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The Southern Ute Drum unveils new website design at sudrum.com

Gathering of Nations



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Filling Tingly Coliseum at EXPO New Mexico, over two thousand dancers from across Indian Country took part in what is billed as the largest powwow in North America, Friday, April 26 – Saturday, April 27 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Grand Entry celebrations packed the house both days, the weekend was filled with cultural dances, Indigenous music performances and a horse and rider regalia parade on the promenade. The event culminated on Saturday night with the crowning of Miss Indian World, Kassie John of the Diné (Navajo) Nation.

See more Gathering of Nations Powwow coverage on page 13.

EDUCATION

# Ignacio High welcomes Gullion as principal, Fjerstad to retire

School District votes to increase pay scale

**Staff report**  
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ignacio High School is proud to announce the appointment of Alisha Gullion as the new principal for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Gullion will assume the leadership role following the retirement of Barbara Fjerstad, marking a significant transition for the School District.

With a passion for education, Gullion brings a youthful approach with a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to the success and well-being of Ignacio High School students. Having served as a dedicated educator within the school district for eight years, Gullion is well-positioned to lead Ignacio High School into its next chapter of excellence and achievement.

“We are thrilled to welcome Alisha Gullion as the new principal of Ignacio High School,” Ignacio School District Superintendent, Christopher deKay said, “Her experience, dedication, and understanding of our school community make her the ideal candidate to lead our school forward.”

As a respected educator and leader, Gullion has demonstrated a strong commitment to fostering a positive learning environment, promoting academic excellence, and supporting the development of students. Her collaborative approach and passion for education will further strengthen the Ignacio High School community and enhance the educational experience for all students.

“I am thankful for the opportunity and excited to support Ignacio High School students, families,

Gullion page 8

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

# Southern Ute Indian Tribe prioritizes connectivity

Ignacio fiber network now active

**By Summer Begay, Communication Specialist**  
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe celebrated a significant milestone today with the activation of its new broadband network serving the Town of Ignacio. The activation ceremony was attended by dignitaries and leadership from the Colorado Broadband Office, La Plata County, Town of Ignacio, and Bonfire, along with Chairman Melvin J. Baker, Tribal Council, and Southern Ute Shared Services.

The Ignacio Broadband network signifies a giant leap forward in connecting the future for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This essential infrastructure project offers residents within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and businesses in Ignacio with high-speed internet access, unlocking doors to advancements in education, healthcare, economic development, and overall well-being. This activation will serve over 100 tribal homes.

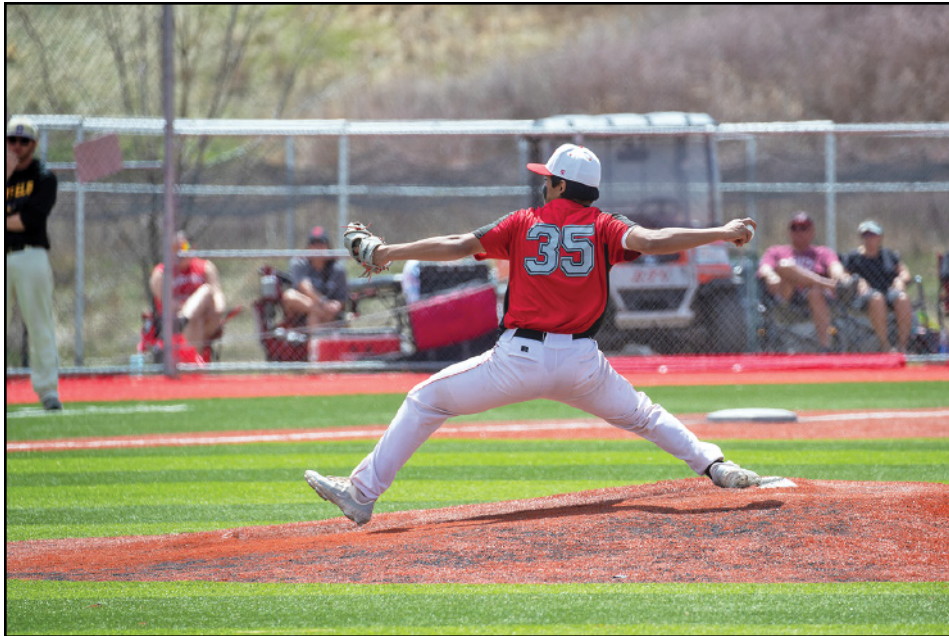
The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the severity of the digital divide on the Reservation. The lack of internet access severely limited opportunities for remote work, telehealth services, and remote learning. In response, the Tribal Council prioritized bridging the gap to ensure equal access to these critical resources.

“Balancing tradition and progress, tribal nations in remote areas like the Southern Ute Indian Tribe face an even larger digital divide where accessing technology and essential services is difficult,” said Brandy Reiter, Executive Director of the Colorado Broadband Office. “Connecting the Town of Ignacio to high-speed internet isn’t just about connectivity, it’s about bridging the digital gap, preserving culture, fostering economic growth and unlocking limitless opportunities for Southern Ute generations to come.”

“Activating the Ignacio Broadband in the boundaries of the Reservation is the first step on our journey to bridge the digital divide,” Chairman Baker said, “This project reflects our unwavering commitment to building a brighter future for both tribal and non-tribal members of our community. High-speed internet is no longer a privilege; it is a necessity for achievement in today’s digital age.”

“The lighting of the Ignacio fiber is an event three years in the making,” Southern Ute Shared Services Chief Information Officer, Jeff Engman said, “While it will take another six to eight weeks to fully connect every home in Ignacio, we are excited that we are now ready to light up the Tribes’ fiber network and begin serving to ensure equal access to these critical resources.”

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courtesy Legit Outdoors Photography

Gabe Archuleta (35) pitching in the Ignacio Bobcats varsity game against Bayfield helping to take home a 10-6 victory.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

# ’Cats slam Sargent, drub Dove Creek

IHS goes 12-2 during month of April

**By Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having already clinched the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League championship, Ignacio Baseball wrapped up regular-season league play Monday afternoon, April 29, drubbing Dove Creek 16-3 in five innings at IHS Field.

Only two calendar squares removed from sweeping 2A Southern Peaks Leaguers Sargent 23-0 and 20-4 out in the San Luis Valley, the Bobcats broke out for six runs in the bottom of the first against the Bulldogs, and led 11-0 by the time DCHS finally got on the scoreboard in the top of the fourth.

Ignacio, however, responded to Dove Creek’s three runs with five in the bottom of the inning, and the guests then went quietly in the top of the fifth as the ’Cats (13-5 overall, 5-1 SJBL) won their fourth straight game and 12th out of 13 since a one-run loss at 4A Kirtland, N.M., Central in their first game of the month.

Sophomore Ambrose Valdez went a reported 2-for-3 against DCHS with a walk, two runs scored and three batted in. Senior Devante Montoya was 2-4 with a double, two runs and two RBI, while sophomore Stoney White Thunder was 1-3 with a double, walk, two runs and two RBI. Senior Rylan Maez went 2-3

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# Vets Board confirms Richards



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Howard Richards Sr., former tribal chairman and commander for the Southern Ute Veterans Association sat before the State Senate at the Colorado State Capitol in Denver, Thursday, April 18, for the confirmation hearing for his appointment to the Colorado State Board of Veteran Affairs by Governor Jared Polis. Parker White, Legislative Liaison for the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs welcomed Richards in front of the State Board in the Capitol’s Old Supreme Court Chamber. Richards is the first Native American to serve on the State Veteran’s Board in Colorado.



Howard Richards Sr. (center) stands with grandsons, Aeden Richards and Meonahan “Joe” Howell in the Colorado State Capitol in Denver, Thursday, April 18, following the confirmation hearing for his recent appointment to the Colorado State Board of Veteran Affairs by Governor Jared Polis. Richards is an honorably discharged Vietnam veteran having served with the Ninth Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta from Jan. 1 – Aug. 16 of 1969.





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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Shared Services Chief Information Officer, Jeff Engman welcomes stakeholders to the Sky Ute Casino to celebrate the first steps toward providing high-speed internet across the Reservation, Tuesday, April 30.

ing homes in the town. Construction Reservation-wide will continue over the next few years, with Ignacio being the first to have state-of-the-art broadband connectivity.”

The Ignacio Broadband is more than just wires and signals, it is a pathway to empowerment, opportunity, and progress. It embodies the Tribe’s unwavering commitment to technological advancement, serving as a beacon for a thriving and digitally connected community for generations to come. To learn more about this project or to stay informed when construction



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Shared Services Broadband & Digital Equity Manager, Delbert Cuthair gives an update on the Tribe’s new broadband network serving the Town of Ignacio.

and network activation will occur in your area, please visit <https://bonfirefiber.vicezones.net/southernute> and enter your physical address to get started.



MEMORIAL DAY  
REMEMBER & HONOR

Tribal Office Closure

In observance of Memorial Day, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.



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

Many Moons Ago



Trennie Collins/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Going for a ride was one of the more popular activities at the field day. Head Start students got to hitch a ride on the tractor-train and act like they were driving while they got pulled around the parking lot.

This photo was first published in the May 2, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

On the morning of May 4, students from the Southern Ute Indian Academy gathered around the sweat lodge at Peaceful Spirit where tribal member Kenny Frost helped them learn more about the traditional ways and healing benefits of the sweat.

This photo was published in the May 14, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Robert Buckskin advises graduating seniors on life’s upcoming challenges. Graduates of the Southern and Northern Ute Tribes were honored at a tribally sponsored banquet at the Red Lion Inn.

This photo was published in the May 13, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Chairman Burch – presenting a book and congratulations to Michele Cloud at the recent senior appreciation dinner at the Iron Horse Resort. The dinner was sponsored by the Education Department.

This photo was published in the May 4, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.





**THIS IS NATIVE ART**, a contemporary Native American art exhibition at the Colorado State Capitol building

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Online applications due no later than May 8, 2024

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**Dgo. Multi-cultural celebration**



courtesy Heather White Thunder

Shayne and Malia White Thunder were invited to be a part of the Durango School District Multi-Cultural Celebration, Friday, April 19 at the new Impact Center. They introduced themselves and Shayne represented the Tribe as Little Miss Southern Ute. They also showcased their dance styles to the attendees (Shayne – Women’s northern traditional & Malia – Women’s jingle dress). Shayne and Malia attend Florida Mesa Elementary and are in the fourth and second grades, respectively.

**NIGHT AT THE UTE INDIAN MUSEUM**

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

**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.**

SLEEP IN A TIPI UNDER THE STARS

CAMPERS WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN SLEEPING GEAR

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

**Greany makes rounds in N.M.**



photos courtesy Dominika Joy

Theoden Greany and the Ngaa Taiatea Wharekura - Maori from Aotearoa, New Zealand at Gathering of Nations Powwow.



The Southern Ute Braves dancing during Grand Entry at the University of New Mexico “Honoring Our Mothers Powwow” in Albuquerque, N.M., Sunday, April 28.

Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany placed first in a Tiny Tot Special at the NATI Conference Powwow in Albuquerque, N.M. at the Isleta Casino, Thursday, April 25.

**UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**4TH OF JULY POWWOW**

**FORT DUCHESNE, UT**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**JULY 4, 5, 6 & 7, 2024**

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**Southern Host Drum**  
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Brandy Navanick, Uncompahgre

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**MAY 11-12, 2024**

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**GOLDEN AGE MENS COMBINED**

**GOLDEN AGE WOMENS COMBINED**

**1ST, 2ND & 3RD**

**COZAD**

**TINY TOTS PAID BOTH DAYS**

**18-60 :ADULTS**

**13-18 :TEENS ,**

**6-12 :JR CATEGORIES**

**1ST, 2ND, 3RD**

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Primavera means spring!

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

Bring bright seasonal vegetables to your table! Asparagus is plentiful this time of year. It provides nutrients such as fiber, Vitamin K, and folate to name a few.

This light recipe can also incorporate other fresh veggies such as peas, sugar snap or snow peas, tomatoes, mushrooms, zucchini...you name it! When the vegetables turn bright, then you know you will have preserved flavor, texture, and nutrition.

Using whole wheat or other whole grain pasta will bring additional fiber, vi-



courtesy Diethood

tamins, and minerals. Using fresh herbs will add a delicate and bright flavor. Enjoy!

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

Chicken Pasta Primavera (Spring!)

Ingredients:

- 12 oz whole wheat penne pasta
- 1# chicken breast, cut in 1" cubes
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1-2 cups asparagus spears, cut in 1" pieces
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon salt and
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ cup reserved pasta water
- 1 handful of fresh chives, chopped
- 1 handful of fresh basil, chopped
- Zest of one lemon and 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- ¼ cup Parmesan cheese, freshly grated

Directions:

1. Cook pasta according to "al dente" directions, about 9 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, season diced chicken

- with Italian seasoning.
3. Heat one tablespoon of oil in a large pan, add chicken and cook until 3/4 done.
4. Add asparagus and cook for about 2 minutes.
5. Add frozen peas and garlic, cook for an additional 2-3 minutes. When finished, the asparagus and peas should be bright green! Add ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon black pepper.
6. Turn off heat and cover.
7. When pasta is done, scoop out about ½ cup of water before straining.
8. Add pasta and reserved water (1/4 cu to start) to chicken and vegetables, stir to combine.
9. Add lemon zest and lemon juice, stir. Add more pasta water if needed for moisture.
10. Top with fresh chives, basil, and parmesan cheese.
11. Serve immediately.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

By Tamara D. Turner  
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Let's start by asking, what does mental health mean to you?

