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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Preserving tribal sovereignty

Vice Chairman Cloud testifies on land annexation

By Summer Begay
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL
COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud testified before the Colorado Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee at the State Capitol in Denver this afternoon. Cloud urged the Committee to support Senate Bill 24-193: Protect Tribal Lands from Unauthorized Annexation. This critical legislation is in response to the City of Durango's attempt to seize Reservation land from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for the economic benefit of the City.

The Utes are the oldest continuous inhabitants of what is now the State of Colorado. The Utes are resilient and have endured assimilation, relocation, and seizure of their land and culture for far too long. The Reservation was established by successive treaties and was to be "set apart for the absolute and undisturbed use and occupation of the [Utes]" and "no persons ... shall ever be permitted to pass over, settle upon, or reside" on those lands. The City's actions take direct aim at these promises.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, a strong neighbor, proven business part-



courtesy Senator Jessie Danielson

Southern Ute Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud and the Tribe's Legal Director, David Smith, testify before the Colorado Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee at the State Capitol in Denver.

ner, and significant investor in the local economy, will fiercely defend its land status, sovereignty, self-determination, and cultural heritage. Vice Chairman Cloud cautioned that annexation will further complicate matters such as law enforcement, air and water quality, and environmental regulation, stating, "complexities with the federal, state, and local jurisdiction make it difficult. Adding another layer – especially a city with no interest in cooperation and a history of failing to consider the Tribe at all – only puts my people

and culture at greater risk. This is unacceptable."

Senate Bill 24-193 offers a vital safeguard for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's land and future. Respecting the Tribe's sovereignty and culture is not just a matter of honoring past treaties, but a step towards a more collaborative relationship. The Tribe stands ready to work with the State to find solutions, but the City of Durango's actions threaten to unravel years of progress. By supporting this legislation, Colorado can ensure a future built on mutual respect and understanding.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribe provides key updates to membership during General Meeting

By Summer Begay
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Southern Ute Tribal Council hosted the General Meeting on Thursday, April 11, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Chairman Melvin J. Baker presided over the meeting which featured updates from various Southern Ute entities and departments for the tribal membership. The event was successful with a large attendance, both in person and via WebEx.

Following the invocation, Tribal Council provided introductions starting with Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud, Treasurer Marvin Pinnecoose, and Council Members Vanessa Torres, Marjorie Barry, Andrew Gallegos, and Marty Pinnecoose. Chairman Baker provided the State of the Tribe address and Treasurer Pinnecoose presented an insightful Treasurer's Report. The Tribal Council members presented their individual updates to the membership.

Key updates from this year's General Meeting included presentations from Growth Fund Executive Director, Shane Seibel on the Multi-Family Unit Project, Vice Chairman Cloud provided an update on water, drought, and fire hazards, and the Permanent Fund Ex-



Summer Begay/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Melvin J. Baker shares his State of the Tribe address during the General Meeting, Thursday, April 11, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

ecutive Officer, Lindsay J. Box shared her outlook and updates. The tribal membership was introduced to new leadership including Thomas Frank, the General Manager of Sky Ute Casino Resort, and Michael Barrow, Chief of Police for the Southern Ute Police Department.

Jeff Engman and Del-

bert Cuthair from Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS) and the Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) provided a status update and technical insight into the Tribe's broadband project which has connected over 500 homes. Dr.

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Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member and SUIMA Assistant Cook, Ocean Hunter stands with Mari Jo Owens and Scott Halsband. Hunter, who is SUIMA alumnus, has returned to the Montessori school to work for the remainder of the school year, he hopes to gain work experience in the culinary arts as he pursues this career path.

SUIMA

Montessori school welcomes back alumnus

Ocean Hunter focused on culinary arts

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member, Ocean Hunter has recently returned to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) as a new employee through the TEAM program. After graduating from Ignacio High School in 2020 and attending cooking courses via the Manna Soup Kitchen in Durango, Colo., he has returned to the institute to work as an Assistant Cook in the SUIMA Dining Hall. Hunter will continue in his position throughout the remainder of the school year and hopes to return to SUIMA in the fall

to continue expanding on his cooking skills.

Hunter, originally from Washington state, moved to Ignacio at an early age, attending SUIMA from 2009-2013 until his continuation into public school at Ignacio Middle School. He graduated from Ignacio High School in 2020, after a brief break, he attended cooking courses at the Manna Soup Kitchen, earning a cooking certification from the organization. Hunter was recommended for the job and was then hired through TEAMS, a program that provides tribal members with short-term employment to gain work experience and assist in ob-

taining full-time regular employment in the future.

Staff members at SUIMA are excited to welcome Hunter back as he continues to expand his cooking skills. Health Safety and Nutrition Coordinator, Scott Halsband, looks forward to working with Hunter for the remainder of the school year. "I was really excited to hear that Ocean was interested when he was approached, so far, it's been nice having somebody back that's been through the school," Halsband said. "He seems to be enjoying his time here, and we are real-

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A powwow in paradise



photos courtesy SU Veterans Association

Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr., and Vice Commander, Gordon Hammond, with Miss Indian New Mexico, Kelsey Winter Quintana of the Jicarilla Apache Nation at the Powwow in Paradise, April 13 – 14 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The powwow was hosted by the O'ahu Native Nationz Organization.



The Southern Veterans Association serve as color guard during Grand Entry for the Powwow in Paradise, Saturday, April 13 – Sunday, April 14. The powwow was held at Magic Island, Ala Moana Beach Park in Honolulu, Hawaii.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Vice Chairman Cloud joins Colorado senators in support of SCR24-001

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud recently joined several Colorado senators and advocates at the State Capitol in Denver in support of the Child Sexual Abuse Accountability Amendment (Senate Concurrent Resolution 24-001). If passed, this amendment would retrospectively permit victims of child sexual assault to make civil claims against an abuser or an institution regardless of how much time has passed.

“Our Ute and Native youth are the heart of our future. As a leader, I believe we must work together to ensure and protect their safety and success,” Vice Chairman Cloud said. For generations, Native communities have faced an epidemic of sexual vio-



Lorelei Cloud
Vice Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

lence and trauma, starting with children being the most vulnerable targets in the federal boarding schools. Tribal Courts, due to limitations in authority and jurisdiction, are unable to prosecute non-Native perpetrators. The perpetrators are often in positions

of authority such as government officials, trustees, teachers, and religious leaders.

The cycle of trauma persists, silencing many young victims. Fear, intimidation, and the struggle to articulate their experiences due to a developing emotional vocabulary prevent them from seeking justice and beginning their healing journey. According to the National Institute of Justice, Native youth experience violence at rates higher than any other racial group in the United States, with 56.4 percent reporting experiencing sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking in their lifetime.

Legislation like SCR24-001 offers a critical first step by holding perpetrators accountable, it paves the way for healing and a future where survivors can truly thrive.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Robin Duffy-Wirth from the SunUte Community Center discusses her role as the fitness director as well as the facilities history. Wirth went into details about health and reminded the Golden High School students to take part in daily and healthy activities.

This photo was first published in the April 18, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

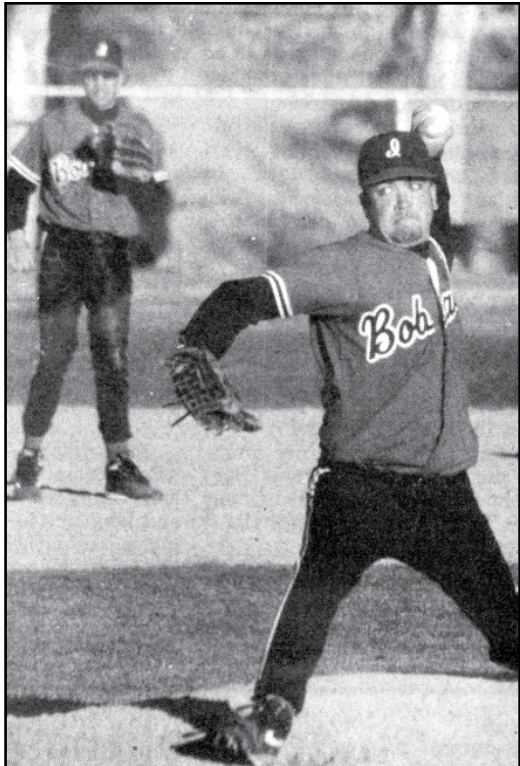


Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Jim Newton Jr. (seated at far left) teaches a group of approximately twenty-five junior high and high school boys the art of traditional singing and drumming. Newton is working with Roger Sulcer on developing a youth drum group at Ignacio High School. Councilman Newton will be working closely with the young men and guiding them on the beginning of a new drum group.

This photo was published in the April 30, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Bob Furuya winds up and launches his pitch over the plate, while Eppie Quintana looks on from shortstop.

This photo was published in the April 15, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

TRIBE PROVIDES KEY UPDATES • FROM PAGE 1



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Executive Officer, Lindsay J. Box shares Permanent Fund updates with the tribal membership on the Multi-Family Units in the works. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

William Finn from Tribal Health shared insights on the Healing Community project and the anticipated phases of development.

The Division of Agriculture shared an update on its services to support tribal farmers and ranchers. The division greatly looks forward to the produce distribution and continued outreach to the tribal membership this year. The Cultural Preservation Department and Internal Audit shared their respective roles, functions, and projects.

The General Meeting concluded with the question-and-answer portion led by the Tribal Council Affairs staff. Southern Ute Tribal Members who were not in attendance, may view the



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Growth Funds Executive Director, Shane Siebel, updates the tribal membership on the Multi-Family Units in the works. The new housing project will neighbor the BIA agency offices and Multi-Purpose Facility adjacent to Ute Road.

General Meeting recording on the Tribal Member Portal. If a tribal member would like more information regarding the General Meeting, please contact Tribal

Council Affairs at 970-563-2485. For assistance accessing the Tribal Member Portal, please contact the Southern Ute Digital Equity Program at 970-563-5555.

Needs Assessment Survey

The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs and the Colorado Department of Education are conducting a needs assessment on how Colorado districts and schools support Indigenous students.




Let your voices be heard, parents and community members are invited to share feedback on their priorities, needs, and concerns about Indigenous education in Colorado. Help shape the future today!

The survey should only take about 15 minutes to complete and all responses will remain anonymous.

The survey is open until Friday, May 10, 2024.

Please use the following link or scan the QR code below to access the survey:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7780550/CO-Indigenous-Needs-Assessment-Community-Survey>





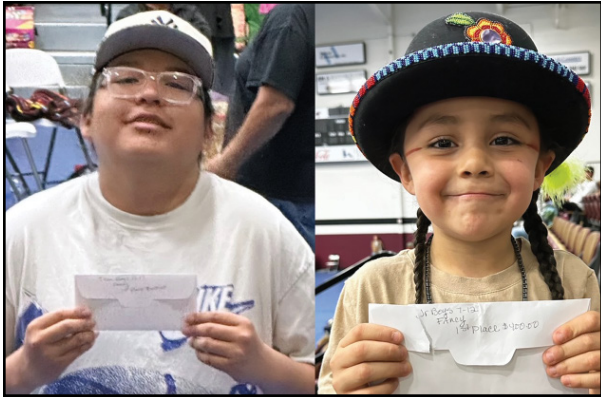
Braves at Grand Mesa Powwow



photos courtesy Dominika Joy

Southern Ute Brave, Henry Whiteskunk II and Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany at the Grand Mesa Powwow in Grand Junction, Colo., Friday, April 5.

Both of the Southern Ute Braves placed first in their respective categories at the Grand Mesa Powwow in Grand Junction, Colo., held Friday, April 5 through Sunday, April 7; Whiteskunk placed first in Teen Boys Fancy and Greany placed first in Junior Boys Fancy.



HISTORY COLORADO

Awarded re-accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums

Staff report
HISTORY COLORADO

Accreditation signifies the highest level of excellence that a museum can achieve. Nationally, approximately only 3% of museums are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). History Colorado has once again been accredited by AAM, a recognition that we welcome as an affirmation of our community-centered work, our award-winning exhibitions and diverse educational programming. History Colorado has been an accredited institution since 1972. All museums accredited by AAM must undergo a reaccreditation review at least every 10 years to maintain the elite status.

This accreditation brings national recognition to History Colorado for its commitment to excellence, accountability, high professional standards and continued institutional improvement. It strengthens the museum profession by promoting practices that enable leaders to make informed decisions, allocate resources wisely, and remain financially and ethically accountable in order to provide the best possible service to the public.

“It is incredibly meaningful to have our History Colorado team and our commu-



nity-centered museum work celebrated and recognized for professional excellence,” said Dawn DiPrince, President/CEO of History Colorado and State Historic Preservation Officer. “We are honored every day to do this work on behalf of the people of Colorado and our collective history.”

Of the nation’s estimated 35,000 museums, just over 1,100 are currently accredited. Accreditation is a very rigorous but highly rewarding process that examines all aspects of a museum’s operations. To earn accreditation a museum first must conduct a year of self-study, and then undergo a site visit by a team of peer reviewers. AAM’s Accredita-

tion Commission, an independent and autonomous body of museum professionals, considers the self-study and visiting committee report to determine whether a museum should receive accreditation.

“Accreditation is the gold standard for museums—a significant achievement of which the institutions and their communities should be extremely proud,” said Brooke Leonard, AAM Interim CEO and Chief of Staff. “By undergoing reaccreditation, these museums have chosen to hold themselves publicly accountable to maintaining this distinction and have demonstrated their ongoing commitment to excellence.”

Museums in History Colorado’s network receiving recognition

- History Colorado Center – Denver, CO
- Center for Colorado Women’s History – Denver, CO
- El Pueblo History Museum – Pueblo, CO.
- Fort Garland Museum & Cultural Center – Fort Garland, CO
- Healy House Museum & Dexter Cabin – Leadville, CO
- Ute Indian Museum – Montrose, CO

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May 2-5, 2024

Randlett, UT

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Thursday: 10:30AM Headstart Mini-beardance and Start of Beardance. Beardance all day to early evening.

Friday: Beardance starts at 11AM. Afternoon sack lunch provided by chiefs' families. Youth Beardance singers in the evening.

Saturday: Beardance starts at 11AM. Fun run/walk by Painted Horse at 9AM. Horseshoe tourney during the day. Feast sponsored by chiefs' families in the afternoon. Youth Beardance singers in the evening.

Sunday: Last day of Beardance starts at 11AM. End of Beardance feast sponsored by the Ute Indian Tribe at 2PM. Ute Turkey Dance Contest with Spring Creek Singers of Ft. Hall, Idaho after Beardance has ended.

Specials to be held at the Ute Turkey Dance after the Ute Beardance has ended on Sunday.

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Vendor Info: Lauren - (435) 823-4665

Beardance & Turkey Dance info: Skyler- (970) 300-8991, Lloyd- (435) 823-8658, Nelson- (435) 219-1254, Henry- (435) 219-4020

Horseshoe info: Ute Recreation- (435) 722-2249

Fun Run/Walk info: Painted Horse Diabetic Center- (435) 725-5940

Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow
May 24 & 25, 2024
Sky Ute Casino Resort, Events Center
14324 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO

GRAND ENTRY:
• Fri., May 24: 7 pm; Sat., May 25: 1 pm & 7 pm

REGISTRATION:
• Fri.: Opens 5 pm, Closes 7 pm; Sat.: Opens 12 pm, Closes 1 pm

HEAD STAFF:
• Head Lady – Miss Southern Ute
• Head Man – Picked Daily
• MC – Daryl Powaukee
• Arena Director – Michael Grant
• Drum Judge – Darren Cuch

POWWOW COMMITTEE DANCE SPECIALS
Winner Take All
Iron Man Fancy – \$1,000
Iron Woman Fancy Shawl – \$1,000

DANCE CATEGORIES:
• Golden Age (55 yrs.+): Men & Women
• Men (18-54 yrs.): Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Northern Traditional, Southern Traditional
• Women (18-54 yrs.): Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Northern Traditional, Southern Traditional
• Teen Boys (13-17 yrs.): Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Combined Northern & Southern Traditional
• Teen Girls (13-17 yrs.): Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Combined Northern & Southern Traditional
• Jr. Boys (6-12 yrs.): Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Combined Northern & Southern Traditional
• Jr. Girls (6-12 yrs.): Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Combined Northern & Southern Traditional
• Tiny Tots (5 yrs. & Under)

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970-563-3000 ext. 1753
(First come, first serve)

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970-403-1350
Use Code: Southern Ute Beardance Powwow
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10-Rooms Available
Breakfast included 5 a.m. to 10 a.m.

SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE:
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Do you understand what consent is?

