Colorado state income tax may qualify for a 25% Colorado state tax credit.

Pledge or renew your support at KSUT.org for automatic entry. All current sustaining members are automatically entered for all prize giveaways.

Thank you for your support of KSUT and for being a part of the KSUT Family!

NATIVE AMERICA: SEASON 2

FREE SCREENING OF THE PBS EPISODE

"WARRIOR SPIRIT"

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

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SCREENING AT 6PM

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BROADCAST CORPORATION



101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair

CONTEST RESULTS



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Three member teams race to erect a tipi as fast as they can, teams are judged on speed and technique, Sunday, Sept. 10.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Teams work to tie their canvases to their tripods during the Tipi Raising Contest hosted by superintendents Byron and Etta Frost, Sunday, Sept. 10.

ARCHERY SHOOT

- Seniors**
1st Muz Pinecoose
2nd Owen Hone

- Hunters**
1st Elmer Rock

- Women**
1st Laniey Frost
2nd Caitlin Perkins

- Youth**
1st Kyle Pina
2nd Tydrius Willburn
3rd Cyrus Cosio

BABY CONTEST

- Traditional (0 – 6 mos.)**
Boys
1st Zyair GoodTracks
2nd Venus Parker
3rd Remy Pena

- Girls**
1st Zarra Watts

- Formal (0 – 6 mos.)**
Boys
1st Neki Graham

- Girls**
1st Lyric Herrera-Thompson

- Western (7 mo. – 1 yr.)**
Boys
1st Patrick Littlebear
2nd Arnulfo Pardo IV
Girls
1st Avalina Frost
2nd Londyn Deed

- Traditional (7 mo. – 1 yr.)**
Boys
1st Mykel-Zain Greany
2nd Ross LeClaire-White Thunder
3rd Milo TwoCrow

- Girls**
1st Paisley Frost
2nd Kiana Mary Denny Lee

- Western (2 – 3 yr.)**
Boys
1st JayJay Bigleggings
2nd DJ Smith

- Girls**
1st Alina Watts

- Traditional**
Boys
1st Neki Graham
Girls
1st Consuela Phillips

- Formal**
Boys
1st Matteo Figueroa
2nd Adanis Maez

FISHING DERBY

- Adult**
1st Lorenz Wilbourn
2nd Lawrence Santistevan
3rd Janae Lansing

FRY BREAD CONTEST

- 1st Leora Lucero
2nd Sophia Box
3rd Lee Litz
4th Miali Colorow

GOLF

- Teams**
1st Team 14 (Frank Eaton/Clay Seibel)
2nd Team 19 (Elden Harry)
3rd Team 1 (Harvey Frost)

- Longest Drive**
Women: Jeanne Smith
Men: (Name unavailable)

- Longest Putt**
Women: Yumi Johnson
Men: Rodell Dinetso

HAND GAME TOURNAMENT

- 3-Man Tournament**
1st Stephanie Hernandez
Dlora Ketchum
Demane Ketchum

2nd Linda Vijil
Lene Cuch
Lala Vijil

3rd Rayni Bullback
Alfreda Wall
Mariah Bullback

- Main Tournament**
1st Bobby George
River George
Reuben Hammond
Kristi Munay

- 2nd Diana Taylor
Thelma Whiskers
France Bancroft
Levi Vigil
Leana Coper

- 3rd Alfreda Wall
Orlando Avery
Sissy Gopher
Vera Summa

HORSE EVENTS

- Chicken Pull**
Levi Whitley

- Bareback Watermelon Race**
Zaine Hight

- Painted Horse**
Keegan Black

- Watermelon Run**
Female D'Lynn Jacobs
Male Jerid Sandoval
Youth Ivan Watts

JALAPENO EATING CONTEST

- Public Contest**
Grand Champion: Juwan Lakota (1:33)

- Women**
1st Debra Peshlakai (2:16)
2nd Katrina Baker
3rd Verlene Capitan

- Men**
1st Amos O'John (1:35)
2nd Jackson Gray
3rd Tanner Gray

- Drum Group Contest**
Champion: Vernell Capitan (Elk River drum)

SASQUATCH SHOOT

- Compound Bow**
Elmer Rock

- Traditional**
Marten Pinnecoose Jr.

SKATEBOARD COMPETITION

- Under 13 Skateboard**
1st Sammy D.
2nd Avery Herrera
3rd Andrew Cooper

- Over 14 Skateboard**
1st Cyrus Naranjo
2nd Caleb Echohawk

- 35 Plus**
1st Shawn Harrison
2nd Nate Berntz

BMX

- Under 13 BMX**
1st Wiley Issacson
2nd Juniper Issacson

- Over 14 BMX**
1st Robbie Archuletta
2nd Robin Duffy-Wirth

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

- Men**
1st Bandits
2nd Cal Steel LLC
3rd 5 Star Natives
MVP: Ashkii Pinto
All-Tourney: Gabe J.

- Women**
1st Flossy Posse
2nd We Got Swag
3rd JP
MVP: Saana Keeswood
All-Tourney: Jady Jones

- COED**
1st Smashies
2nd DRK
3rd Poles N Holes
COED MVP:
Allysia Yazzie (Women)
Brandon Belin (Men)
All-Tourney:
Matheney Wilson (Women)
Ryan Thompson (Men)

TIPI RAISING CONTEST

- 1st Tipi Creepers
Moav Berry
Daniel Coneon
Manford Raines

2nd Three Tribes
Kevin Yane
Nancy Munz
Julian White

3rd Whistling Gap
Daniel Rhode
Marissa Pozz
Tom Rhode

TUG-O-WAR

- Co-Ed 12-Person Team**
Andrew Gallegos
Leland Collins
Preston Abeyta
Michael Cruz
Conrad Jacket
Adeljaundra Ketchum-Mills
Shireile Garcia
Brandon Silva
Pachun Collins
Tehya Ketchum
Mollie Casie
Sarah Collins

- 6-Person Team (Male)**
Andrew Gallegos
Michael Cruz
Preston Abeyta
Leland Collins
Brandon Silva
Conrad Jacket

- 6-Person Team (female)**
Shichari Barber
Iyiana Lewis
Denise Yazzie
Doniah Gruber
Petrina Barber
Telue Barber

- Youth**
Candice Ayze
Amos O' John Jr
Eddy Custer
Rhia Lucero

CONTEST RESULTS

Look for additional 101st Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Contest Results in the upcoming issue of The Southern Ute Drum, Friday, Oct. 20. Arm Wrestling, Rodeo, Sam Burch Memorial Horsemanship, and Volleyball results were not available at press time. Results provided by Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept.



courtesy SunUte

Southern Ute Tribal Fair Softball Tournament COED Champions, "Smashies." Other winners include, Men's champions, "Bandits," and Women's champions "Flossy Posse."



BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Volleycats rip Ridgway twice at home

Spikers end Homecoming Week in style

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Supercharged by their emphatic sweep of Telluride the previous Saturday up in San Miguel County, the Ignacio Volleycats returned to action Saturday, Sept. 30, and had little problem pounding visiting Ridgway not once, but twice.

Completing the teams' 2023 season set in one fell swoop, the 'Cats drubbed the Lady Demons 25-7, 25-12, 25-9 in the first match, then closed out Homecoming Week with a nearly identical 25-11, 25-7, 25-9 rout later that afternoon.

Having not lost to RHS since the last match of the coronavirus pandemic-delayed/abbreviated Spring 2021 season, a streak of six matches, IHS improved to 11-4 overall this fall, and rose to 4-1 in 2A San Juan Basin League play (as well as 4-1 in all official 2A/1A SJBL contests).

"The girls are aggressive, and they want to score; they have that 'killer' mindset of getting that point," head coach Jennifer Seibel had said, following her squad's 25-22, 25-15, 25-12 triumph at THS. "We've got a great team of very athletic girls, so ... if you have that attitude, that mindset of you're the one, and have the confidence to go with it ... we just blossom from there. Then my game plan's like 'Do not take that foot off the gas!'"

Individual statistics from



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga (10) leads the Volleycats in celebrating a point during the varsity's road win Saturday, Sept. 23, at Telluride. IHS then hosted Ridgway for two matches on the 30th and notched two more San Juan Basin League victories.

the doubleheader inside IHS Gymnasium had not been verified and reported as of press time.

Ridgway fell to 2-9 overall (1-3 2A SJBL, 1-4 2A/1A SJBL) prior to facing non-league 1A Caprock Academy (9-6 overall) on Tuesday, October 3, in Grand Junction.

Ignacio will next see action on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 1A Nucla as league play continues. Results from

the Volleycats' much-anticipated third go-round with 2A Mancos (Oct. 5 at MHS), however, were unavailable at press time. Standing 12-1 overall, 4-0 in 2A SJBL play and 6-0 in official 2A/1A SJBL action, the vaunted Lady Jays avoided disaster their most recent time out – nabbing a 25-9, 25-16, 20-25, 16-25, 15-13 nail-biter inside THS' MinerDome – before the showdown.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Hendren scored three touchdowns rushing and also caught a two-point conversion pass.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Under-Mined: Trinidad trampled in Ignacio

'Cats cap Homecoming Week with 55-0 victory

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having already piled up 33 demoralizing points during a first-half domination not really unexpected, Ignacio's Homecoming victory Friday night, Sept. 29, could have been summarized in the very first drive after intermission, when the week's chosen royalty were presented.

Junior D.J. Hendren returned visiting Trinidad's kickoff for better than 30 yards, but a penalty during the run brought the Bobcats back to their own 28 with 11:40 left in the third quarter. Sophomore Lincoln deKay then blasted through the middle of the line for a big

gainer, but a holding penalty again wiped out most of his progress. The spot of the foul meant deKay netted seven yards, but IHS was pushed back to the 25.

Sophomore quarterback Zane Pontine then attempted to move things along aerially, and despite throwing incomplete was bailed out by – you guessed it – a penalty; the pass-interference infraction against THS advanced the 'Cats to the 40. His right arm reloaded, Pontine then let fly another bomb ... and this time connected, hitting Devante Montoya in stride some 30 yards downfield, with the speedy senior's legs then carrying him the rest of the way for a crushing

60-yard touchdown. The entire series, start to finish, had used a whopping 28 seconds of game time.

"I saw D running down the sideline and I was like, 'Oh, he's wide open!' Their corner was four yards away, so I chucked it – and I honestly thought it was going out of bounds," Pontine said. "Somehow he caught it and scored; it was pretty cool."

"You want to just run down there, give your boy props," said senior Rylan Maez, who actually caught more Trinidad passes (2) than throws from his own QB (1). "Man, that was awesome! It just kept us going the way for a crushing

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BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

Chicken Creek Challenge tests IHS harriers

Burcham third in Mancos-hosted boys' race



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

She placed 43rd in the high-school girls' race.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

He placed 48th in the high-school boys' race; the Bobcats would finish third as a team.

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Narrow as the Chicken Creek Challenge's ridge-like home stretch is, three runners began their kick towards the finish-line funnel almost at the same time early Saturday afternoon, Sept. 30.

Two of them – one wearing an Ignacio uniform – made for a most dramatic finish.

Emerging into the sunny clearing to fans' enthusiastic cheers, Blanding (Utah) San Juan senior Edward Lyman expanded his stride enough to separate and clock a winning time of 18 minutes, 56.62 seconds. And though younger brother Abram couldn't keep pace, the Bronco junior was more

concerned with IHS freshman Cayson Burcham, attempting to place as high up as possible.

Having run out front and alongside the elder, lengthy Lyman for the majority of the race, Burcham very nearly finished second but lost out by one long step as Abram Lyman posted a 19:03.24 to edge Burcham's even 19:04.

"Cayson ran really strong," said IHS head coach Karri McCarter. "And that was his goal, to run with Edward – when they came past me, in the last part of the race, they were shoulder-to-shoulder for the most part. But Edward's strength, his height and his hard work – for four years – paid off; he pulled away from Cayson

and his brother."

Bucham's effort led the Bobcats to an adjusted score-4 total of 50 points, and third place in the event's team standings. Aided by sophomore Noah Begay's fourth-place 19:21.65, SJHS totaled a winning low of 14 points while Monticello (Utah) – led by senior Jesse Pettit's fifth-place 19:30.24 – accumulated a runner-up 47. Bayfield (61) and Dolores (75) rounded out the top five.

Ignacio's second runner in, sophomore James Martin finished 14th overall in 20:07.06, and senior Phillip Quintana clocked 20:34.99 and took 20th. Sophomore

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Multi-Purpose Facility October Events

Sr. Breakfast—Wednesday October 4,—10:00 —11:30 AM

Yard Sale—Saturday October 7, 2023 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Elder Crafting—Tuesday October 10,—10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Traditional Sewing and Beading—Tuesday—Thursday October 17—19, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM & 5:30 PM—7:30 PM

Sip, Chat & Chew—Friday October 20, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Holiday Desserts with Lisa Smith—Tuesday October 24—10:30 AM—1:30 PM

Special Events

Veterans Pow Wow Fundraiser Dinner Monday October 2, 2023, 11:00 AM—2:00 PM

Haunted House Food Sale—Friday October 13, 2023, 1:00 AM—2:00 PM

Veterans Pow Wow Food Sale Fundraiser Monday October 16, 2023, 11:30 AM—2:00 PM

Cooking with Chef Bill Barbanc— Monday October 23, 2023 10:30 AM—1:30 PM

Haunted House Open Saturday October 28, 29 & 31, 2023

MPF Events are open to the Community—Quilt Class will resume in November

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The 2023 First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt

The First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt is a limited-draw hunt held from December 1st – December 31st, 2023, on the Southern Ute Reservation. There will be only ten permits allotted for this hunt.

