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The Southern Ute Drum wins 12 Indigenous Journalists Association awards



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Southern Ute Economic Development Manager, Colton Black hosts the Píinu Núuchi Farmers Market and Outdoor Biz Lab in the KSUT Eddie Box Jr. Media Center parking lot.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Píinu Núuchi Farmers Market supports small business owners

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute Economic Development recently launched the Píinu Núuchi Farmers Market and Outdoor

Biz Lab, which debuted, Friday, July 26 right outside of the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center. The market serves as a small business incubator, providing local agriculture producers, artisans, and other

entrepreneurs with an accessible marketplace and business support through various workshops hosted during the market. The market is held

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Southern Ute Tribe outlines priorities with state committee

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Chairman Melvin J. Baker and Tribal Council extended a warm welcome to the Colorado American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee and staff as they visited the Reservation, Tuesday, July 30. The committee held an off-site meeting at the Growth Fund building, followed by informative tours of the Tribal Court, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, Sun-Ute Community Center, and the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project.

Tribal Council expressed appreciation for the Committee's dedication to addressing critical issues impacting the two Ute tribes. Tribal Council highlighted the importance of legislative support in several key areas, including:

- Reservation-wide exclusions: Each legislative session, the Tribe



must work with legislators on exclusions from proposed bills that apply to the entire State.

- Federal trust responsibility.
- Recognition of Tribal Court orders and warrants.
- Amendments to the state Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA): Strengthening protections for Native American children and families by requiring timely notification to tribes when tribal member youth are in the state system.

"The Colorado Amer-

ican Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee's visit to our Reservation is a testament to their commitment to understanding the challenges faced by our Tribe," Chairman Baker said. "We are hopeful that their findings will lead to meaningful policy changes."

House Majority Leader Representative Monica Duran, Representative Junie Joseph, and Representative Barbara McLachlan were in attendance. Additional committee members: Senator Cleave Simpson, Senator Jessie Danielson, Senator Dylan Roberts, and Representative Ron Weinberg joined virtually.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe looks forward to continued collaboration with the Colorado American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee and is optimistic about the potential for positive change.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Southern Ute tribal member Ashley Baker earns doctorate degree

Billed as guest speaker for Education banquet

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member, Ashley Baker recently took to the podium to address tribal youth during the Education Department's annual banquet honoring tribal graduates. Her inspirational words came from personal experience, having recently graduated with a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine degree from Bastyr University in Washington state.

"Ashley was always determined throughout her higher education journey," Southern Ute Education Department Assistant Director, Michael Kirsch said. "She was never deterred or disheartened by obstacles that would present themselves. She saw them as opportunities to grow and learn."

Baker got her undergraduate degree in food science, with an emphasis in dietetics from Seattle Pacific University, in Washington state from 2012-2018.

"It took me a long time to graduate college, because of my lack of confidence in my educational abilities," Baker said.

When she first went to college, Baker hadn't decided on her specific field of study or degree and eventually studied abroad for a time. This choice led to an epiphany in her educational journey; while taking a nutrition class abroad she felt a clear sense that she wanted a career that directly helped people through diet and lifestyle.

"From 2016-2018 while I was going to school, I worked at a residential eating disorder facility in Washington," Baker said. "And it was here that I was inspired to expand my career beyond just nutrition. I met and worked with Na-



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ashley Baker recently graduated with a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine degree from Bastyr University in Washington state.

turopathic doctors at the clinic and found out about my career that I'm in now, and that's when I decided I wanted to pursue naturopathic medicine."

The educational path was never straightforward for Baker.

"I went to six different grade schools from K-12, because my dad was in the military, and we moved every couple of years," she said. "Which made it difficult to keep up with the different education standards. I think this is a unique education journey, it was not a clear road; which led to me not being really confident in reading or math. I was struggling in those areas, which made me question college."

Baker attended a school in California that offered ma-

ny college visits, and during her junior year Baker visited about five colleges, which ignited excitement in her pursuing an undergraduate degree. "After visiting the campuses, I was able to see myself there and see myself making new memories outside the comfort of my own home," she said.

"I have been working with Michael and Southern Ute Education since 2012 when I started my undergraduate degree," Baker said. "I feel like I've had such a positive experience with them, and they have been so supported in my endeavors. They have been really receptive of my education timeline, and they have provided tutoring services. Being acknowledged by

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Graduates honored



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum YEP

Graduates line up for an honor song by Stoney White Thunder-Lucero, with the Pendleton's they received from the Southern Ute Education Dept., Southern Ute Tribal Council, Ignacio School District and JOM staff members. The 22nd Annual Recognition Ceremony hosted by the Southern Ute Education Dept. was held Friday, July 26, at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.

See additional Recognition Ceremony photo coverage on page 7.

Celebrating San Ignacio Fiesta



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum YEP

Christian Rodriguez-Velasquez and his mother, Kristean Velasquez traverse the San Ignacio Fiesta Parade. Rodriguez-Velasquez tied with the Girls Scouts Troop 27140 in the Children Riding category. Ignacio celebrated the 124th San Ignacio Fiesta with its annual parade down Goddar Ave., (Main Street) Saturday, July 27.

See more San Ignacio Fiesta photo coverage on page 11.



RISK MANAGEMENT

Tribe working to update Hazard Mitigation Plan

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Risk and Emergency Management Division is currently working to update and revise the Tribe’s Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan is designed to prepare for natural disasters that may affect the Tribe and its lands. The plan may also look at areas which are not necessarily within the boundaries of the reservation but hold important cultural values wherever they are.

“This and all other emergency plans we maintain are designed to limit the damage which natural disasters may cause to the Tribe’s economic and cultural values, of all kinds,” explained Emergency & Risk Manager, Donald Brockus with the Human Resources Department.

“We want to protect people, buildings, and recreational facilities and past plans have been geared to do that,” Brockus said. “We can also work to protect cultural values ranging from bear root patches to wikiups out-

side the boundaries.”

“It is important in order to develop a complete plan that we have as much participation as possible from tribal members,” he said. “Non-member employees will have opportunities to share information, but tribal member input is needed to be sure we have our priorities straight.”

Why is the Hazard Mitigation Plan update especially important now? Teresa Bagdol, Risk Specialist with the Tribe Human Resources Department, feels that incidents and hazards are dynamic and ever evolving and having an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan and implementing it actively prioritizes life safety and takes the “un” out of unprepared.

“Learning from the past helps us to better prepare for the future so that history doesn’t repeat itself,” Bagdol said. “With an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan we can take lessons learned from past hazardous incidents and address concerns for what could occur and ap-

ply best practices in the here and now.”

Over August and September, the Tribe will ask for help from the membership to ensure they produce the best plan possible. It is important to note that by national averages, every dollar spent on planning and prevention saves three dollars in disaster recovery expenses. Planning and prevention also serve to protect assets that cannot be replaced, which is why the Risk Management team wants to hear about cultural values and include those in the plan.

“If you see us at the Tribal Fair or other events, please take a minute to stop and share your wisdom and experience to make this a living breathing document that serves the Tribe and its people well,” Brockus said.

“The life experience and voice of each person who chooses to provide feedback and contribute to the Hazard Mitigation Plan is so valuable and truly personalizes it,” Bagdol said. “We thank you for your help.”