That might seem like an odd question, but definitions and practices of mental health vary immensely across history and cultures. For example, some cultures have no concept or word for "depression" and what we call "disorders" in Western culture are often viewed in different ways in other parts of the world.

The point is, it's important to think about what mental health feels like to YOU. Is it time with family? Time in the natural world? Laughing with friends, riding horses, tending your garden, cooking a big meal?

One common theme that does seem to be present in many different approaches to mental health is the necessity of human connection. Our nervous systems are wired for connection, as the popular scholar, Brene Brown, is famous for saying. Isolation is a sure way to stress human resilience, which is why COVID social distancing created such a lasting and devastating impact on mental health across the nation.

We also know that even though we have the term

"mental health," it is inseparable from other kinds of health like physical health and spiritual health. When we're sick, it's easier to feel depressed. And if we don't have a spiritual or religious or meaningful practice and focus in our lives, it's also easier to feel down. We didn't need science to tell us that meaning and purpose are powerful antidotes to anxiety and depression, to say the least. Many cultures have known for centuries – and never forgotten – the importance of being thankful, humble, and having a greater purpose.

At the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division, we challenge you this month to think about – and maybe keep a list or journal – of all the activities and blessings in your life that bring you mental health. What does it take in your life to help you flourish? Not just be "okay" or "survive" but LIVE and grow in a mentally healthy way?

We took a little poll at our Behavioral Health Division and here are some responses from our staff about what mental health means to them:

- "Moving from Surviving to Thriving."
- "Growing through life's challenges meaningfully."
- "Living life on life's

terms."

- "Giving back to others daily."
- "Balancing what I can control."
- "Living at the center of myself."
- "Living in the knowledge that I matter."

Will you accept the challenge to spend the month reflecting on your own mental health, as well as spiritual health and physical health? Spring is such a ripe time for rebirth and growth. What better time to commit to your own health!

If you feel so inclined, here's a free mental health toolkit you can download for ideas on educating and taking care of yourself as well as helping others: <https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month>

Here's to your good health!

It's okay not to feel okay

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

Reminder: If you need to talk to someone, please reach out.

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

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

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for mental health emergencies.

Text INDIGENOUS to 741741  
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SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRESENTS  
in collaboration with Department of Social Services and Tribal Information Services

2nd Annual "RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE" RECOVERY RETREAT

MAY 18, 2024  
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

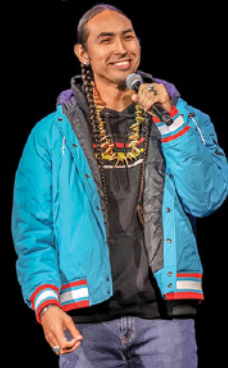
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(Navajo, Oglala Lakota, Omaha Nations)



Looking for ways to enhance your recovery journey or not sure where to start?

Some presentations include:

- CRAFT – Community Reinforcement & Family Training model, for families of addicted loved ones
- The connection between Trauma and Substance Abuse
- Narcan training and Harm Reduction services presented by La Plata County Public Health's Harm Reduction Team
- Healing through music and dance across cultures
- Role of Medications in Treatment

"Recovery-centered day with engaging activities, presentations, and resources for all that are on their recovery journey. Family and friends are welcome as well."

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CLOSED EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 12-5PM FOR AN

All Staff Meeting

To improve patient care and ensure all concerns are addressed

All phone calls to the Health Center, Optometry, Dental and Behavioral Health offices will be answered by the Triage Line.

Please call (970) 563-4581

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

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 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>

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

TAI CHI for Health

Come join us to learn and practice Sun Style Tai Chi – a gentle, restorative exercise, appropriate for all levels.

WHAT: The Tai Chi for Health program developed by Dr. Lam and the Tai Chi for Health Institute and endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control, the Arthritis Foundation, and many others.

WHO: Anyone interested in improving their balance, strength, flexibility and overall wellbeing.

WHEN: Wednesdays, 2-3 pm, starting Wednesday, May 8

WHERE: Southern Ute Museum Classroom

Questions? Call Karen 563-2340

Presented by: Southern Ute Community and Home Health Services

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

# Don’t take it with you: Healthy strategies for managing workplace stress

Staff report

RESILIENT COLORADO

Working provides so much in our lives: life enrichment, connection, purpose, joy, income ... but it can also create stress which can snowball and become overwhelming, diminishing the benefits and fulfillment we experience by working.

You are cordially invited to join the Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation Program at the Sky Ute Casino on Wednesday, May 15 from 10 am – noon to attend a presentation and discussion about healthy ways to manage workplace stress.

Many things can be overwhelming in our jobs: the sheer volume of work, the intensity of the work, even the anger and stress of those we serve, and those we serve alongside, that sometimes is

directed at us. Join us for an engaging seminar focused on ways to keep work at work, protect our sense of well-being, and release stress so we can live in a more balanced, joyful way.

Objectives – participants will gain a conceptual framework for leaving the stress of work at work and walk away with protective strategies such as:

- Understanding the neurobiological impact of workplace stress on our brains, nervous systems, and behaviors.
- Understanding the relationship between mindfulness, boundaries, and well-being.
- In-the-moment resources to use when stress is at its highest, and how to transition when you get home.

The Presenter

Doty Shepard is the co-creator and executive director of Resilient Colorado, a non-profit dedicated to increasing the well-being of our communities by educating about the impacts of trauma and ways to enhance personal and community resilience.

She expertly communicates brain-based ways to enhance and sustain personal, organizational, and community resilience. Her holistic approach to community wellness extends across multiple sectors, and she has a reputation for breaking down silos and inspiring collaboration.

Shepard is in demand as a national trainer and workshop facilitator, a TEDx speaker, and a consultant for organizations seeking to understand the impact of trauma and infuse trauma-sensitive practices into all that they do.

Trauma Informed Care Training series

Don’t Take It With You: Healthy Strategies for Managing Workplace Stress

Presenter: Doty Shepard

Sky Ute Casino- John S. Williams / Vida Peabody Room

Space is limited, Please call (970)563-4730 or Ext: 2207 to RSVP

SAVE THE DATE

Division of Social Services

Motherhood is Sacred Walk

“Honoring our Matriarchs”

May 22, 2024

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Mouache– Capote Building

(Walk starts in front of building)

Division of Social Services Open House and refreshments to immediately follow thereafter...

(1:00 pm to 3:00 pm)

More information contact DSS (Angelina Whitehorse or Audrey Dirschl) extension: 2332





SUIMA

Pawaaghani po’ekwatu – Eagle’s Nest

SUIMA teachers introductions

by Mari Jo Owens, Principal and Jessie Olguin Sanchez, Special Education Specialist  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

**SUIMA School Board**  
The School Board has begun advertising for new school board members. If you are interested, please submit a letter of intent to the school and a Board Member will get in touch with you. Their next meeting will be at 12 p.m. on May 8.

**Family Night Group**  
Our next Family Night will be Wednesday, May 15 with the time to be announced. Come join us for our last event of the year.

**Parent Advisory Group**  
The next PAG meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, from 6 – 7 p.m. via Zoom.

**Student Spotlight**  
The upper elementary students enjoyed their time up in Denver where they enjoyed time at Meow Wolf, History Colorado, and tours of the Tribal holdings.

Last week, we introduced the SUIMA staff members through their pictures, this week we’d like to introduce them through this article:

Reading Specialist, Debbie Lamoreaux, has been with SUIMA since it opened in 2000. First as a lower elementary teacher and now as a reading specialist. Lori Smith is the other Reading Specialist who has been with SUIMA for the past four years. Both reading specialists provide classroom reading support to teachers through training and classroom consultations. They also give whole group, small group, and individual reading skills lessons to students every day to build their reading and comprehension skills. They also get the students interested in reading by providing a lot of STEM opportunities. The reading specialists also organize and run the Scholastic Book Fair each year.  
The SUIMA Education Counselor is Meg Dunn, who has been with the school



courtesy SUIMA

SUIMA Upper Elementary student, Leandro Litz, scored 100% on his Ute Language pretest! Congratulations Leandro!

for four years. She provides individual counseling for students as well as holding Social/Emotional Learning classes weekly for all students. She also oversees our Character Counts program.

Jessie Olguin-Sanchez, who has been with us for four years, is a Southern Ute tribal member and is the Special Education Specialist. Before coming to SUIMA she taught in the public school for 14 years as a first-fourth grade teacher, special education teacher K-5, and high school special education teacher. Olguin-Sanchez oversees the specialist program.

SUIMA’s Special Education Aide is Andrea Hudspeth, who provides 1:1 student service for students in the primary and elementary level. She helps the students with self-regulation, moves between classrooms during the day helping students in need, and also supports students and teachers by help-

ing to make accommodations and modifications for their classrooms.

Our Occupation Therapist is Mallory Pilcher who has been at SUIMA for two years. She works with students to participate in meaningful activities or “occupations” to be happy and successful children. She also collaborates with teachers, parents, and other staff members to address a child’s fine motor, gross motor, sensory processing, self-care, and social emotional needs.

Cherayah Sutton is SUIMA’s Speech and Language Pathologist who joined the school this year. She works with the students, helping them grow their communication skills to a functional level to help them experience success across all areas of life. She provides weekly speech-language therapy and works with the occupational therapist to create monthly take-home packets for many of the students at SUIMA.

Upcoming SUIMA events

- May 1 & 2 – Science mobile at SUIMA
- May 9 – Star Party at ISD Middle School
- May 16 – Elementary Bear Dance workshop
- May 23 – Students from the Kwiyaagat Community Academy will join us for the afternoon
- May 24 – End of the year ceremony; Bear Dance opens

Screening: ‘A Place to Explore’



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal members Elliott, DJ, and Nate Hendren (right to left), welcome viewers during the screening event for their film “A Place to Explore” on Tuesday, April 23 at the Ignacio High School Auditorium. During the summer of last year, the brothers participated in a film making workshop hosted by the Southern Ute Education Department, State of Colorado Office of Film, Television and Media and the Gates Family Foundation. Their film brings focus to their community, featuring the Tribe’s skate park in Ignacio.

Friends, family, and locals gathered inside the Ignacio High School Auditorium for the screening of “A Place to Explore,” a short film created by brothers Nate, Elliott, and DJ Hendren on Tuesday, April 23. The event also doubled as a fundraiser for the Tribal Business Exploration Program as the group raised funds for their upcoming trip to Oceanside, Calif. in June.



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:

ShaRay Rock

srrock@southernute-nsn.gov

970.563.2794

Dustin Weaver

dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov

970.563.2786

Summer Tutoring

Rising into Fourth, Fifth and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

I am offering 1-1 summer tutoring at the Southern Ute Education Department to students entering 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade for the school year 2024-2025. These are students who will have just completed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kfiddler@southernute-nsn.gov)

970-563-2779

BRIDGE THE GAP

2024

JUNE 3-7, 2024

\$15 PER CHILD (FREE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS)

OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY YOUTH, AGES 9-14

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

☒ POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

☒ TRAMPOLINE PARK

☒ BOWLING

☒ GYM ACTIVITIES

☒ SWIMMING

THERE ARE 18 SPOTS, SO HURRY AND SIGN-UP BEFORE THEY'RE ALL TAKEN.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

ELIJAH W.- (970) 563- 2655

BIRD R- (970) 563- 2664

KEISEY F.- (970) 563 -2660





# Ignacio Elementary hosts Empty Bowls



Parents, students and community members peruse the bowls created by the Ignacio Elementary and High School art students at the annual “Empty bowls” event hosted by the Ignacio Elementary School.



Ignacio Elementary art teacher, Lisa Brown welcomed attendees and thanked volunteers and students for their support in the “Empty Bowl” event.



Former Ignacio School District Superintendent, Rocco Fuschetto, and current Ignacio School Superintendent, Chris deKay reconnect during the event.



Stephanie Monte and her granddaughter, Marcia Monte have bowls filled by Gage Norris, and Bree Duran with a homemade taco soup.

**The “Empty Bowls” fundraiser drew community supporters, families and students to the Ignacio Elementary School for the annual event, Thursday, April 25. The special event helps raise funds for local families, food banks, and Heifer International, a national program offering food to help sustain families. Bread was donated by Jean Pierre of Durango and fresh tortillas were donated by Farmers Fresh in Ignacio. A silent auction helped raise funds. Between 350-400 bowls were created by the Ignacio Elementary and High School art students.**

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum

## Graduations Galore

- May 19: Bayfield High School Graduation @ bayfield High School (2 p.m.)
- 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 24: Durango High School Graduation @ Durango High School (10 a.m.)
- May 25: Ignacio High School Graduation @ Ignacio High School (10 a.m.)
- May 31: GOAL High School @ FLC Concert Hall (5 p.m.)

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  
330 Burns Ave. Ignacio, CO 81137

For more information: Michael Kirsch  
Assistant Director  
970-563- 2783  
E-mail: mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov



## Southern Ute Education Youth Employment Program

**NOW  
HIRING**

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

## 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>







6th annual Bobcats Got Talent



photos courtesy Legit Outdoors Photography

Ignacio Elementary hosted its 6th annual Bobcats Got Talent, Tuesday, April 30. The crowd enjoyed watching many talents from singing to break dancing and even stand-up comedy.



Tracy Strohl, the coordinator of this event has been putting in a lot of hours with these students at rehearsals after school.

There were 21 acts that brought the crowd to life along with great backstage help and entertaining MCs.

Practicing the Ute language



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Christine Hudgens, Chief Financial Officer for the Southern Ute Permanent Fund, practices her Ute vocabulary during Ute language class on Friday, April 19. Hudgens has been a student of the Ute language for several years, often attending the classes led by Southern Ute elder, Lynda D'Wolf.