Important Information

- All hunters must comply with all rules set forth in the Southern Ute Reservation Hunting Proclamation.
- Permitted 1st Descendants are only allowed to hunt on tribal trust lands within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Access permission must be obtained to hunt on tribal land assignments. Private property (including allotted parcels) and San Juan National Forest lands are not available for 1st Descendant hunting.
- All applicants must submit a Descendancy Letter to the Wildlife Division. These can be obtained from Tribal Information Services (TIS).

Hunt Information

- The hunt is open only to Southern Ute First Descendants.
- Season Dates: December 1 – 31, 2023.
- Weapon Type: Any Legal Weapon.
- Application Period: October 1 – 31, 2023 (Applications must be submitted by October 31st, 2023).
- Application fee is non-refundable.
- Applicants must submit a descendancy letter from Tribal Information Services.
- Ten permits will be available by limited draw only.
- The drawing will be in early November.
- Permits will be issued beginning November 13th, 2023.
- Successful hunters must have their elk validated.
- Bag Limits: 1 Antlerless Elk.

For More information and to find a link to the SUIT Store please visit the Website at:

[First Descendant Antlerless Elk – Southern Ute Indian Tribe \(southernute-nsn.gov\)](https://southernute-nsn.gov)

Please call the Wildlife Division (970) 563-0130 for more information



'Cats crowning royalty



Homecoming Week 2023 King, Cruz Martinez (56) and Queen, Solymar Cosio, crowning took place at half-time during the Homecoming football game at Ignacio High School.



Homecoming Week 2023 Junior Class Prince, Tallias Cantsee (75) and Princess Olyvia Howe, crowning took place at half-time during the Homecoming football game at Ignacio High School.

Homecoming Week 2023 Sophomore Class, Prince Gabe Archuleta (21) and Princess Alyssa Atencio, crowning took place at half-time during the Homecoming football game at Ignacio High School.



Homecoming Week 2023 Freshman Class, Prince William Mendoza-Lechuga (4) and Princess Kelly Sirios, crowning took place at half-time during the Homecoming football game at Ignacio High School.



Photos by Joel Priest
The Southern Ute Drum

CHICKEN CREEK CHALLENGE • FROM PAGE 13

Trace Crane (20:49.26) and freshman Judah Ashley (20:51.22) soon crossed consecutively, placing 22nd and 23rd, and senior Corey Gomez (21:04.39) came in 26th. “That little pack, James to Judah, they’re starting to run really tight,” McCarter said. “Everybody had a really good race.”

Sophomore Dillon Brann (22:00.71) placed 38th, freshman Thunder Windy Boy (23:07.95) 48th, and sophomore Greg Walker (24:46.51) 61st out of 82 finishers.

In the preceding high-school girls’ feature, which counted 49 finishers, Ignacio senior Lauren deKay finished 24th in 29:00.28, while sophomore Alyssa Atencio took 43rd in 34:08.58.

“Lauren’s struggled the past two years with ankle injuries, so she does really well out on the course with, at times, severe ankle strains. But she continues to run!” beamed McCarter. “And Alyssa’s goal, again, is to be in really good shape for basketball season – and she’s getting into fantastic shape. Both those girls are running really well.”

Powered by the 1-2-3 finish of juniors Marah Long (22:49.51), Lilli Burton (23:03.72) and Ayla Carling (23:27.86), Monticello captured first place with a winning low of 22 points. Led by freshman Brittany Jensen, fifth overall in 23:50.88, San Juan followed with 41 points, and meet-hosting

Mancos earned third with 59 – one point better than Dolores (60).

Junior Teagan Archer was the Lady Jays’ top finisher; she placed fourth in 23:37.84.

“We’ve had kind of a tough season, with some injuries and other things that have come up. So to finish third today...was nice to see,” said MHS head coach Brady Archer. “We talked about how our home meet is always special to us, so in just trying to go out and put on a good show for the crowd that was here...they did an excellent job.”

“Sometimes we have smaller meets, but this year’s ended up being a little larger than what we’re used to,” he noted. “And that was ... just incredible, that turnout, coming to a small-school meet like this up in the mountains. Schools that come back every year ... just love this area – I think that’s special for all of us in Mancos.”

2023 Chicken Creek Challenge, Girls’ Team Results

1. Monticello 22, 2. San Juan 41, 3. Mancos 59, 4. Dolores 60, 5. Whitehorse 64, 6. Montezuma-Cortez 76, 7. Bayfield 92, 8. Shiprock Northwest 114. (Monument Valley, Utah, and Ignacio also had runners entered, but not enough to qualify for team scoring.)

BOYS’ TEAM RESULTS: 1. San Juan 14, 2. Monticello 47, 3. IGNACIO 50, 4. Bayfield 61, 5. Dolores 75, 6. Whitehorse 75, 7. Montezuma-Cortez 84, 8. Shiprock Northwest 122. (Monument Valley, Utah, and Mancos also had runners entered, but not enough to qualify for team scoring.)

Up next, IHS will journey east to Colorado Springs for Class 5A Air Academy’s Kadet Invitational on Friday, October 6. At present, the ‘Cats are scheduled to then have a week off in order to best prepare for the 10/20 2A-Region IV Championships – to be held on Dolores’ Boggy Draw course, with Telluride the designated ‘host’ school.

Which made the Challenge, run upon similar forested ground, a prime opportunity to gain a physical preview.

“I think that’s all we’re building towards now,” Archer said. “We’ve got one more regular-season meet – in Blanding – and then we’re going to go run Boggy Draw ... as many times as we can before that regional. We know that the more we see it, the better we do on that course.”

“I guess I can’t think of anything better than to go run in the mountains,” said McCarter, “to train for a mountain regional!”

TRINIDAD TRAMPLED IN IGNACIO • FROM PAGE 13

ing, kept us rolling.”

Junior Charlie Pargin’s point-after kick, for the second time in the teams’ 1A South Central conference-opener, clanged off the crossbar, leaving the score standing 39-0 ... and the black-clad ‘Cats all too happy to prolong an imminent mercy-rule victory – fully knowing that their next two games, and three of their final four will be away from IHS Field.

“Cortez ... it was sloppy, but this game was a little less,” said senior center Cruz Martinez, reflecting on how Ignacio’s quality 24-0 home loss the previous week to Montezuma-Cortez set the ‘Cats up to not only face the Miners, but upcoming opponents such as Center. “Hopefully going forth we can finally put it all together fully; we’ve proved we’re not the same team as last year. We can really get it done.”