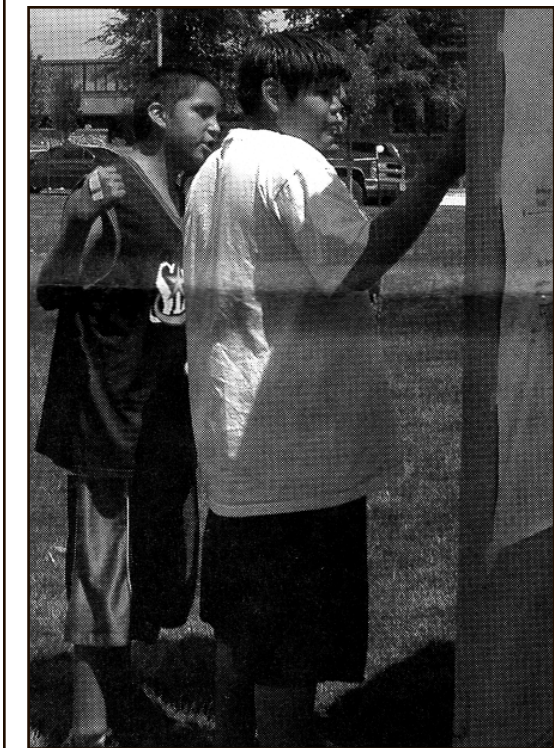


Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Little Miss Southern Ute, Ollyvia Howe beams in the morning sunlight as she waves to the crowd gathered along Main Street in Ignacio, Saturday, July 26.

This photo was first published in the Aug. 8, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Ryan Bravo and Sylvester “Sly” Tracy look at the drawings of what the new museum might look like. The drawings were done by Jones and Jones Architects and unveiled at the Open House for the Southern Ute Culture Center and Museum.

This photo was published in the Aug. 6, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

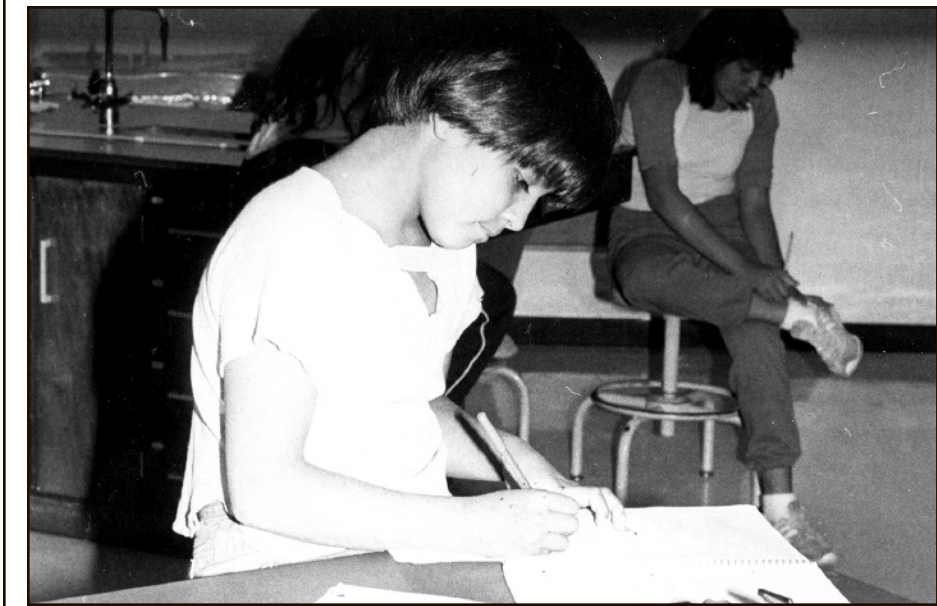


Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

“Rocky,” Denver Nuggets Mascot, displays his warm affection towards Yvette Cuthair during their recent visit to the area.

This photo was published in the Aug. 5, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

What’s computer science? – asks Jessie Olguin. Could she be concentrating on a problem or writing notes?

This photo was published in the Aug. 10, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

What is hazard mitigation?

Hazard mitigation is any action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural disasters. One goal is to reduce the risk posed by future natural disasters. Another is to use structural and nonstructural measures to minimize the damage that hazards can cause.

Why is it important?

Hazard mitigation is vital because it helps save lives and protect property. Focusing on proactive measures can greatly improve the safety of our community. Effective hazard mitigation helps minimize disaster impacts. It also reduces the risk of loss and damage to people and property.

Hazard mitigation strategies can help you protect valuable assets. These proactive steps help communities withstand and recover from emergencies. This helps them build a safer environment for everyone.

What is a hazard mitigation plan (HMP)?

A HMP is a community-driven, living document. It helps communities find and address potential risks from natural disasters. It outlines strategies and actions to minimize the impact these hazards have on our community’s assets and well-being.

The HMP is also a key part of accessing some of the pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding that FEMA provides. These programs include the Building Resilience Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant. This grant has provided the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with ongoing Direct Technical Assistance. This support helps the tribe advance some of its potential projects.

Why is Southern Ute updating its HMP, and what does the update entail?

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s last HMP was developed in 2013. The tribe’s Risk and Emergency Management team is updating its HMP to refocus our preventive and planning strategies for the future.

The JEO Consulting Group and FEMA are helping the tribe complete this work. The update is a key step in making our community stronger against hazards.

The update process involves assessing current risks, evaluating how effective existing measures are, and adding new strategies to better protect our tribal members. The HMP update aims to record and use the latest information and best practices. This will help the plan safeguard lives and property while fostering a safer, more resilient community.

How can tribal members get involved?

We invite members of the tribe to take part in a brief survey to share their thoughts and concerns about potential hazards and to help find steps we can take to mitigate those risks. The feedback we receive will help us build a plan that supports our community’s values, priorities, and goals. A thoughtful and holistic plan is the first step in gaining access to vital FEMA mitigation funding.

By taking part in updating the HMP, tribal members will have the chance to:

- Share their experiences with past hazard events.
- Find tribal assets that are vulnerable to hazards.
- Help decide how we might use mitigation projects and activities to address the effects of the natural disasters and hazards in our community.

Future events and updates

Throughout this process, the Risk and Emergency Management team will host community events and meetings. These events give members of our community a chance to learn more about the value of hazard mitigation and the tribe’s HMP. They will also be able to ask questions and talk about ideas with fellow community members.

Stay tuned to our social media channels and website for announcements about upcoming events and more ways to get involved.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund General Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, September 12, 2024 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

Details on attendance options and the agenda are forthcoming.

This is a closed meeting for the Southern Ute Tribal Membership only.

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Ph: (970) 563 5000

ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL ELDERS!

The TERO Dept. no longer has the Lawn Maintenance Program.

To set an appointment for Lawn Maintenance call the Elders Services Dept. at 970-563-2309, or 970-563-2323.



Elder Services Program August Activities

August 16-18, 2024

Elders Trip to Santa Fe Indian Market
We have 5 rooms available. Please contact Elder Services for more information. Van will depart Elder Services @ 9:00 a.m.

August 22, 2024

Durango Hot Springs
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.
Please reserve your spot by 5:00 p.m. August 21, 2024.

August 27, 2024

Pagosa Hot Springs
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.
Lunch will be provided.

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

Indigenous Journalists Assoc.