Southern Ute elder, Lynda D'Wolf continues teaching her Ute Language class in collaboration with the Southern Ute Education Department. Hour-long classes are held every Friday at the Leonard C. Burch Administrative building, Buckskin Charley room. Classes are free and open to tribal members and employees.



IGNACIO HIGH WELCOMES GULLION • FROM PAGE 1

and staff in our continued growth and success,” Gullion said.

Barbara Fjerstad has been an integral part of the Ignacio High School and the entire Ignacio School District community for 24 years, providing steadfast leadership, guidance, and support to students, staff, and families. The Ignacio School District extends its deepest gratitude to Fjerstad for her dedicated service and wishes her a fulfilling retirement.

The appointment of Gullion represents an exciting new chapter for Ignacio High School. Ignacio School District looks forward to embarking on this journey under the leadership of Gullion.

BOARD VOTES TO INCREASE PAY

In a move to prioritize staff retention and acknowledge the invaluable contributions of its educators and support staff, the Ignacio School District Board has unanimously



Alisha Gullion  
Principal  
Ignacio High School

approved a significant raise in the pay scale.

Effective in the new academic year, the Board has authorized a \$7,000 increase to the base of the pay scale for certified positions and a \$4 raise for classified positions within the district. This decision reflects the unwavering commitment of the Board to support its educators and staff members and ensure their continued dedication to serving the students and community.

“We recognize the important role our teachers and staff play in shaping the future of our students and community,” deKay said, “By making this decision, we aim to not only attract but also retain staff, while keeping a positive environment for student success.”

The Ignacio School District Board remains committed to fostering a culture of excellence, collaboration, and support within the district. This strategic investment in staff compensation prioritizes the well-being and professional growth of its employees. It serves as a testament to the Board’s dedication to encouraging a supportive and rewarding work environment where educators and staff members can thrive and excel.

For more information about Ignacio High School and updates regarding the new principal transition or the recent pay scale increase, please visit [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org) or contact 970-563-0500.


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](mailto:dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov)

Attention Graduating Seniors!  
Southern Ute & JOM Students

Your 2024 Senior photo is requested for The Southern Ute Drum!

As part of our annual **Special Feature of Graduating Seniors**, The Southern Ute Drum publishes photos of graduates of: 1) Southern Ute tribal members AND 2) Johnson O'Malley (JOM)\* students who are graduating from High School in 2024. Southern Ute tribal members who are graduating off the Southern Ute Indian Reservation are encouraged to submit a photo to be included in the Drum's annual graduates feature.

Please submit photo via email to Robert Ortiz: [rortiz@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:rortiz@southernute-nsn.gov)

**DEADLINE MONDAY, MAY 13 BY 5 P.M.**


PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

- Digital Photos need to be at least 4"x 6" @ 300 dpi, or (1200 x 1800 pixels @ 300 dpi).
- Photos can also be scanned if brought to the Drum offices, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- If taking a photo with cellphone, please set camera to "Fine" (Large) image.
- Please note: Photos may be color corrected and cropped for sizing.
- Please include the following: **Student's Name; Name of School; Town and State.**

\* Native American students enrolled in a Federally recognized Tribe, graduating from either Ignacio or Bayfield schools qualify as Johnson O'Malley (JOM) students.

# NAYO

Native American Youth Organization



## Celebrating Native Heritage

Fundraiser hosted by NAYO  
Teepee Raising with blessing with a Flag Hanging  
then food sale made by NAYO members  
**May 9, 2024**  
Join Us | 3:15-5 PM

Ignacio High School  
315 Ignacio St  
Ignacio, CO 81137





Casino hosts Career Fair



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Sky Ute Casino Resort hosted a Job Fair for the public on Wednesday, April 24 in the John S. Williams and Vida Peabody rooms. During the event, interested applicants filled out proper documents, completed interviews, and some got hired on the spot.

Sky Ute Casino Resort staff welcome interested applicants to the Job Fair held on Wednesday, April 24 in Igancio.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

A Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO) banner, marking May 5, 2024, as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The new banner is displayed on HWY 151, on the south fence of the ELHI Community Center. The banner was purchased by Ignacio Mayor, Clark Craig.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Native Love host community outreach meeting

By Robert L. Ortiz  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Native Love members hosted a Community Outreach Meeting at the Native Love office in the ELHI Community Center, Monday, April 22. Native Love board member, Oolcu Buckskin, speaking on behalf of Native Love Executive Director, Daisy Bluestar, offered updates on upcoming events and information for the remainder of 2024.

Native Love will host the 4th annual 2024 MMIR Prayer Walk/Run, this Saturday, May 4. The annual walk will begin at Elmore's Corner (HWY 172/HWY 160) at sunrise (6:30 a.m.) with prayers and blessings, and continue south on HWY 172 towards Ignacio, and conclude at Ute Park.

To close the MMIR Walk, hosted by the Southern Ute Division of Social Services, a meal will be provided, and include remarks from Southern Ute Tribal Council, Southern Ute Police Dept., Southern Ute Behavioral Health and keynote speaker, Trennie Burch of the State of Colorado MMIR Taskforce.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Native Love will be holding their Board Meeting at the Native Love office at 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 7, in the ELHI Community Center. The board meeting will be open to the public, and new officers will be elected at the meeting.

Native Love will be offer-

ing their services for various Sun Dances in Ute country during the summer months.

If you are interested in volunteering to assist Native Love at the Sun Dances contact Neida Chackee or Native Love for more information.

The 2nd annual Indigenous Fashion Show, Thursday, Aug. 8, in collaboration with the 2024 Pino Nuche Indigenous Art Market & Juried Show. There will be a Call for Artists and Vendors for the fashion show. The art market is scheduled for Aug. 9 – 11 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, in Ignacio.

The 2024 MMIR Bike Run is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 1 during the Four Corners Bike Week. The MMIR Run will begin at the La Plata County Fairgrounds and end at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility in Ignacio. The route is still in the works and will be made available as the event date nears. This year's MMIR Bike Run will be in collaboration with Harley Davidson.

An Indigenous People's Day "walking" Parade is also in the works for October 14, times and locations will be announced when made available.

Also in October, Native Love will once again host a booth at the annual Halloween Community Carnival. Look for dates and times for the event to be posted at a later time.

November will see Native American heritage month events throughout Indian Country, and Na-

tive Love will be available for local community events and to promote Native Love through community outreach opportunities.

Closing out December, Native Love will be participating in the annual Taste of Christmas hosted by the Town of Ignacio. Also in December, Native Love will host their annual board dinner on Dec. 22. On, Dec. 31, Native Love will participate in the New Year's Eve Singing and Blessing event.

And to begin 2025, the Buckskin family will host the New Year's Day Walk. Look for details as the new year approaches.

Native Love is a 501-3c non-profit organization, with a mission to empower Native youth by providing culturally responsive programming. Native Love seeks to preserve culture through providing services to Indigenous people and Indigenous youth by supporting culturally sustaining practices in the Four Corners region.

If you or know anyone who would like to volunteer time and energy, in any manner for any upcoming event, or are interested in serving on the Native Love Board, contact Native Love at 970-553-0662, or via email: native.love.501c3@gmail.com.

Native Love board members will continue the vision of Native Love – to pass on traditional knowledge and culturally relevant events to enrolled tribal members, descendants and family members of enrolled tribal members.

IOEA QUEERMUNITY PRIDE CONFERENCE 2024

CELEBRATING QUEER PRIDE THROUGH COMMUNITY: UNITE, LOVE, GROW

IOEA is committed to making this event a safe space for BIPOC and 2SLGBTQ+ folx. Bullying, harassment and intimidation of any kind will not be tolerated.

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility  
256 Ute Rd, Ignacio, Co

9 AM - 5 PM

18+ grand prize: \$500 Walmart Gift Card

12-17 age grand prize: Apple AirPods Max

Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided!

Child care will be provided for ages 1-10 years.

SCAN ME TO REGISTER!

FREE EVENT  
EVERYONE WELCOME  
RAFFLE PRIZES  
COMMUNITY BUILDING

THE FUN CONTINUES!  
5:30 PM - Community Dinner  
6:30 PM - Drag Show  
(see flyer for more details)

UNITE, LOVE, GROW  
DRAG SHOW & COMMUNITY DINNER

Buffalo Barbie  
Slymm Jymm  
Nikko Nuche  
Blanca Hoedjé  
Rosé Hoedjé

JUNE 29, 2024  
5:30 - 6:30 PM COMMUNITY DINNER  
6:30 - 8:30 PM DRAG SHOW

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!  
BINGO & PRIZES!

IOEA is committed to making this event a safe space for BIPOC and 2SLGBTQ+ folx. Bullying, harassment and intimidation of any kind will not be tolerated.

Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility  
256 Ute Rd.  
Ignacio, CO 81137

2024!  
MMIR Prayer Walk/Run  
Saturday, May 4, 2024  
START: ELMORE'S CORNER  
SUNRISE 6:30 A.M.  
50 COUNTY ROAD 234, DURANGO Co. 81301  
END: UTE PARK  
1:00 P.M.  
256 UTE ROAD, IGNACIO, CO 81137

Photo Credit: Robert Ortiz  
Southern Ute Drum

We welcome you to attend the 3rd annual  
Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives  
Awareness!

Lunch Gathering:  
UTE PARK - 1:00 P.M.  
WELCOMING SONGS AND PRAYERS  
BBQ & BOUNCY HOUSE  
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS  
SASO  
DAISY BLUESTAR - (970)553-0337 / DAISYBLUESTAR2003@GMAIL.COM





BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Club Connect: Announcements and board highlights

Staff report

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Youth of the Month

Our Youth of the Month focuses on acknowledging and making club members aware of their own unique character and abilities. As staff, we want to recognize them by their positive attributes seen in their club driven experience.

For this month of March, our Youth of the Month awards go to Zayla Herrera and Natalia Salas!



Zayla Herrera  
Youth of the Month



Natalia Salas  
Youth of the Month

Congratulations on be- have of BGCSU staff!

Birthday shout outs

- Avalyna Sanchez 4/10
- Robert Lucero 4/14
- Sophia Hudson 4/15
- Ava Naranjo 4/29



BGC announcement

The dates for the summer meetings are:

- May 7 at 5:30 p.m.
- May 14 at 12 p.m.
- May 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Located in the meeting room at the Sun Ute Community Center. The doors will be open one hour before the actual meeting time.

BGC highlights

April 11 – BGC set up tables at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe General Meeting and at the Fort Lewis College Career Expo.

Board highlights

- April 3: Site Director Cassandra Sanchez, and Board Member Amy Barry provided a BGC “on-air” update at KSUT Tribal Radio.
- April 16: CEO Bruce LeClaire, and Board Member Amy Barry attended the Boys & Girls Clubs of Colorado Area Council meeting.
- April 23: Tribal Council appointed Brandi Archuleta to the BGC Board of Directors for a three-year Term.
- April 24: BGC Board of Directors provided a quarterly update to Tribal Council.



Pictured left to right: Wylie Isaacson, Juniper Isaacson, Cassidy Tahlo, Warren Whyte, and Parker Isaacson.

2024 Parent Dedication

The Division of Social Services is proud to announce our families for our 2024 Parent Dedication. These five families are being recognized for being positive parents, supporting their children in reaching their full potential and giving back to our community. We commend these families for their hard work and dedication to their children and families. We recognized these families in April as part of our Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness activity. We thank all the entities that have submitted nominations for this event, Boys & Girls Club, The Southern Ute Drum, SunUte Recreation Center, SUIMA, and the Division of Social Services. We are so proud to honor these families and we wish them the best and brightest future.



Ray and Tristany Sanchez and family.



Britt and Cherry Quinlan and family.



Kristean Velasquez and family.



Mariah Thompson and Joseph Herrera.



Teresa and Bryan Bagdol and family.

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.dsac.org](http://www.dsac.org)



## Colorado Northwestern Community College

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

#### JULY 8-12, 2024

Southern Ute Education will be taking 10 Southern Ute Tribal Members and 1st Descendant students to visit Colorado Northwestern Community College Campus in Rangely Colorado and Craig Colorado

Students will have classroom instruction and hands-on experience.

#### TOURS OF PROGRAMS

- Paleontology Center
- Cyber Security Program
- Nursing Program

- Aviation center
- Dental Hygiene
- the NSP Program

- Arts & Science Program

For more information contact  
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[srock@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:srock@southernute-nsn.gov)  
970-563-2794



## SOUTHERN UTE Cultural Center & Museum

# GIFT SHOP SALE

### 25% off sale for the month of May

Sale excludes B. Yellowtail merch, books, hides, and hand drums.



**SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM**  
503 Ouray Drive • PO Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • 970.563.9583  
WEB | [museum@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:museum@southernute-nsn.gov) | IG | [southern ute museum\\_sum](https://southernute-museum-sum)



## SOUTHERN UTE Cultural Center & Museum

### STUFFED ANIMAL REGALIA WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024 AND FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024  
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM'S LARGE CLASSROOM

Learn how to make a t-dress or ribbon shirt for your stuffed animal!  
Open to 5 participants each class due to limited sewing machines.  
Ages: 7 – 17

### CRAFTING MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024  
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM'S LIBRARY

Make a heartfelt card for Mother's Day.