Slapped with two unsportsmanlike-conduct personal fouls on the ensuing kickoff, Trinidad began what ended up being their second of only two credible drives at their own 13 with 11:11 left. Able to actually gain a first down via two runs moving the football forward to the 25, and soon able to reach the 33 – via an eight-yard pass from Isaiah Moreno (one of THS’ 19 listed freshmen) to sophomore Matthew Garduno – the Miners’ night then realistically ended two snaps later as IHS freshman Stephen Habel sacked Moreno for a six-yard loss on fourth-and-two.

Set up on offense at Trinidad’s 27 with 8:00 still to go, Ignacio needed just two brutal deKay runs to again find the end zone, at last ending the game with 7:27 left in the frame. Pontine plunged the two-point conversion across the goal line, increasing IHS’ advantage to 47-0 (the luckless Miners entered the game giving up better than 45 per contest).

Still not satisfied, per se, the Bobcats (2-3 overall, 1-0 South Central) quickly regained possession when

Maez intercepted Moreno on THS’ second play of their next drive. Returning the pick 22 yards, Maez set Ignacio up at the Miners’ 5 with 3:27 (and counting) left. Back-to-back penalties against the ‘Cats pushed them back to the 15, but three plays later Hendren carried around left end for 11 yards to score what ended up the blowout’s final touchdown.

Pontine again carried in the conversion, inflating the margin to its eventual 55-0 size with 0:05 still left in the third. The Bobcats’ defense then polished things off in the fourth, with sophomore Gabe Archuleta blowing up Miner junior Andres Romero after an over-the-middle reception and deKay recovering the fumble at the Ignacio 42 with 7:58 left in regulation.

Six consecutive carries by freshman Brandon Blevins then gained 29 yards, but his seventh run resulted in a seven-yard loss back to THS’ 36 ... and a turnover-on-downs with 4:02 remaining. To their credit, the Miners very nearly capitalized; senior running back Corbin Popoff gained 26 yards on two carries, and Moreno then took a read-option keeper down to IHS’ 20, only to then lose the ball while juking a defender.

Pargin recovered at the 23 with just 1:58 left, and Pontine (unoff, 5-of-7 passing, 141 yards, 0 INT; 7-24 rushing, 2 TD) was then able to kneel twice in ‘victory formation’ and kill off the final seconds.

“We even got a break ... to enjoy the last Homecoming game together and have some fun,” Martinez, named Homecoming King at halftime, said of how IHS’ regulars were mostly benched during the fourth quarter. “Hard work pays off, and that was just us reaping the benefits.”

Recording TD runs of 39 and 11 yards during the second quarter, Hendren totaled three scores as part of a 8-carry, 145-yard effort on the ground. With senior Nate

Hendren unavailable, deKay racked up 98 yards on 13 tries with two TDs, and Blevins 24 yards on eight.

“The run game ... it was perfect; the running backs did everything they were supposed to,” said Hendren. “But I have to give it up for the linemen. The linemen really did block for us, opened up nice holes for us and we got a lot of really good runs.”

Montoya finished with three receptions for 91 yards, Maez caught one pass for 29 and Archuleta one for 21.

“Cortez ... even though we lost to ‘em we still played a decent game,” Pontine said. “But there were still a lot of mistakes in that game and I feel like we made up for a lot of those errors this week. Our line did an amazing job; they really set it up.”

Defensively, sophomore Aven Bourriague intercepted Moreno to set up the Bobcats’ first score (a 5-yard Pontine carry, with 4:49 left in the first quarter), but had a second pick negated in the second quarter due to a pass-interference penalty against IHS. Five plays later, as fortunate THS (0-5 overall, 0-1 South Central) looked to sustain its lengthiest drive, Maez picked off Moreno at IHS’ 15 and returned it six yards. Five plays and 2:22 later, Ignacio completed a 79-yard counterstrike with Hendren scoring from 11 yards out. He then caught a two-point pass from Pontine, giving the ‘Cats a 33-0 halftime lead.

“Coach always says, if it’s not the end of the last game there’s always a game to battle back,” said Maez. “And we got our get-back this week. Practiced hard all week and gave it our all tonight.”

Up next, Trinidad will host Monte Vista at 6 p.m. Friday, October 6, while Ignacio travels to Center for a 7 p.m. start. MVHS (3-2, 1-0) destroyed Del Norte (1-4, 0-1) 62-18 on the 29th, but CHS (0-5, 0-1) remained winless after losing 43-6 that night at Centauri (3-2, 1-0).



2023-2024 Youth Basketball

Youth basketball registration:
October 6th-November 1st

Volunteer Coaches Needed!

Practices begin:
November 13th


Games held on Saturdays:
January 6th-February 10th

Cost: \$25 SU Tribal/1st Descendants
\$35 Community Members

Open to youth ages 4-12

For more information contact Recreation @970-563-0214

First Aid/CPR/AED Training




Wednesday, 11/8/23 at 8:15am
SunUte Community Center
-Capote Room-

First Aid/CPR/AED certification courses open to SUIT Employees and Tribal Members!

Cost: \$45 per employee.
- Free for Southern Ute Tribal Members not employed by the Tribe.

Must sign-up prior to the class.
(Space is limited)

For questions or to sign-up, please contact:
Abel Velasquez-Fitness Director at (970)563-2651 or abvelas@southernute-nsn.gov





“LET’S Talk”

Monday: October 9, 2023, 10 AM to 3 PM
Will be at the Multipurpose Facility.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE: RENEE CLOUD
JOIN ME FOR MY PRESENTATION, QUESTIONS AND PLANS.
(LIGHT LUNCH WITH BE PROVIDED; FOOD DONATIONS IS ACCEPTABLE)

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Maykh!

Thought I would take the time to thank everyone for their kind words and encouragement. Being a candidate in tribal elections isn’t an easy task and it definitely takes courage to put yourself out there for everyone to decide whether they think you have what it takes to be in office.

The first time I put my name in the hat I knew there would be a learning curve as I had never taken on a role as large as this before but with time and dedication, I was able to carve out my place on the council and serve the people who elected me to office.

I have been encouraged to throw my name in that hat again because not only am I not done being of service, but I have the knowledge and experience to help make impactful decisions for the betterment of our people, our place, and our tribe.

Council work is as rewarding as it is tough, the decision-making process can be time consuming and frustrating at times but like all good things when the time is right all things fall into place.

At the end of the day, you’re looking out for the best interest of the membership and the tribe itself. You get that thick skin moving through this process cause where one decision is a perfect fit, it may be totally out of sync with everything around

it. Rules, regulations, and policies are not spoken of very highly but when used uniformly they are important when it comes to exercising sovereignty and providing lasting protections for the membership and the tribal organization.