Benny Polacca/Osage News

Members of the Southern Ute Drum newspaper stand together with their IJA media awards following the awards banquet on the final night of the annual Indigenous Journalists Association conference held in Oklahoma City. Pictured left to right; Administrative Assistant, Krista Richards, Editor/Media Manager, Jeremy Wade Shockley, Reporter/Photographer, Divine Windy Boy, and Media Archivist, Rosaleigh Concepcion.

Reporter/Photographer, Divine Windy Boy was recognized among her peers during the awards banquet for a special AARP Elder Coverage Award, where Windy Boy earned a Second-Place win for her article titled, Vida B. Peabody: Eldest living Southern Ute recognized.



Rosaleigh Concepcion/SU Drum

Please join us for the
Southern Ute Royalty Pageant
Wednesday August 14, 2024 6pm
Multi-Purpose Facility
256 Ute Rd, Ignacio, CO 81137



Royalty Categories:

Miss Southern Ute (Ages 16-25) Little Miss Southern Ute (Ages 5-9)
Junior Miss Southern Ute (Ages 10-15) Southern Ute Brave (Ages 5-15)

Please contact Autumn Sage to request application or for more information at 970-769-0671 or asage978@gmail.com

Deadline to return application is Wednesday, August 7th, 2024 at 12pm to Autumn Sage

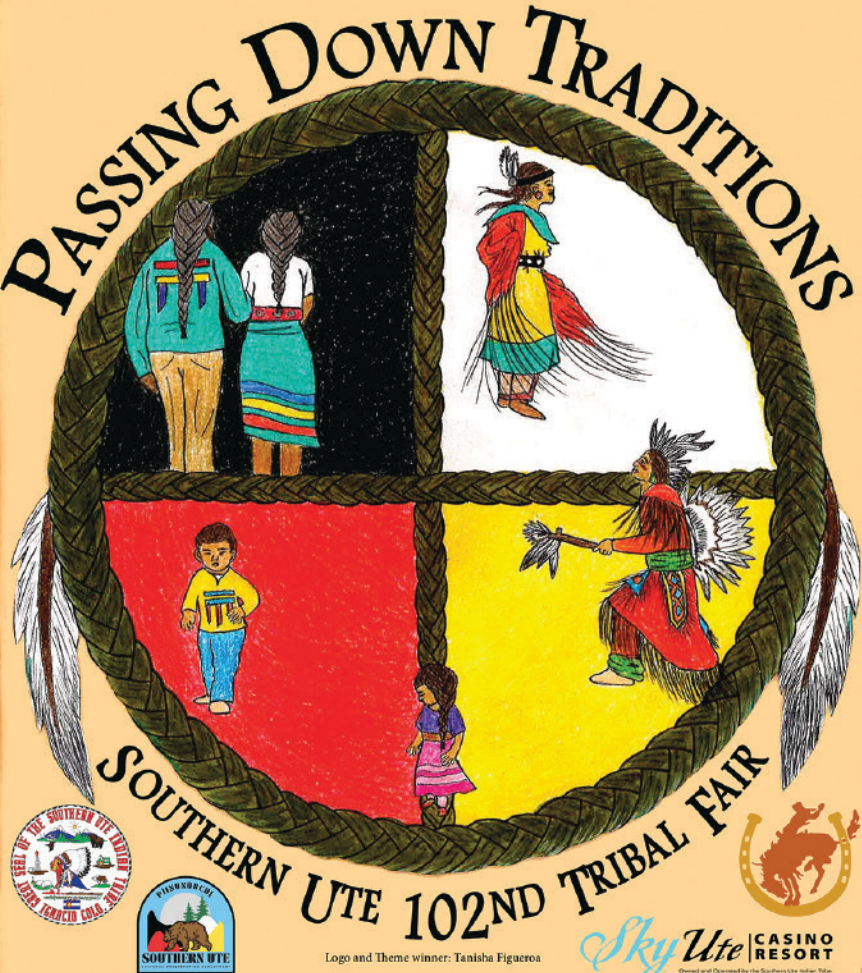
Special Invitation to all other Royalty

White Mesa Bear Dance Powwow Celebration 2024 LABOR DAY WEEKEND WHITE MESA, UT



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102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow & Rodeo Sept. 6-8, 2024 • Ignacio, CO



- Arm Wrestling Tournament
 - Baby Contest
 - Co-ed 3v3 Volleyball Tournament
 - Corn Hole Tournament
 - Dino Run
 - Duck Race
 - Employee Pickleball Challenge
 - Exhibits
 - Fair Kick-Off Meal
- Fireworks Display
 - Fishing Derby
 - Frybread Contest
 - Golf Tournament
 - Greased Pole Climb
 - Jalapeño Eating Contest
 - Men & Women Softball Tourney
 - Native REZ-olution Youth Concert XIV
 - Pancake Breakfast
- Parade & Kiddie Parade
 - Powwow & Gourd Dance
 - San Juan Club/The Outsiders Cornhole Tourney
 - Skate Park Competition
 - Tipi Raising Contest
 - Tug-O-War
 - Youth Games
 - Veteran's Memorial Run/Walk

64th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair

POWWOW

Fri., Sept. 6 – Sun., Sept. 8, 2024

Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena, Ignacio, Colo.

Grand Entry: Fri., 7 p.m., Sat., 1 & 7 p.m., Sun., 1 p.m.
Gourd Dance: Fri., 5 p.m., Sat., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., Sun., 11 a.m.

HEAD STAFF
Master Of Ceremony – Erny Zah
Arena Director – OJ Little Cook
Drum Judge – Yahsti Perkins
Head Gourd Dancer – Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk

HOST DRUMS
Northern Host – The Horses
Southern Host – Full Metal Jacket
Gourd Drum Host – Cozad Singers

DANCE CATEGORIES
Tiny Tot's – Pay Out (Daily)
Junior Boys/Girls (6-12 Yrs.)
Teen Boys/Girls (13-17 Yrs.)
Junior Men/Women (18-35 Yrs.)
Senior Adults Men/Women (35-59 Yrs.)
Golden Age Men/Women (Combined)

DANCER REGISTRATION
Fri., Sept. 6: Opens 5 p.m., Closes 7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 7: Opens 12 p.m., Closes 1 p.m.

DRUM CONTEST
(Combined) Northern/Southern Drums

VENDOR INFO
Arts & Crafts: Valerie Armstrong, 970-317-3585 & Rhianna Carel, 970-442-0299. Food: SUFG, 970-563-5541.
SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE
Rochelle Aguilar (970-759-1722), Rhianna Carel (970-442-0299), Valerie Armstrong (970-317-3585)
Lisa Jacket, Karen Washington, Jeremy Carmenoros, Maleina Carel, Marty Pinnecose (Tribal Council Ex-Officio)

DANCE AND DRUM CONTEST
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HEALTHY NEWS
News You Can Use
BREASTFEEDING

August is National Breastfeeding Month, where we support moms who have breastfed, those who could not breastfeed and for the future breast feeders. The second week of August from Aug. 8 to 14, we celebrate Indigenous Milk Medicine Week. This year's theme is: Mild, body, Milk Medicine. Other weeks are dedicated to World Breastfeeding Week, Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Breastfeeding Week and Black breastfeeding week.