By Tamara D. Turner
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

April is sexual assault awareness and prevention month. Working towards better awareness means taking into consideration the many forms of sexual assault, including not only exchanges between strangers, but also casual and serious dating and intimate partner violence. A key part of understanding what defines sexual assault is understanding what consent means.

Oftentimes, education around consent is lacking. While schools have improved immensely over the past ten to twenty years (my generation certainly didn't grow up learning about consent), there is still a lot to learn. During my work in La Plata County, I've noticed that younger people tend to be more knowledgeable about this. Men and women, particularly above forty years old, often have little to no understanding of what consent looks and sounds like.

On that note, here's a brief overview. Consent is a process, not a moment. That means that while someone may give consent for one thing at a given time, that person is not giving consent to other kinds of activities and is entitled to change his or her mind. The safest thing you can do is ask questions, don't make assumptions, and it's critical that whatever consent is given is done with enthusiasm (no pressure, including coming on too strong without asking questions).

Here is a fabulous acronym to remember the ways consent varies, used by many sexual assault support organizations. The acronym is **FRIES**. This is what is required for full consent to be given.

- **Freely given:** Consent is freely given. That means no coercion or pressure, including if alcohol is involved, meaning a person's ability to give full consent is diminished. Nobody owes a person anything. And if you have said 'yes' before, it doesn't mean 'yes' every time.
- **Reversible:** Consent can be revoked at any time. This means a person can change their mind. Sometimes people get into situations, and they are suddenly uncomfortable and need to stop. Consent means you are allowed to change your mind and

stop and without guilt or shame.

- **Informed:** Each partner should be informed about the other person's boundaries. You can only consent to something if you are informed, like knowing a person's sexual health history, for example. This would include any past events that could affect their emotional state, like if someone has been assaulted before. Both partners should be asking about this. Men are just as vulnerable to contracting a health issue from unprotected activity as women but statistically, it is usually the women who speak up and raise these questions.

- **Enthusiastic:** This means that a person enthusiastically giving consent, not just saying a yes or a no. Sometimes people, especially women, are socialized or pressured to say yes with the flip side being the social belief that men are supposed to be in charge. This isn't consent. Women share with each other, and we know that many of us have been pressured by a guy coming on too fast or too strong that saying no would have involved a great deal of effort and force. This is also not consent.

- **Specific:** Just because a person gives permission for one kind of activity does not equal consent for others. Be specific about it. Asking questions is the bottom line.

In summary, ASK QUESTIONS! Do not assume. Be generous and kind. There may be old fashioned ideas about seduction or power, but the fact is, without full, enthusiastic, informed and specific consent, the exchange could be considered (and prosecuted as) sexual as-

sault. So, when you are asking questions, do that regularly and with compassion. We now understand that trauma responses can involve freezing, therefore a traumatized person needs to be given multiple opportunities to say no. That means that if a woman or man has suffered sexual trauma in the past, it might be difficult to say no. Make sure that your partner is given this opportunity.

Many organizations in our area are holding events this month to raise awareness, educate, and spread the word about community resources. For example, the ELHI will be holding an event on April 22 from 12-2 p.m. on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives to raise awareness of human trafficking. The Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO) that serves both Ignacio and Durango is holding multiple events throughout the month as well. Check their websites for more information.

An extensive list of resources pertaining to sexual assault including intimate partner violence, can be found by searching online or looking here: https://www.co.laplata.co.us/departments/district_attorney_s_office/links_and_resources.php

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Tùuchupikivi Sùumuguavi
“Good Brain, Strong Heart”

STI Awareness

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

April is National Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Awareness Month and an opportunity to discuss another important area of health. STIs are infections that are passed between people during sex. They include chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HIV, Human Papillomavirus, trichomonas, genital herpes, and hepatitis, among others. STIs are part of pediatrics because nearly half of new STI infections are in people ages 15-24 years old.

Each STI is a little different in the symptoms it can cause, but common symptoms are new bumps or sores on or near the genitals, pain or swelling in this area, a new or strange fluid coming from the genitals, or pain with urination. Having any of these symptoms does not definitively mean there is an STI infection, but there is no way to know without testing. Importantly, many STIs cause no symptoms at all, and the only way a per-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

son knows they have an infection is through testing. This is why screening tests for STIs are so important - even when someone does not have any symptoms.

Anyone who has ever had sex can have an STI. Testing and treatment for STIs can be done at your provider's office, including at the Southern Ute Health Center. Any STI detected needs to be treated to both prevent health effects for the person with the infection and to prevent spread to others. While some STIs are not curable, many are. An STI can only be treated if you all, and the only way a per-

you have an infection.

STIs are preventable. This can be not having sex at all, having fewer sex partners, or talking with partners about STI prevention and getting tested before having sex. Condoms used correctly and every time are essential for anyone having sex to prevent getting infected.

For more information about STIs, check out <http://CDC.gov/std>.

You can make an appointment to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Center for STI prevention, testing, or treatment, or to talk about anything else by calling 970-563-4581.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

StrongHearts advocacy critical
in Indian Country

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

April is sexual assault awareness month, when the justice system, law enforcement, helpers and advocates lift the voices of victim-survivors and create a safe space for them to share their stories. It's about a loss of innocence as happens so often with children and young adults; and it's about stories of survival and the unrelenting strength and resilience of survivors.

"No other ethnicity faces the same high rates of sexual violence as do our relatives in Indian Country," Lori Jump, CEO, StrongHearts Native Helpline said.

Violence against Native women and men

According to the National Institute of Justice, Native women experience some of the highest rates of violence across the nation and the highest rates of sexual violence in America. The vast majority (97 percent) of perpetrators are non-Native.

Widely known statistics:

- More than four in five Native women (84.3 percent) have experienced violence in their lifetime.
- More than half have experienced sexual violence (56.1 percent) by an intimate partner.
- Native women face homicide as a leading cause of death. In some counties, Native women are murdered at 10 times the national average.

Rape culture and man camps

Rape culture exists where prevailing social attitudes have desensitized and normalized sexual assault and abuse. Types of sexual assault include: rape, sexual coercion, reproductive coercion, sexual exploitation, unwanted sexual contact,



courtesy StrongHearts Native Helpline

sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, incest, exposure or masturbating in public and voyeurism.

Making matters worse, the extractive industry has a history of setting up "man camps" near Native American reservations where complex jurisdictional issues create a massive legal loophole where non-Natives perpetrators escape prosecution.

"In most cases, Tribal courts do not have jurisdiction over non-Natives who commit crimes against Native people," Jump explained. "This is where the criminal justice system largely fails to protect Native women and girls and jurisdictional gaps allow perpetrators to commit crimes on tribal land with impunity."

When justice is denied

Lisa's story is about a single mother who moved back to her reservation with two baby girls. She was just 25 years old when she met a dangerous man who befriended one of her relatives. Late one evening, he showed up on her doorstep claiming to be injured. She agreed to call someone to help him and left him standing on her porch. When she returned to tell him no one had answered, he had twisted her porch light off, covered his face and burst through the door.

Lisa's injuries were substantial and required two weeks of recovery in hospi-

tal. She nearly lost sight in one of her eyes and left a gaping wound on her face where he had bitten her. Justice was denied when federal prosecutors refused to prosecute him because, "the perpetrator did not use a weapon."

"If not for complex court jurisdiction issues between tribal, state and federal governments and a severe lack of resources, Native people might have a clearer path toward justice," said Jump. "Instead, our relatives continue to be traumatized by domestic and sexual violence - an ongoing source of trauma."

High rates of sexual violence, coupled with a severe lack of resources and opportunities for healing make the services offered through StrongHearts Native Helpline even more critical. Our relatives deserve healing and StrongHearts is committed to help our relatives find it.

StrongHearts Native Helpline serves all individuals who reach out for their services regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other factor protected by local, state, or federal law. Call or text 1-844-762-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org.

Source:

André B. Rosay, "Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and Men," June 1, 2016, nij.ojp.gov:

StrongHearts Native Helpline, "The High Risk of Human Trafficking," January 16, 2021, <https://strongheartshelpline.org/stories/high-risk-of-human-trafficking>

StrongHearts Native Helpline, "MMIW: Red Symbolizes A Call For Attention." <https://strongheartshelpline.org/abuse/mmiw-red-symbolizes-a-call-for-attention>

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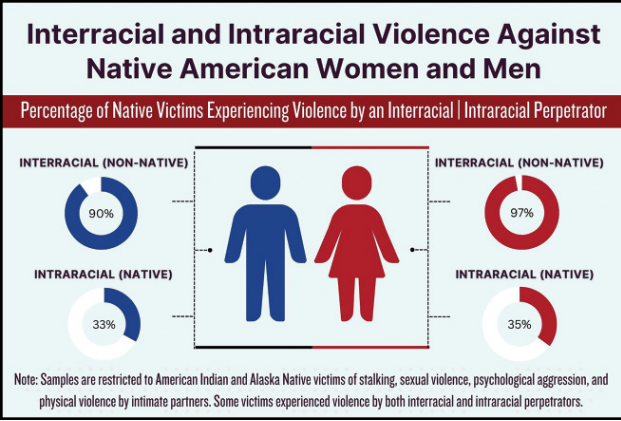
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69 Capote Drive
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application

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Thursday, May 9th @ 12 pm

SunUte Capote Room
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Southern Ute Indian Tribe

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children

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

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

WHERE: Online – Virtual sessions –
Download the “Microsoft Teams” App for access
WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays in May 2024
May 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, and 30th
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Call or email Kellie at Southern Ute Division of Social Services to sign up
(970) 563-2337
kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov



SUIMA

Pawaaghani po’ekwatu – Eagle’s Nest

SUIMA updates

by Jessie Olguin Sanchez, Special Education Specialist SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

SUIMA School Board
The School Board has approved the 2024-2025 calendar. It is available on the school website: www.suima.org.
Their next meeting will be at 12 p.m. on May 8.
If you’d like to bring something to their attention, you can find a tab on our school’s website to submit your concern. A board member will get in touch with you.

Parent Advisory Group
The next PAG meeting will be April 23 from 6 – 7 p.m. via Zoom. These meetings are typically held every third Tuesday of the month.
Family Night group
Our next Family Night will be Wednesday, April 24 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. Come join us for dinner and family fun! The drum group will be held in the Ute Language room that night from 6 – 7 p.m.

Upcoming SUIMA events

- April 23 – PAG
- April 24 – Ignacio Library staff at SUIMA; Family Night; Drum Group
- April 26 – Infant/toddler parent’s activity
- May 1&2 – Science mobile at SUIMA
- May 9 – Star Party at ISD Middle School
- May 16 – Elem. Bear Dance workshop
- May 24 – End of the year ceremony; Bear Dance opens



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Reading Specialist
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Speech & Lang. Pathologist
SUIMA



Meg Dunn
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Mallory Pilcher
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Jessie Olguin Sanchez
Special Education Specialist
SUIMA



Andrea Hudspeth
Special Education Aide
SUIMA

MONTESSORI SCHOOL WELCOMES • FROM PAGE 1

ly glad to have him aboard.”
Ocean Hunter will continue to work at SUIMA until the end of the school year, following that he hopes to return to SUIMA in the fall season for regular employment. He also would like to attend school for culinary training in the future. Hunter shared a small piece of advice for any other tribal members looking to work at SUIMA or to go through the TEAMS program. “Be open to anything really, be patient,” Hunter said. “Everyone is really easygoing here and you get to know them easily.”
Halsband expressed his hopes for Hunter as he continues his work at SUIMA. “I hope that he can gain as much knowledge as he can from Mary and Geneva, and that he enjoys the time spent here – I hope he returns next fall.”
SUIMA Principal, Mari Jo Owens is grateful to have Hunter working at the school. “I think it’s great that he’s here, he brings a different energy,” Owens said. “We are here to support him as he pursues a career in culinary [arts].”
“Follow your path and your dream,” Owens emphasizes. “I know myself and one other teacher would say ‘come back to the school when you grow up, come back to help the school.’”

Students compete in SkillsUSA



courtesy Ignacio High School

2023-24 Ignacio SkillsUSA team ready for competition, left to right, Dana Santistevan, Molly Turner, Lainee Espinosa, Joseph Tharp (JT), and Elliott Hendren. The Ignacio High School SkillsUSA team made the trek up to Colorado Springs last week to compete in the Colorado SkillsUSA state competition. Turner would like to thank all staff who motivated these students and a special thank you to welding instructor, Cody Haga, who taught the students technical skills and artistry.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Elliott Hendren placed first in the welding sculpture category and will head to the SkillsUSA National competition in June with advisor Molly Turner. He will compete against 49 other state champions in this category.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Elliott Hendren wins the gold medal in welding sculpture at the Colorado SkillsUSA competition with his sculpture, Tuhkwi Kich.



Southern Ute Education Youth Employment Program



Applications are now open!!
Open to Tribal Members first
Open to First Descendants beginning April 22nd
June 10th is the first day of work

For Information Contact
Dustin Weaver
970-563-0100 ext. 2786
dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov

Summer Tutoring

Rising into Fourth, Fifth and 6th Grade Students



I am offering 1-1 summer tutoring at the Southern Ute Education Department to students entering 4th, 5th and 6th grade for the school year 2024-2025. These are students who will have just completed 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade in May of 2024. I look forward to helping your child learn this summer!

Summer Hours: Please contact me about your child’s specific needs. This offer is filling up with my Ignacio Elementary students and SUIMA students, but it is open to all Southern Ute, Descendants and JOM.

Kelly Fiddler, Masters in Education
Southern Ute Education Department, 330 Burns Ave
kfiddler@southernute-nsn.gov
970-563-2779



Character does count!



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Ignacio Middle School's Third quarter "Character Counts" assembly presented the following sixth graders with certificates – Liam Moore, Meonahan "Joe" Howell, Osias Goodtracks, Max Veneno-Frost, Zoie Swindell, Saniyya Valdez, Nick Blevins, and Harley Ferguson. The assembly took place on Wednesday, April 10 in the IMS gymnasium.

BOBCAT BULLETIN

Lil' Bobcat update from the Ignacio Elementary School

By Shauna Branch, Principal
IGNACIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Shauna Branch
Principal
Ignacio Elementary School

Spring is here! It has been a great year so far at Ignacio Elementary School! I cannot believe how fast it is going. The next five weeks are filled with lots of learning, field trips, activities, performances, and end-of-year assessments.

Last week grades three-five completed the state CMAS testing. All students worked hard to show off all they had learned since last year. The students celebrated with a trip to the Durango movie theater to see Kung Fu Panda 4. We will get their scores back in August as we start the new school year.

Empty Bowls is coming back to Ignacio Elementary School. This is an event we have every two years. The students from the elementary and high school make 400 ceramic bowls for the event during the two years. All the community is welcome to come to the event on Thursday, April 25 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the elementary cafeteria. For \$10, you can choose one of the bowls that the students made, then sample as many bowls of soup as you can eat through the end of the event. There

will be up to 40 soups available. The best part is you get to keep the bowl! There will also be a silent auction with some fabulous items. All proceeds go to local families in need of food and to the Heifer Foundation.

Attention families with four and five-year-olds as of August 1: We are making plans for next year's Kindergarten and four-year-old Universal PreK students! We ask families to pre-register for the year by filling out a quick form to let us know they are coming. The link can be found on the district website. The form asks for the child's name, date of birth, and parent contact information. This way we can plan to have enough teaching staff hired before Au-

gust. You can also get important updates and information on activities and events for UPK and Kindergarten before August. We will contact you when it is time to fully register your child this summer.

Please plan to attend our Future Kindergarten Open House on Monday, Aug. 22 from 5:15 – 6:15 at the elementary school. Families will tour the school, meet kindergarten teachers, hear about summer programs for future kindergarten students, eat a free meal prepared by cafeteria staff, and receive a free \$20 gift card to Farmer's Fresh.