**503 Ouray Drive • PO Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • 970.563.9583**  
WEB | [museum@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:museum@southernute-nsn.gov) | IG | [southern ute museum\\_sum](https://southernute-museum-sum)





IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Smithsonian exhibit highlights changing landscape of rural America



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Jennifer Macias, History Programs Coordinator with Colorado Humanities cuts the ribbon on the “Crossroads: Change in Rural America,” a Smithsonian Museum on Main Street (MoMS) exhibit at the Ignacio Community Library, Monday, April 29. Macias is joined by members of the Ignacio Creative District (ICD) and Ignacio Community Library. Pictured left to right: Stephani Burditt, ICD Treasurer; Tuggy Dunton, ICD President; Eva Lewis, ICD Director; Dorothy Williams and Sharon Craig, both ICD board members.

**Staff report**  
COLORADO HUMANITIES

Colorado Humanities will tour “Crossroads: Change in Rural America,” a Smithsonian Museum on Main Street (MoMS) exhibit to 10 Colorado communities from Aug. 2023 to Dec. 2024. The exhibit takes a broad look at the characteristics of rural America and explores how rural American communities changed in the 20th century. It explores how an attraction to and interaction with the land formed the basis of rural America, and how rural communities and small towns evolve. It also highlights how change has transformed rural America and how rural Americans are evolving for the future.

The exhibition opened in August 2023 in Walsenburg and will continue moving to other communities, including Ignacio on April 29 at the Ignacio Community Library, 470 Goddard Ave, Ignacio.

‘Crossroads: Change in Rural America’

Currently, most of the United States landscape remains rural with only 3.5% of the landmass considered urban. Since 1900, the percentage of Americans living in rural areas dropped from 60% to 17%, and the exhibit looks at that remarkable societal change and how rural Americans responded.

Americans have relied on rural crossroads for generations. These places where people gather to exchange goods, services, and culture, and to engage in political and community discussions are an important part of our cultural fabric. Despite the massive economic and demographic impacts brought on by these changes, America’s small towns continue to creatively focus on new opportunities for growth and development.

“Crossroads’ allows us to reflect on Ignacio Colorado’s history, present and future, and we are excited to explore what the future may hold for our community,” said Eva Lewis, Director of the Ignacio Creative District. “We want to convene conversations about what makes our community unique and have developed a local exhibit, public programs, and facilitated conversations to complement the Smithsonian exhibition.” All events will be held at Ignacio Community Library, 470 Goddard Ave.

May 9, Ties to Land and Place, 5 p.m.  
May 17, Community Celebrations and Traditions, 1 p.m.

- May 21, Ignacio’s Past, Present, and Future, 5 p.m.
- May 31, Visions, Views, and Voices, 5 p.m.

Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the U.S. Congress, Colorado Humanities, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information contact Jennifer Macias, History Programs Coordinator, at [jennifer@coloradohumanities.org](mailto:jennifer@coloradohumanities.org) or 303-894-7951 x17.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Neida Chackee and Danny Jaques share a few laughs over coffee during the opening reception of the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street (MoMS) exhibit at the Ignacio Community Library, Monday, April 29. Chackee provided the invocation for the event.

### 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.

### 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.

[www.suitutil.com](http://www.suitutil.com) PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500

## Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 04/30/24

### UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRANSFER STATION 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL DAY — CLOSED
- JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNETEENTH — CLOSED
- JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> / 5<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED
- SEPT. 2<sup>ND</sup> LABOR DAY — CLOSED
- OCT. 14<sup>TH</sup> INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 28<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
- DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

#### TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

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

Tribal Members: Pick up 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:  
**May 1st / June 5th / July 10th**

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

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

#### MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing to start week of May 6th
- Tribal Members: Free HDPE Black Pipe still available . Size is 12-inch diameter. Each tribal household is limited to 80 feet. Call Utilities Office to schedule pick-up.
- Shut-off Day is MAY 1st! Pay your bill before 10am on 5/1 to avoid utility shut-off and late fees!
- May 27th — Utilities Offices and Transfer Station are CLOSED for the Memorial Holiday.

**THANK YOU!**

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

### 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:**

1. Email bid to **Dawn Fahrion**, Assistant Controller at [dfahrion@sugf.com](mailto:dfahrion@sugf.com)
2. 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:**

1. Name, Address, Contact Number, including an email address
2. 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.

[www.suitutil.com](http://www.suitutil.com) PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500





FOOD SECURITY

Sourcing local food for your business

La Plata food equity coalition’s free workshop

Staff report  
THE GOOD FOOD COLLECTIVE

On Monday, May 13, from 5 – 6:45 p.m. at Zia Cantina, the La Plata Food Equity Coalition will host the free workshop: “Sourcing Local Food for Your Business.” The aim of the event is to bring together food businesses who are interested in offering more local products with the producers who sell them.

The evening will start with a presentation on local procurement 101: how to get started. Next, a panel of businesses who have demonstrated success sourcing local products will share their knowledge and answer participants’ questions. The evening will end with a meet & greet session where local producers can mingle with food business owners. Stipends are available to participants to help cover the cost of travel, childcare, or whatever people need to help them get to the event. Spanish interpretation will be provided. Please register in advance.

“Food security and economic hardship are pressing issues in our county, especially among our rural and BIPOC residents.” said Erin Jolley, Food Business Workgroup Manager, LPFEC. “The La Plata Food Equity Coalition’s Food Business Workgroup is working to build equitable economic opportunities for underserved entrepreneurs in our county so

that everyone can thrive. Supporting food businesses is also an important way we can celebrate the mix of cultures and flavors in our community.”

This event was created in direct response to the needs expressed by local food business owners when the La Plata Food Equity Coalition’s Food Business Workgroup surveyed them. The Food Business Workgroup’s mission is to support economic opportunity and financial security by building and sustaining a food business ecosystem that is welcoming and inclusive of minority-owned businesses, including BIPOC and rural entrepreneurs.

We know that insufficient income is one of the biggest causes of food insecurity, and we know that starting small food businesses is one big way our local BIPOC and immigrant community members provide financial security for their families, as well as foster job growth and cultural representation. Unfortunately, opportunities and resources for starting small businesses are not equitably distributed in our community, and the Food Business Workgroup’s aim is to reduce barriers for underserved people.

Event description & registration

Are you a food business who’d like to offer more local products? Join us for “Sourcing Local Food For Your Business,” a free

workshop where you can connect with local farmers, learn how to navigate the local food procurement landscape, and hear from fellow entrepreneurs who are doing this successfully. Elevate your business with locally sourced goods, support your community, and savor the flavors of local entrepreneurship!

Please register in advance. Stipends are available to cover the cost of travel, childcare, or whatever you may need to help you get there. Spanish interpretation will be offered.

Register at <https://www.goodfoodcollective.org/event-details/sourcing-local-food-for-your-business>

La Plata Food Equity Coalition

The La Plata Food Equity Coalition (LPFEC) is enhancing health equity for and with La Plata County BIPOC, Senior, and Rural Residents through healthy food access and shared community leadership. We are composed of individual community members, community groups, organizations, agencies and institutions who are committed to collaborative leadership and centering lived experience. Our work is focused on systems change, with an emphasis on shifting mental models, power dynamics, relationships & networks, policies, practices, and resource flows. To learn more, visit [www.goodfoodcollective.org/lpfec](http://www.goodfoodcollective.org/lpfec)

Environmental Commission



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Michael J. Kirsch gives the Tribal Air Quality program update during the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and State of Colorado Environmental Commission Meeting on Wednesday, April 24. The meeting was held in Ignacio in the Environmental Programs Department Large Conference Room. The meeting agenda included introductions to new employees, new business, Tribal Air Quality update, Tribal Air Initiatives, and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Garden plants to be provided to tribal members

The Southern Indian Ute Tribe’s Agriculture Division is planting the demonstration garden for the second year. Agriculture staff is currently planting onions and potatoes. This year we ordered extra onion plants and seed potatoes that we are distributing to Tribal members at no cost. The extra onion and potatoes will be made available to Tribal members for your home gardens. We will provide approximately five pounds of seed potatoes and fifty onion plants to each Tribal member on a first come first serviced basis. These will be available beginning May 6th at the Agriculture Division Office, 655 CR 517, Ignacio, CO.

Onion varieties are Texas 1015 (yellow), Candy (yellow), White Bermuda, and Red River (purple). Potato varieties are Sangre (red), Jerry Garcia (purple), Yukon Gold, Purple Majesty, and Rocky Mountain Russets. Varieties on both onions and potatoes will be mixed.

The Agriculture Division will also have extra tomatoes and peppers. Tomatoes and peppers will be also to be distributed to Tribal members. Tomato varieties that will be available are Early Girl, Better Boy, Beef Steak and Roma. Peppers will be mostly green chili varieties such as Jemez and Anaheim. Tomatoes and peppers will be available for distribution May 28 at the Agriculture Division Office.



If you have questions please contact Kevin Mallow, Agriculture Division Head or Linda Odell, Agriculture Technician at 970-563-2900.

### Ute Language Classes

When : Every Friday starting  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>

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

### SAVE THE DATE

2024 TRIBAL EVENTS

BEAR DANCE  
MAY 24 - MAY 27

SUN DANCE  
JULY 19 - JULY 22

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
SHERISA VALDEZ / 970-563-2988

### SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE POWWOW

MAY 24 + 25, 2024

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT, IGNACIO, CO

INFORMATION: TARA VIGIL: 970-799-0615  
VALERIE ARMSTRONG: 970-317-3585  
VENDOR INFO: 970-563-3000 EXT. 1759

## MAY PROMOTIONS

### BLOOMING BUCKS CASH DRAWING

SATURDAYS IN MAY  
11AM - 5PM

WIN UP TO \$1,000 CASH!

### CINCO DE MAYO MULTIPLIER

SUNDAY MAY 5th  
9AM - 12AM

EARN 5X POINTS ON THE SLOTS!

14324 Hwy 172 North, Ignacio, CO 81137 | [skyutecasino.com](http://skyutecasino.com)

Disclaimer: Prizes are non-transferrable. Sky Ute Casino reserves the right to modify or cancel promotions at any time without notice. Must be 21 or older to enter casino. Rules apply. See Ace's Club or promotional kiosk for details.





# Gathering draws thousands to Abq.



A young traditional dancer gives it his all during the Junior Boys Traditional Dance category inside Tingly Coliseum, Friday, April 26.



Malia White Thunder competes in junior girl's jingle dress, putting her best foot forward for the contest judges.



Southern Ute Brave and fancy dancer, Henry Whiteskunk II represents the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in Albuquerque, N.M.

**The Gathering of Nations, billed as the largest powwow in North America, filled EXPO New Mexico this past weekend. Returning to Albuquerque, N.M. in its 41st year – this annual powwow highlights cultural resilience and Native American self-determination with strong representation from across Indian Country. Over 565 tribes from around the United States and 220 from Canada traveled to Albuquerque to participate – including members of the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Northern Ute Tribes. The multi-day event culminated with the crowning of Miss Indian World, Kassie John of the Diné (Navajo) Nation of Rock Point, Ariz. on Saturday night.**

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley  
The Southern Ute Drum



Powwow contestants of all ages travel to New Mexico each spring to participate in the Gathering of Nations.



Kassie John of the Diné (Navajo) Nation of Rock Point, Ariz. was crowned Miss Indian World, Saturday evening, April 27 during the 41st annual Gathering of Nations Powwow.



Southern Ute Tribal Council member and grass dancer Marty Pinnecoose, makes the rounds during Grand Entry at the Gathering of Nations Powwow.



Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany shows off his moves as a fancy dancer, Friday, April 26.



Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Maleina Caryl and Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage represent the Tribe along with fellow Southern Ute Royalty at the 41st Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, N.M.





# Bear Dance

toghomasuwiiniwachukuchipkwaghatu (14)

May 3, 2024

**BEARDANCE CHIEF:**  
Paul Manning LaRose  
**MC:** Bart Powaukee

**Special Invited Guest:**  
Joel Woods, Alberta,  
Canada

**CATMAN:**  
Charles Denny  
**YOUTH CATMAN:**  
Samuel Tabbee

**MC Handgame**  
Andre Picard, Jr  
Lapawai, ID.

**WHITEROCKS  
OLD STYLE UTE BEAR DANCE**  
May 16-19, 2024

**Thursday, May 16**  
8:30 am. Morning Prayers for the Day  
9:30 am. Early Bird Handgame Special  
\$400 2 Men Tournament Winner  
Takes All  
9:30 am. Breakfast provided by Paul LaRose  
Bear Dance Chief  
11:00 am. Headstart Min-Beardance  
12:00 pm. Lunch provided by Paul LaRose  
Bear Dance Chief  
2:00 pm. Bear Dance Starts  
5:00 pm. Traditional Handgame  
5:30 pm. Dinner  
6:00 pm. Open Handgames

**Friday, May 17**  
8:30 am. Morning Prayers for the Day  
9:30 am. Early Bird Handgame Special  
\$400 2 Men Tournament Winner  
Takes All  
9:30 am. Breakfast provided by Paul LaRose  
Bear Dance Chief  
12:00 pm. Lunch provided by Paul LaRose  
Bear Dance Chief  
2:00 pm. Bear Dance Starts  
5:00 pm. Traditional Handgame  
5:30 pm. Dinner  
Camping is available for Trailers & Tee-Pees.  
Showers available at Whiterocks Community  
Building and Whiterocks Laundromat  
Hand Game & Youth Tournament Daily

**Saturday, May 18**  
8:30 am. Morning Prayers for the Day  
9:30 am. Early Bird 2 Men  
Handgame Special  
Breakfast provided by Paul LaRose  
Bear Dance Chief  
9:30 am. Painted Horse "Walk/Run"  
12:00 pm. Lunch provided by Paul LaRose  
Bear Dance Chief  
1:00 pm. Bear Dance Starts  
3:00 pm. Horse Parade  
5:00 pm. Dinner  
6:00 pm. Traditional Handgame Special  
1st place \$2,500, 2nd place  
3rd place \$500, and 10  
Consultation prizes

**Sunday, May 19**  
8:30 am. Morning Prayers for the Day  
9:30 am. Early Bird Handgame Special  
\$400 2 Men Tournament Winner  
Takes All  
9:30 am. Breakfast provided by Paul LaRose  
Bear Dance Chief  
9:00 am. Bear Dance Starts  
1:00 pm. Horse Parade & Honoring  
Our Elders Parade & Men's Northern  
Straight Regalia Special, Men's  
Buckskin War Bonnet Special,  
Women's Shell & Buckskin  
Dress Special  
5:00 pm. Traditional Feast Dinner  
6:00 pm. Turkey Dance in Honor of  
the Late Albert Manning  
Handgame Special 5 Men Tournament  
\$1,000  
6:00 pm. Ending with Round Dance Songs by Joel Woods  
of Canada, member of the Northern Cree Singers.