Benefits of breastfeeding for mom and baby

- Nutrition: Breast milk is the best source of nutrition for most babies, and it changes to meet their nutritional needs as they grow.
- Protection: Breastfeeding can help protect babies against some short- and long-term illnesses and diseases.
- Antibodies: Breast milk shares antibodies from the mother with her baby.
- Bonding: Breastfeeding can help strengthen the bond between mother and baby.
- Convenience: Breastfeeding can be done anytime and anywhere, including lying down and mothers may even get more sleep than if they use formula or mixed feeding.
- Mother's Health: Breastfeeding can help mothers feel calm and connected to their baby by releasing oxytocin, which can also reduce stress and blood pressure and raise pain tolerance. Breastfeeding can also help mothers lose calories, bleed less after delivery, and get back to their pre-pregnancy weight sooner. It may also lower the risk of breast cancer, ovarian cancer, osteoporosis, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease.

The benefits of breastfeeding are so numerous that most health agencies recommend it for everyone for as long as possible, barring medical problems that prevent it. No matter what choice you make, your healthcare team or lactation specialist can guide you to the right methods and choices. Reach out to Shawmarie Tso, LPN, CLC, 970-563-2163 or Lisa Smith, RDN, CLC, 970-563-2344.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Know Science. No Stigma

By Tamara D. Turner
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH

If you have ever been by the Southern Ute Behavioral Health booth at the many events we attend (from the skate park to casino to MPF), you may have seen one of our swag buttons, "Know Science. No Stigma."

This little button says so much and summarizes an extremely important issue that we are dedicating the month of August to writing about: reducing stigma around substance use, particularly overdose deaths.

In order to help people turn their lives around, heal and recover, we first have to keep them alive.

This is part of the science; knowing what works to help struggling friends and family members get through one day at a time. But "knowing science" is not just the science of immediate treatment. Nor is science just helpful for prevention such as those factors that we know to help, such as belonging, being needed, and an ability to express and release pain and suffering.

Part of knowing the science behind substance use and overdose is knowing that intergenerational trauma – such as the trauma experienced by Native American communities whose relatives have gone through boarding schools and still continue to suffer at the hands of the U.S. Government – is also a known, root cause of why individuals turn to substances either to help them cope, to help them function, or to get through excruciating pain and loss.

So, in saying, "Know Science. No Stigma" this means that it is important to continue educating on the substance use epidemic in the U.S. and how Native American communities have suffered at much higher rates than other ethnic groups.

When we hold stigma against friends, family members or community members for struggling with substance use, we're not really seeing the problem at its

core. More and more openness to talking openly about mental health and paving the way for more understanding has shown us that trauma, abuse, pain and loss are foundational in why people turn to substances.

But let's think about it for a moment. What are the emotions and thoughts behind stigma? What is it that causes us to stigmatize others, whether it's someone using substances or someone whose family member died by suicide?

Stigma is a phenomenon made up of fear, judgment, and sometimes anger. It is a way that we hold certain people away from us and see them as less than us. It is a way of implying that there is something wrong or unforgivable about a person. It implies that they are at fault or are getting what they deserve.

The more we know about the science behind substance use and overdose, the more we can see that adverse, painful, and abusive experiences people endure, through no fault of their own, often cause these suffering people to need to soothe, calm, or numb themselves in order to just survive daily life.

Stigma can also be slowly eroded away by getting to know those who are struggling or who have recovered from substance use. Listening with the heart helps us here.

Stay tuned for more on this topic in upcoming Drum issues. Aug. 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day and is recognized around the globe. It's the number one campaign to educate on, prevent overdose, and reduce stigma so that we can help people 1) stay alive so that they can, 2) recover,

and take their needed place in the human community. Everyone matters.

Seven things you can do to reduce stigma:

- Know the facts. Educate yourself about mental illness including substance use disorders.
- Be aware of your attitudes and behavior.
- Choose your words carefully.
- Educate others.
- Focus on the positive.
- Support people.
- Include everyone.

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.

Shining Mountain Fresh



August

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



Meal Kit Includes:

- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

Contact:

Lisa B. Smith (970)-563-2344

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

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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshAug24>

Sign-up Deadline: Monday, August 26

Pickup Date: Wednesday, August 28



BLEND & THRIVE: INDIGENOUS FOODS
WORKSHOP WITH DENEEX BEX

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13
10:30-12:00PM

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

FREE! ALL PARTICIPANTS WELCOMED

This hands-on class is tailored to explore the nutrition needs of elders & older adults, using a variety of fruits, vegetables, and protein sources into their diets in a delicious and accessible way. We will focus on how to incorporate Indigenous ingredients to add even more nutrition! Our workshop will guide participants through the process of creating nutrient-rich smoothies that cater to their specific health requirements.



If you have a blender of your own, feel free to bring it to the workshop. If not, blenders will be provided.

Contact chelsie.begoody@swcahec.org or lsmith@southernute-nsn.gov



Denee Bex is an award-winning Registered Dietitian & CDCES from the Navajo Nation and is the owner of Tumbleweed Nutrition LLC, a nutrition education consultant company. She teaches her Native community about nutrition without judgement. Denee provides inclusive & evidence-based nutrition education for organizations which honor American Indian heritage.



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Division of Food & Energy Assistance

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SOUTHERN UTE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

2025
RECOVERY
RETREAT

AT THE SKY UTE CASINO AND RESORT

MAY 16TH - PROFESSIONALS DAY
MAY 17TH - RECOVERY RETREAT

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED AS
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FOR 2025



UTE ELDERS AND THEIR FRIENDS

WORKOUT CLASSES - SUNUTE CAPOTE ROOM

Tuesday's and Thursday's
10am-10:45am



UPCOMING
NOTICES:
NO CLASS
AUGUST 20TH
AND 22ND

CONTACT ELIYAH
970-563-2658
FOR ANY QUESTIONS



Youth chef it up



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum YEP

Lucas Rael carefully cuts bell peppers alongside Shawmarie Tso for taco meat on Wednesday, July 31 in the Multi-Purpose Facility kitchen.

Program manager of Shining Mountain Health and Wellness, Heather Sorensen helps Amethyst Weaver measure oats for a Berry Banana Crumble recipe in the Multi-Purpose Facility kitchen.



Motherhood is Sacred Fatherhood is Sacred Class August 2024

This is Native American Fatherhood & Families Association-NAFFA's foundational program that helps strengthen families by empowering and uplifting fathers and mothers. The class teaches core principles to help strengthen them as parents.

Native people believe in the sanctity of many things; animals, mountains, burial grounds, etc., but the most sacred is our role as a father and our role as a mother.

FIS/MIS is a 6-week virtual class (Microsoft TEAMS) for those wanting to improve family relationships, prepare them to become responsible parents, reduce recidivism and substance abuse, and improve safety for our children. We have the vision to pave our way into a future where fathers and mothers will experience a truly happy family. This course is uniquely designed with culturally relevant material to teach parents the vital impact of being responsibly involved in each child's life.