Special events coming up for Elementary students and their families:

- April 25: Future Kindergarten Open House – All next year kindergarteners (5:15 – 6:15 p.m.)
- April 25: Empty Bowls Community Event – All-you-can-eat soups + bowl (5 – 7 p.m.)
- April 30: Bobcats Got Talent Show @ High School Auditorium – Community event (6 – 7:30 p.m.)
- May 1: Middle and High School Academic Awards @ HS (6 – 8 p.m.)
- May 6 – 10: Teacher/Educator Appreciation Week – Thank a Teacher
- May 7 – 9: NASA Week – Mobile Earth & Space Observer Visit from NASA
- May 7: Kick off assembly (Rise and Shine) – parents welcome (8 – 9:30 a.m.)
- Be listening for an evening event for the community and families to attend
- May 9: Kindergarten Field Day (8:30 – 11 a.m.)
- May 9: 3rd grade Concert (6 p.m.)
- May 9: 4th grade Concert (7 p.m.)
- May 10: Multicultural Carnival @ High School
- May 16: Grades 1-5 Field Day
- May 21: 5th grade Continuation Ceremony @ Elementary School (5 – 6 p.m.)
- May 22: 1st grade Concert (6:15 – 7:15 p.m.)
- May 22: 2nd grade concert (7:15 – 8:15 p.m.)
- May 23: Last day of school for all grades
- May 23: Kindergarten Graduation @ High School Auditorium (10 a.m.)



courtesy Ignacio Elementary School

Zayden Chavez balancing himself atop a pole.

Scholarships are available for the 2024-2025 academic year

Southern Ute Scholarship Program

Certificate, Associate, Bachelor, Master or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is July 1, 2024
- Part-time scholarships– applications are due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Certificate Scholarships-applications are due two weeks before classes start
- Scholarship applications are now available on-line or you can pick them up at the Education Center



Southern Ute Education Department
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For more information: Michael Kirsch
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E-mail: mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov

Annual Elbert J. Floyd Award Nominations

Nominations for the Elbert J. Floyd award are open, requirements for the nominees are:

- An enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- An enrolled student in any formal education program
 - This student can be of any age
 - Those planning to immediately enroll in such a program are also eligible
- Student has interest in continuing their education
- Has interest in serving their community and Tribe
- Has qualities of a dedicated student
- Is approved by the Southern Ute Education Department

Eligible recipients do not need to reside on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation; however, it is asked that they can be available to receive the award in person, which will take place at the Tribal Council Chambers in Ignacio, CO.

Nominations may be received from any teacher, Tribal member, or community member, and they must be submitted to the Southern Ute Education Department.

Submission is to be in writing stating the basis of nomination and returned to the Southern Ute Education Department by 5:00 pm **Friday, May 03, 2024.**

For questions or more information please contact Heather White-Thunder at 970-563-0237 or email hwhiteth@southernute-nsn.gov.

Recipient will be determined by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

This annual award is done in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to the selected nominee.



IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT



ATTENTION PARENTS!

Pre-K & Kinder
Pre Registration
is Now Open



Register your child now for the upcoming school year and give them a head start in their education. Scan the code to register.

Kinder: 5-year-olds as of August 1, 2024
PreK: 4-year-olds as of August 1, 2024

<https://forms.gle/M1SKJLdKk7v4dSXt5>



Graduations Galore

- May 21: 5th grade Continuation Ceremony @ Elementary School (5 – 6 p.m.)
- May 23: Kindergarten Graduation @ High School Auditorium (10 a.m.)
- May 24: SUIMA End of Year Ceremony @ SunUte Community Center (8:30 a.m.)
- May 25: Ignacio High School Graduation @ Ignacio High School (10 a.m.)

FOSTER PARENT
RECRUITMENT



The Southern Ute Division of Social Services is recruiting foster homes in Ignacio and nearby communities to help provide safe and stable family home care to children in need of protective services.

Will you help?

CONTACT DSS TODAY!
FOSTER CARE PROGRAM
CALL/TEXT: Cell/Text: 970-749-7420
Email: kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov



FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Coloradans and our Shared Environment in Times of Challenge and Change

Staff report
CENTER OF SOUTHWEST STUDIES

The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibition, Coloradans and our Shared Environment in Times of Challenge and Change, on Thursday, April 11, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. This thought-provoking exhibit delves into the deep connections Coloradans have with the state's natural landscape and challenges related to fire, drought, water, and air quality. Produced by collaborative teams of artists and scientists, the artworks presented provide a poignant reflection on the evolving environmental landscape of Colorado. Coloradans and our Shared Environment in Times of



Challenge and Change is the result of a partnership among CU Boulder's Office for Public and Community-Engaged Scholarship, the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research (INSTAAR), and the Boulder County Arts Alliance. Thanks to generous support from the Ballantine Family Fund, this exhibition will be open to the public at the Center of Southwest Studies until Feb. 7, 2025. The Center's exhibition opening will coincide with Fort Lewis College's Arts April Gallery Night, celebrating the vibrant artistic community on campus. In addition to visiting Color-

dans and our Shared Environment in Times of Challenge and Change, attendees will have the opportunity to explore a new exhibition sponsored by the Department of Art & Design titled 19 Degrees of Being: Graduating Communication Design & Studio Art Majors. This double feature promises an evening of inspiration and reflection on the intersection of art, science, and community. For more information about Coloradans and our Shared Environment in Times of Challenge and Change, visit: <https://casefellows.buffscreate.net>

Electrofishing basics



photos courtesy SU Wildlife

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division hosted an Electrofishing Basics course, April 2-5, presented by the National Conservation Training Center. Wildlife professionals from Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, Jicarilla Apache, Mescalera Apache, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Navajo Nation, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife attended the training program.



Participants shared techniques for safely capturing fish for management and research, using various electrofishing systems, April 2-5.



Classroom sessions for Electrofishing Basics were held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, and field activities took place on tribal waters throughout the Reservation, including Rock Creek and Stollsteimer Creek.

NIGHT AT THE UTE INDIAN MUSEUM

Join the Cultural Preservation Department for a spectacular night at the Ute Indian Museum on June 3rd-4th!

SLEEP IN A TIPI UNDER THE STARS

CAMPERS WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN SLEEPING GEAR

History Colorado

Experience Ute culture with exciting activities including a Shavano Tour, hands-on crafts inspired by Ute traditions, and a museum scavenger hunt.

Open to the first ten (10) Tribal Members or first descendants ages 8-11 years old. Application is due May 28th at 5:00 PM.

To sign up contact Izabella Cloud: (970)563-2984 icloud@southernute-nsn.gov

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center Art Camps

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center is offering three one-week long Art Camps each month during the Ignacio School Districts Summer Break. Each day will include games, activities, arts & crafts and a lunch break. Cost for the week is \$165 and we have limited scholarships available. For more information or to register, please call us at 970-563-4600 or register online at www.dscac.org

WILDLAND FIRE ACADEMY

June 3-8 | 8 am-5 pm

Archuleta County Fairgrounds | 344 US Hwy. 87, Pagosa Springs

FREE to the first 20 students enrolled

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- Open to anyone 18 and up
- Prepare to earn your S130 and S190
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Durango site **970.385.2020**

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The Southern Ute Education Department, Public Education

THE SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

SCSYAC is looking for new council members, tribal members aged 11-17

Needs to be enrolled in public, private or home school program and maintain a 2.0 GPA

The youth council meets twice a month for regular meetings

Contact Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council Coordinator | Dustin Weaver 970.563.2786 dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov



APRIL ACTIVITIES

April 26 - 28, 2024

Elder's Trip to the Gathering of Nations Powwow

We have 8 rooms blocked for Elders who would like to book a room at the Hilton Garden Inn Uptown Albuquerque. Please call Elder Services for more information.

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

NATIVE LOVE

You are invited to join Native Love for a community outreach event.

Monday April 22nd 2024
6-8pm at ELHI, room 18

Come and learn about the services we currently provide. We also would like feedback on what cultural workshops and sessions you would like to attend.

A light dinner will be provided.

Contact/text: Oolcu Buckskin
970-946-7024

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES

Join us at The ELHI Community Center to learn more about the MMIR movement and help us spread awareness of Human Trafficking.

April 22nd, 12-2pm

The ELHI Community Center
115 Ute St. Ignacio, CO

We will be outside if weather permits. If the weather is bad we will move to room 22.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES ORGANIZATION

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CELEBRATING QUEER PRIDE THROUGH COMMUNITY!

JUNE 29, 2024
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OUT & EQUAL ALLIANCE

For questions please contact ignaciooutandequal@gmail.com

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS

NEH awards \$411,000 to tribal communities for Boarding School research

Staff report
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded \$411,000 in funding to 14 Tribal Nations and organizations to support local and community projects that expand the reach and impact of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative (FIBSI).

Special NEH Chair's grants of up to \$30,000 will support federally recognized Tribes, nonprofit Tribal entities, and state organizations that work with Tribal communities in 11 states on an array of education, research, and public programs that shed light on the legacy of the system of 408 Federal Indian boarding schools operating in the United States between 1819 and 1969.

These newly awarded grants include funding to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe to conduct a ground-penetrating radar (GPR) survey of the grounds of the St. Mary's Boarding School in Washington – where many Cowlitz children were sent between 1911 and 1973 – to look for unmarked burials of children who died at the school. One award will support the creation of a traveling educational exhibition on the history of boarding schools in Michigan by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and another will enable production of a multimedia radio and video series about the impact of Federal Indian boarding schools in Alaska using survivor and family interviews by Koahnic Broadcast Corporation.

"NEH is pleased to award these grants to fourteen Tribal Nations and organizations to enlist their help in recovering and telling the history of Federal Indian Boarding Schools and the students who passed through them," said NEH Chair Shelly C. Lowe (Navajo). "These grants will help document this often-painful past, shed light on the far-reaching consequences of Federal Indian Boarding School policies on Native communities, and provide opportunities for communities to discuss and heal from their legacy."

As part of NEH's ongoing inter-agency partnership with the Department of the Interior (DOI) to collect oral histories and digitize federal records documenting the experiences of survivors and descendants of Federal Indian Boarding Schools, NEH issued a special funding opportunity in August 2023 for federally recognized tribal governments, tribal nonprofits, and state and local government organizations who work with tribal communities for research, community engagement, tribal history collection, public programs, and educational projects that work toward the FIBSI's goals of elucidating the impact of Federal Indian Boarding School policies on tribal communities.

NEH Chair's grants of up to \$30,000, awarded to:

- Alaska Native Heritage Center, Alaska, to support creation of an interactive digital map showing the scale and scope of Indian boarding schools in Alaska to be installed as a permanent exhibit and on their website.
- Cowlitz Indian Tribe, in Washington, for a ground-penetrating radar (GPR) survey of St. Mary's Boarding School to detect unmarked burial grounds.
- Diné College (Navajo Nation Tribal Government), in Arizona, to support the creation of an exhibit of portraits of community members who attended boarding schools and public programming curated by students at the Diné College Museum.
- History Colorado, in Colorado, to support the collection of oral histories documenting the experience of Ute attendees of Colorado's Fort Lewis, Grand Junction, and on-reservation boarding schools and their descendants.
- Klamath Tribes, in Oregon, to support the collection of approximately 150 hours of audiovisual oral history recordings of Klamath Tribes elders who attended federal boarding schools, as well as their family members who have memories related to these experiences.
- Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, in Alaska, to support production of a series of radio and video/multimedia features about the impact of Federal Indian boarding schools in Alaska using survivor and family interviews.
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, in Michigan, to support creation of a traveling education exhibit using 40 high-quality, transportable panels to share the history of boarding schools with Tribal communities and the Michigan public.
- Mt. Edgecumbe High School, in Alaska, to support the development of education curricula supports and resources to teach Alaska boarding school history at Mt. Edgecumbe High School.
- North Shore Community Land Trust, in Hawaii, to support community-based oral history research and story-mapping of the Waiale'e Industrial School for Boys and the Kawaihoa Industrial School for Girls.
- Oneida Nation, in Wisconsin, to support oral history walking tours with elders and high school students as well as an exhibit and a podcast created by local high school students.
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, in Michigan, to support the development of a website to inform stakeholders and the public regarding ongoing preservation and reuse of the former Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School site.
- Sitka Tribe, in Alaska, to support a project to develop a digital archive of institutional history and curriculum materials from the Sitka Native Education Program.
- Stewart Indian School, in Nevada, to support a project to create finding aids and to digitize and make accessible records pertaining to the Stewart Indian School from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in San Bruno, California.
- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, in Nebraska, to support archival research on and site visits to boarding schools that housed Winnebago Tribal members in order to create educational information for the Tribe about this history.

Future funding opportunities for projects examining the history and legacy of the Federal Indian boarding school system will be offered on the NEH website. Sign up for the NEH newsletter for updates on these and other NEH grant programs.

CALL FOR WORKSHOPS

IOEA QUEERMUNITY PRIDE CONFERENCE 2024

JUNE 29, 2024

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courtesy Big Brothers Big Sisters SW Colorado

A new Big Brothers Big Sisters office was established at the ELHI Community Center in downtown Ignacio, where staff are available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, or by appointment.

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Big Brothers Big Sisters expanding programs in Ignacio & Bayfield

Staff Report

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SW COLORADO

As Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Colorado (BBBS) prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary this year, it is actively expanding its programs into the Ignacio & Bayfield communities.

Jenn Bartlett, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Colorado, recognized the need to offer mentorship opportunities to all youth in La Plata County. As a Big Sister herself for the past nine years, Bartlett’s “felt the impact on myself, not just my Little, as we’ve grown together and continue to give each other different perspectives. My Little is truly a part of my life forever.”

The purpose of BBBS is to create and support one-to-one relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Studies have shown that the single most common factor for children who develop the critical skills of resilience is experiencing at least one stable relationship with a supportive, caring adult. Impact on youth also include increased self-confidence, improved academic performance, increased interest in learning, and an increased sense of belonging.

BBBS provides positive mentors for any youth, ages 6-17 years old, with the majority of local youth served being over the age of 12. Most local youth that have a mentor are a part of the community-based program where a youth, or “Little” is matched with an adult volunteer, or “Big.” Matches strive to meet out and about in the community four-six hours per month, where they participate in free or low-cost activities of their choice. BBBS also offers high school-aged Bigs an opportunity to mentor elementary-aged students in the classroom during the school day, at lunch, or af-



courtesy Big Brothers Big Sisters SW Colorado

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ter school hours.

In July 2023, Bartlett hired Ryan Orendorff as a program manager to specialize in the outreach and recruitment of youth, families, and volunteers in eastern La Plata County. Quickly a new BBBS office was established at the ELHI Community Center in downtown Ignacio, where staff are available from 9a.m. - 4p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, or by appointment. Being part of the ELHI community of nonprofits and community organizations has allowed BBBS to quickly feel at home in Ignacio.

Orendorff says that the initial growth of BBBS in Ignacio has been encouraging, but slower than he anticipated. “We have seen an interest from families who are looking for additional support for their children,” Orendorff said. “Ignacio School District has welcomed us with open arms, allowing us to recruit at events, and offering

referrals from school counselors once we are established with prospective Bigs. But adult volunteers have been harder to recruit, due mostly to the fact that everyone is so busy and maybe not sure if they can make the time commitment.”

Bigs are asked to commit to at least one year of being matched, and to spend a minimum of four hours a month with their Little. “It can be an incredibly fun, rewarding way to make a huge difference in someone’s life,” Orendorff said. Matches are placed together based on personalities, preferences, and common interests. Once matched, staff are there to support everyone involved to ensure safety and success.

Anyone interested in enrolling a youth or volunteering as a mentor can contact Ryan Orendorff, Program Manager, at 970-507-1277 or ryan@bbig.org. You can also learn more at www.bbig.org.

FILM WORKSHOP

For Southern Ute High School Students

Looking for 10 Southern Ute High School students grades 9- 12

Two Week Camp! July 8-16, 2024

Registration Deadline: June 14, 2024

Don't miss the opportunity to earn a stipend, learn real-world film making skills, get hands-on work experience, earn a credit on a short film, get inspired and have fun!

Please Contact:

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Healthy Cooking

With Lisa Smith

Monday April 22, 2024

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Lisa will teach us about Passover Foods - What is & isn't kosher? Come Learn and Taste.

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
970-563-2640 - email: multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi-Purpose Facility May Senior Breakfast

Wednesday May 1, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Open to all Community Senior Citizens 55 years and older

256 Ute Rd. Ignacio CO 81137
970-563-2640 - multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi-Purpose Facility Applique' Shawl Class

Tuesday April 30, 2024 - 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM


Supply list:

- 2 Yards Shawl fabric—gabardine , wool or other suitable fabric
- 3 Yards of 14” Fringe , Crochet Hook or Large Hole (darning) Needle
- MPF Provides Applique’ Fabric, backing & thread


Space is limited call to sign-up.

970-563-2641
email: multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov






Southern Ute Utilities Division
SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 04/01/24




UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION
2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE


- MAY 27TH MEMORIAL DAY — **CLOSED**
- JUNE 19TH JUNETEENTH — **CLOSED**
- JULY 4TH / 5TH INDEPENDENCE DAY — **CLOSED**
- SEPT. 2ND LABOR DAY — **CLOSED**
- OCT. 14TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY — **CLOSED**
- NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY — **CLOSED**
- NOV. 28TH THANKSGIVING — **CLOSED**
- DEC. 9TH / 10TH 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 2024 Trash Permits—call office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Show Tribal ID.