**Traditional Giveaway  
on Sunday by Bear Dance Chief**

**Join us on Saturday to pay tribute to the late Stella Bullet,  
Teresa Cuch, Roben Cuch, Eda McCurdy, Lena Bush, Rose  
Mart, Willis, and Yvonne Thompson at the Traditional  
Handgame Special.**

**The Bear Dance Chief will show appreciation to all Singers  
for their beautiful songs and for keeping the spirit alive.**

**"Everyone is welcome to attend"**  
For more information  
Contact Paul Manning LaRose at 435-722-7705

**NOT responsible for any THEFT or DAMAGES - This is a Drug and Alcohol FREE event.**

**UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
MAH MAH KURNH KUP  
(BEAR DANCE)**  
**MAY 10 - 13, 2024  
FORT DUCHESNE, UTAH**

**BEAR DANCE CHIEF: HENRY HOWELL  
CATMAN: DAWEE HOWELL**

**FLAG RAISING AND LOWERING  
MAY 12 AND 13 8AM AND 5PM  
U&O VETERANS**

**HANDGAME TOURNAMENT  
CONTACT:  
MELISSA POST 435-401-8636  
CARLO POOWEGUP 435-722-5553**

**MOTHERS DAY HONORING  
SUNDAY MAY 12, 2024**

**FEAST DAY  
5PM MONDAY MAY 13, 2024  
CALLING ALL ROYALTY AND HIGH  
SCHOOL CLUBS  
CONTACT:  
JESSICA JENKINS 435-823-2737**

**CONCESSIONS  
CONTACT:  
LUCUS SANTIO 435-630-0843**

**CORRAL  
CONTACT:  
ALEX CESSPOOCH 435-823-1048**

**ALL SINGERS AND DANCERS WELCOME**  
**NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS OR LOSS OF PERSONAL ITEMS.  
THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT.**

**Southern Ute Bear Dance  
May 24-27, 2024**  
**Southern Ute Reservation**  
**Bear Dance Corral Blessing: May 24th, 10am**  
**Bear Dance Feast: May 27th, 12pm**  
**Bear Dance contact info: Bear Dance Chief, Matthew J. Box, (970) 759-7038**  
**Vending info contact: Sherisa Valdez (970) 563-2988**

**Bear Dance Rules: No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing.**  
**Photography, video & audio recording is strictly prohibited, except by members of the Ute Tribes.**  
**The Southern Ute Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft.**  
**The Pine River is RESTRICTED.**  
**"Be aware. Be good to each other, and do not bring any anger, hate or jealousy to the sacred grounds."**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**The Bear is Still Dancing**  
*Kwiyaget Tago Mamkonuhka Wa'Ipagayus*

**135th ANNUAL UTE MOUNTAIN BEARDANCE**

**MAY 31- JUNE 3  
TOWAOC, CO**

**Bear Dance Chiefs:**  
Terry Knight Sr.  
Mark Wing  
Austin Jacket  
Farley Ketchum Sr.  
Terry Knight Jr.

Merchandise regarding the Beardance will be sold at the event.  
Ladies **MUST** wear a shawl and dress for women  
Powwow May 31 and June 1  
Handgames

Reserve Your Hotel stay @ <https://utemountaincasino.com>

**2024  
WHITE MESA  
BEAR DANCE  
CELEBRATION  
POWWOW**  
**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**  
*White Mesa, UT*  
**AUG. 31ST - SEPT 1ST**

**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)

**ARTS & CRAFTS / FOOD VENDOR INFO:**  
Registration & Fees: Sky Ute Casino Resort Sales Dept.  
970-563-3000 ext. 1753  
(First come, first serve)

**HOST HOTEL INFO:**  
Sleep Inn Durango  
1260 Escalante Dr., Building A Durango, CO 81303  
970-403-1350  
Use Code: Southern Ute Beardance Powwow  
2 Nights only total \$228  
10-Rooms Available  
Breakfast included 5 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE:**  
Tara Vigil - Chairman  
Rochelle Aguilar - Vice Chairman  
Rhianna Canel - Treasurer  
Valerie Armstrong - Recording Secretary  
Committee Members:  
Dona Frost, Karen Washington, Lisa Jacket, Malaina Canel  
S.U. Councilman, Marty Pinnecoose - Tribal Council Ex-Officio

**DRUM CONTEST: OVERALL PAYOUT \$23,000**  
1st - 5th Place, Split Northern / Southern  
\*Singers who are under 18 yrs. and register for the Drum Contest MUST have ONE 18 yrs. or older member as the payout representative.

**DANCE AND DRUM CONTEST REQUIREMENT:**  
For payout purposes ONLY, MUST show your Social Security Card AND current valid State/and or Tribal ID with your address.  
You must also provide a current phone number.

**For information contact: Tara Vigil, 970-799-0615 or Valerie Armstrong, 970-317-3585**

**The Southern Ute Powwow Committee, Sky Ute Casino Resort, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, will not be responsible for accidents, theft, injuries, food borne illnesses or death.**

**Memorial Day 2024  
Day of Remembrance**

**Presented by:**  
**The Southern Ute Veterans Association  
in cooperation with  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe**

**Memorial Day: Monday May 27, 2024  
Southern Ute Veterans Park - 10:00 AM**





Multi-Purpose Facility

Annual Bear Dance Arts & Crafts Fair



Sunday & Monday May 26 & 27, 2024

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Come and shop for great gifts, baked goods, artwork, beadwork & other hand crafted items.

Enjoy a cool drink, and great food.



Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

Call for more information 970-563-2640 or 970-563-2641

Multi-Purpose Facility

Annual Bear Dance Arts & Crafts Fair



Sunday & Monday May 26 & 27, 2024

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Artists, Artisans, Crafters, Bakers

Space—10 X 10 with 2 chairs \$30/day or \$50/both days

Space is assigned at time of payment—Cash, Check, Money Order only

Limited number of tables available to rent \$10

Doors open 7:30 AM

Call Stais to reserve your table



Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

Call for more information 970-563-2640 or 970-563-2641

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






Southern Ute Bear Dance

Seeking Volunteers

Youth Adult

Questions: Sherisa Valdez



970.563.2988

Traffic control


Hand out flyers

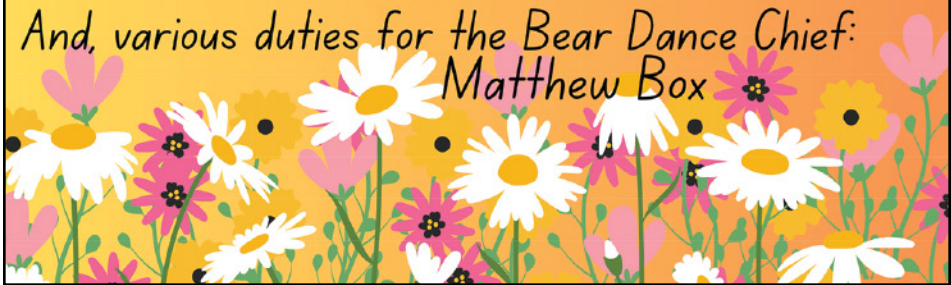
Help with feast

Public announcements

And, various duties for the Bear Dance Chief:

Matthew Box





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:

WILLETTTE THOMPSON

970-317-8784 | BOBCATWWS@GMAIL.COM

IZABELLA CLOUD

970563-2984 | ICLCLOUD@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV





Multi-Purpose Facility

"Unfinished Bear Dance Sewing"

Tuesday - Thursday May 7 - 9, 2024









Three Day Sessions:

Tuesday - Thursday

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Two Evening Sessions:

Wednesday & Thursday

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Need help finishing your beading or sewing projects?

Bring your unfinished beading and sewing projects.

Space is limited call to sign-up.

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

970-563-2640 - multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov









Agriculture and Gardening Educational Presentations May and June

**Understanding USDA Agricultural Assistance Programs – May 7, 2024, 3 p.m.**  
Ed McCaw will provide information on USDA program participation. This will cover the Environmental Quality Incentive Program, and Conservation Stewardship Program. Mr. McCaw will provide information to help guide Tribal member agricultural producers through the programs and how to navigate the application processes. This will be a great opportunity for Tribal members to gain a better understanding of what assistance is available through the USDA and how the program may work for your specific situation.

**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. This is a very efficient way to help gardeners grow in the unpredictable climate of SW Colorado.

**Farm Equipment – May 21, 2024, 3 p.m.**  
Agriculture Division staff will provide a hands-on presentation on farm equipment commonly utilized for hay production. Farm equipment will be available for participants to view and there will be discussions on what operations the equipment is used for. There will also be use requirements and safety.

**Hay Production Presentation and Field Tour – June 5, 2024**  
Southern Ute Indian Tribal staff will provide a presentation on hay production in SW Colorado. This program is for Southern Ute Tribal Members and other natives. This presentation will cover hay varieties, fertilization, weed management, irrigation scheduling, insect management, harvest scheduling and hay markets. There will be a short field tour at the Pivot Project that will provide an opportunity for hands on identification of forages and weeds. It will also focus on crop maturity and harvest scheduling.

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, AG Division Head at 970-799-2473.

Boarding school presentation



Rosaleigh Concepcion/SU Drum

Fabian Martinez, Museum Registrar & Archivist for the Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center, gave a history lesson on Indian Boarding Schools at the Durango Public Library, Thursday, April 18. The presentation centered specifically around what the Southern Ute, Northern Ute, and Navajo (Diné) tribes endured while the boarding schools were in use. Students and community members came to hear the presentation based on Martinez's boarding school research; Martinez is an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and a Fort Lewis College alumnus.

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 Frauenhoff**  
970-563-2998, rfrauenhoff@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Museum Special Projects Support Staff Member, Rhonda Price**  
970-563-2972, rprice@southernute-nsn.gov

Multi-Purpose Facility May Quilt & Sewing Class



**Tuesday -Thursday  
May 14, 15 & 16, 2024**

**10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Pinwheel Baby Quilt**

**Beginner & Intermediate Beginner**

Call Elise to sign up & get supply list 970-563-2641



256 Ute Rd. Ignacio CO 81137 - 970-563-2641, eredd@southernute-nsn.gov

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) which makes residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers may qualify for Lifeline discounts of \$5.25/month for voice or bundled voice services or \$9.25/month for qualifying broadband or broadband bundles. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits (up to an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to \$100 on their initial installation charges) if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs.

The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be on either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

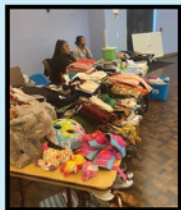
If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-201-4099 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



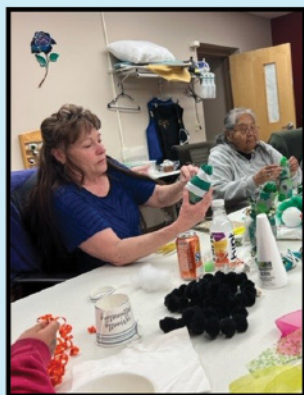
Multi-Purpose Facility May Indoor Yard Sale

**Saturday May 4, 2024**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



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



**Make and Take Crafting  
with Sandy  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Despite single-digit player availability in recent weeks, the Ignacio Lady Bobcats – led by first-year head coach Tori Burch (smiling at right) – still played whenever possible. One such occasion was Friday afternoon, April 26, when IHS traveled to non-league Pagosa Springs for an 8-v-8 duel against the willing Lady Pirates.