August Classes begin:

8/5, 8/8, 8/12, 8/15, 8/19, 8/22, 8/26, 8/29, 9/2

Each class will be from 2pm to 4pm

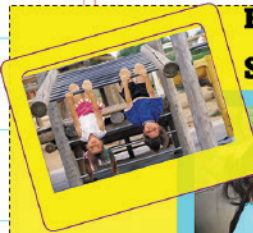
Please contact Family Therapist Angelina Whitehorse to register at 970-563-2335 or email at awhitehorse@southernute-nsn.gov



This class is VIRTUAL
Each participant needs the following to attend:

- A working email
- Solid internet connection
- A smartphone, tablet, or laptop with a mic
- Download the Microsoft Teams APP
- A QUIET SPACE
- Application Form completed

Back to School and Mental Health Supporting our Children and Parents TIPS



YEAR BOOK

Promoting a Healthy Transition

The return to school can be a stressful time, whether it's a child's first day of kindergarten, a transition to middle or high school, or just the end of the freedoms of summer. It's normal for children to feel anxious about these changes. Here's how you can help ease their worries:

- **Communicate:** Encourage your child to express their feelings about going back to school. Acknowledge their fears, make them feel understood, and reassure them that it's perfectly normal to feel anxious about these changes.
- **Create Routines:** A consistent routine fosters a sense of security in children. Establishing a regular sleep schedule, eating healthy meals, and setting aside time for homework and relaxation can help children adjust to the rhythm of the school year.
- **Make Advance Preparations:** If possible, attend any scheduled school orientations. Meeting teachers, locating classrooms, and becoming familiar with the school layout can help students feel more confident on the first day of school. And if there is not a scheduled orientation, make time to visit the school ahead of time to help children familiarize themselves with the environment. It can also be helpful to practice morning routines like getting ready for the bus or identifying routes to school.
- **Encourage In-person Social Interactions:** Facilitate interaction with classmates to rekindle old friendships and make new ones. This may be one of the first years of schooling for many children without the COVID-19 pandemic interrupting normal social interactions. Social relationships can make the transition smoother and more enjoyable.
- **Saying goodbye to summer and returning to school is difficult for everyone,** but it is especially complicated when students are struggling with their mental health. As we prepare for another year, one of the most important things we can do is to remind students that it is OK to be overwhelmed, nervous, or even unsure how they're feeling about going back to school. By respecting their needs, offering support, and giving them resources to navigate challenges that come with change, they will have the foundation for a successful and fulfilling school year.



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KEEPING FAMILIES STRONG

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1. Nurturing and Attachment- Take time at the end of each day to connect with your children, with a hug, a smile, a song, a few minutes of listening and talking.
2. Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development: Taking a parenting class or explore parenting questions with your family doctor, your child's teacher, family or friends.
3. Parental Resilience: Surround yourself with people who support you and make you feel good as a parent. Take time to recharge, do some physical exercise for a health mind. Share your feelings with someone you trust.
4. Social Connections: Engage in traditional ceremonies, bear dance, pow-wows. Get involved with community activities and classes.
5. Concrete Support for Parents: Make a list of people or places to call for support. Dial 2-1-1 to find out about organizations that support families in your area.
6. Social and Emotional Competence of Children: Provide regular routines, especially for young children. Talk with your children about how important feelings are.

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Good health starts with eating the right foods and getting plenty of exercise. A healthy lifestyle can help your family in many ways:

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Bruce Borowsky/Pixel Mill Studios

Houston Cunningham and Krystyn Arilyn-Elyzabeth Weaver operate a DSLR camera at a filmmaking workshop in Ignacio, Colo. The workshop was funded by the Colorado Film Commission’s Native Film Workshop Grant.

VOICES FROM THE EDGE

Southern Ute teen’s film set to premier at Durango Film Festival

By Clark Adomaitis
KSJD/KSUT REPORTER

This summer, professional filmmakers from the Denver area hosted a filmmaking workshop for young people on the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute reservations. The workshop is part of an annual program funded by the Colorado Film Commission.

Inside the Ignacio High School gymnasium, two professional filmmakers and four Southern Ute teenagers set up film equipment. The film crew prepared to film a tribal sports competition. The teenagers learned how to use a DSLR camera on a tripod and a GoPro on an extension pole.

The workshop was funded by the Colorado Film Commission’s Native Film Workshop Grant. This year was teenager Houston Cunningham’s second time participating.

“We’ve been doing a lot of different shots, like some basic B-roll clips, having to set up all the camera equipment for interviews, the lights, and still shots ... how to use all the camera equipment. We’re doing interviews as well, try-



Bruce Borowsky/Pixel Mill Studios

Workshop participants prepare to interview a Southern Ute tribal member.

ing to get people’s opinions,” Cunningham said.

Joey Lopez, a freelance filmmaker living in Denver, guided the teens on their cinematography. He’s been leading workshops in Ignacio and Towaooc for the past six summers.

“The biggest lessons have been about the kids. You don’t know who you’re going to inspire. You don’t know what you’re going to bring to the table for someone. Just being there, who you are, and imparting knowledge has been eye-opening for me,” Lopez said.

Bruce Borowsky, a sea-

soned filmmaker from Pixel Mill Studios in Boulder, Colo., has led the two-week-long workshop for the past three summers.

“Getting to train these kids with skills that perhaps they could use in a career, sometimes you never know what’s going to click with young people. If it clicks with even just one of them, that’s like a beautiful thing,” Borowsky said.

Borowsky and Lopez plan to continue leading the workshop in the coming summers. The film the students made this year will be entered into the 2025 Durango Film Festival

ASHLEY BAKER EARNS DOCTORATE • FROM PAGE 1

them in little ways has been a boost in my confidence.”

“It is great to be a part of a program that can help our tribal students reach their educational goals and realize the great opportunities that ongoing education can provide,” Southern Ute Education Department Assistant Director, Michael Kirsch said. “It has been a pleasure to work with Ashley as she is an excellent communicator and dedicated student.”

“I encourage students that are considering any type of post-secondary schooling to investigate the programs the Education Department has to offer,” Kirsch said.

When asked about what she would like to tell other students considering their future in higher education, Baker shared her own perspective.

“I think that despite any adversity that you might face, don’t let failure keep you away from your dreams,” Baker said. “Keep going and enjoy the process along the way. When I graduated high school, I didn’t know that either of my career choices were op-



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ashley Baker got her undergraduate degree in food science, with an emphasis in dietetics from Seattle Pacific University, in Washington state from 2012-2018.

tions, and it’s OK to learn more about yourself and find a career that is a good fit for you.”

Dr. Ashley Baker, ND

graduated with her doctorate degree on June 24, 2024 at Benaroya Hall, Seattle, Wash. Her parents are Raymond and Rachel Baker.

Tribe meets with CSU



Summer Begay/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Tribal Council and Colorado State University leaders met today to explore exciting opportunities for collaboration and educational growth. CSU President Amy Parsons and Assistant Vice President Patrese Atine joined Tribal Council and staff in a productive meeting focused on building a stronger future together to support current and future students.

END OF SUMMER PARTY AT ELHI

Join the ELHI Community Center for an end of the summer party on Aug. 16 with a craft fair, kid’s activities, music and more! The craft fair starts at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by an outdoor showing of Sandlot. Come enjoy all your baseball favorites! Vendors! We have several 10’x10’ spaces available for only \$20. Set up begins at 5 p.m. and the event goes until the movie begins (around 9 p.m./when it is dark enough for an outdoor movie.) We look forward to having you join us! (This will be a family friendly, drug & alcohol-free event. Thanks for your support as we support our youth!)