In perpetuity is constant. We have, in so many ways, celebrated our differences. We have been there, done that, and look to keep moving our accomplishments further into the future.

In closing I would like to thank our Heavenly Father for providing for us and allowing us to be here when we are needed. Please take care of yourselves and those around you and most of all be safe!

Togwayak!
Cedric J. Chavez

Historical Ute territory

The ancestors of us Utes lived in the Colorado region for many years, around the time of Christopher Columbus in 1492. The land we ruled over Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Wyoming. Early Spanish expeditions into the territory first mentions the Utes in the early 1600’s. The 1700’s brought occasional Spanish trade missions and battles between the Utes and Spaniards who controlled New Mexico at that time in history.

Joseph Rael Jr.

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Rosa Cemetery Annual Cleanup

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. 21 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.

Teen Night

Monday, October 23 at 6 p.m. Middle school – high school kids are invited for pizza and origami in the library! This after-hours library program is a great way to make friends and connect with peers in your community! Program will be held the third Monday of every month with new games and activities. Staff will be present. Please pickup kids promptly at 5 p.m. or earlier.

Christine Baker Sage
Candidate for
Southern Ute Tribal Chairman
2023

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Save the Date
2023 General Election
Meet the Candidates Night:
Tribal Council Seats (2)

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center
Web-Ex Live Streaming will be available for Tribal Members who are unable to attend in-person.
Registration is forthcoming.

For additional information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2313

Save the Date
2023 General Election
Meet the Candidates Night:
Chairman Seat

Thursday, October 19, 2023
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center
Web-Ex Live Streaming will be available for Tribal Members who are unable to attend in-person.
Registration is forthcoming.

For additional information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2313

Drum
Deadline

Next issue:
Oct. 20

Deadline:
Oct. 16

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October 6, 2023

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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

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

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

Notice is hereby given that Darelene Frost filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Darelene Frost. As of September 19, 2023 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Darelene Frost name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Darelene Frost.
Dated this 21st day of September, 2023.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF HEARING
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 Pinnecoose 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 on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
Dated this 11th of September, 2023
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.
Dated this 14th day of September, 2023.
By The Court, Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

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. As of 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.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
ELECTION BOARD

Dear Southern Ute Tribal Member,

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

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

Register at our Election Board office which is located at:


285 Lakin Street
Ignacio, CO 81137

Or email a request for a registration form at:

election@southernute-nsn.gov

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

Thank you,
Southern Ute Election Board
P. O. Box 709
Ignacio, CO 81137
election@southernute-nsn.gov

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 31ST, 2023
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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COSTUME CONTEST WILL START AT 7:30 P.M. AGE GROUPS
0-4 YEARS, 5-8 YEARS, 9-12 YEARS, 13-17 YEARS,
18-59 YEARS, 60+ YEARS, FAMILY
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, BOOTH INFORMATION, OR QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT
DON FOLSOM AT (970) 563-2899
OR
JASPER ABEYTA AT (970) 563-2808





Southern Ute Utilities Division
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UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS


TRANSFER STATION
2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION
MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM / CLOSED SUNDAY
Tribal Members: Pick up 2023 Trash Permits—call office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Show Tribal ID.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Utilities Lobby CLOSED for lunch every Friday, 12p—1p.
- Trash Contractor Update: Republic Services has replaced GFL as the contractor that picks up polycarts
- New Utility Rate Sheets were mailed out mid-September. New Rates are effective starting October 1, 2023.
- Upcoming Reminder: Office & Transfer Station CLOSED on October 9, 2023. Regular business hours resume on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.
- Annual Fall Cleanup: October 16th—20th, 2023



Welcome Fall!
Prepare for cooler weather.

Office Hours
Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
Reach a staff member by phone at (970) 563-5500

Friendly Reminders

- Questions on your bill? Call us to help you better understand.
- Monthly Shutoffs are the first Wednesday of each month:
**October 4th / November 1st
December 6th**

Settle your payments before 10AM

PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

2023 Trash Permits Available! 2 Permits per Household.
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These advisory boards have upcoming vacancies:

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Board of Health
Board of Adjustment
Board of Review
Community Corrections Board
Durango Hills Road Improvement District Advisory Committee
Durango Public Library Board
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Extension Advisory Committee
Fire Code Board of Appeals
Historic Preservation Review Commission
Ignacio Community Library District Board


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

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



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2023 Annual Fall Clean-Up

Southern Ute Property and Facilities
Tyson Thompson, Director
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.

August 21, 2023



NEWS UPDATE

Tribal Planning has a new email!

suroadmaintenance@southernute-nsn.gov

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

What Tribal Planning ask of you.

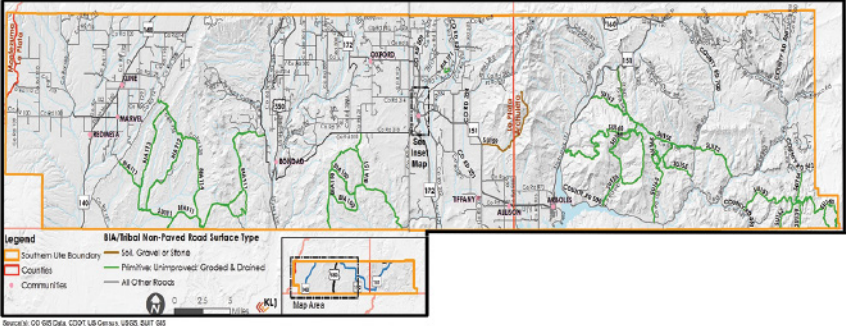
- What SU roads need maintenance?
- Is the road a low or high priority?
- Use the Tribes **land status** website to mark the problem area or get Longitude/Latitude.
⇒ [HHPS:geo.southernute.com/pl-landstatus](https://geo.southernute.com/pl-landstatus)
- Have photos of the road. (Don't need them, just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

What Tribal Planning can do.

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

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

-Tribal Planning



Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers


The Colorado Public Utilities Commission designated CenturyLink as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within its service area for universal service purposes. CenturyLink's basic local service rates for residential voice lines are \$30.50 per month and business services are \$43.50 per month. Specific rates will be provided upon request.

CenturyLink participates in the Lifeline program, which makes residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers may qualify for Lifeline discounts of \$5.25/month for voice or bundled voice service or \$9.25/month for qualifying broadband or broadband bundles. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be at least 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload to qualify.

CenturyLink also participates in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which provides eligible households with a discount on broadband service. The ACP provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

For both programs, a household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Services are not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in these programs. Consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain these discounts can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from these programs.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, visit <https://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/lifeline.html> for additional information about applying for these programs or call 1-800-201-4099 with questions.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Closes 11/29/23 – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill ONE seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through 5 p.m. Friday, Wed., Nov. 29, 2023.