**OFFICE HOURS**
Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
Lobby closed 12p - 1p on Fridays
Reach a staff member by phone at (970) 563-5500
Friendly Reminders

- Questions on your bill? Need help setting up your online payments? Call us.
- Monthly Shut-offs are the first Wednesday of each month:
April 3rd / May 1st / June 5th


Avoid Late Fees. Settle your payments before 10am on Shut-off Day

**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

**APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- SPRING CLEANUP: April 15th—April 19th. Limit 4 tires per household. **Tires cannot be on rims.**
- Dump all tree/shrub branches at the Burn Pile
- Leave electronics, such as TV's, & radios at the ramp to be properly disposed
- Dumping old mattresses or appliances? Ask attendant for assistance.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, CALL UTILITIES OFFICE.
PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 www.suitutil.com

Tribe welcomes Prosecutor



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Court Chief Judge, Scott Moore congratulates and welcomes Tribal Prosecutor Felicia Charles following her official swearing in on Friday, April 12 at the Casias Newton Justice Center. Charles will work under the Tribe's Legal Department, she hails from Denver, Colo.

Joining Gaming Commission



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Marquetta Cloud takes her Oath of Office as the new Gaming Commission applicant before Chief Judge Scott Moore on Wednesday, April 10 inside the Casias Newton Justice Center court room.



SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION
ANNOUNCEMENT



Silent Auction
2004 Water Truck



Make: International Model: 7400 DT570 Mileage: 156,248

Bid Process Open to Southern Ute Tribal Members
All bids must be submitted in writing to the Southern Ute Growth Fund Finance:

- Email bid to **Dawn Fahrion**, Assistant Controller at dfahrion@sugf.com
- In Person Drop Off: Place bid in a sealed envelope addressed to Dawn Fahrion. Drop off at Growth Fund Front Desk with Shelenia Porambo or Hillary Garcia.

Information to include in the bid:

- Name, Address, Contact Number, including an email address
- Bid Amount

Deadline: Submit bid by Friday April 26, 2024 - 5:00 PM
Highest Bid will be notified Monday, April 29, 2024
With FULL payment due by May 6, 2024 via Check or Money Order (No Cash, No Credit Card)
WATER TRUCK IS SOLD "AS-IS". THE UTILITIES DIVISION MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AS TO THE CONDITION OF THE VEHICLE OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

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"Dell Laptop Update reminder"

If you received a Dell laptop from Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP), please note that its time to update the laptop software.

"Software updates are important to keeping your device running efficiently."

Contact us at the number provided if you need help updating or if you would like us to email you the "How to Update your Dell Laptop Software" guide.



Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)
14929 HWY 172
Ignacio, Colorado, 81137
(970) 563-5555



SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION ANNOUNCEMENT



TRIBAL MEMBERS:
FREE Used HDPE Black
Pipe Available

**Uses Include:**

- Culverts
- Agriculture & Irrigation
- Ducting
- Drainage Pipes
- Water Supply
- Conduit


12-inch diameter size, limit is 80-ft per Tribal Member
All pipe is provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis.

What is HDPE Material?
Learn more about High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) by scanning the QR Code.



You must bring a long trailer, tie downs, and a red safety flag.
Utilities Staff will help load.
Location: Burn Pile Area
Call Utilities Office (970) 563-5500 to schedule.
April 25, 26, & 27, 2024 — 9am to 4pm
The Utilities Division makes no representations as to the condition of the used pipe or warranties of any kind, express or implied, including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

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Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)
~MAY 2024 TRAININGS~

- Microsoft Teams: May 13**
- Microsoft Word: May 20 & 21**

Time: 9am – 5pm each day
Location: Southern Ute Growth Fund
14929 HWY 172
Ignacio, CO, 81137
Call: 970-563-5555 to sign up.

"Seating is limited and open to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members. First 10 people to sign up and attend each training will receive a \$25 gift card"

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

The courses will provide you with the fundamentals of MS Teams & MS Word. Training is taught by San Juan College. If you attend any of our offered trainings, SUDEP has the desktop version of MS 365 which is available for you FREE to download.



FIELD TO FORK

Pine River Valley’s first community food farm

Staff report
PINE RIVER SHARES

Pine River Shares, with funding from national, state, and local sources, recently purchased a farm in Gem Village. The purpose of the Community Food Farm is to grow food as a social enterprise in support of the ten-year-old organization’s mission to create thriving communities in the Pine River Valley.

The Community Food Farm (CFF) is the result of a grassroots initiative, the Field to Fork Project, that began several years ago in response to rising food insecurity in the Pine River Valley (PRV). The Field to Fork (F2F) Project Plan is a “blueprint” for rebuilding an independent food system in the PRV to provide for the food and nutritional needs of its 16,000 residents.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of residents receiving food support from PRS increased more than three-fold, from 700 people per month pre-covid to 2,500 per month now. An estimated 20% of Pine River Valley residents are food insecure. In a region with deep agricultural roots, a rapidly increasing number of residents do not have enough food. Over the decades PRV communities’ capacity to produce, process, and distribute locally grown food has greatly decreased.

The Field to Fork (F2F) Project Plan was the result of dozens of community meetings held over a twelve-month period which engaged over 200 Pine River Valley residents. The information gathered from one-hundred-year-old farm narratives, collected by Dr. Jim Fitzgerald and others about Native and non-native food production practices in the Valley, was central to the F2F Plan’s development.

PRS Director Pam Wilhoite commended community members’ participation in the process and outcome of the F2F plan. “By growing food that is purchased and consumed by Valley residents, we not only increase food security for residents, but we also keep locally grown food, money, and jobs in the Pine River Valley. And that will strengthen rural communities.”



courtesy Pine River Shares

First planting – first crops of a 2023 pilot season prior to purchase.

In 2022, La Plata County Commissioners allocated funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to organizations for legacy investments in projects that address COVID-19 impacts. Pine River Shares was selected to receive ARPA funding to purchase food system infrastructure identified in the F2F Plan, with the goal of increasing community food production and food processing capacities in the PRV. La Plata County Commissioner, Matt Salka, stated “La Plata County’s allocation of \$390,000 in ARPA funds to Pine River Shares signifies a visionary investment in food security. Through this partnership and the purchase of a farm, we are sowing the seeds of resilience, nourishing our community today and for generations to come.”

The former owners, Barb and John Wickman, operated a wholesale plant nursery on the property in Gem Village for many years. The Community Food Farm is comprised of 10.5 fully irrigated acres including four holding ponds, 25,000 sq ft of greenhouse space, high tunnels, a warehouse and a designated wetland. Over the next 12 months, additional infrastructure will be installed to transform the property into a fully functioning food production facility with the capacity to grow food year-round.

John Wickman is pleased about the sale of the property to PRS. “Barb and I did not want to see the land developed and food production was the logical solution with all the infrastructure in place.



courtesy Pine River Shares

Triple House – the inside of the largest green house on the property.

The need is definitely there.”

PRS used a portion of its ARPA funds to purchase the Community Food Farm. The remainder of the ARPA funds are being used for infrastructure to increase food production and food processing capacities in Vallecito and Allison. Funds are earmarked for geodesic dome greenhouses, in-ground gardens, and food processing equipment for both communities, all determined by the residents of those communities. Community members are taking food production into their own hands, literally, and are actively working with PRS to make this a reality. Inspired by this partnership, one community member made a significant financial donation to purchase and install the Allison community food production site to honor his late wife.

The ARPA seed money and the possible farm purchase quickly attracted additional funding from statewide and local foundations. However, more than half of the funding needed to purchase the Farm property came from Pine River Valley residents themselves, including two substantial bequests, one from the estate of a former FLC college professor and another from a local resident, familiar with the project.

As a social enterprise, PRS will seek PRV wholesale, retail, and individual sales of the food produced at the Farm. With the guidance of a Farm manager, all profits from the sale of food goes back into the Farm to cover operating costs and future expansion.

Drew Rees of the Moniker Foundation stated, “When we learned about the dire need for increased food security in the Pine River Valley and that Pam, Pine River Shares and their amazing volunteer base were spearheading the comprehensive Field to Fork Project to address this problem, we knew that Moniker Foundation involvement was imperative. Our strong desire to be involved with this effort was not solely due to the urgency and magnitude of the situation, though, but moreover, due to our confidence in the organization to rise to the occasion with its extremely effective leadership and its strong focus on solving problems alongside the communities that it represents. It’s how they listen to and engage the residents they serve that makes their programming so successful. And by the look of their fundraising to date, it’s clear that we’re not the only donor that feels this way.”

When everyone shares, no one goes without.

An open house and tour are planned for this summer at the Community Food Farm. Stay tuned!

Ute Language Classes

When : Every Friday starting March 22nd – May 31st

Where : Buckskin Charlie Room @ Leonard C. Burch Bldg.

Time : 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Open to all employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Classes will be instructed by Tribal Elder, Lynda D’Wolf

A light lunch and materials will be provided.

Sponsored by Southern Ute Education Department
For more information contact La Titia Taylor @ ext. 2781

Share Your Story!

The Southern Ute Culture Center and Museum (SUCCM) is looking for Ute Tribal Members interested in sharing familial oral histories or information related to cradleboard making, the cultural significance, and the historical importance of the cultural item for an upcoming exhibit. If you are interested in participating and sharing your story and knowledge, please contact any of the following SUCCM staff members to learn more about the project.

- **Collections Manager, Tallias Cantsee**
970-563-2996, tcantsee@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Museum Education & Outreach Coordinator, Raelynn Fraenhoff**
970-563-2998, rfraenhoff@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Museum Special Projects Support Staff Member, Rhonda Price**
970-563-2972, rprice@southernute-nsn.gov

Sourdough Baking Workshop

On Saturday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m. the Mount Allison Grange, at 2622 CR 229 in Allison, Colo., will hold a sourdough baking workshop. There will be information on how to grow and maintain sourdough starter, bread recipes, recipes for using discard, and sample baked goods. This is a free event open to the public.

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We're Golden!

Golden High School students visit Tribe



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ute Language Guide, Shawna Steffler shared different methods and tools used to teach the Ute language, giving insight into language reclamation work that is being done within the Tribe.

Visiting students from Golden High School recently toured the Southern Ute Reservation during the southwest portion of their annual Senior Seminar, visiting various departments within the tribal organization, Tuesday, April 9 – Thursday, April 11. The tour is coordinated by Robert L. Ortiz each year and led by Social Studies teacher Mike Mendoza. For 11 years students have visited the Tribe to learn about the Southern Ute culture and gain insight into the Tribal organization. This year Golden High School seniors met with Tribal Council, Southern Ute Tribal Royalty, KSUT Tribal Radio, BIA/Fire Management, Southern Ute Growth Fund, and numerous other departments.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Kicking off their two-day visit to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, students meet with the Southern Ute Tribal Council to share their plans for the tour as well as share what they hope to discover during the trip. Chairman Melvin J. Baker gave out small tribal seal pins to each student following the meeting, on Tuesday, April 9.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Social Studies teacher and Senior Seminar lead, Mike Mendoza joins students, Colten Rowdher, Jonny Anders, Noah Slowey during a live broadcast on KSUT Tribal Radio, to give a shoutout to his family, students, and host Robert L. Ortiz. Students and teachers visited the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center and met with KSUT Tribal Radio Station Manager, Sheila Nanaeto.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Golden students, Isaac Sorenson, Ayden Wallerstein, and Samantha Komoras examine a tagging collar used by Southern Ute Division of Wildlife to track and study migration patterns of animals on the Southern Ute Reservation. Staff members from Wildlife gave a presentation on wildlife and fisheries management.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Bureau of Indian Affairs - Southern Ute Agency Fire Management Officer, Richard "Goose" Gustafson speaks to the students about the role of firefighters and the importance of team leadership and the coordination of different agencies. Students toured Scott's Pond to see the impacts of the 2022 Bear Dance Fire firsthand.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Lyla Wilde and Mariah Martinez practice loom techniques while touring the Southern Ute Museum, led by Museum Education & Outreach Coordinator, Raelynn Frauenhoff. The students learned about the history and culture of the Utes, before meeting with Museum Registrar & Archivist, Fabian Martinez for a Boarding School presentation.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

During the afternoon visit with the Cultural Preservation Department, Royalty, and Yellow Jacket Singers, Golden Seniors learned how to round dance on Tuesday, April 9.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Drum's Editor, Jeremy Wade Shockley speaks with the students about the Drum's new website design, following a lunch with the Senior Seminar class.



Glimpse of the eclipse



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Marty Pinnecoose and Rudley Weaver share a laugh in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park on Monday, April 8. Weaver uses a pair of protective glasses to catch a glimpse of the solar eclipse.



courtesy Jeremy Bean

Using a smartphone and a protective filter for his camera lens, Southern Ute tribal member, Jeremy Bean captured detailed images of the eclipse's progression around mid-day, Monday, April 8.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Drum Media Archivist, Rosaleigh Concepcion and Adm. Assistant, Krista Richards watch the progression of the solar eclipse from Tribal Campus. While the path of totality was seen by viewers further east in Texas, Southwest Colorado was afforded a near total eclipse on Monday, April 8.

PCC, CSU host symposium



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Greg Felsen, Accessible Education Specialist for Colorado State University speaks to the need for youth involvement and emphasized training programs during the forest health symposium, Friday, April 12. Pueblo Community College Southwest and Colorado State University Extension hosted the symposium at the La Plata County Fairgrounds in Durango, Colo.

A panel discussion with forestry, education and industry professionals and breakout sessions to discuss workforce opportunities and wildfire mitigation took place Friday, April 12 at the La Plata County Fairgrounds in Durango, Colo. PCC Southwest also shared information about its new wildland fire mitigation programs.



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NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

April 14th –20th 2024

Southern Ute

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Amanda Lucero Steven Herrera Jr

Jonathan Chavarillo Sergio Cloud

Amber Strietzel-Albo Solana Rivera

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
AT THE LIBRARY

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY
WITH HELP FROM IHS STUDENTS

Repurpose/Recycle Contest
Displays & Presentations
Plant & Seed Exchange
Writing Contest

April 22, 2024
10am to 4pm

Ignacio Community Library hosts the
Mobile Earth + Space Observatory
Saturday, May 4 | 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

MOBILE EARTH + SPACE OBSERVATORY

Get ready to embark on an extraordinary journey with the Mobile Earth + Space Observatory – a science center on wheels like no other!

With a range of interactive science activities, visitors can discover the mysteries of the universe in a whole new way. Witness the sun like never before through our solar telescopes, capture yourself in a new light using an infrared camera, and explore the Martian surface with 3-D maps. These are just a few of the exciting experiences that await you on board.

Don't miss your chance to be a part of this awe-inspiring adventure!

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

Poster Art Contest
Deadline: June 14th
Must be enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe.

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2ND ANNUAL INDIGENOUS FASHION SHOW
Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum 08/09/24

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

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Bear Dance Workshop

Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box

Sky Ute Casino, Event Center

Thursday, May 16, 2024

9:00am-12:00pm

Everyone Welcome!!

Questions Contact:
Sherisa Valdez
shvaldez@southernute-nsn.gov
(970) 563-2988



IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Earth Day’s real purpose

By Ron Schermacher
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

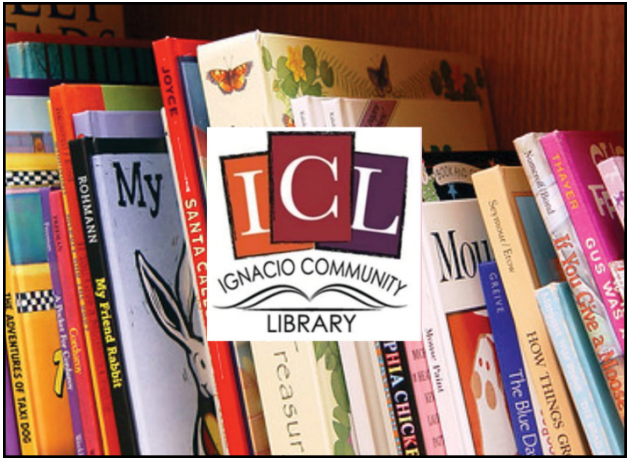
One of the great comedians popular in my youth was George Carlin. Carlin’s stage performances, especially in his later years, were a mixture of sermon and lecture punching hard at the core of many controversial subjects, yet he still somehow managed to keep the listeners engaged while producing a laugh.