BOBCATS SOCCER

Crazy ‘Eights’

Pagosa duels depleted Ignacio on their ‘turf’

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Her first scoring opportunity Friday afternoon, April 26, smothered by opposing goalkeeper Keira Davis, Ignacio senior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga seemed not to worry; she’d have more than just one chance. And she could thank Pagosa Springs head coach Trevor Gian and his players for a later, converted opportunity. For without the Lady Pirates’ willingness to play not one or two, but three players down in order to match up evenly with Tori Burch’s hurting Lady Bobcats, down to just nine in number (senior Zoey Ashley, however, was benched as a precaution after taking a boot to the head in the previous afternoon’s practice), there would have been no match inside Golden Peaks Stadium. No well-placed ball into space by freshman Lainee Bradley. No Mendoza-Lechuga run – begun from nearly two unseen, offside (neither skipper really disputed any of the sole referee’s rulings, knowing he couldn’t really spot every play and/or player) strides behind PSHS’ defenders – onto the ball. And no celebration after avoiding a shutout loss despite having only seven field players (plus besieged sophomore goalie Bella Lorenzini) for all but two minutes of stoppage time following Mendoza-Lechuga’s 40th-minute goal – bringing IHS back to 9-1 in an event-

al 11-1 non-league road loss. Hustled out to Archuleta County by her mother after interviewing for a potential college scholarship, senior Willow Schulz became the guests’ ninth player on the pitch, meaning Pagosa Springs (5-4-2 overall, 0-3-2 3A Southwestern) could also send out a ninth, but ended up IHS’ eighth as senior Jillian Middlebrook wracked an ankle and couldn’t continue after halftime. Back down to a balancing eight themselves, the Lady Pirates went up 10-1 when junior Hailey Sams scored in the 47th minute, and after Schulz’s less-injured right knee suddenly gave out in the 54th, requiring her removal, PSHS enacted the ten-goal mercy rule in the 55th as freshman Ximena Garcia first intercepted a Lorenzini goal kick, then watched as her subsequent shot clanged off Lorenzini’s near post and briefly paralleled the goal line before wobbling just far enough behind it to register. Coincidentally, Mendoza-Lechuga had unsuccessfully clanged a 38th-minute try off the same post, before the sides – truly testing their conditioning upon less-congested ground – swapped sides after intermission...after Ignacio (1-10-0 overall, 1-3-0 2A Intermountain-South) ensured that there’d even be one. Substituted in for Davis late in the first half, and charged with Mendoza-Lechuga’s goal against, junior Elizabeth Currier

scored twice (including on an immediate counterstrike seconds after Davis’ aforementioned ninth-minute denial of Mendoza-Lechuga) in the victory. Garcia – who’d converted an assist from senior Lauren Monterroso into the contest’s third-minute icebreaker – totaled four goals after having also scored in the 10th and 12th minutes. Monterroso, who’d hit a post with an eighth-minute attempt, increased PSHS’ early lead to 6-0 in only the 16th minute, and freshman Tatiana Monterroso scored in the 21st off a mishandled Lorenzini save – giving the Lady Pirates a 7-0 cushion at the first of the match’s two planned hydration breaks. Pagosa Springs was to next wrap up SWL work at 11 a.m. the next morning at Montezuma-Cortez (3-5-2, 1-2-2), and will then host Del Norte (1-10-0, 0-3-0 2A Intermountain-South) on the 30th at 4 p.m. Ignacio, meanwhile, was to resume their own league work on the 30th with a doubleheader at Telluride, but Burch indicated that would likely be forfeited in hopes of healing up enough players to visit 3A Bayfield on Thursday, May 2. The Lady Bobcats’ 2024 season finale at Crested Butte, also potentially in jeopardy, is presently scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4, and is to be played in Gunnison at Western Colorado University’s Katy O. Rady Field.



courtesy Legit Outdoors Photography

Cyrus Cosio throwing in the discus at the San Juan Basin League Track & Field Championships at the Ignacio High School.

BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

Boys’ track takes second in Mancos

IHS girls fourth at Blue Jay Invite

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Getting a top tune-up for, and advance look at competition set to arrive Tuesday, April 30, at Ignacio High School for the 2024 San Juan Basin League Track & Field Championships, IHS’ boys and girls traveled on the 26th to Mancos and performed well at the chilly afternoon/evening Blue Jay Invitational. Placing behind only Durango (172 points), the gents tallied 114 and finished comfortably ahead of third-place Telluride (78) and seven other teams in the mix. The Lady ‘Cats, meanwhile, ended up scoring 72 points and ranking fourth behind Dolores (79), THS (103) and MHS (109.5). Leading the way for Ignacio’s girls was sophomore Samantha Riddell, who won both the 200-meter dash (29.06 seconds) and the high jump (4’7”). Senior Maci Barnes captured first in the long jump (15’7.5”) and finished second in the 1,600m run (5:49.65), while Riddell was runner-up – pun intended – in the 100 meters (14.23) and senior Kacey Brown ditto in the discus (76’7”). Barnes also finished third in the 200 (29.28), and freshman Kelly Sirios took fourth in the 400 (1:13.26). Freshman Cayson Burcham finished first in the Invite’s boys’ 800m run, clocking 2:06.16. Soph-



courtesy Legit Outdoors Photography

Samantha Riddell pushing off her blocks in the start of the girl’s relay race starting leg one of four. Riddell also won both the 200-meter dash and the high jump.omore Trace Crane was right behind with his second place 2:14.83 and senior Corey Gomez finished third in 2:17.45. Sophomore Lincoln deKay added first-place points in both the 110m hurdles (16.50) and 300m hurdles (43.47), as did IHS’ 4x400 (3:43.24) and 4x800 (8:53.93) relays. Senior Kyle Rima placed second in both the discus (106’9”) and shot put (38’7.5”), while junior Kendrick Nossaman was third in the 400 (55.71) and junior Lincoln Gillespie third in the 100 (12.27). Freshman Thunder Windy Boy finished fourth in the 3,200m run (12:28.91) and sophomore Dillon Brann was fourth in the 110 hurdles (20.09). After the SJBLS, completed after the Drum’s print-issue deadline, Ignacio is scheduled to next attend Cañon City’s Blossom Invitational on Friday, May 3, and then gear up for Grand Junction’s 5/10-11 Dennis Teeters Tiger Invitational.

LEAGUE INFO  
DATES: JUNE 11, 2024- AUGUST 1, 2024  
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Middle school kick into season



courtesy Dayna M. Talamante-Montoya/Ignacio Middle School

Ignacio Middle School soccer began their season with two home games. IMS's second game gave them their first win over Cortez, Friday, April 2. The soccer coaches are Breana Talamante-Benavidez, Abbas Al Amin and Destiny Lucero. Pictured standing: Natalia Pena, Carly Martinez, Brynlee Burcham, Selia Montoya, Neveah Cuthair, Carmin Candelaria (manager), Jayden Scott, Kirstyn Jameson, Avanna Cook, and Forrest Vega. Pictured on the bench: Ava Santisteven, Liam Moore, Isaias Cuthair, Shyla Cloud, and Goalie Halana Richards. Pictured sitting: Axel Ortiz, Nick Blevins, and Aiden Scott.

'CATS SLAM SARGENT • FROM PAGE 1

and was also hit by a pitch, but scored a team-high three runs.

Senior Phillip Quintana (W, CG; 5 IP, 2 BB, 2 HB, 9 K) drew a walk and ended up 1-3 with two runs and one batted in. Sophomore Gabe Archuleta was 2-3 with two runs, and freshman William Mendoza-Lechuga finished 0-1 but reached base once via error, walked twice and scored twice.

Dealt a ninth consecutive loss after taking a 4/6 doubleheader from 2A Western Slope Leaguers Parachute Grand Valley, statistics for the Bulldogs (5-11, 2-4 SJBL) had not been fully tallied and reported as of press time.

At SHS on the 27th, Ignacio stormed out to an 8-0 lead through half an inning in Game 1 against the Farmers and cruised to a three-inning victory after registering 11 runs in the top of the third. White Thunder went 3-4 with a run and two RBI to lead the way offensively, and Valdez went 2-4 with a double but, thanks to also reaching twice via error, scored four runs and plated three. Senior Marcus Maez also scored four times as he ended up 1-2 with a walk and a hit-by-pitch.

Rylan Maez, Montoya,



courtesy Legit Outdoors Photography

Marcus Maes takes a swing at a ball pitched by Bayfield on the Bobcat's home field.

Archuleta and sophomore Sonny Flores each scored three runs as Quintana (CG; H, BB, HB, 5 K) had run support of which any pitcher dreams. In Game 2, however, the Bobcats led just 2-1 after the first inning and began the fourth leading by a vulnerable 4-2 margin, but then blew up for ten unanswered runs.

Still not yet finished, IHS then added six more in the top of the fifth. Senior Wade Dunbar belted a homer and ended up 2-3 with a walk, three runs and three RBI, while Quintana finished 2-4 with a double, three runs and three RBI. Valdez went 3-5 with a double, run and one RBI, while Flores knocked in two as he ended up 1-4 with two runs

scored. Rylan Maez drew three walks and finished 0-2 with two runs.

Montoya was credited with the win after working 2-1/3 innings, giving up two hits and allowing two earned runs, walking four Farmers and fanning four. White Thunder (2.2 IP, 2 H, 2 ER, 2 BB, 5 K) also logged time on the hill.

The 'Cats will next host SPLers Center on Saturday, May 4, for a twinbill presently slated to start at 11 a.m. Ignacio will then welcome 3A Pagosa Springs for a 3 p.m. varsity single on the 7th, and close out regular-season action on the 11th with a pair versus Westcliffe-based Custer County – another SPL squad – beginning at 11a.m.

SunUte Community Center

Summer Swim Lessons

\$45 /Session

Registration opens Monday, 5/6/24

First session begins June 3rd.

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Sessions:

Session I - June 3rd-June 14th

Session II- June 17th-June 28th

Session III - July 8th-July 19th

Session IV - July 22nd- August 2nd

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Level I-Objective— Comfort- introduction to water. Submerge face, kicking, bobbing, floating, introduction to front crawl and back crawl.

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For more information, please call Abel Velasquez, Fitness Director @ (970)563-2651

NOTE: Due to safety concerns and overcrowding, the pool will be closed Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-11:35am.

The hot tub, sauna and ONE lap lane will be available for adults only (during swim lessons).

2024 TRI-UTE GAMES

Save the Date: July10-13, 2024

Sporting Events Include:  
Basketball, Co-Ed Volleyball, Archery, Swimming, Skateboarding, Golf, Wrestling and Traditional Hand Games  
\*Participate in the Tri-Ute Ultimate Challenge\*

Packets due: Friday, May 03, 2024!!!

Who: For Enrolled Tribal Members and/or 1<sup>st</sup> Descendants with CIB (Certificate of Indian Blood)

For: Boys and Girls Ages: 9-18

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. Darnell x2667; Elijah x2655; Kelsey x2660 or Bird x2664.

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221-250lbs (HW)

251lbs+ (Open)

Women's Divisions

120lbs & Under (SLW)

121lbs-140lbs (LW)

141lbs-160lbs (MW)

161lbs-185lbs (HW)

185lbs+ (Open)

Men's Senior (55+)

Open Weight

Women's Senior (55+)

Open Weight

Date: May 11th 2024

Weigh Ins: 7-9am

Lifters meeting: 9:45am

Lifting starts at 10am

\*Optional pre-weigh in May 10th 1-5pm

Cost: \$20/Participant (Southern Ute Tribal Members Free)

For questions or more information, please contact: Fitness Trainer- Jakob Box at (970)563-2658





## OBITUARIES



**ARMSTRONG** – Carlita Marie Armstrong, “White Dove” native name, was a member of the Southern Ute, and a descendant of Southern Cheyenne and Cad-do Nation. She was born on November 22, 1973 and passed away on April 16, 2024. She was a Sundancer, Native American Church Goer, She had a college degree in Business, worked for Southern Ute Indian Tribe and loved POWWOWS and loved her children.

Carlita’s father was Alfred R. Armstrong and her belated mother was Alice MorningStar Elk Groves Neash.

She was brought into the Native American Church as a baby, her baby feet planted. Carlita’s journey began with her children Jessika Dawn Bigleggins, Brandon Weaselboy Bigleggins, Dustin Weaver, Blossom Armstrong, and Kenneth Hayes; grandchildren, Ayden Reid, Noah Lee Daniel, Miles Lee Bigleggins, and JayJay Bigleggins.

Carlita is survived by her sisters, Joyce, Kayle, Kimberly, Alfreda, and Benita; numerous nieces, nephews, and her great grandchildren.

Carlita is preceded in death by her dog, Joe Biden and parents Alice Neash and Alfred R. Armstrong; nephew, Francis Taylor.

She loved the Raiders and liked to go to the casino. Her favorite quote was “Two tears in the bucket, f\$!k it”.

A Wake will be held on April 20, 2024 at 5p.m. at 5802 C.R. 521, Ignacio, Colorado. Services for Carlita will be Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel with burial to follow at Ouray Cemetery. A reception will be held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Room following burial services.



**VIGIL** – Nancy A. Price Vigil was born August 1, 1932, in Ignacio, Colorado, Nancy grew up in the Durango, Colorado, area. She married Louis Vigil February 16, 1953, when he returned from the United States Army service in Korea. She and Louis moved to Denver, Colorado, to find employment. They also lived in Thornton, and Golden, Colo-

rado. Nancy was a wonderful homemaker raising four children and was a fantastic grandmother. Nancy assisted her husband when needed in his businesses and Gospel ministry.

Nancy was big hearted and vibrant, and radiated light. She accepted everyone with an open heart, open arms, and a perpetual smile. She had an immeasurable passion for her family and she loved to attend to the garden.

She is preceded in death by her parents Claude Red Price and Frutosa Rivas Price and her husband Louis F. Vigil, her sister Lilly J. Price, daughter Veronica C. Vigil, her great grandson Louis F. Vigil III and her son-in-law Gary L. Lyons. Survived by her children Deborah L. Lyons, Louis F. & wife S. Naomi Vigil II, and S. Claude & wife Kathleen Vigil, and her grandchildren, Maria E. Lyons, Christina M. Lyons, Jamie R. Vigil & husband Andraé Mwitolola, Alexander T. Vigil Veronica A. & husband Andrew Roybal, Shawn C. Vigil, Kacy R. Vigil and Caleb B. Vigil and her great grandchildren, Gabriele A. Lyons, A. Sapphire R. Lyons, Georgia E. Vigil-Mwitolola, Charolette E. Vigil-Mwitolola and Henriq O. Vigil-Mwitolola.