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

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.

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.

Confirmation Notice Of Final Rulemaking

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission hereby confirms that no adverse comments were received in response to the Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking (i.e., certain non-controversial revisions to the Commission's Reservation Air Code) that was published on May 5, 2023. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Air Quality Program submitted the revisions to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and received EPA's approval on August 9, 2023. The purpose of the revisions was to update and/or remove outdated language and provisions; and to provide better clarification in certain provisions. The revisions become final thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice (effective September 15, 2023). A copy of the Commission's Reservation Air Code is available at the following website: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/> For information contact: Daniel Powers, Program Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137 or dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov



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

Construction Services Repairman

Closes 10/11/23 – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$14.48/hour.

Custodian

Closes 10/20/23 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

Deputy Court Clerk – Part-time w/benefits

Closes 10/10/23 – Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

Director of Strategic Planning

Closes 10/12/23 – Working with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Council to define, plan, implement, and achieve the strategic and financial plan objectives and priorities determined by Tribal Council. Researching and critically analyzing past strategies and modifying and developing those plans and strategies to address current circumstances; developing training material for Tribal Council Members regarding the Tribe's Financial Plan and other strategic plans; and communicating the financial and strategic plans to the Tribal Membership. In coordination with Tribal Council, facilitates strategic planning, including but not limited to tribal entities and tribal membership when deemed appropriate. Acts as a liaison between the Tribal Council and the Tribal Entities; accessing and gathering information as authorized by Tribal Council. Reports functionally to the Tribal Council and administratively to Tribal Council Affairs management. Pay grade X22; Pay starts at \$181,629.63/annually.

Gaming Investigator II

Closes 10/17/23 – Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, incumbent regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$23.81/hour.

Health Center Support Services Manager

Closes 10/9/23 – Supervision and management of front office operations within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records, and referral services. A key focus will be to establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support at all times. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$54,517.63/year. All Tribal Health employees must have received the primary series COVID vaccination.

Receptionist – Tribal Information Services

Closes 10/7/23 – 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.

Remediation Scientist I – Brownfields Program

Closes 10/20/23 – Under the supervision of the Remediation Program Manager, develops and administers the Tribal Brownfields grant program and supports compliance activities throughout the Reservation. Requires knowledge of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) §128(a) Brownfields Program. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$60,370.75/annually.

Administrative Assistant II (So. Ute 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 starts at \$45,236.26/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.

Air Quality Technician

Open Until Filled – 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.

Assistant Environmental Program Manager

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

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or on-

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

Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. All Tribal Health employees must have received the COVID primary series. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$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 21; \$26.45/hour.

Detention Officer

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

Dispatcher

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

Dispatcher Trainee (So. Ute members only)

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

Drum Media Archivist

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.

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. Will also assist the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council "Youth Council" Coordinator and with summer enrichment programs. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$15.61/hour.

Economic Development Project Coordinator

Open Until Filled – 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. This job is a grade E12; pay starts at \$45,236.26/annually.

Education Specialist (So. Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Department of Public Education responsible for 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. \$5,000 sign-on bonus.

Elementary Teacher

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

Events/Heritage Coordinator (So. Ute 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.

Forestry Fuels Crew Member

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

Grants Financial Analyst

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

Grants Program Coordinator

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

Home & Community Health Services Manager

Open Until Filled – 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.

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 starts at \$67,244.15/year.

Investment Associate (So. Ute members only)

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

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. \$400 Sign on Bonus. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$12.54/hour.

Lifeguard (Part-time)

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

Maintenance Technician – SunUte Community Center

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

Medical Assistant (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Providing professional and clinical services. Grant funded; continued employment is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$18.32/hour.

NAGPRA Coordinator Trainee (So. Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – 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 this position. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$21.75/hour.

Patrol Officer I

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

Patrol Officer II

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

Public Education Tutor (Temp./Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Guiding students to improve their academic performance through extended lessons, creative teaching, and interactive materials. Will work one-on-one or with small groups of students. Temp/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.

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 starts at \$14.48/hour.

Teacher Aide

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

TEAM Worker (So. Ute members only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (So. Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. 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, will serve as a member of the Tribe's Legal Department, with principal responsibility for the effective, efficient, and fair prosecution of violations of the Tribal Code to include criminal, gaming, and wildlife cases. In addition, the attorney will represent the Tribe in other matters that require the Legal Department's attention, including code review and drafting, civil litigation, contract review, employment matters, and the consideration of social services cases. A strong command of Tribal jurisdiction, an understanding of tribal sovereignty, and an ability to provide accurate legal advice in a fast-paced environment is essential. Pay grade X19; salary starts at \$95,745.85/annually.

Tribal Health Department Director

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

Tribal Ranger

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

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 starts at \$14.48/hour.



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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)

Assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. 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. On staffing, training, scheduling, reward and disciplining employees, addressing complaints, and resolving problems/ concerns; and to ensure high quality customer service. Ensure compliance with the Casino's policies & procedures and applicable Gaming regulations. Maintain a high standard of guest service within the Bingo Department and actively promotes positive customer and employee relations by ensuring that excellent customer service is continually provided. Reports to the Casino General Manager.

Bingo Staff (Part-time)

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

*Bowling Mechanic I (Full-time)

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

*Bowling & Rec Counter Clerk (Full-time)

Multi-tasks and thrives in a fast paced and high energy environment. Is 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.

*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.

*Event Staff (On-call)

Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up, and re-set of events in all Banquet areas. You will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events. Requires that you achieve and maintain the highest level of guest service as well as maintaining professional interactions, safe working conditions, and teamwork.

*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 Tech (Full-time)

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

Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail, and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information

and guest concerns. Assistance with guests include but is not limited to luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

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

*Housekeeping Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*Kitchen Steward Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

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

*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.

*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.

*Restaurant Manager (Full-time)

Under the direction of the Director and Food and Beverage, oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, ensuring high quality service and resolving guest issues. Ensures that the highest standards are maintained in all phases of guest service, as well as unexpected demands by other departments. Supervise and direct the activities of restaurant supervisors, hosts/hostesses, servers, baristas, bartenders, cocktail servers, and bussers. Hiring, schedules, disciplinary actions, coordinating terminations with Human Resources, conducts performance evaluations, and plans employee development.

*Rolling Thunder Grill Server (Full-time)

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

*Security Supervisor (Full-time)

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

*Seven Rivers 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 functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility. Works as a professionally trained individual with the team to ensure smooth operations of the facility. Trained and certified or holds a license that is construction/maintenance specific.

*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

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

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.

Division Order Analyst Supervisor – Red Willow Production

Closes 10/13/23 – Establishing Division Order procedures and protocols to ensure that all necessary files documenting title and interest for Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate land database and filing system; manages and supervises the day-to-day duties and activities of company Division Order Analysts.