In 1992 Carlin penned and performed Saving the Planet. This essay mocks humans’ motives and attempts to control their environment. Carlin portrays people as arrogant for even thinking that our species will have any long-lasting effect on our planet, except for plastic, maybe.

Scientists have calculated the age of the Earth at 4.5 billion years and predict it will remain for another 7.5 billion years until it is eventually devoured by an expanding sun. It is generally accepted that Homo sapiens have inhabited the earth for approximately 200,000 years. If you do the math, you will see this is an infinitesimally small percentage of the time the earth has been in existence. And prior to the evolution of the human species, the earth underwent millions of years of bombardment by comets and asteroids, plate tectonics causing earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, solar flares, the reversal of the magnetic field and much more.

Even so, with all this turmoil, the planet is fine. Luckily for us, planet earth is situated in the Goldilocks zone, just the right distance from our sun that water remains liquid. We used to think this a rare and special situation, mostly since our view of the galaxy was so limited. But as our horizon ballooned, we have located approximately 5000 planets outside our solar system, with at least 59 of those able to support life. That number is growing with each day.

However, this is the only habitable planet that the human race has access to. So, when we celebrate Earth Day on April 22, it



is not so much about saving the planet as it is a reminder that this is our nest and maybe we should give serious thought to living in a more sustainable way. Earth Day is a chance to reflect on the impact of our activities on the planet’s ecosystems. Earth Day is a celebration of the efforts undertaken by people all over the world to keep this spaceship Earth beautiful and habitable for all of its residents.

Many sources credit the 1962 publication of Silent Spring as heralding the beginnings of the modern environmental movement. This book by Rachel Carson, which highlighted the dangers of synthetic pesticides, sold over half a million copies. The book had a momentous impact in the United States, eventually leading to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Then in early 1969 an oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara, Calif. released over 3 million gallons of crude oil into the ocean leading to the deaths of tens of thousands of marine creatures large and small. As a witness to this event, Senator Gaylord Nelson was deeply impacted and in 1970 proposed a nationwide environmental teach-in. Senator Nelson then hired young activist Dennis Hayes to be the national coordinator. Hayes renamed the event Earth Day and over 50 years later we still set aside each April 22 to teach, learn, protect, and celebrate.

In that spirit the Ignacio Community Library in partnership with Ignacio High School science classes are hosting an Earth Day Celebration at the library. Everyone is invited and any-

one who would like to participate is encouraged to join the celebration with a presentation on sustainability or climate awareness, displaying appropriate artwork, singing a song or playing instruments, or other creative activities.

The Earth Day Celebration also includes a number of contests. There is a repurpose/recycle contest, a writing contest and a math contest. Stop by the library for rules and to pick up the problems or prompts for the different age groups for each of the contests. Repurposed/Recycled items will be on display and there will be People’s Choice voting for the best contest entry. A plant and seed exchange will also take place during the celebration, along with an opportunity for you to donate your valuable recyclables to the library. We will accept your aluminum cans, copper wire, brass scrap and electronic devices for recycling to help fund the Repair Cafe.

The Earth Day Celebration begins at 10am with events and presentations throughout the day. The Sierra Club will be represented and there will be a cool sustainable energy model to examine. Local schools will visit throughout the day to view the displays and maybe win surprise giveaways. The event will start winding down at 4 p.m. and close by 5 p.m.

Hopefully you will get a break on Monday and have a moment to join your community and local students in celebrating our beautiful planet and considering ways to encourage positive ideas for keeping our planet livable for all of us who call the Earth home.

2024

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SHIRTS & SKIRTS WORKSHOP



Classes will be held in the SUCCM Craft Room.

Mondays 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

First class expected to start April 15th.

Open to 6 participants.

Due to limited sewing machines.

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department

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Classes will be held **Wednesdays** in the **Library** at SUCCM from **5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**. Lesson plans will include topics of the sound system, numbers, colors, phrases, conversation, etc.


Refreshments will be provided.

FIRST CLASS EXPECTED TO START APRIL 17TH.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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courtesy Colo. Dept. of Transportation

October 15, 2023, maintenance crews performed week-long maintenance operations to prepare the US 160 Animas River Bridge for the permanent bridge joint that will be set in place next week.

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

Significant daytime delays expected in Durango

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Motorists traveling through the US 550 and US 160 Junction near the DoubleTree Hotel in Durango, Colo. will encounter lengthy delays, lane reductions and traffic congestion while CDOT performs bridge maintenance work over the Animas River. CDOT set to perform two-day maintenance operations on the Animas River Bridge. Plan for significant daytime delays Tuesday, April 23 – Wednesday, April 24.

Plan for up to 20-minute delays and limited lanes next Tuesday and Wednesday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. while the Colorado Department of Transportation sets a permanent bridge



courtesy Colo. Dept. of Transportation

Colorado Department of Transportation Travel Alert Map of significant travel delays expected during bridge work in Durango at the US 160 and US 550 junction near the DoubleTree Hotel on April 23 and 24.

joint on the US Highway 160 Animas River Bridge just south of the DoubleTree Hotel. Morning and evening commuters will not encounter significant congestion as crews will work swiftly to complete maintenance operations outside of heavy traffic times.

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"Every rural person and place has a story. Change is part of that story."

-Museum on Main Street

Grand Opening: April 29th, 10am!

Join this interactive event for all ages to see how you connect to your community.

Exhibition runs: April 29th - June 2nd 2024

Ignacio Public Library

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Event schedule:
April 29th, 10:00am: Grand opening and ribbon cutting.
May 9th, 5:00-6:00 pm: Ties to Land & Place Event
May 17th, 1:00-2:00 pm: Community Celebrations and Traditions!
May 21st, 5:00-6:00 pm: Ignacio's past, present, and future.
May 31st, 5:00-7:00 pm: Grand finale: "Voices, Views, and Visions."

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FOURTH ANNUAL

MAY 17-19, 2024

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Ignacio's Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga accelerates during the Bob Archibeque Invitational's 100-meter dash Friday, April 12, at Montezuma-Cortez High School. She was top-five in three of the four running events she entered (and finished sixth in the other).

BOBCATS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

IHS' Barnes, deKay win in Cortez

Lady 'Cats third at Archibeque Invite

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Two La Plata County track-and-field athletes brought home a champion's black shirt from action on the girls' side of Montezuma-Cortez's inaugural Bob Archibeque Invitational, Friday, April 12.

Both individuals wore Ignacio red-and-black.

And had it not been for M-CHS' Marlee Mack, the Lady Bobcats would have claimed first place in three more events and thus finished closer to the top of the meet's team standings. All told, with senior Maci Barnes dominating the 800-meter run and classmate Lauren deKay prevailing in the pole vault, IHS totaled 85.5 points and finished third behind the hosting Lady Panthers (169.5) and Pagosa Springs (179).

In the 800, Barnes ran 2:37.11 and defeated runner-up Maya Lowe of Dolores by 8.69 seconds. And in the pole vault, deKay needed fewer attempts to clear seven feet even than Durango teammates Sonya Tocco and Rye Standifer. With Maggie Glick managing to clear 6'0" and placing fifth, the specialty ended up being the Lady Demons' best event of the day, helping DHS – competing with



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Ignacio's Kacey Brown, left, receives encouragement from throws coach Damian Brisendine after a successful discus toss Friday afternoon, April 12, at Montezuma-Cortez's Bob Archibeque Invitational. Brown finished third in the event but did not compete in the shot put.

a roster reduced by numerous athletes competing in Lakewood at the two-day Pomona Invitational – total a sixth-place 37.5 points.

IHS senior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga, a soccer/track 'dualie' this spring, placed second to Mack in both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles. Her 18.86 in the former trailed Mack's 17.21, while her 52.31 in the latter trailed Mack's 49.62. In the long jump, Barnes (15'0") was also one-upped by M-CHS' sophomore standout (15'9.25").

Free from Mack in the 400 meters, Barnes placed third in 1:05.68. Samantha Riddell finished third in the 200 (29.45) and ended up fourth in the high jump, her

4'8" best equaled by three other entrants. Senior Kacey Brown earned third in the discus with a 77'10" maximum, and took fourth in the 1,600m run (6:40.87). Mendoza-Lechuga placed fourth in the 100, clocking 14.42 seconds, and came in sixth in the 200 (29.73).

Brown finished sixth in the 800 (3:02.96), and deKay booked IHS' other top-ten result with her tenth place 1:20.66 in the 400.

Looking ahead, the Lady 'Cats are set to compete Saturday, April 20, at Durango's Ron Keller Invitational, and at Mancos' Blue Jay Invite on the 26th. Results from Ignacio's scheduled trip to Bayfield on the 17th were unavailable at press time.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kyle Rima, left, basks in the sunshine after winning both throwing events Friday, April 12, at Montezuma-Cortez's Bob Archibeque Invitational. Rima won the shot put by 1 foot, 4.5 inches, and the discus by 1'5".

BOBCATS BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Burcham, Rima produce big at M-CHS

Ignacio boys fourth at Archibeque Invite

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Meaning winner, the 'first' was last.

And last, in terms of athletes competing Friday afternoon, April 12, at Montezuma-Cortez's inaugural Bob Archibeque Invitational, was Hurst – as in M-CHS' Houston Hurst. With only a small assembly of spectators, coaches and event volunteers remaining inside mostly empty Panther Stadium, the junior officially shut the whole show down by clearing 11'3" in the pole vault, then exhaustedly failing three times at 11'6".

The first height, however, was a new personal-record – certainly pleasing enough to the meet's namesake, observing nearby.

And the achievement was about the only thing which could have trumped the exciting boys' 1,600-meter relay – the Invitational's final scheduled event – which had run (pun intended) its course a short while earlier, with Ignacio out-sprinting Montezuma-Cortez 3:47.98 to 3:49.70.

Bringing the baton across the finish line as IHS' anchor, freshman Cayson Burcham completed a perfect 3-for-3 day in terms of victory; he'd previously won the 800 meters (2:08.33) by 2.74 seconds and anchored the 3,200 relay – which clocked a scorching 8:57.02 and blew away second place Shiprock, New Mexico's quality 9:14.21. And all told,



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Ignacio's Lincoln deKay takes flight during the Bob Archibeque Invitational's 300-meter hurdles event Friday afternoon, April 12, at Montezuma-Cortez High School.

the three wins earned 30 of IHS' fourth-place 98 points.

M-CHS piled up 136 to edge runner-up Pagosa Springs' 133, and Durango (100.5), despite much of its roster in Lakewood for the two-day Pomona Invitational at Jeffco Stadium, placed third out of the ten attending teams.

Additionally for Ignacio, senior Kyle Rima swept the shot put (37'11.5") and discus (106'11") throws – beating runners-up John Vickers of Durango (who threw 36'7" in the former) and Dove Creek's Sheldon Gardner (105'6" in the latter), respectively. Senior Corey Gomez, sophomore Lincoln deKay and junior Kendrick Nossaman each ran a 4x4 leg; Nossaman, sophomore Trace Crane and Gomez did so in the 4x8.

Finishing second to Hurst in the pole vault, sophomore Zane Pontine needed fewer tries than Bayfield's Zach Hufnagel to clear 9'6", with

BHS' Kyle Russell (8'6") placing fourth. Freshman Thunder Windy Boy also scored second-place points for IHS; his 12:35.81 in the 3,200 meters was only 1.22 ticks slower than M-CHS junior Corbin Myers' time.

Gomez and Crane went 3-4 in the 800, clocking 2:15.87 and 2:15.90 respectively, and deKay placed third in the 110m hurdles (17.57). Lincoln Gillespie took fourth in the 100, recording a 12.15, and Crane was fifth in the discus (95'5"). He also finished eighth in the 400 (58.56), as did Gillespie in the high jump (5'0"). deKay earned IHS' other top-ten result with his ninth-place 47.39 in the 300m hurdles.

Looking ahead, the 'Cats are set to compete Saturday, April 20, at DHS' Ron Keller Invitational, and at Mancos' Blue Jay Invite on the 26th. Results from the squad's scheduled trip to Bayfield on the 17th were unavailable at press time.

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We are looking for Athletes & Coaches for the upcoming Tri-Ute Games to be held in Ignacio this year! Come and be a part of Team Southern Ute as a Player or Coach.

For more information or questions on Player/Coaches packets stop by the SunUte Community Center and/or contact the SunUte Recreation Team at 970-563-0214.
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"The Purpose of the Games is for Our Youth to Come Together, To Get to Know One Another, and to Foster Friendships between the Ute Indian Tribe, Southern Ute Tribe, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe."





Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Stoney White Thunder touches home plate to score a run Monday, April 8, at Kirtland (N.M.) Central. The Bobcats lost 6-5 that afternoon to the Broncos, but then bounced back with three consecutive wins between the 12th and 13th and improved to 4-4 overall.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

'Cats catch fire over weekend

IHS wins three, including SJBL opener

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Blowing up for 11 first inning runs in the second game of a home double-header Saturday, April 13, the Ignacio Bobcats suddenly were minutes away from their third consecutive win in the wake of a 6-5 loss on the 8th at 4A Kirtland (N.M.) Central.

And after only three innings, IHS' lead had ballooned to 19-1 and that was that for visiting South Park, blown out 19-3 in Game 1 of the day's pair. Considering the Burros (1-8 overall so far in 2024; 3-17 in '23) had been blown out 20-1 and 20-0 last spring up in Fairplay, one could perhaps say their showing at IHS Field was an improvement.

For the 'Cats (4-4), building upon a 6-1 victory at Nuclea – Ignacio's first 2A/1A San Juan Basin outing – the previous afternoon, the hit parade was a positive indicator of the team's readiness to resume league work Tuesday, April 16, at Dove Creek.

Already 2-0 in league thanks to a two-game sweep of NHS back on April 2, the Bulldogs, meanwhile, stood 5-5 overall but entered the twinbill on a three-game slide after losing 9-4 and 21-18 (in nine innings) at home to 2A Western Slope member Rangely (4-4 overall) while IHS was busy

smacking South Park.

Results of the clash out in Dolores County were unavailable at press time.

In Game 2 against SPSHS, sophomore Ambrose Valdez went 3-for-4 with a double, three runs scored and three batted in. Sophomore Stoney White Thunder also knocked in three while finishing 2-for-2 with two walks, a triple and three runs scored. Senior Phillip Quintana also drew two bases-on-balls and tripled once in finishing 1-2 with three runs and two RBI. Classmate Devante Montoya (W; 3 IP, R, 2 BB, 8 K) went 1-1 with a double, walked three times and scored four runs. Fellow senior Rylan Maez ended up 1-2 with a double, two walks, three runs and one RBI.

In all, each Bobcat seeing action scored at least once – as had been the case in the first contest.

To be fair, the Burros started off well and scratched out two runs in the top of the first inning before Ignacio answered with four. Unable to equalize in their half of the second, SPSHS' chances disappeared in the bottom of the inning as the 'Cats churned out 11 runs and increased their lead to a safe 15-2.

Quintana ended up 3-for-3 with a double, walk and four runs scored. Montoya went 0-2 but drew one base-on-balls and al-

so reached base via a hit-by-pitch, scored three runs and plated one. Valdez also scored three runs and knocked in one as he finished 0-2 – reaching base twice via error and twice via base-on-balls. Sophomore Sonny Flores went 1-1, was plunked once and walked once, scored one run and drove in another.

Montoya went 0-2 but was also walked once and tagged once and was credited with three runs and one RBI. Reaching base once via error, freshman William Mendoza-Lechuga went 2-4 with two runs and one ribbie. Maez was hit by a pitch and drew one walk in finishing 1-2 with two runs and one batted in, while senior Marcus Maez went 1-3 with a double, walk, run and RBI. Also, a HBP victim, sophomore Gabe Archuleta ended up 0-3 with a run and two batted in.

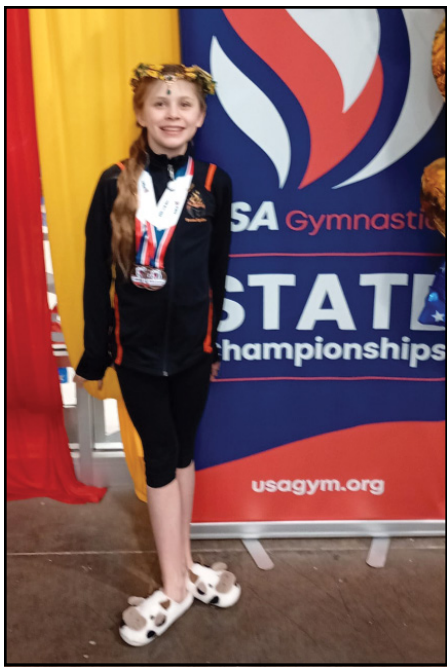
Able to work through some control problems on the mound, White Thunder (0-2, 2 BB, 2 R) earned a complete-game, four-inning win, giving up just one earned run while walking six and striking out four.