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Ed. Dept. hosts recognition ceremony



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Stoney White Thunder-Lucero sings an honor song for the graduates in attendance. Brian Coyote Jr., Gracelyn Thompson, Dominick Albo, Noah Box, Kristean Velasquez-Howe, Gabrielle Velasquez, Elliot Hendren, Brianna Pinnecoose, Katheryn Whiteskunk, Dr. Ashely Baker and Anthony Rohde. Master of Ceremonies, Oscar Cosio is also pictured.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum YEP

Southern Ute tribal member, Elliot Hendren holds his Pendleton following his speech as the student speaker.

The Southern Ute Education Department hosted their 22nd Annual Recognition Ceremony along with Ignacio School District staff, and Southern Ute Tribal Council; who honored graduates achieving their diplomas, certificates, degrees and doctorates respectively with a recognition ceremony, accolades and food. Ignacio Elementary's Physical Education teacher, Oscar Cosio, master of ceremonies, opened the event. Southern Ute Councilmember Marge Barry gave the invocation, and Stoney White Thunder-Lucero sang an honor song for the students to close out the ceremony. The ceremony was held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility, Friday, July 26.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum YEP

Southern Ute tribal member, Dr. Ashley Baker was one of two guest speakers for the recognition ceremony. Dr. Baker received her doctorate from the Bastyr University in Washington state. Dr. Baker spoke of failure ... stating that failure is not the end, but often the beginning. Dr. Baker also thanked Michael Kirsch of the Southern Ute Education Department for his support.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio High School graduate, Gracelyn Thompson received a Pendleton blanket from Southern Ute Councilman, Marty Pinnecoose in recognition of her recent graduation from the Ignacio High School.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum YEP

Stoney White Thunder-Lucero performs an honor song for all the graduates at the Multi-Purpose Facility.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum YEP

Anthony Rhode stands proudly with his newly gifted Pendleton for earning a Bachelor of Science degree.



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Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker and Tribal Council members, Marvin Pinnecoose, Vanessa Torres, Andrew Gallegos, Marge Barry, Marty Pinnecoose, along with Southern Ute Education Assistant Director, Michael Kirsch were on hand to honor the graduates.



IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Back to school

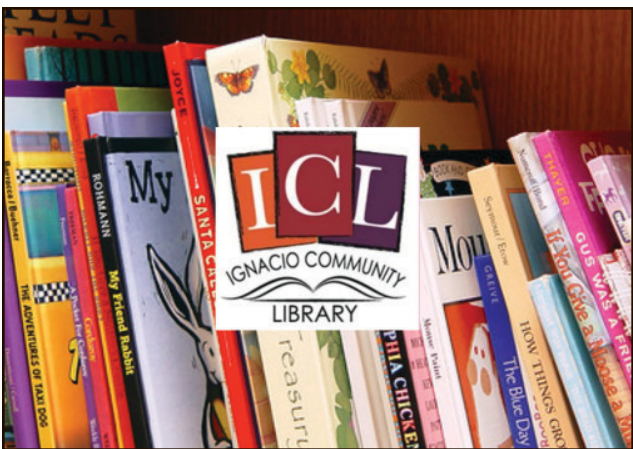
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IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Ignacio Community Library (ICL) has a myriad of ways to support parents, students, and teachers with back to school needs this fall. From digital products like databases, eMaterials, and streaming video; to physical products like books, CD audiobooks, kits, and DVDs; to regular programs, special programs, and makerspace activities; there is something at ICL for everyone!

For teachers and homeschooling parents, we have a digital product called Educate Station on our website, which includes complete curricula for multiple subjects ranging from Pre-K level through 5th grade. We also have a full suite of digital databases, including the Explora Educators' Edition; Explora Elementary, Middle, and High School Editions; Middle Search Plus; MAS Ultra School Edition; USA Learns and more!

For students we offer programming such as our returning Teen Cafe on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m., starting 9/11, Silly Science 9/12, Kids Book Club 9/19, and our monthly Teen Night on 9/23 where middle and high school teens get to have dinner and stay in the library after closing time.

We also offer Beanstack challenges for kids, teens, and adults which can be accessed anytime from the comfort of your own phone via



the Beanstack app. Our September Beanstack challenge theme is "Get a Better Read on the World." It's fun to earn badges and using the app entitles patrons to win in-real-life prizes from the treasure chest and from the Friends of the Library book sale.

For parents with little ones not yet in school, we will have our regular Storytimes happening every Tuesday at 10 a.m. September's Storytime theme will be "Libraries and Books." In case you didn't know, we have coffee and donuts at these programs, so they can be fun both for the kids and for the grown-ups who bring them.

For adults (with or without school-aged children) we have many offerings, including physical materials for checkout. Our physical materials go beyond the standard books, CD audiobooks, and DVDs that you probably picture when you think of a library. We also offer digital materials for checkout through the Libby app with your library card and Kan-

opy video streaming, which includes adult and children's content. We also have a library of things for checkout, which include things such as Escape Crates, Bike Repair Kit, Lego sets, State Parks Passes, Powerhouse Science Center Passes, Wifi Hotspots, Literacy kits and tablets, and much, much more!

We also have adult programming, including our Perfecting Your Green Chili Sauce program on Aug. 29 just in time for the Green Chile Festival that weekend! Another adult program we are particularly excited about is our Virtual Travel to Italy program on Aug. 15. This program will include elements of the food, culture, and art of Italy and a chance to visit Italy virtually through our new Quest Pro headsets. This program has space for six couples or 12 individuals, click the link on our website to reserve your space today!

As you can see, we at ICL are here to support you and the whole community; come and see for yourself!

PÍINU NÚUCHI FARMERS MARKET • FROM PAGE 1

weekly from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is set to take place every Friday up until Friday, Oct. 11.

Economic Development Manager Colton Black said that the idea for the market came about after receiving grant funding from Fort Lewis College. The department provided a space for vendors to launch or continue their small business and access an outdoor business lab component to develop more business strategies.

During week two of the market event, the Outdoor Biz Lab was hosted by CEO & founder of GeekPack, Julia Taylor and GeekPack Partners Program Manager, Halley Moore providing a presentation and a demonstration on email marketing, helping business owners and community members to learn how to generate leads and how they can use that to increase their business.

"I started [GeekPack] back in 2018 and it was all based on my own personal experience, I'm a former military spouse and we moved around a lot, so I taught myself tech skills so that I could start my own business and grow from anywhere," Taylor said. "Our background is teaching women and other underrepresented communities tech skills, primarily entrepreneurs and small business owners so they can use tech to get ahead—we love working with rural communities and empowering small business owners to scale using the internet, nothing can stop you when utilizing the internet and digital marketing."

Local vendors Anthony Box and Sherri Foster took time to share information about their small businesses and talk about how this new market can benefit other entrepreneurs and the community. Box is a local artist and in cooperation with Edward Box III and Monique Pardo they create resin jewelry, notebooks, and other miscellaneous items under the name "AME Creates." "I was looking to start doing vendor spaces and I saw the information for [Píinu Núuchi Farmers Market and Outdoor Biz Lab] and that interested me in applying," Box said. "Having a farmer's market in Ignacio is a really good thing—we have a lot of farmers, craft peo-



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Halley Moore, GeekPack Partner Program Manager and Julia Taylor, CEO and Founder of GeekPack led week two of the Outdoor Biz Lab at the Píinu Núuchi Farmers Market on Friday, Aug. 2 in front of the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center. GeekPack works to teach women and underrepresented communities tech skills, empowering small business owners to utilize the internet and learn about digital marketing.

ple, and other small entrepreneurs that need a place to sell, this market is a really good opportunity for them to get their wares out there."