Custodial Technician – Growth Fund Facilities

Closes 10/20/23 – Provides housekeeping service and support as directed by the Facilities Manager, to include cleaning of public and non-public areas throughout Growth Fund Office Building, Red Willow Office Building, Utilities Office Building, Fairgrounds Office area, and Quichas Hill Apartments Office. Implementing the arrangement of meeting room tables and chairs and coordinating with food service vendors for setup and kitchen use and for ordering and stocking cleaning supply inventory.

Facilities Assistant Manager – Growth Fund Facilities

Closes 10/20/23 – Maintenance management services and assistance to the Facilities Manager and the Property Maintenance Manager to include monitoring and maintaining Growth Fund- properties, Quichas Apartment Complex, and developed and vacant land at Three Springs. Will assist with addressing tenant requests; processing work-orders; coordinating contracted and maintenance work; coordination and supervision of capital improvement projects.

Receptionist/Office Assistant – Red Willow Production

Closes 10/13/23 – Performing reception and miscellaneous office duties for Red Willow Production Company Receptionist function, under direction of the Senior Office Manager, maintaining positive and effective working relationships with coworkers, supervisors, and the public.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers for full job details and to apply online.
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Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Business Intelligence Developer I – So. Ute Shared Services

Closes 10/13/23 – Performing data analysis, develops reports in Microsoft Power BI and SSRS, and contributes to the design and deployment of data models and assists in administration of the Microsoft BI infrastructure including Power BI Report Server and SQL Server environments.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

• Secondary Social Studies Teacher

• Elementary Permanent Substitute

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Employment Announcements as of Oct. 2, 2023

- Higher Education, Adult Education Coordinator – Closes 10/13/23
- Housing Division, Lead Maintenance Supervisor – Closes 10/13/22
- Water Resources, Water Resource Assistant – Closes 10/18/23
- Moguan Behavioral Health, Community Trainer – Closes 10/18/23
- Public Safety, Security – Closes 10/18/23
- Brunot Wildlife, Animal Control Officer – Open Until Filled
- Brunot Wildlife, Wildlife Officer – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Education Manager – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes WM, CNA/Health Technician – Open Until Filled
- Environmental, Water Quality Manager – Open Until Filled
- Higher Education, Adult Education Instructor – Open Until Filled
- KCA, Career Readiness Coordinator – Open Until Filled
- KCA, Elementary Teacher (1) – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Director – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, WM- IPA Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, EMT Paramedic/ Fire Fighter I – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, EMT Paramedic/ Fire Fighter I & II – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, EMT-B IV/ Fire Fighter – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, PT- Relief Propane Delivery Driver – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Transfer Station Operator – Open Until Filled
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open Until Filled
- Sunrise Youth Shelter, House Parent – Open Until Filled
- THPO, Contract Administrator – Open Until Filled
- Tribal Parks, PT- Maintenance Worker – Open Until Filled
- Ute Counseling, Director – Open Until Filled
- WM- Administration, Project Director – Open Until Filled
- WM- Education, Public School Lead Liaison – Open Until Filled

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.*

APPLY NOW
FOR THE
AGRICULTURAL COST SHARE PROGRAM
2024

The Environmental Programs Department (EPD) is now accepting applications for the 2024 Cost Share Program (CSP). The purpose of the CSP is to work cooperatively with landowners to implement agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) on lands within the Reservation. BMPs are designed to improve rivers, keep water clean, protect wildlife habitat, and help working farms and ranches care for their property.

Examples include:

- ❖ Irrigation improvements with higher efficiency gated pipe or sprinklers
- ❖ Riparian fencing and re-vegetation of stream banks
- ❖ Livestock watering systems away from streams

The CSP pays 95% of the cost of the selected BMPs and the participant provides 5% cost assistance via monetary or “in-kind” labor/materials.

Due to limited funding, not all applications may be approved. Projects are scored based on their potential to reduce agriculture-related water pollution and improve water quality.

Applications due November 12th, 2023

Contact Dylan Ruckel for applications at (970) 563-2295 or Druckel@southernute-nsn.gov

Pathways Internship Hiring Announcement

The Office of Trust Services is delighted to share that the first of three hiring announcements for the Summer 2024 BIA Pathways Internship Program is now active! Please follow the link to access the application at USAJOBS.gov. For any questions about the program or application process, please email OTSPathways@bia.gov. Pathways staff are available and happy to provide guidance. Applicants MUST submit BIA Form 4432 and all required documents to be considered with Indian Preference. Pathways Highlights - Interactive Story Map: <https://biamaps.geoplatform.gov/pathways/>



FLY FISHING

The sound of silence

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

After reading the above headline you are probably thinking this writer has finally lost it or is just a big fan of Simon & Garfunkel. If it is silent, how can it have any sound? Further, if you are a techie nerd, or have a degree in English, as does SWMBO, you would be right. However, I am not a nerd, nor after reading my columns will anyone in their right mind accuse me of having a degree in English. Therefore, I am free to think what I want. Ignorance can be so satisfying.

The silence I am talking about is what you should hear when your cast is perfect. When you make a back cast, followed with a forward cast, there should be no line noise. I call any noise you hear a whooshing sound. It can be heard with either the back or forward cast.

So, what makes a perfect cast? To start with, check your equipment. Your rod, reel, line, leader, and fly need to match. I'm not talking color, but weight and size. Your four-weight rod needs to have a reel that fits the rod. If you attach a ten-weight reel, designed for saltwater to a four-weight rod it will be butt heavy and difficult to cast. The cast will take lots of effort, which can cause the



whooshing sound. With the proper reel attached, make sure it is spooled with a line matching the rod weight. Next, don't put a heavy bass or saltwater leader on a rod set up for trout or panfish. Again, the force needed to make a cast with a rod that has line and leader that is over-or under-weighted for the rod will contribute to the whooshing. Lastly, the size fly you attach to the leader needs to reflect what you're fishing for.

If your rod, reel, line, leader, and fly don't match, the power or force needed to make the back cast or forward cast will be difficult. Your back cast most likely will not straighten out, this is followed with extra effort to get the forward cast to go the distance you want. Even with extra power, your cast will usually fall short with a loud whooshing. It can be very frustrating.

The reason I'm writing about this is that recently,

while casting with my hearing aids in, I noticed that tell-tale whooshing sound. Since I'm not new to fly fishing it was a safe bet that my equipment was a perfect match. After discussing this with a friend, who is a very good caster, it was decided I was overpowering my cast. I was not letting my back cast straighten out. Then I was using more power on the forward cast, plus bringing my rod too far down. This resulted in my very own whooshing. To correct it I waited longer on my back cast, allowing the line to straighten out. When I did this, I needed less power on the forward cast. I also stopped my forward cast sooner allowing for a tighter loop. The tighter loop moved through the air faster with less effort and no whooshing. The cast also traveled the distance I wanted. My cast felt and sounded really good.