## Southern Ute Language Working Group

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Language Working Group is looking for seven (7) eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Southern Ute Language Committee. The Committee shall operate under the supervision of the Cultural Preservation Department to preserve the Southern Ute language so that future generations will be educated and partake of this gift given to our forefathers and their forefathers by our Creator. Requirements: Three-year term; meet twice a month as a committee; and must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member. Please submit your request for appointment to e-mail [crrizzo@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:crrizzo@southernute-nsn.gov) or by mail, Southern Ute Language Committee, c/o Cultural Preservation Dept., Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.

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## COMMUNITY GREETINGS

### Happy 7th Birthday!

Julian Philip Bravo “Yellow Hawk.” You are so patient and like to work at your own speed! Also, so loving and kind... Wishing you lots of love, sweet goodies, and fun presents on your special day! May the Creator always watch over you as you grow into a fine young man.

Love Always,

Grandma Cookie, auntie Natalie, Ronnie, auntie Mavis,  
and your cousins, Cassidy, Romeo & Sam

### Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

## 2024 SUMMER CLUB

### June 10-August 9

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## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2024-0013-CV-PR

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Dated this 24th of April, 2024

Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

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In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2024-0024-CV-PR

Tracy Pena, Deceased

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Dated this 26th of April, 2024.

Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

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Case No.: 2024-0028-CV-PR

Corey Lloyd Richards, Deceased

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Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

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Next issue:  
**May 17**

Deadline:  
**May 13**

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### 2024 ALLOTTEE UPDATE MEETINGS

#### Durango, Colorado

**WHERE:** DoubleTree Hotel  
Riverview Boardroom  
501 Camino Del Rio  
Durango, Colorado 81301

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024  
4:00 pm  
\*Presentation followed by dinner  
Drop ins welcome, if possible, please RSVP

#### Fort Duchesne, Utah

**WHERE:** Ute Crossing Grill  
7491 Hwy US-40  
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 13, 2024  
4:00 pm  
\*Presentation followed by dinner  
Drop ins welcome, if possible, please RSVP

**Topics of Discussion:**

- ✓ Development Program
- ✓ Activity on Allotted Lands
- ✓ Commitment to the Environment
- ✓ Investing in the Community
- ✓ Oil and Gas Education and Careers



Contact and RSVP: Dee Franklin [dee.franklin@ovintiv.com](mailto:dee.franklin@ovintiv.com) Phone: 800.374.2855

# Attention: Indian Land Owners You are Invited:

***U.S. Department of the Interior  
Question and Answer Session  
Topics: Land – Minerals – Royalties***

***Wednesday, May 15th, 2024  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. MST***

***Sun Ute Community Center  
Capote meeting room  
390 Mouache Drive  
Ignacio, CO 81137***

***You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered, regardless of where your allotment is located. Please bring any documents you would like to discuss. For more information, contact the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.***

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Water Well Services

The Southern-Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) Construction Services Division requests written T&M NTE Proposals (Time & Material Not-To-Exceed) to service water wells throughout the southern Ute reservation. All work under these specific relates to the servicing of individual water well facilities necessary for providing water to the individual homeowner. The AS-NEEDED scope of the project will include, but not be limited to, the following: Pump removal and/or installation and servicing; Well disinfecting and water quality testing; Water pressure system servicing; and Emergency support. Please respond and let us know if you are interested. Proposals are due no later than 3 P.M. M.S.T, Monday, June 3, 2024 Please contact Tanya Vigil or Danny Abeyta at 970-563-2502 if you need further information.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Mural Painting Services

Southern Ute Economic Development is requesting proposals from qualified agencies and individuals to provide art design and painting services to create an outdoor mural for a new summer event series. Interested parties must submit an electronic proposal with work samples by May 24, 2024. Proposals received after this time will not be accepted for consideration. The services to be provided will be to design and paint an outdoor mural measuring 9' high and 20' long. A mock-up of the mural design shall be submitted for approval by May 31, 2024, and the mural shall be completed no later than June 14, 2024. Proposals shall be sent to Colton Black, Southern Ute Economic Development Manager at [cblack@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:cblack@southernute-nsn.gov) by May 24, 2024. Hiring preference will be given to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members, local Native Americans LEGALLY married to an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member, enrolled members of the Ute Mountain Ute & Northern Ute Tribes, and local/non-local Native Americans. For additional information, call 970-563-2281 or email [jrummery@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jrummery@southernute-nsn.gov).

## 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, eligible<sup>1</sup> Tribal member applicants must submit an Application for Assignment of Tribal Lands, a Farm Plan<sup>2</sup>, 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.

<sup>1</sup> SUITC – Title 29-2-102(1), Any individual tribal member 18 years of age or older...  
<sup>2</sup> 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...

## NOTICE OF DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT

Notice is hereby given that three renewal applications have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Department's Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, for the following source of air pollution:

- Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**  
Facility: Animas Compressor Station  
Section 1, T33N, R10W, 14 miles west of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility.

**Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**  
Facility: Capote Compressor Station  
Section 33, T33N, R9W, 11.50 miles SW of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility.

**Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**  
Facility: Elk Point Compressor Station  
Section 25, T33N, R9W, 8.50 miles SW of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility.
- website at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Department office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQD in care of Daniel Powers, Air Quality Division Head, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov). Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQD will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice (May 1, 2024).

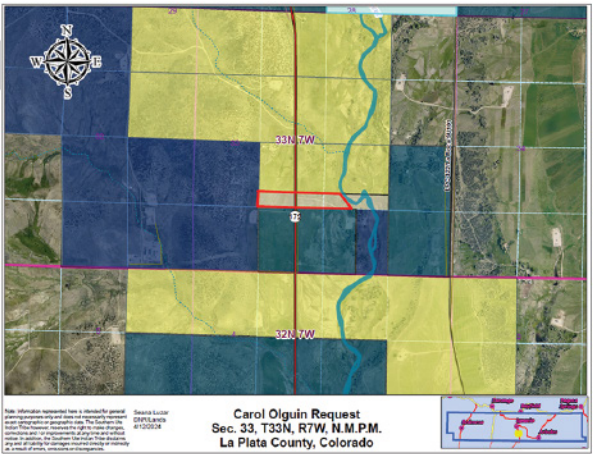
## EPD seeking input on GHG reduction strategies

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 Comment and Objection Assignment Application Request Carol Ann Olguin

SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-104(1)...the department shall publish and post...notice of a proposed assignment for comment and objection. The notice shall include the applicants name, a description of the property for which an application for assignment may be filed, and a description of the use to be made 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...

**May 3, 2024**



**June 17, 2024**

Carol Olguin Request  
Sec. 33, T33N, R7W, N.M.P.M.  
La Plata County, Colorado

The Department of Natural Resources recently received an application from Carol Ann Olguin for an assignment of tribal lands. The land she has applied for is a small strip located next to her existing assignment. The easement to her assignment is included in the proposed parcel, which will grant her access to her existing assignment. Moreover, a catchment pond will be constructed within the proposed boundaries to enhance water delivery to the agricultural assignment.

- SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-106. Objections to and Comments on Assignments.
- (1) Within the 45 day posting period described above, any tribal member may file with the department a written objection or written comments on the land assignment.
  - (2) An objection shall include the name and mailing address of the party objection, a description of the assignment objected to, a short and plain statement of reasons why the land should not be assigned or should be assigned only in a modified form, and any suggested conditions which should be included in the grant of assignment.

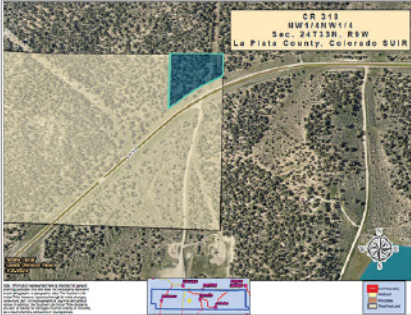
Tribal members wishing to submit comments or objections regarding this assignment request may do so by mail or email to the Department of Natural Resources—Lands Division, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or [sluzar@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sluzar@southernute-nsn.gov), on or before **June 17, 2024**.

## 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, eligible<sup>1</sup> 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 drawing<sup>2</sup>.

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.

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





## Volunteer SUIT tribal members needed for Lands Acquisition Team (LAT)

Dear Southern Ute Tribal Members,

The Department of Natural Resources – Lands Division (Division) seeks voluntary participation in the proposed Land Acquisition Team (LAT). Consideration for this participation is of utmost importance, and we hope that you will consider joining us in this effort. Your willingness and steadfastness to assist the Division in supplying recommendations and guidance on current and future land acquisitions will be highly appreciated by the Southern Ute Tribal Council, tribal staff, and tribal members for generations to come.

The primary goal and objective of the proposed LAT will be to provide input and recommendations for the Tribal Council through the Division on the following items:

- Review the current Lands Consolidation process/procedures for necessary changes or revisions.
- Acquiring fee or allotted land for the benefit of the Tribe and its members.
- Deciding whether or not acquired lands will be placed into Trust status.
- Reviewing historical acquisitions to determine when and if it is appropriate to proceed with the Fee to Trust process; and
- Determining potential uses for and the management of historical and new acquisitions.

We highly encourage Tribal member participation. If you are interested, please submit a summary of your intentions and why you should be chosen to sit on this team. You may sign up by emailing [leburch@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:leburch@southernute-nsn.gov). The deadline to sign up is Friday, May 10, 2024.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

### Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions


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

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| • Distribution, Friday June 21     | NOON, Friday, June 14 |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, July    | NOON, Friday, June 28 |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 20 | NOON, Friday, Nov. 15 |
| • Distribution, Friday, Dec. 20    | NOON, Friday, Dec.13  |
| • Distribution, Friday Dec. 27     | NOON, Friday, Dec. 20 |

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

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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>



### 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

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

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2319 or email [whyte@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:whyte@southernute-nsn.gov)

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking interested candidates to submit a letter of interest to fill one (1) position on their school board. Interested persons must be over the age of 18. Are you interested in helping shape the future? What about serving children and your community? The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking members for its school board. Being on a school board can be a rewarding experience when you realize you are helping ensure a good education for the tribal member youth in our community. If you are interested in working with a team of like-minded individuals who wish to bring excellence to academics, then being a SUIMA School Board member is for you. With Resolution 2020-142, signed on October 13, 2020, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy has been given permission to form their own School Board Separate from Tribal Council. With the majority of the Board being tribal members, the School Board will uphold SUIMA's mission as it provides a strong educational foundation to preserve and share the Southern Ute Indian culture and language within a Montessori environment. The purpose of the SUIMA School Board is to work with the Tribal Council to ensure that SUIMA has sufficient resources; helps oversee SUIMA's operations and administration; and regularly updates the Tribal Council. Interested parties may submit a letter of interest by May 31, 2024, to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, PO Box 737 #52, Ignacio, CO 81137; by bringing the letter of interest to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy office; or by emailing the letter of interest to the SUIMA Principal at [mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov).

### TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is seeking to fill 4 positions on the THPO Advisory Board. Board Members will serve as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer's Advisory Review Board and will be appointed by Tribal Council for three-year terms. Members of the THPO Advisory Board shall possess Ute cultural and historical knowledge as well as understand Tribal, state, and federal historic preservation regulations and laws. The THPO will ensure that as appropriate the Advisory Board will have the benefit of advice from consultants who meet the Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Professional Standards, in the professions appropriate for the resources under consideration. For more information or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Crystal Rizzo at 970-563-2306 or [crizzo@southernute-nsn.edu](mailto:crizzo@southernute-nsn.edu).

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

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

### 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](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov). Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

### TERO COMMISSION

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

### 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](mailto: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.

## Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center Seeking Board Members

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center is a non-profit organization that has been an integral part of the Four Corners Community for the past 15 years. The recent establishment of the new Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts has opened exciting possibilities for the future. We are actively seeking community members to participate in shaping this future. Kindly complete an application to become a part of this significant endeavor. <https://dscac.org/board-meeting-minutes>





## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs) for complete job descriptions. 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

### Air Quality Scientist II – Planning

Closes 5/8/24 – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager – Monitoring and Planning, coordinating and conducting technical, regulatory, and air quality improvement planning tasks for the Tribal Air Quality Planning Program. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$77,627/year.

### Behavioral Health Manager

Closes 5/6/24 – Developing, coordinating, and managing the behavioral health program for the Southern Ute Health Center. Oversees the program contract requirements, program development, resource management, employee supervision and training and provides direct clinical client services to eligible members in the community. Serves as the Supervisor for mental health services provided to children, adolescents, adults, couples, families, and groups. Pay Grade E19; Pay starts at \$114,968/year.

### Chief Nursing Officer

Closes 5/3/24 – A Nursing Management position, organizing and supervising the work of the Southern Ute Health Center nursing programs to ensure that effective nursing services are provided, and quality standards are met. Pay grade E19; Pay starts at \$114,968/year.

### Community Health Representative

Closes 5/8/24 – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. House cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

### Education Director

Closes 5/8/24 – Day-to-day administrative operation for the Education Department's Higher Education, Vocational Training and Adult Education, Public Education, and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), including, but not limited to, promoting and providing education opportunities to tribal members from pre-natal through adulthood, and supporting Indigenous children in the public schools and private schools to reach their educational goals to allow them to be productive members of their community. Pay grade E20; Pay starts at \$133,054/year.

### Gaming Investigator II

Closes 5/8/24 – Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, incumbent regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$30.84/hour.