After facing DCHS, Ignacio will play next Friday, April 19, at home (start time 1 p.m.) versus 3A Bayfield, then quickly pack up to begin traveling to 2A Trinidad for a non-league double-header the next day beginning at 11 a.m.



courtesy Ignite Gymnastics

Koralea Brown, is the State Champion on Floor 9.55 in the Senior A Group 4 age group, qualifying for Regionals in May.



courtesy Ignite Gymnastics

Reagan Oelschlaeger, was the Bronze Medalist on Beam 8.95 and Floor 9.425 in the Junior A Group Group 1 age group.

IGNITE GYMNASTICS

We had a State Champion!

Liz Herring
IGNITE GYMNASTICS

This past weekend, Ignite Gymnastics attended the Colorado Xcel Gold State Meet at Peak Athletics in Highlands Ranch, Colo. This is the largest Gold State Meet in recent years, where over 600 athletes competed!

Ignite gymnast, Koralea Brown, is the State Champion on Floor in the Senior A Group 4 age group!! She scored a 9.55 and also qualified to the Regionals Meet that will be held at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds in Denver this coming May 3-5. Brown was the only State Champion from Southwest Colorado at Gold State.

Ignite gymnast, Reagan Oelschlaeger, was the Bronze Medalist on Beam 8.95 and Floor 9.425 in the Junior A Group Group 1 age group. She also placed 5th AA with a 36.075! Reagan also placed 10th on Bars. She is the only gymnast from Southwest Colorado to place in the AA and had the highest score of any gymnast from Southwest Colorado. She is also qualified for the Regionals Meet.

Ignite gymnast, Alana Smith-Biessel, placed fifth

on Floor with a 9.2 and was 10th on Bars 9.2 and 10th on Beam 8.775 in the Child 2 Group 4 age group. She had the second highest AA of any Southwest Colorado gymnast with a 35.725! She is also qualified into the Regionals Meet.

In the Child 1 Group 3, Ignite gymnast, Brylee Sutherlin placed fifth on Floor with a 9.275 and qualified into the Regionals Meet!

Ignite gymnast, Karver Brown, tied for ninth on Floor with a 9.025 in the Child 3 Group 4 age group and qualified into the Regionals Meet! Also attending the State Meet from Ignite was Harlynn McCollum, age nine, and Raya Weiss, age eight.

Along with our Platinum gymnast, Laeliana Shubert, six athletes out of the eight possible qualifiers MADE it to regionals competition!! Ignite Gymnastics' Platinum gymnast, Laeliana Shubert, competed at the Colorado Sapphire, Diamond, Platinum State Meet the weekend of April 6 - 7, where she qualified for the Regional Meet in North Richland Hills, Texas! The State Meet was held at Xtreme Altitude Gym-

nastics in Lafayette, Colo. with over 300 Platinum gymnasts. Laeliana Shubert placed ninth AA with a 35.275 and also placed fourth on Beam with a 9.35 and fifth on Floor with a 9.45. She is a first year Platinum gymnast so we are super thrilled to see these top five and top 10 places!

The Regional Meet is taking place April 25 - 28 in Texas with athletes from Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Kansas, and Wyoming. This will be the sixth Regional Meet that Ignite Gymnastics has qualified one or more athletes! We are so excited to attend this event!

The Gold Regionals Meet, though held in Denver this year, has the top gymnasts from seven states, including Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Wyoming, Arkansas, and Colorado. Our gym is the smallest competition facility in the area, but we have big dreams, and these kids work so hard! Every time we have a State Champion it is a big accomplishment considering we go against the entirety of Denver and Fort Collins, Western Slope gyms of Grand Junction, Montrose, and Durango.



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Everything happening at SunUte

What's Happening

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Tri-Ute Games

Calling all coaches and athletes! Sign up now for this year's Tri-Ute Games, hosted at SunUte!

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Quote of the Week

"Sometimes it's the journey that teaches you a lot about your destination"
-Drake

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Rep Wars: May 11th


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COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

Construction of several SW Colo. chain stations to begin

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation, with its contract partner, Williams Construction, will begin work on the region-wide chain station improvements project to help ensure that commercial drivers have a safe location to chain up or down while traveling in the high country. Work will begin in mid-April along several mountain passes in Archuleta, Chaffee, Conejos, Costilla, San Miguel, and Mineral counties. The traveling public can expect daytime shoulder closures. Project scheduled completion, fall of 2024.

- Chain station project:
- CO 145: Lizard Head Pass (Mile Points 67 -69)
 - CO 145: Lawson Hill near Telluride (MP 70 - 72)

- US 160: Wolf Creek Pass (MP 172 - 174)
- US 160: La Veta Pass (MP 275 - 277)
- US 50: Monarch Pass (MP 208 - 210)
- CO 17: Cumbres Pass (MP 0 - 1)

“During adverse winter driving conditions, commercial drivers will now have a safe retreat to put chains on their tires,” said Regional Transportation Director Julie Constan. “Additionally, these critical safety features along our mountain passes will encourage drivers to use chains and be in compliance with Colorado’s chain law.” In addition to chain stations, two new permanent electronic message signs (VMS boards) will be installed in the town of Saguache near the junction of US 285 and CO 114.

- Traffic impacts**
- Motorists and area residents can expect the following impacts during construction:
 - Work will occur during daytime hours, Monday through Friday
 - Single lane closures and shoulder closures will take place within the work zone
 - Reduced speeds in the work zone
 - Plan ahead and expect brief delays
 - Construction schedules are weather dependent

For additional information about this project:

- Webpage: www.codot.gov/projects/swcochainstations
- Information hotline: 970-368-3819
- Email: us160chainstation@gmail.com



Native American Mass

April 28, 2024
11:00 am

St. Ignatius Church
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In The Southern Ute Tribal Court
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NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2024-0032-CV-PR
Mari Lynn Weaver, Deceased
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 **MAY 14, 2024 at 11:00 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 5th of April, 2024.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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In the Estate Of,
Tim Watts, Deceased
Case No.: 2024-0035-CV-PR
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Dated this 15th of April, 2024
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2024-0022-CV-PR
Arthur Johnny Weaver, Deceased
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 April 30, 2024 at 10:00 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 22nd of March, 2024.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
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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 **APRIL 29, 2024 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 15th of March, 2024
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

A Golden Thank You!

The Golden High School Senior Seminar annual visit took place in Ignacio, April 9 and 10. The annual visit by the Golden High School students had them meeting with various Southern Ute tribal departments and other entities while visiting the Southern Ute Reservation.

The first meeting with the students was in 2011, when they were camped overnight at the Durango High School. Upon my meeting with my twin cousins, Aerie and Asiah Jiron, who were on their Senior Seminar that year, and coaxed into introducing myself and talking about my job at the Drum and the Tribe, I half-jokingly invited them back the following year.

The Golden High School seniors have visited the Southern Ute Tribe since 2012, minus two years due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The students began their visit by arriving in Ignacio, on Monday, April 8 and stayed at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds compliments of the Southern Ute Growth Fund. The student’s official, first day, Tuesday, April 9 began by meeting with the Southern Ute Tribal Council in Council Chambers, before meeting with Ute Language Guide, Shawna Steffler and touring the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. The students then enjoyed lunch prepared and served by Velma Armijo and Kathleen Cajero at the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center where they met Tribal Radio Station Manager, Sheila Nanaeto before going on-air with REZ-olution Radio Hour DJ, Robert Ortiz. The students then learned about the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept., by Special Events Coordinator, Sherisa Valdez, and Education Coordinator, Izabella Cloud. Southern Ute Royalty members, 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 Alt., Theoden Greany, participated in a round dance with the students, with songs by the Yellow Jacket singers.

April 10, day two of the Golden High School student visit, had them up early and hiking along the path of Bear Dance fire with BIA Southern Ute Agency, Fire Management Officer, Richard Gustafson. The students then toured the Southern Ute Museum, led by Museum Education & Outreach Coordinator, Raelyn Fraunhoff, before learning about the Boarding Schools from Museum Registrar & Archivist, Fabian Martinez. Lunch was once again prepared and provided by Armijo and Cajero, with the Southern Ute Drum staff – Jere-

my Wade Shockley, Divine Windy Boy, Krista Richards, and Robert L. Ortiz – the students learned about the Drum newspaper. The students, then visited with Southern Ute Growth Fund, Executive Director, Shane Seibel in the Growth Fund Administration Building, before ending the day with a tour of SunUte with Robin Duffy-Wirth and Morgann Box. The students ended their day with a swim in the SunUte Pool.

The students visited the Southern Ute reservation as part of their Southwest Studies portion of the Senior Seminar school curriculum, and will visit Hovenweep, and camp in Canyon de Chelly as well as visit a portion of the Navajo Nation before stopping in Albuquerque, and Sante Fe, making their way back to Golden, Colo. They also, completed a 14-mile hike of the Grand Canyon as part of their Science Studies. They dug-out and slept in snow caves, as well as biked in Joshua Tree.

I want to thank Tribal Council to carve out a portion of their day to make it a point to greet the students, as well as each of the Tribal departments, and other entities for taking time out of their day to meet and educate the students about the services and programs they provide to the Southern Ute tribal membership. To the staff who unselfishly shared their knowledge with the students. A huge thanks to Tribal Information Services Director, Amy Barry for paying for the lunches, and to Velma Armijo and Kathleen Cajero for preparing and serving the two lunches. Also, thank you to Rita Duran for providing the breakfast burritos for the student’s departure. A HUGE thank you to the Sky Ute Fairgrounds staff for giving the students a place to lay their bedrolls. They appreciated the showers!

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank Mike Mendoza and the Golden High School teachers, Kim Aksamit, Samantha Aschwanden, Becky Paige and Eric Ponisan for leading the students, and further more to the 2024 Golden High School-Seniors ... thank you and best of luck and blessing along your reseceive journeys. Always lear and always share what you’ve learned. Until we meet again ...

Every year the students visit the tribe and each year they are appreciative of the welcoming nature of the people here. The hospitality and the wealth of knowledge they leave here with is unmeasurable.

Again, thank you to all who participated in making the 2024 Golden High School Senior Seminar student visit a success.

– Robert L. Ortiz

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Remediation of the old KSUT Radio Station

The Brownfields Program of the Tribe's Environmental Programs Department is providing a public comment period concerning the site cleanup of the old KSUT Radio Station. The property is located at 123 Capote Drive in Ignacio, Colorado. The southern limit of the property is bounded by Ouray Drive, the western limit by Highway 172, and the eastern limit by Capote Drive. Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) conducted in July 2014 and September 2020 identified asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) and lead- based paint (LBP) as contaminants of concern. The goal of this project is to remove and properly dispose the contaminants of concern that could pose a threat to human health and the environment. The old KSUT Radio Station will be remediated of the regulated building materials to the fullest extent possible without compromising the building structure. For all interested tribal members and the community, a comment period for the remediation of the old KSUT Radio Station **will begin on March 22, 2024, and will end at the close of business on April 22, 2024.** To submit request for the cleanup plan, ESAs or to provide written comments, please contact the Remediation Program at the address below. You can submit your requests/comments by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: ckelly@southernute-nsn.gov or meskelson@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Brownfields Program, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Audit Services

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) is requesting proposals from qualified firms and individuals for providing audit services. Interested parties must submit written proposals to the SUIHA. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on April 16, 2024. Proposals received after this time will be considered non-responsive and returned to the sender. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

BACKGROUND: The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) for the Southern Ute Tribe. Our primary sources of income are rental income and Federal financial assistance received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Indian Housing Block Grant program. SUIHA currently uses Aliba and HDS software. SUIHA has 115 Low Rental Units. The SUIHA receives an annual Indian Housing Block Grant of approximately 1.4 million.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The audit services to be provided will be for the twelve-month period ending September 2024. The audit shall be completed and submitted to the Federal Audit Clearing House by December 27th, 2024. With onsite visit being done week of October 28, 2024. We expect an exit conference at the end of the audit fieldwork to discuss any findings, questionable costs, reportable conditions and adjusting journal entries. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements described in the Single Audit Act and the audit must be in compliance with the Uniform Administrative Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200. The audit services to be provided will be for the twelve-month period ending September 2025. The audit shall be completed and submitted to the Federal Audit Clearing House by December 26th, 2025. With onsite visit being done week of October 27, 2025. We expect an exit conference at the end of the audit fieldwork to discuss any findings, questionable costs, reportable conditions and adjusting journal entries. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements described in the Single Audit Act and the audit must be in compliance with the Uniform Administrative Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200.

CONTENT OF THE PROPOSALS: In selecting the firm or individual who will best serve the needs of SUIHA we will be reviewing the experience of the respondent(s) along with reviewing the expertise and qualifications of the individual(s) who will be providing the services. To meet these objectives, the proposal must contain a resume of all individuals who would be performing the services, with special attention to the experience related to Indian Housing Authorities or similar organizations. Four (4) copies of the proposal shall be submitted.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS: Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated based on a 100 point system with the proposal receiving the most points being determined the most responsive. The cost of conducting the audit will be the main criteria used in evaluating the proposals. The SUIHA Board of Directors will make the final selection and the successful firm or individual will be notified shortly thereafter so that the audit process can begin as soon as possible. SUIHA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals if it is in the best interest of the SUIHA.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: The criteria for evaluating the proposals will include points given in the following areas: Qualifications of firm or individual to conduct Federal audits in accordance with 2 CFR 200 (0-10 points); Ability of firm to conduct the audit in a timely manner (0-30 points); Experience and knowledge of Indian Housing Authorities (0-15 points); Cost (0-45 points); Indian Preference (0 or 10 points if proposal includes proof showing that the firm is at least 51% Indian owned).

Responses shall be addressed to Eric Spady, Executive Director, P.O. Box 447, Ignacio CO 81137. E-Mail: espady@suiha.org

Southern Ute Tribe Agriculture and
Gardening Education Classes

Gardening in the Southwest Basics – April 23, 2024, 3 p.m.
This program will be presented by Darrin Parmenter, Western Regional Director, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension. Mr. Parmenter has extensive experience in horticulture education. Mr. Parmenter will provide information on gardening in SW desert climates.

Gardening Challenges – April 30, 2024, 3 p.m.
Clint Kearns will provide information on dealing with the many challenges that gardeners face in SW Colorado.

Raised Beds and Container Gardening – May 14, 2024, 3 p.m.
Marta Martinez-Evans and Jonni Greiner will provide informative tips and techniques for growing in containers.

All classes will be held at the Southern Ute Tribe's Agriculture Division Office at 655 CR 517. Refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be provided. Please call Kevin Mallow at 970-799-2473.

2024 Home Rehabilitation Program

The Construction Services Division is accepting applications for the 2024 Home Rehabilitation Program. The deadline for applications to be considered for this year is April 26, 2024. All applications received after April 26th will be considered for the 2025 selection. If you have previously submitted a Home Rehabilitation application and were not selected, you will need to submit a new application to be considered again. Applications do not automatically roll-over to the next year.

You must meet all the eligibility requirements and fill out the Home Rehabilitation application to be considered. This program is offered to all Southern Ute Tribal members. (those who reside within AND outside of Southern Ute Indian Tribal land). Once the selection panel meets and makes its decision, you will be notified in writing if you were selected for the 2024 Home Rehabilitation Program.

Please contact Construction Services Division for applications. If you have any questions, you can email us at dabeyta@southernute-nsn.gov or call 970-563-0260.

Thank you, Construction Services Division

2024 SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE POWWOW
Special's Requests

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee will be taking a limited number of requests for individual's wanting to have a Special for the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow held May 24th & 25th with a time limit of fifteen minutes. Any individuals interested must submit a letter to the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. The Committee Secretary will contact you with a day and time so please include a current phone number where you can be reached. **Deadline to submit requests will be May 3 at 5 P.M.** Please send your request to: Powwow Committee Secretary, Valerie Armstrong @ PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137 OR email: soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov.

EPD seeking input on GHG reduction strategies


The Southern Ute Air Quality Division has received a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) from the USEPA and is working on evaluating strategies for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on the Reservation. The Division is seeking input on potential GHG reduction strategies. Please visit the Division's webpage to provide your input and learn more about the CPRG program. <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/departments/epd/air-quality/climate-pollution-reduction-grant/>

45-day Notice of Availability
Bear Dance Agricultural Assignment

Applications are now open for Tribal Land Assignments for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members who are eligible.

SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-104(1)(c) availability of the land. 29-2-104(3) If, after review by the department...the land is determined to be available for assignment, the department shall publish and post notice of availability...

Posting Date:
April 5, 2024



Expiration Date:
May 20, 2024

To apply for a Land Assignment, eligible¹ Tribal member applicants must submit an Application for Assignment of Tribal Lands, a Farm Plan², and a drawing card containing their name, address, and contact information (including phone number and email).

The Lands Division will review the submitted applications and drawing cards to ensure only eligible Tribal members' names are placed in the drawing.

Once the 45-day Notice of Availability ends, a drawing date will be scheduled immediately. Two names will be chosen - one Primary Name and one Secondary Name. The Secondary Name will act as a backup in the event the Primary Tribal member declines the land at any point in time after the drawing. The drawing for the land will provide all eligible applicants with an equal opportunity to apply and be selected. The selection process will not be determined by Tribal staff or Tribal Council but rather through a randomized process known as the "Lottery Drawing." The chosen applicant will be assigned the land.

The selectee's documents formalizing the assignment will be presented to the Tribal Council as soon as possible to approve the resolution granting the assignment or lease. The selectee will adhere to the 5-year farm plan.

If you are a tribal member and want to confirm your interest in an assignment, you can submit a card along with an application and a 5-year farm plan. If you have any comments or objections about the assignment, you can submit them as well. You can either mail, email, or deliver in person your submission to the Department of Natural Resources - Lands Division at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or contact us at 970-563-0126.

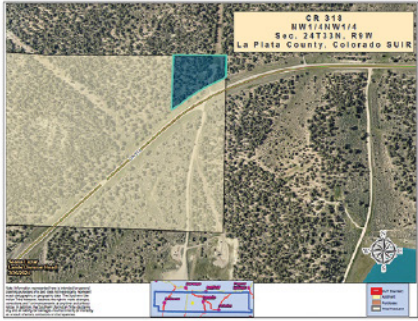
¹ SUITC – Title 29-2-102(1), Any individual tribal member 18 years of age or older...
² SUITC – Title 29-2-108, Issuance of Denial of Assignment. After review of the department's recommendation... the Tribal Council shall grant, deny, or partially deny the assignment applied for, taking into consideration the following: (2) The size and number of assignments held by the applicant and the history of the applicant's compliance with grants of assignment. (4) ...adequacy of the applicant's farm plan...

45-day Notice of Availability
CR 318, Ignacio, CO, SUIR

Applications are now open for Tribal Land Assignments for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members who are eligible and currently do not have a homesite assignment.

SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-104(1)(c) availability of the land. 29-2-104(3) If, after review by the department...the land is determined to be available for assignment, the department shall publish and post notice of availability...

Posting Date:
April 5, 2024



Expiration Date:
May 20, 2024

To apply for a Land Assignment or Lease Request, eligible¹ Tribal member applicants must submit an Application for Assignment of Tribal Lands and Homesite Development Plan along with a drawing card containing their name, address, and contact information (including phone number and email).

The Lands Division will review the submitted applications and drawing cards to ensure only eligible Tribal members' names are placed in the drawing².

Once the 45-day Notice of Availability ends, a drawing date will be scheduled immediately. Two names will be chosen - one Primary Name and one Secondary Name. The Secondary Name will act as a backup in the event the Primary Tribal member declines the land at any point in time after the drawing. The drawing for the land will provide all eligible applicants with an equal opportunity to apply and be selected. The selection process will not be determined by Tribal staff or Tribal Council but rather through a randomized process known as the "Lottery Drawing." The chosen applicant will be assigned to occupy the land.

The selectee's documents formalizing the assignment or lease (whichever is applicable) will be presented to the Tribal Council as soon as possible to approve the resolution granting the assignment or lease. The selectee will have two years to develop the lot, according to the Homesite Development Plan.

If you are a tribal member and want to confirm your interest in an assignment or lease, you can submit a card, an application, and a Homesite Development Plan. If you have any comments or objections about the assignment, you can submit them as well. You can either mail, email, or deliver in person your submission to the Department of Natural Resources - Lands Division at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or contact us at 970-563-0126.

¹ SUITC – Title 29-2-102(1), Any individual tribal member 18 years of age or older...
² SUITC – Title 29-2-102(4), A Tribal member may hold only one assignment for use as a homesite at a time...



Southern Ute Tribal Member Career Fair

The Permanent Fund Human Resources Department will be hosting a Southern Ute Tribal Member Only Career Fair. The Growth Fund and Sky Ute Casino are also invited.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Sky Ute Casino Event Center
10:00AM to 3:00PM

Contact: Rochelle Aguilar – HR Career Coordinator

970-563-2990

raguilar@southernute-nsn.gov

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*Applicants will not be able to use a mobile device, only desktop or laptop.

Sky Ute Casino Resort is located on the Southern Ute Indian reservation, located in Ignacio, CO

KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!

KSUT seeks one enrolled SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors.

KSUT was founded by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in 1976.
 KSUT was one of the first Native American radio stations in North America.



Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot Chief, Mountain Chief, on a cylinder phonograph for the bureau of American Ethnology (1916). – photo Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

The KSUT Board of Directors is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the Board of Directors. The tribal member does not have to live in the region and may attend board meetings remotely, as needed.

As a board member you will serve a three-year term, attend monthly meetings, and perform with decision-making in the best long-term interests of KSUT and the community of listeners, and other responsibilities of serving on the board of directors.

The KSUT Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in Ignacio at the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center. Meetings are open to the public, unless prior notice is given to allow members to conduct confidential station business.

To apply, submit a Letter of Interest to Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director via email: tami@ksut.org or by mail P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo., 81137. Questions, call 970-563-0255.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

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

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill 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. Please 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 Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

GAMING COMMISSION

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

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

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

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The KSUT Board of Directors is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the Board of Directors. The tribal member does not have to live in the region and may attend board meetings remotely, as needed. As a board member you will serve a three-year term, attend monthly meetings, and perform with decision-making in the best long-term interests of KSUT and the community of listeners, and other responsibilities of serving on the board of directors. KSUT Tribal Radio, www.tribalradio.org, is an affiliate of NativeVoice1, and can be heard in Southwest Colorado at 91.3 FM (Ignacio) and 100.9 FM (Towaoc), and in Northwest New Mexico at 89.7 FM. KSUT Four Corners Public Radio, www.ksut.org, serves 14 communities in the Four Corners, including Durango at 90.1 FM, Cortez 106.3 FM, Farmington and northern New Mexico at 88.1 FM, Pagosa Springs at 88.1 FM and Silverton at 91.1 FM. Both KSUT stations air news, eclectic music, entertainment, storytelling, and documentary programming, and are an affiliate of NPR, the BBC, American Public Media, and Public Radio International. The KSUT Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 P.M. at KSUT, 15150 Colo. Highway 172 in Ignacio. Meetings are open to the public, unless prior notice is given to allow members to

conduct confidential station business. If you are a Southern Ute tribal member and are interested in serving on the KSUT Board of Directors, submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham. Letters can be emailed to tami@ksut.org or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seat is open until filled. More information on the KSUT Board of Directors, including a current board list and recent board minutes can be found at: <https://www.ksut.org/ksut-board-of-director>

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.

TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee (“Committee”) is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for a three (3) year term. This is a compensated Committee, and you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. 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 of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. Applicants must also pass criminal background and reference check, per the Tribal Credit Committee By-laws. The primary purpose of the Committee is to evaluate and render decisions regarding Secured Home Loan applications and monitor and evaluate the Tribal Credit loan programs and make recommendations to Tribal Council. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund (“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 to chudgens@southernute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions, please speak with Christine Hudgens, CFO, at 970-563-2444.

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD: YOUTH ALTERNATE

Open Until Filled – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth wishing to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year position may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18, and the position may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. The participant is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.



The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking two (2) Regular Board Members and two (2) Alternate Board Members

The Election Board is a paid committee that follows IRS guidelines, and eligibility for Southern Ute Employee benefits are based on hours. A criminal background check is required and as an appointed official of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, you are subject to the Code of Ethics.

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
- Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding the appointment

Please submit your Letter of Intent to:

Human Resources, PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137
 Physical Address: 356 Ouray Dr. Ignacio, CO 81137

Closing Date: Open until Filled

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2319 or email whyte@southernute-nsn.gov

To apply please submit a Letter of Intent with the following:

- Full Name
- Contact Information (i.e. address, phone number, email address)
- Date
- It is suggested and helpful to include one or more of the following details:
 - Description of why you are a good fit for the position
 - Explanation of your motivation to join the Committee
 - List relevant experience
 - Outline ideas of how you can improve this committee
 - Disclosure of any other Boards/Committees you currently serve on



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions. ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

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.

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

Custodian

Closes 4/19/24 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Executive Assistant

Closes 4/29/24 – Under general supervision of the Detention Division Head provides administrative, clerical and Information System support to the Southern Ute Detention Center (SUDC). Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/year.

Forestry Fuels Crew Member

Closes 4/24/24 – 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 to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.

Summer Youth Employment (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Closes 4/26/24 – Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2024, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

Air Quality Scientist II – Permitting

Open Until Filled – Under general Supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager – Permitting & Regulatory, coordinates, supervises, and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Division. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$77,627/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 N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Summer Aide

Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) summer program. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

Building Maintenance Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance, and repairs, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

Chief Judge Apprentice (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – An apprentice position for a Southern Ute Tribal member to learn all the requirements and duties of the Chief Judge position in the Southern Ute Tribal Court. Mentoring, training, and all aspects of employee supervision will be performed by the current Chief Judge or delegate in accordance with SUIT Personnel Policies and Procedures. For purpose of employment, the successful candidate shall be classified as an apprentice. The Judicial Review Committee shall also provide insight, guidance, and recommendations when needed. The length of the trainee program is two years to five years depending upon experience and individual progress. Performance will be evaluated pursuant to the requirements of the Tribal Apprenticeship Program and annually with the Tribal Judicial Committee. Will be eligible for wage increase based on performance evaluations and policies governing this position. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, incumbent will transition into the Chief Judge Lay position. Non-exempt and starts at 20% below a grade E22.

Clinical Applications Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Under general direction of the Health Center Support Services Manager, serves as the Clinical Applications Coordinator (CAC) for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center. Maintaining the Electronic Health Record (EHR)/Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) for the Health Department, coordinating up-grades, and providing training to all users. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

Dentist (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Pay grade E22; Pay starts at \$113,890.20/year.

Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

Director of Strategic Planning

Open Until Filled – 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 E22; Pay starts at \$189,817/annually.

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 \$21.89/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Education Assistant

Open Until Filled – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide. Supporting instruction through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Gaming Investigator I

Open Until Filled – An entry level position located under the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (DOG). Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement/Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/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 E13; Pay starts at \$59,494.00/annually.

Heavy Equipment Operator

Open Until Filled – Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

Lands Technician Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal Member. Will learn how to provide technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provide general information to the Tribal Membership and public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. 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 N8 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases to assure that key goals are met. Upon successfully completing the training curriculum, will assume the Lands Technician position.

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 \$14.90/hour.

NAGPRA Technician (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – Assists NAGPRA Coordinator(s) with new and on-going projects, including, but not limited to, duties such as: technical data entry, records management, research, and other duties as assigned. Must be organized and able to maintain a complicated work and deadline calendar for new, on-going, short term, and long-term projects by providing timelines to NAGPRA Coordinator(s) to participate in consultations in face-to-face consultations or teleconferences. Assists with consultation with tribal, state, and federal consultations under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) when needed. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Patrol Officer I

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserv-

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.

Compression Operations Technician I, II and Senior – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 4/26/24 – Operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Field Compression facilities, including engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration. Performs work related to the repair and ongoing maintenance of equipment.

Wastewater Plant Operator I – Utilities (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/3/24 – Performing duties in support of the day to day operations of the Southern Ute Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System ensuring safety and compliance with all federal regulations.

Financial Reporting Manager – Growth Fund Accounting & Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 4/26/24 – Responsible for all aspects of routine and non-routine accounting, auditing, and reporting processes and projects; reviews and analyzes FASB accounting pronouncements and determines the impact on Growth Fund business entities; serves as an accounting

expert in advising Growth Fund management, Controller, and business entities on complex accounting issues; and assists the development of Growth Fund accounting policies.

HR Generalist – Growth Fund Human Resources (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 4/26/24 – Facilitating recruitment and job placement to business enterprises of the Southern Ute Growth Fund, to include drafting ads; reviewing application qualifications; responding to applicants; maintaining applicant files; as well as providing general human resources support to the HR Office.

EHS Coordinator – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 4/26/24 – Promoting EHS awareness, compliance and stewardship throughout the company to all employees; will maintain compliance with environmental, health, safety permits, policies, procedures, and regulations and assisting personnel with maintaining compliance, with an emphasis on environmental aspects and will coordinate environmental programs.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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

Human Capital Management Specialist (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 4/26/24 – Supporting PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) developers and user groups, performing system requirements analysis, functional system design, developing identified projects, upgrades, development, and testing as necessary to provide the highest level of customer support.

Database Administrator (Ignacio or Denver, CO)

Closes 4/26/24 – Providing database administration for all Southern Ute Enterprise functions including backup and recovery, security, reporting, tuning, high-availability, design, and administration. Provide the PeopleSoft teams with database, application, and server support. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance including backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe operating units.

Helpdesk Support Analyst I Trainee (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 5/3/24 – This trainee program is designed to provide training, mentoring, and on-the-job experience for up to two years in order to learn and be responsible for configuration, installation, and support of the end-user computing environment including all desktop hardware, operating system, end user applications and responsible for production support of all Shared Services applications for the end user/customer; provide enterprise-wide applications support with emphasis on the functional view of production applications; and provide day-to-day end-user support related to PeopleSoft, other Shared Services business productivity applications and end-user hardware. Trainee must successfully complete all required training and testing at each level to act independently as a Helpdesk Support Analyst I.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Job descriptions and applications: www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310

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| • District Aide | Coach |
| • Elementary Teacher (24/25) | • Middle School Track Assistant Coach |
| • Elementary SpEd Teacher (24/25) | • Secondary Language Arts Teacher (24/25) |
| • High School Boys Head Basketball Coach | • Secondary Long Term Certified Science Substitute (24/25) |
| • High School Boys/Girls Head Cross Country | |

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

To apply now, visit our website at www.sococaa.org or call 970-563-4517.

Road Runner Transit

- **Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance:** \$18.94/hr. – Open Until Filled

SoCoCAA Central Administration:

- **Executive/Development Director:** \$75,275 - \$82,638/yr. – Open Until Filled (Up to \$3,000 in relocation expenses available.)

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

ing the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/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 N14; Pay starts at \$30.84/hour.

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Dept. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Special Needs Aide (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy disabled and special needs students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide or specialists. Assists with life skills, academic success, and meeting IEP (Individual Education Plan) objectives. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Swimming Instructor (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Responsible for 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 \$17.37/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 \$14.67/hour.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – The TEAM program is an

opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for 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. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

Umpire/Referee

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during Sun-Ute Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays. *21 years or older to apply.

***Audio Video Tech Assistant (Part-time or 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, on a daily basis. Maintaining a professional appearance within the provided event space and in view of clients, always wearing the appropriate uniform.

Bell Person (Part-time)
Will be mainly responsible for assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. 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 Manager (Part-time)**
Reports to the General Manager. Directs and oversees the day-to-day activities of the Bingo Department. Has the oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, reward and disciplining employees, addressing complaints, and resolving problems/concerns; and to ensure high quality customer service. Ensure compliance with the Casino’s policies & procedures and applicable Gaming regulations. Maintain a high standard of guest service within the Bingo Department and actively promotes positive customer and employee relations by ensuring that excellent customer service is continually provided.

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 makes payouts accordingly.

***Bowling & Rec Counter Clerk (Full-time & Parttime & Summer Temp)**
Multi-tasks and thrives in a fast paced and high energy environment. Initial point of contact for customers, always providing superior and friendly customer service. Proactively builds customer relations through soliciting feedback and addressing and resolving customer complaints. Continuously improves operational execution through attention to detail. Reports to the Bowling and Recreation Manager.

***Bowling Mechanic I – Entry Level (Full-time)**
An entry level position to allow mechanically oriented, but less experienced individuals an opportunity to get familiar with pinspotter machines. Entry level 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 Mechanic I (Full-time)**
An entry level position to allow mechanically oriented, but less experienced individuals an opportunity to get familiar with pinspotter machines. Will improve operational execution through attention to detail and experience. Follows the direction and trainings of the Lead Technician.