Now, if you've been fly fishing a long time, have developed a good whooshing style, are catching fish, and really don't care if people around you are moving away from you to enjoy some quite time, don't change. If, on the other hand, a whooshing sound bothers you, follow some of the advice above. Or just take your hearing aids out and enjoy fly fishing in total silence. I'm taking my hearing aids out.

Voices of Ignacio

The library is creating an oral history collection to record and save stories from residents of Ignacio and the surrounding areas. Anything you remember about living in and around Ignacio is welcome. The stories should be fairly short-two to three minutes up to 10 minutes or so, and they can be recorded either at the library or we can come to you. We've been asking newsletter readers to think about a specific question, hoping it will trigger story ideas for you! Here is this month's question: **Did you play or watch the town basketball games growing up?** Let us know! And visit the voices website to learn more and hear other recordings, voicesofignacio.cvlcollections.org. You can also access it through our library website, ignaciolibrary.org. To arrange to record your story contact us at the Ignacio Community Library 970-563-9287 or via email Voicesofignacio@gmail.com We would love to see any pictures that go along with your stories too!

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Zia Pueblo Requesting Deer/Elk Hides

The Zia Pueblo Tribe is seeking donations for deer or elk hides for cultural purposes. If any Tribal Members would like to donate a hide, please call the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130 to arrange the donation.

AGRICULTURE DIVISION ---- HAY FOR SALE!



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

SMALL BALES

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(970) 563-0220 for more information.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Oct. 6



Sunny 74°F
Afternoon winds

Saturday, Oct. 7



Sunny 73°F

Sunday, Oct. 8

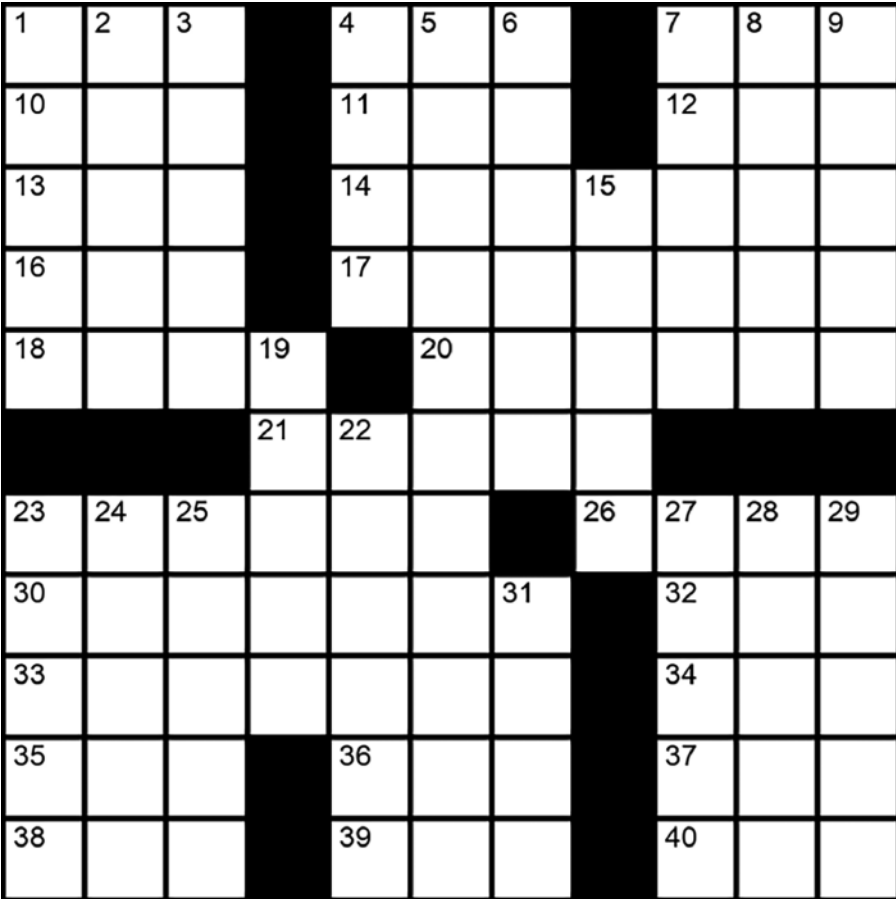


Sunny 74°F

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



The Southern Ute Drum's
Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Chicago time
- 4 Fight ends
- 7 Email duplicates
- 10 --- carte
- 11 Period of history
- 12 Gardening tool
- 13 Chicken ---
- 14 Printer's color-matching system
- 16 Movie theater chain
- 17 Wrongly
- 18 Indigenous Oregon people
- 20 Knight of Motown
- 21 "If voting changed anything, --- make it illegal"
- 23 Walking
- 26 Israel's national airline
- 30 The Sahnish of North Dakota
- 32 Euro forerunner
- 33 Puts on a pedestal
- 34 "And Quiet flows the ---" (Russian novel)
- 35 Stretch
- 36 "Beyond the ---" (Bobby Darin hit)
- 37 "Today" rival, briefly
- 38 "--- Boot" (1981 war film)
- 39 Paranormal ability
- 40 One of Dumbo's wings

Down

- 1 Huayna ---, Inca monarch
- 2 Kind of replay
- 3 Mexican silver mining center
- 4 French legionnaire's headgear
- 5 Citrus source
- 6 With sound judgment
- 7 Combination of notes
- 8 The Piscataway
- 9 Clairvoyants
- 15 Exchange
- 19 Supply with fuel
- 22 Rough and husky
- 23 Revealed
- 24 Karuk tribal base
- 25 Abes
- 27 Climber's rest stop
- 28 Pueblo thought to be the oldest continuously inhabited US community
- 29 Of the moon
- 31 "... and make it snappy!"

Answers for this crossword will appear in October 20 issue of the Drum.

Answers for September 22, 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Red, 4 CPU, 7 HMS, 10 Ole, 11 Sir, 12 AAA, 13 Clerics, 15 Ins, 16 Kiri, 17 Kiddos, 19 Seen, 20 Uneasy, 21 Capes, 23 Stools, 26 Pima, 30 Torn up, 31 Odin, 32 EKG, 33 Meeting, 35 WIA, 36 Nev, 37 OKs, 38 Son, 39 IDs, 40 Met.
Down: 1 Rocks, 2 Ellie, 3 Deere, 4 CSI, 5 Pick up speed, 6 Ursine, 7 Haida, 8 Manos, 9 Sassy, 14 Rincon, 18 Despot, 22 Alumni, 23 Stews, 24 Tokio, 25 Organ, 27 Idiom, 28 Minke, 29 Angst, 34 E Vs.