Sherri Foster is a veteran and is one half of Freedom's Fire, a local coffee roasting and ranching business, veteran owned, and family operated. This multigenerational family business takes pride in uniting people over coffee, supporting and giving back to the community all while sharing veteran and homestead experiences with everyone they meet. "We really want to see local markets thrive—we are trying to help bring markets back and we are using coffee to do that," Foster said. "This market provides a platform for people to experiment, to try [selling], and give it their best."

"Everything you see on this table started as a homemade Christmas gift; [Brent Foster] has roasted his own coffee for several years – we asked ourselves, 'well what could we do as a business? What skill do we have that is marketable?' Coffee never came up, yet he was roasting it all the time," Foster said. "One year we gave [coffee] away for Christmas and people asked for more—this business was right under our noses the whole time, now we are coffee roasting yak wranglers making creature comforts. We enjoy the simple things in life and all our products are simple things that we made to enjoy ourselves, and now we share them with others."

Currently there are 12 active vendors who sell at the Píinu Núuchi Farmers Mar-

ket and Outdoor Biz Lab and there are five booth spaces available. The market is open to anyone who would like to sell their products and there are discounts available for Tribal members, first descendants, and members of other Ute tribes. Booth spaces are 12 feet by 10 feet, giving vendors plenty of space for canopies and tables. Applications to vend at the Píinu Núuchi Farmers Market and Outdoor Biz Lab can be found online at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/eco-dev/> and additional information can be found on the "Píinu Núuchi Farmers Market" Facebook page.

"Our hope is to incubate a couple of businesses that turn into full time businesses here in the community, we're really trying to grow the number of businesses and services offered here to help grow the economy," Economic Development Manager, Colton Black said. "We would love to see folks come out and participate again, we're looking for those fresh produce vendors to come out and participate – the Economic Development department hopes this market will continue to grow in the community and we are taking that initial first step."

"My advice to other vendors is to show up, we need a market in Ignacio," Foster said. "I have heard lots of people say we need one, so we must be the change—I would really like to see more vendors come this direction. Everybody must make a living, right? so we prefer to come to local markets to do that."



REMINDER

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Brothers that rock ... Adolfo and Geraldo Medina, from New Mexico finish capping the rock face wainscot with cut and beveled sandstone. As well as the wainscot, other exterior improvements include lighting, signage and covering over the fuel pumps, and paint on the exterior walls.

The new Pĩnu Núuchi Travel Center branding adorns the marquee atop the newly remodeled Thriftway building in Ignacio. Look for new asphalt on the parking lots in the near future.



NATURAL RESOURCES

Senators welcome \$400 Million to combat historic western drought

Staff report
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET

U.S. Senators Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), and Jeff Merkley (D-Oregon) and U.S. Representatives Yadira Caraveo (D-Colo.) and Gabe Vasquez (D-N.M.) welcomed the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) announcement of \$400 million to address drought through investments at the irrigation district scale in 12 states across the American West.

“Family farmers, water users, and communities across the American West are facing the effects of a 1200-year drought and a changing climate. This is a five-alarm fire, and Washington ought to treat it that way,” Bennet said. “With this investment, the Biden administration answered our call to bring resources to bear that will help producers innovate and become more resilient to drought. I’m grateful for Secretary Vilsack’s leadership in delivering this relief for Colorado and the West.”

“New Mexicans are on the front lines of increasingly extreme weather events driven by climate change, including prolonged drought and long-term aridification. We need better tools to stay prepared,” said Heinrich, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees USDA. “I applaud the USDA for heeding our calls to invest in new, innovative resources for our agricultural producers and communities to strengthen

water security and climate resilience.”

“As climate chaos fuels long-term drought in Oregon and across the American West, the federal government must use all the resources at its disposal to address this ongoing crisis,” Merkley said. “My colleagues and I urged the administration to take action earlier this year, and I applaud the USDA for creating this new program to fund innovative water solutions. This is a much-needed step forward to build a stronger, more resilient future for the West’s economy and environment.”

“I’m very excited the bicameral effort I helped lead in April, urging USDA for Western drought investments paid off. This new Water Savings Commodity Program and federal investments will be life changing for Colorado – giving our communities the resources and protections they need,” Caraveo said.

“New Mexicans understand the critical impact that long-term droughts have on our communities and agricultural industries. After calling on the USDA for additional resources, I’m now proud to welcome this \$400 million investment to address droughts and improve water conservation efforts,” Vasquez said. “This funding will help ensure a more sustainable, resilient future for the American West.”

Producers who participate in USDA’s Water Saving Commodity Program will

receive payments for voluntarily reducing water consumption, while maintaining commodity production. This funding will help conserve up to 50,000 acre-feet in water use across 250,000 acres of irrigated land in production, while expanding and creating new, sustainable market opportunities. The new program, coupled with investments from the Western Water Framework, will support innovative measures for water conservation, while building resilience for long-term agricultural production in Colorado and the West.

The Palisade Irrigation District was selected for the innovative funding opportunity in Colorado.

In April, Bennet, Heinrich, Merkley, Caraveo, and Vasquez led 26 of their colleagues representing Western states in a letter urging the Biden administration to make further investments to address long-term drought caused by climate change. The lawmakers applaud the administration’s previous and ongoing efforts to combat drought in the American West – including through the Western Water and Working Lands Framework and by opening up Inflation Reduction Act funding for additional climate-smart agriculture practices – and called for further action to address Western drought through investments in upstream watershed-scale projects, water forecasting, water conservation, and watershed restoration.



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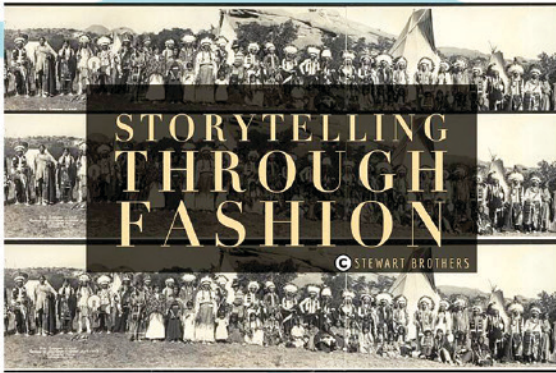
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VOICES FROM THE EDGE

Energy Fuels Inc. transporting uranium in violation of Navajo Nation laws

By Clark Adomaitis
KSJD/KSUT REPORTER

In 2012, the Navajo Nation passed the Radioactive and Related Substances Equipment, Vehicles, Persons, and Materials Transportation Act, banning the transport of uranium on the reservation.

Energy Fuels, Inc. began transporting uranium ore through the Navajo Nation this week. The trucks traveled on state and federal roads from the Pinyon Plain uranium mine, just south of Grand Canyon Village in Arizona, to a uranium mill in southeast Utah, located five miles north of the Ute Mountain Ute tribal community in White Mesa.

Buu Nygren, president of the Navajo Nation, issued an executive order on July 31 calling for the transport to stop. He said Navajo police tried to pull over two trucks, but they didn't reach the drivers until after they left the Tribe's jurisdiction.