***Buyer (Full-time)**
Compiles information and records to prepare orders for the procurement of material, including all food and beverage products. Will research and evaluate products to be purchased for the Casino, making it cost efficient, and maintains and regulates cost for Casino operations. Verify Classification and specifications of all purchase order requests, search inventory records and/pr warehouse to determine if materials on hand are in sufficient quantify. Maintains vendor database in inventory management software and handles all incoming invoices.

***Café Cashier (Full-time)**
Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Responsibilities include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Cafe kitchen. Prepares coffee and pizza from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Will balance the register at end of the shift, with proper report of discrepancies and complete paperwork.

***Cage Staff (Full-time)**
Provides fast, accurate, and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls.

***Cage Supervisor (Full-time)**
Under the direction of the Cage Manager, the Cage Supervisor ensures accurate record keeping, prepares reviews, and analyzes reports. Scheduling, planning, timing, and supervision of all details for the Cage Department. Provides fast, friendly, and accurate service to all internal and external customers while ensuring full compliance with regulatory controls in both Casino and Division of Gaming policies, procedures, and regulations.

***Casino 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.

***Count Team Staff (Full-time)**
Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. Pull the containers, and count or verify the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming’s Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

***Deep Cleaning (Full-time)**
Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

***Director of Hospitality (Full-time)**
Developing and maintaining a dynamic hospitality team dedicated to providing exceptional services through a diverse range of departments including Hotel Front Desk, PBX operations, Gift Shop, the Sales Department, Bowling, and Mini Golf. The Director of Hospitality oversees the seamless operation of these departments including direct reports of the Hotel Manager and the Sales Manager. Reports to the General Manager and will work closely with the General Manager to determine appropriate sales strategies in all market segments to maximize Hotel revenue and Event sales.

***Director of Marketing (Full-time)**
Reports to the General Manager and is responsible for overseeing the Marketing Manager and the Guest Services Manager as well as the overall operations of the Marketing Department including but not limited to, promotions, sales, entertainment, advertising, and player development program. Carries out responsibilities in accordance with the organization’s policies and procedures. Manages all areas of database analysis to target the areas of player data to enhance and retain the gaming market and is responsible for all marketing expenses.

***Facilities Staff – Entry Level I (Full-time)**
An entry level position that reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift and will be responsible for supporting the operation of equipment, environmental condition, and appearance of the overall facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

***Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)**
Reports to the Facilities Manager and was established for the purpose/s of supervising individual shifts to include facility and deep cleaning staff within the maintenance department. Coordinating all repair and alterations of the property including the exterior and grounds and to work in conjunction with facility technicians. Ensuring that jobs are completed efficiently and within regulatory guidelines and projected deadlines. Collaborates with others, coordinates schedules, and performs other related duties as assigned.

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

***Fine Dining Supervisor (Full-time)**
Will monitor and supervise the day-to-day operations of Seven Rivers Restaurant, and Lounge, ensuring guests are provided with an exceptional fine dining and first-class guest service experience. Will supervise all floor staff including Host/Hostess, Server, Busser, and Bartender. Ensure staff is working together as a team to provide optimum service for guest needs. Complete opening and closing duties. Monitor dining room and lounge for seating availability, service, safety, and well-being of guests. Assist management in training, scheduling, evaluating and/or disciplining, motivating, and coaching employees in addition to serving as a role model.

***Front Desk Associate (Full-time & Part-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.

***Guest Relations Manager (Full-time)**
Operational oversight and administration of the staffing requirements and schedules of the Sky Ute Casino Aces Club Player’s Club Representatives and Player Hosts. Responsible for all facets of the Aces Club Player’s Center and the Casino Host program, as well as the Guest Service program for the Casino to ensure the highest level of guest satisfaction and loyalty. Will lead efforts in providing personalized service, addressing guest inquiries and concerns, and fostering positive relationships with Casino guests. Should have a complete understanding of player data and player development philosophies. Active on the casino floor and provides engaging leadership and training. May be required to work irregular hours and extended shifts including late nights, early mornings, weekends, and holidays, as business needs dictate. Will interact with guests proactively and will tailor service offerings to meet the individual preferences and needs of each guest. Reports directly to the Director of Marketing.

***Hotel Manager (Full-time)**
Reports to the Director of Hospitality and is responsible for all hotel operations for the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Will assist in developing, implementing, and monitoring policies and procedures for the Sky Ute Casino’s hotel and retail operations. Will be accountable for all financial aspects under the hotel and retail operations and will have oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, rewarding, and disciplining employees, addressing complaints, and resolving problems/concerns. Oversees staff in PBX, Uniformed Services, Front Desk, and Retail. Will maintain a high standard of guest service within the hotel departments and actively promote positive customer and employee relations by ensuring that excellent customer service is continually provided.

EMPLOYMENT VACANCY

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS: SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY

Irrigation System Operator

Apply online at USAJobs.gov:

Search for “Irrigation System Operator” in the Keywords text box and enter “Ignacio, Colorado” in the Location text box.
The Closing Date is April 25, 2024.

You may also scan the QR code:



TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information 970-563-0117 • Native American Preference Applies
Job descriptions and applications available at TERO 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colo.

Bonfire Field Services Apprentice Technician

The Field Services Apprentice Technician will receive a variety of training from multiple disciplines within Bonfire. The Field Services Apprentice will learn from and take directions from technicians, engineers, and other key disciplines throughout the process. This is a 2-year apprenticeship with eligible quarterly pay increases. Native American Preference will be applied. How to apply: Email a resume and cover letter to tonia.martinez@bonfireig.com. You may also contact TERO for more information: lsanchez@southernute-nsn.gov, 970-563-2294.

GOAL HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Coach (PP148) – Full-time

Closing 4/23/24 – Job location is Bayfield/Ignacio - Ignacio , CO
Salary Range: \$31,000 – \$35,000 salary/year
Is is a Professional/Non-Exempt job. Reports to Assistant Principal, Dean, or Designee. Calendar year is 195 days. This position would require you to work from an Ignacio shared space location and serve students that are in that area. Occasionally you would be asked to come to our Durango location for team building or site needs. Our Durango main site currently includes students from Durango, Hermosa, Bayfield and Ignacio; however, our Ignacio student numbers have continued to increase. Students that live in the Ignacio area have to commute 35 mins to get support in Durango at our main location, and we have identified this as a barrier for some. We currently have staff that go out from Durango to the Ignacio area once a week to meet with students but would like to create daily support out there for students. This position would help us to better serve those students in that area by offering a coach that reports daily out to a semi-public/shared space location. Full job description and how to apply can be found at: <https://www.paycomonline.net/v4/ats/web.php/jobs/>

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job Announcements cont.

***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.

***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.

***Level II Facilities Staff (Full-time)**
Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

***Multi-Games Dealer (Full-time)**
Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated.

***Multi-Games Pit Boss (Full-time)**
Supervision of all multi-games tables and staff as directed by the Table Games Manager. It ensures that guests are provided with a professional, friendly, and courteous gaming experience while adhering to all appropriate gaming regulations. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated.

***Night Auditor (Full-time)**
Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers, promotes the Casino hotel to the guest throughout all stages of the guest’s stay. Answering phone calls, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

***Players Club Representative (Full-time)**
Performs all administrative functions, signing up new members, player’s account maintenance, answer player club and general property questions, administering redemption, complimentary and access rewards, and benefits to qualified players

club members. Maintain the highest standard of guest service, problem resolution and confidentiality. Develops and creates a long-lasting experience for all Club Card members.

***Retail Staff (Full-time)**
Opening, operating, and closing the Gift Shop and Tix System. Provides excellent customer service to Casino guests and customers. Maintains a well-stocked, clean, and attractive retail environment.

***Rolling Thunder Grill Line Cook (Full-time)**
Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

***Rolling Thunder Grill Server (Full-time)**
Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages, taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Shift covers breakfast and lunch only.

***Room Attendant (Full-time/High School Summer Temp.)**
Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping, and mopping all areas of the guest rooms.

***Security Officer (Full-time)**
Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property.

***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.

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

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



NATURAL RESOURCES

Proposed bill to protect Colorado’s critical waterways

Staff report

SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE

We are excited to announce the introduction of a bill to protect streams and wetlands in Colorado! The legislation would restore the protections to Colorado’s wetlands and streams that were lost as a result of last year’s Supreme Court Decision. HB24-1379 is spearheaded by Speaker of the Colorado House Rep. Julie McCluskie along with Sen. Dylan Roberts, and Rep. Karen McCormick.

As a member organization of the Protect Colorado Waters Coalition, SJCA strongly supports the legislation to protect our state’s waterways. Please act and support this proposed bill by contacting your legislator. Together we can help ensure that the clean water that our communities and environment depend on is protected.

Why is it important to protect these waterways?

The role of healthy, functioning wetlands and ephemeral streams throughout the Western Slope of Colorado is essential to both environmental health and community vitality. Wetlands function as natural filtration systems that ensure downstream quality for drinking water, recreation, and agriculture use. The spongy soils that compose a wetland serve as naturally distributed water storage,



courtesy San Juan Citizens Alliance

Wetlands are the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the world and support more than 90% of Colorado’s wildlife use.

storing water during wet periods and slowly releasing it during dry spells.

Wetlands are the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the world and support more than 90% of Colorado’s wildlife use. Large and healthy wetlands systems also serve as wildlife refuges during wildfire occurrence, as large wetlands function as natural fire breaks along the landscape. Following wildfire occurrence and heavy precipitation events, wetlands reduce flooding impacts by absorbing excess water and storing it within their soils.

Seasonal streams are equally essential to providing benefits to clean and dependable water in Colorado. These systems support recharging the groundwater table that supports year-round streams, as well as sustaining habitat for terrestrial and aquatic species. As

a headwater state, we must secure the future of clean and reliable water supplies for our communities, industries, and the environment.

Interested in doing more to support this effort?

Please consider registering to virtually testify at the Colorado General Assembly on Monday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. in support of HB24-1329.

Follow these instructions to register: Select Remotely via Zoom, then Select by Sponsor and Bill. Select McCluskie from the Sponsor dropdown, then April 8, at 1:30 p.m. for the Meeting Date and Time. Select HB24-1379 from the Hearing Item dropdown. If you are interested, or registered to testify, please email sara@sanjuancitizens.org for a complete list of talking points.

Your voice matters - let’s speak up on this together.

Irrigation Water Users Pine River Indian Irrigation Project



BIA Ditches off of Pine River Canal Turn On April 22, 2024



United States Department of the Interior BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS Southern Ute Agency P.O. Box 315 Ignacio, Colorado 81137-0315

ATTENTION!

Southern Ute Agency Firefighter/Support Staff Recruitment

For the 2024 Fire Season

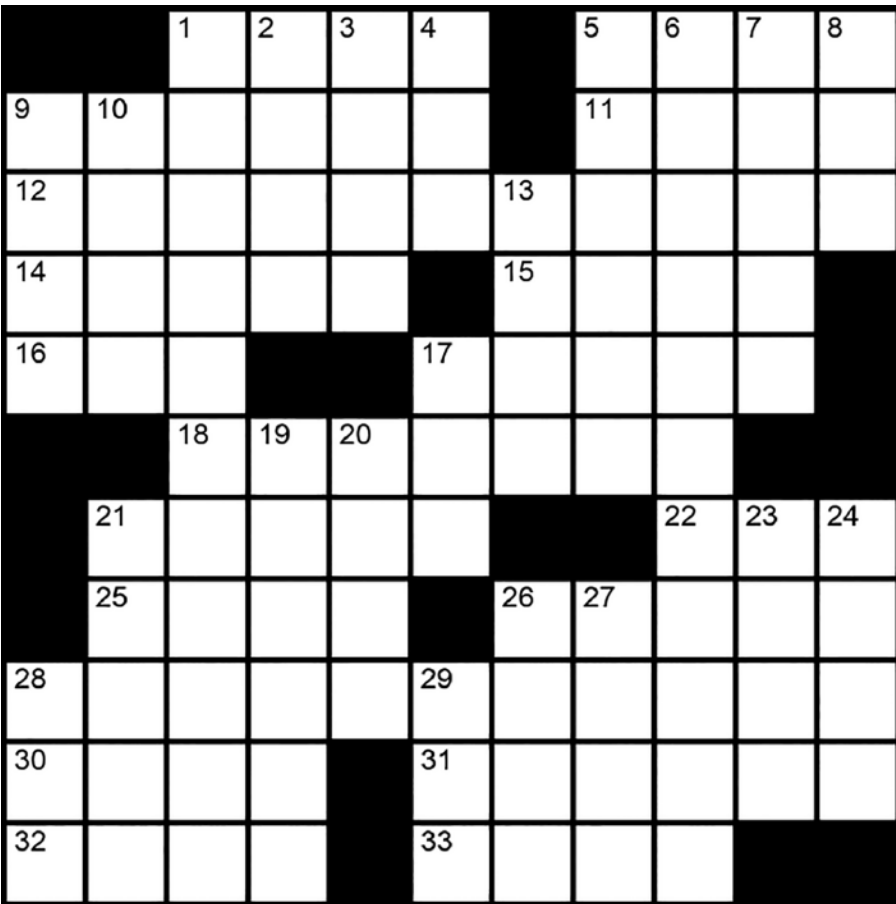
Applications for the 2024 Fire Season for the Southern Ute Agency are available. Visit the BIA Fire Management office at: 575 County Road 517, Ignacio, CO or call 970-563-4571

Drug Screening and valid driver’s license required. A physical exam folled by a fitness test (3-mile hike carrying 45 pounds with 46 minutes) will be administered once screened. Please bring two (2) forms of identification.

Wildland Firefighting is a great career choice if hiking, camping, and outdoor activities are your interests. HARD CORE individuals should come check it out!

Stop by the BIA Fire Management Office or call 970-563-4571 for info.

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Trash site
- 5 Badly behaved child
- 9 Enters
- 11 An Arikara medicine ceremony leader would stand on one of buffalo hide
- 12 The name of Red Cloud’s tribe, when he led it
- 14 Lewd looks
- 15 The Orient
- 16 Last month, for short
- 17 Miniature racing autos
- 18 Cavalry command
- 21 Faith whose governing body is the Universal House of Justice
- 22 Elementary education, briefly
- 25 “--- be a cold day in hell ...”
- 26 --- Holmes, who married Tom Cruise
- 28 Mentally defective person with a special talent
- 30 “A New Day Has Come” singer Celine ---
- 31 Egg-shaped objects
- 32 “--- of Green Gables”
- 33 Two-masted sailboat

Down

- 1 Pleasure
- 2 Backup troops
- 3 Tiny measures
- 4 Pneumonia
- 5 Pipes
- 6 Wake behind a speedboat
- 7 Borders on
- 8 Nickname for a man from Austin
- 9 Historic San Juan Mountains find
- 10 S-shaped molding
- 13 Revolver catch
- 17 Colorful form of the common carp
- 19 People once known as Costanoans
- 20 Cease moving
- 21 Try to buy your own stuff, at an auction
- 23 Outer covering
- 24 Soaks in water
- 26 Pacific island herbal remedy
- 27 Admit openly
- 28 Highest mountain in Crete
- 29 Sauce for a sushi chef

Answers will appear in the May 3 issue of the Drum.

Answers for April 5, 2024 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Ural, 5 Bah, 8 Bend, 9 Omani, 12 Cold springs, 14 Laos, 15 Random, 16 Atco, 17 Item, 18 Nsa, 19 Bee, 20 Act, 23 Ties, 25 Fire, 26 Amidst, 28 Ad in, 29 Foolishness, 31 Caned, 32 Acne, 33 Sse, 34 Wyss. Down: 1 U-boats, 2 Relocations, 3 And so, 4 I-ds, 5 Borate, 6 A mine, 7 Handmaidens, 10 Ngo, 11 Ism, 12 Clan, 13 Priests, 19 Beside, 21 Crises, 22 Tens, 24 Idles, 25 Fancy, 26 Afc, 27 Moa, 30 Haw.



BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS

3 Big Horn Sheep 2 Mountain Goat 2 Moose

The Wildlife Division will be accepting Brunot Rare Game Applications the month of MAY. The drawing will be held in June.

The Application will be on the Southern Ute Rare Game website:

https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/rare-game-app/

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

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, April 19



Mostly sunny 70°F Breezy in the morning

Saturday, April 20



Mostly sunny 70°F Chance of showers, breezy

Sunday, April 21



Sunny 71°F

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