### Group Exercise Instructor

Closes 5/3/24 – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

### Home & Community Health Services Manager

Closes 5/8/24 – Management and administration of all Home and Community Health Services, programs, and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

### Legal Department Lay Counsel (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Closes 5/8/24 – Under general supervision of the Director of the Legal Department, the Lay Counsel assists the Department's attorneys and the Tribal Prosecutor in the preparation and presentation of cases filed in Tribal Court or Administrative Appeals and Hearings Office. With the direction of the Tribal Prosecutor or the Legal Department Director, incumbent may also independently represent the Tribe on criminal, civil, and administrative matters in cases where a law license is not required. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

### Substance Use Treatment Program Manager

Closes 5/6/24 – Development, management, and coordination of the substance use treatment facilities including the inpatient treatment center, recovery housing, transitional housing, childcare, methadone clinic, and future facilities as developed in future phases of the project. Program Manager will work in close coordination with the Public Health Physician and Behavioral Health Manager to administer the program in accordance with resolutions approved by Tribal Council. Grant funded and continued employment is contingent upon the availability of grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

### Aquatics Manager

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Fitness Director, provides management and supervision of aquatics facility, to include day-to-day operations of facility, in-service training, pool maintenance, supervision of lifeguards, performing lifeguard duties, and sets high expectations of safety. Pay grade E11; Pay starts at \$49,160/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; the 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.

### 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. The trainee 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. Position is 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. The CAC position is responsible for 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. Will be 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; the 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, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

### Education 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, 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



# 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](mailto:raguilar@southernute-nsn.gov)

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monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/annually.

### Health Center Support Services Manager

Open Until Filled – Supervision and management of front office operations within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records, and referral services. A key focus will be to always establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

### Heavy Equipment Operator

Open Until Filled – Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. Pay grade 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. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. This position 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 preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; the 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.

### Planning Project Coordinator (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – Assists with coordination of all functions and activities related to Tribal planning projects. Provides oversight to projects

through completion and assists with management of PL 93-638 Projects. 50% grant-funded and is contingent on continued grant funding. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$26.00/hour.

### Scorekeeper (Part-time)

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

### Special Needs Aide - Part-time with 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.

### Summer Youth Employment

Open Until Filled – 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.

### 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. 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.

### TEAM Worker (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

### TERO Worker

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the TERO office. It is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and other local Native Americans to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Bart-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 asses 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 SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; the Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.





Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

**\*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. 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.

**\*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. Taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Café 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.

**\*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.

**\*Director of Marketing (Full-time)**  
Reports to the General Manager and overseeing the Marketing Manager and the Guest Services Manager as well as the overall operations of the Marketing Department including 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 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. Ensures 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. 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.

**\*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.

**\*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.

**\*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 to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Shift covers Breakfast and Lunch only.

**\*Room Attendant (Full-time & 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.

**\*Sales Manager (Full-time)**  
Will report to the Director of Hospitality and is responsible for soliciting group business for the Hotel and Casino. Will be the focal point in

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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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.

**Construction Manager – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)**  
Closes 5/14/24 – Providing construction management support as required and coordination of activities between Engineering, Operations, and third-party contractors for the construction of Red Cedar Gathering pipeline systems, compression facilities, and treating/dehydrator facilities; project development for efficiency improvements; represents the Engineering & Construction team at project scope development and planning and coordinates/communicates to Engineering the needs of Operations and Commercial depts. as they pertain to specific projects and assures they are met. Quality assurance and quality control of construction activities, ensuring strict compliance with regulatory, industry, and Red Cedar policies and procedures. Monitors projects and their progress to assure schedule coordination with Operations and Commercial and monitors contractor performance, safety, and cost control.

**Assistant Accounting Manager – Growth Fund Accounting & Finance (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closes 6/2/24 – Ensuring that accounts payable entries, accounts receivable entries, fixed assets entries, general ledger adjustments and account reconciliations are made on an accurate and timely basis. Prepares monthly financial reporting packages, (analysis and presentation), provides annual audit support, and other duties, as needed. Supervising accounting staff, as determined necessary by the Assistant Controller. Presents a positive and professional image to the Growth Fund and its entities, Tribal employees, Tribal members, and to the general public.

**Maintenance Worker I – Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closes 5/15/24 – Repair and maintenance of the Sky Ute Fairgrounds grounds and buildings while assisting with the daily operations of the RV park and horse stalls to include contracts and payments. Provides excellent customer service while maintaining a safe and pleasurable environment for our customers and their animals.

**Lead Custodial Technician – Growth Fund Facilities (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closes 5/9/24 – Providing oversight of housekeeping service and support as directed by the Facilities Manager, to include cleaning of public and non-public areas throughout Growth Fund Office Building, Red Willow Office Building, Utilities Office and Maintenance Buildings, Fairgrounds Office area, and Quichas Hill Apartments Office. Scheduling and coordination of staff to implement the arrangement of meeting room tables and chairs and coordinating with food service vendors for setup and kitchen use and for ordering and stocking cleaning supply inventory.

**Business Operations and Maintenance Foreman – Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closes 5/10/24 – Assisting with the oversight of the daily operations of the Sky Ute Fairgrounds; provides assistance to the Fairgrounds Manager with business operations, administration, and accounting functions. Provides excellent customer service while maintaining a safe and pleasurable environment for our customers and their animals.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.southernute.com/careers](http://www.southernute.com/careers) for full job details and to apply online.  
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.  
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Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

**Computer Technical Support Administrator II – Desktop Support (Ignacio, CO)**  
Closes 5/17/24 – Technical support of end-user hardware and software in the Shared Services enterprise computing environment. Technicians provide second-tier support for the help desk. Provides desktop and mobile operating system and software installation, configuration and repair, and on-site customer visits. Provides end user computing equipment installation and relocation and network connectivity in a LAN/WAN environment.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

- Elementary Teacher (24/25)
- Elementary SpEd Teacher (24/25)
- IELP, Elementary & Secondary Aides
- High School Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach
- High School Head Cross Country Coach
- Middle School Football Head Coach
- Middle School Football Assistant Coach
- Middle School Track Assistant Coach

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

To apply now, visit our website at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org) or call 970-563-4517.

**Ignacio Early Learning Program**  
• Teacher Assistant: \$15.79 – \$17.29/hr. (w/CDA) – Open Until Filled

**Road Runner Transit**  
• Part-time 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.)

Fort Lewis College – Durango, Colo.

**Coordinator, NAC Student Success**  
Open until filled – Full time position.  
Position Summary: As the Student Success Coordinator of the Native American Center (NAC), a vital part of the Diversity Collaborative at Fort Lewis College, you will be entrusted with the coordination of all student support operations. Your responsibilities will encompass overseeing NAC programs, programming, and student support services, aligning them with the mission and objectives of the Diversity Collaborative and Fort Lewis College. Your role will be integral in ensuring the success and well-being of our students from diverse backgrounds, fostering an inclusive and supportive environment on campus. Application materials received by May 15, 2024, will receive full consideration.

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](mailto:tonia.martinez@bonfireig.com). You may also contact TERO for more information: [lsanchez@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lsanchez@southernute-nsn.gov), 970-563-2294.

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establishing and maintaining working relationships with our customers. Will maximize profits of the hotel through creative and selective selling. Pursuing Bus Group Tourism Tours with DATO, DACRA, Grand Circle, etc. The Sales Manager will work closely with the Director of Hospitality to determine appropriate sales strategies in all market segments towards maximizing the Hotel revenues. Will coordinate and manage all sales efforts for the Sky Ute Casino Resort to achieve sales and profit goals.

**\*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.





FLY FISHING

Longtime friend

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Fly fishing, similar to any relationship, can produce a good and longtime friend. It can be a friendship with another individual, or friends with a river. In this case, it is friends with a river. I am sure some of you are thinking Don has lost it. No one can be friends with an object; something that cannot talk with you or give you input. I say, “oh contraire.” I have had great friendships with shotguns and fly rods, some long-term. And, in their own special way, they can and do, talk to me. This came to mind as my fly fishing friend, John, and I were headed to the San Juan River for a day of fly fishing.

As we drove to the river it occurred to me that I have known, and been friends with, the San Juan River for thirty years. Think about that. How many friends have you had for thirty years? The friendship didn’t occur overnight. And, similar to all good friendships, it has had its ups and downs. There were numerous outings that had me swearing I would never go the San Juan again. These were caused by too many people, or fish that would only take nymphs. But like any good relationship, the good times far outweighed the rocky times.

In the thirty years of knowing the river, I have seen many changes to it. Thirty years ago the bathroom facilities



were abominable. When the river was brought up to flood stages it seemed everything flooded, including the parking lots. This made fly fishing very difficult.

Those two important areas have been greatly improved.

As we drove to and then stood in the river, I remembered some of the times that have made the relationship special. Where else could someone watch their daughter have a bird take her fly, midair, and try to fly away? Or shake your head in frustration as you watch the fiberglass hatch crowd Texas Hole. Only to have that followed with a day where your truck is the only one in the parking lot, and there is no one else in the Kiddie Hole.

The San Juan can also frustrate you, as any friendship can. There have been, and will continue to be, days when no matter what fly you cast none of the hundreds of trout swimming at your feet show any interest. Those days are off-set when the

ants are falling in the river and the trout will eat anything that remotely looks like an ant.

Since there can be large numbers of people fly fishing at any one time, tempers can flare. I have to say, this river friend seems to smooth over irritations better than any crowded river I have fished. In fact, the friendly bantering between strangers, and the willingness of others to help someone struggling with the day, brings warm and fuzzy feelings to this friendship. There can even be harsh words amongst those fly fishing, but not often.

For those just now making friends with the San Juan River, be aware there is much more river than just the quality waters. In fact, depending on where you enter the river, coming out closer to Aztec than Navajo Dam is a better option.

So, if you are just now getting to know the San Juan River, give it lots of time to become your friend. It is a good investment of time. For those, like me, that have known and been friends with the San Juan for a long time, do not take your friendship for granted. Your friendship needs to be continually renewed and worked on. When you take the time and energy to invest in the above, you will be rewarded with a special relationship. I have enjoyed my thirty years of friendship and look toward many more years.

MAY ACTIVITIES

MAY 7, 2024

MOVIE DAY - DURANGO  
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES  
@ 1:00 P.M.

MAY 12, 2024

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!  
SUWAA-PIAATAVAY

MAY 16, 2024

DURANGO HOT SPRINGS  
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES  
@ 10:00 A.M.

MAY 21, 2024

MOVIE DAY - DURANGO  
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES  
@ 1:00 P.M.

MAY 24 - 27, 2024

SOUTHERN UTE  
BEAR DANCE

MAY 30, 2024

PAGOSA SHOPPING TRIP  
LUNCH PROVIDED.  
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES  
@ 10:00 A.M.

CALL ELDER SERVICES @ 970-563-2309 TO HAVE  
YOUR NAME ADDED TO THE ACTIVITIES LIST  
OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Southern Ute Shared Services

**“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

**did you know?**

Our snowpack is melting quick! This year, we had slightly above average snowfall, but a dry and hot April has caused a fast and concerning decline in our snowpack. We need a wet Spring season to sustain high river flows well into the Summer.

Our statewide snowpack is now in the “below average” category. We hope to have a more wet May and get back on track!

Please contact the Environmental Programs Department at 970-563-2272 with any questions or comments.

**LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER**

**Friday, May 3**  
Sunny 68°F  
Breezy with afternoon gusts

**Saturday, May 4**  
Sunny 71°F

**Sunday, May 5**  
Mostly sunny 71°F  
Breezy

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

April 8 April 15 April 23 May 2 May 7

**The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle**

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**Across**

1 Load on board  
5 --- Brummell  
9 The --- River Tribe of California  
10 Aches  
11 Former CBS Evening News anchor  
13 First man  
14 Possessing  
15 Chinese dynasty aka Shang  
16 Kansas City enterprise for Latinos  
17 Pueblo clan named Hapanyi  
18 Ford or Lincoln, but not Bush  
19 Creaky  
22 He’s going to get it  
24 Sum charged  
25 Sporty Studebaker  
27 “Darn tootin’!”  
28 Wildlife refuge  
30 A kind of injection  
31 Summit  
32 Repudiate  
33 “--- Above All” (1942 Tyrone Power film)

**Down**

1 Sports arenas  
2 Egyptian boy-king of the 14th century B.C.  
3 Israeli immigrants  
4 Very small  
5 Go like a kangaroo  
6 Creator of the first nuclear reactor  
7 Opposed, in Dogpatch  
8 Nautical law enforcers  
10 The --- Umpqua Tribe of Oregon  
11 Ring victory  
12 North Carolina tribe whose name means “driftwood”  
18 Nintendo emulator  
20 Departs  
21 The Cachil --- Band of Wintun Indians  
23 Foe  
25 Matured  
26 Weathercock  
27 “That’s disgusting!”  
29 Posed

Answers will appear in the May 17 issue of the Drum.

**Answers for April 19, 2024 Crossword Puzzle**

**Across:** 1 Dump, 5 Brat, 9 Goes in, 11 Robe, 12 Oglala sioux, 14 Leers, 15 East, 16 Dec, 17 Karts, 18 To horse, 21 Baha’i, 22 Rrr, 25 It’ll, 26 Katie, 28 Idiot savant, 30 Dion, 31 Ovoids, 32 Anne, 33 Yawl.

**Down:** 1 Delectation, 2 Usar, 3 Mills, 4 Pna, 5 Briars, 6 Rooster tail, 7 Abuts, 8 Tex, 9 Gold, 10 Ogee, 13 Sear, 17 Koi, 19 Ohlone, 20 Halt, 21 Bid in, 23 Rind, 24 Rets, 26 Kava, 27 Avow, 28 Ida, 29 Soy.