"Once they enter the boundaries of the Navajo Nation, they're on Navajo land. They need to follow Navajo law. They snuck through the Navajo Nation, and they made it to the Utah side, outside of the reservation. So to me, they operated covertly to travel to traverse the Navajo Nation illegally," Nygren said.

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Clark Adomaitis/KSJD/KSUT

Curtis Moore, Vice President of Marketing at Energy Fuels, Inc., with a uranium ore pile at the Energy Fuels uranium mill in southeast Utah.

banning the transport of uranium on the reservation.

On July 31, Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes issued a statement supporting the Navajo Nation's blocking of uranium-filled trucks.

"My office is currently researching our options, but I remain deeply committed to doing everything in my power to protect the health and safety of all Arizonans. Hauling radioactive materials through rural Arizona, including across the Navajo Nation, without providing notice or transparency and without providing an emergency plan is unacceptable," Mayes said in the statement.

In March, Curtis Moore, vice president of marketing at Energy Fuels, said there's a lot of uranium to transport from the Pinyon Plain mine to the White Mesa uranium mill.

"There's going to be six to eight trucks per day for a few years. It's all regulated by the U.S. Department

of Transportation standards. I would estimate it's going to operate for five to eight years of ore production," said Moore.

President Buu Nygren said Navajo leaders banned the transport of uranium through the reservation because of the harm that outdated uranium practices caused to Navajo people's health.

"Our people have dealt with this for decades, and we still don't have uranium cleanup," said Nygren.

From the 1940s to the 1960s, the U.S. government took advantage of the uranium rich Four Corners area for Cold War weapons production. However, outdated practices left decrepit mines scattered throughout the Navajo Nation. The mines have never been cleaned up, exposing residents to harmful radiation.

Today, the White Mesa Uranium Mill, run by Energy Fuels Inc., is the only conventionally operating

uranium mill in the United States. The site disposes of and processes radioactive materials from around the U.S. and the world. Tribes and activists have hosted an annual peace walk to protest the mill's operations since it opened in 1979.

In August 2023, President Biden stopped almost all uranium mining in the region when he designated a one million-acre Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument. But one mining operation avoided restrictions.

The Pinyon Plain mine, owned by Energy Fuels, began extracting and stockpiling uranium ore. This week, the company started trucking radioactive material through the Navajo Nation to southeast Utah.

According to U.S. law, Energy Fuels can truck low-grade radioactive material on state and federal roads. However, Navajo Nation officials still plan to halt the uranium trucks on those roads that run through tribal land, potentially resulting in an untested legal situation.

According to Moore, transporting the material is safe.

"These trucks have a very tight tarp over the top that overlaps the sides to make sure that no dust or anything comes off the truck," Moore said.

Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren disputes that assertion.

"Those contaminants of uranium at the top of the tarp, by the time they're cruising

through Navajo, then they're sprinkling uranium all over the place without them knowing," Nygren said.

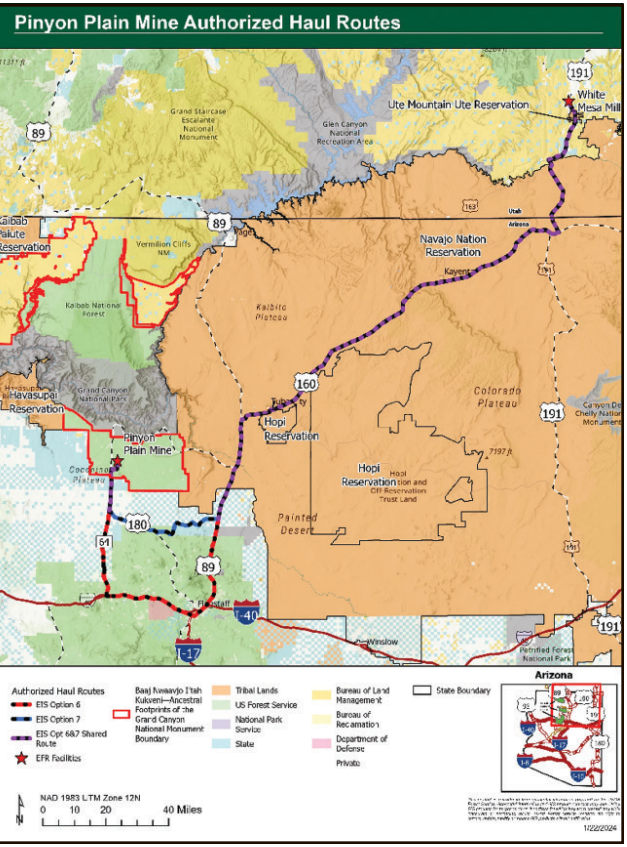
President Nygren has also expressed concerns about the potential for accidents involving the trucks.

"What happens when you get in an accident? You're probably going to. What if the uranium goes past the fencing? That's the Navajo Nation lands, and they don't have a plan in place for that," Nygren said.

Michael Badback, a resident of the nearby White Mesa community, is also concerned about the large trucks driving through his community several times a day.

"We have our community members walking on the side of the road to get to Blanding. Also, the school kids are commuted by bus in the morning and afternoon. I'm afraid that if there was a spill, if there was a wreck and the kids go through, what would happen?" Badback said.

The Navajo Nation Police Department will continue efforts to pull over uranium-hauling trucks driving through the reservation. President Nygren told the Associated Press he would even use roadblocks to stop the trucks. The Tribe's jurisdiction over state roads in this matter has not yet been legally tested.



SAN IGNACIO FIESTA
RAFFLE RESULTS

JULY 28, 2024

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GRAND PRIZE:	\$500 Cash	Marty Pinnecoose
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7 th Prize:	Handmade Quilt	Joyce Guzman
8 th Prize:	4 Grand Bordeaux Wine Glasses	Melanie Seibel
9 th Prize:	Apple AirPods	Corleen Rael
10 th Prize:	\$100 Seven Rivers Restaurant	Corleen Rael
11 th Prize:	Swissgear Carry-On Luggage	Betty Wiley
12 th Prize:	\$100 Frida's Mexican Restaurant	Reneae Cuthair
13 th Prize:	Hair Salon Gift Set	Phil/Paula Le
14 th Prize:	\$100 Cash	Jesus Salazar
15 th Prize:	\$50 Home Depot	Adrian Quintana

We thank all those who donated prizes for the raffle: Silva Family, Ophelia Fonseca, Rosanna Vazquez, Ada Cruz, Peggy & David Duggan, Gary & Betty Wiley, Felix & Connie Archuleta, Georgia Leon, Frida, Manny & Olivia Sandoval. We also thank the many of you who purchased tickets and appreciate your support.

San Ignacio Fiesta Parade 2024		July 27, 2024
Grand Prize	Vigil Reunion	
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Commercial - Second	The Rose Café	
Non- Commercial - First	Ignacio High School Volleyball	
Non - Commercial - First	Ignacio High School Boys Basketball	
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Political - Second	La Plata County Democrats	
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Celebrating San Ignacio Fiesta



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The Southern Ute Veterans Association color guard, left to right, Raymond Baker (Retired Navy), Bruce Valdez (Army), Bruce LeClaire (Army) and Gordon Hammond (Marines), led the annual San Ignacio Fiesta parade.

Ignacio community members and visitors fill Goddard Ave on Saturday, July 27 for the annual San Ignacio Parade. The parade was full of floats displaying family reunions, businesses, and music. The festivities continued into the ELHI parking lot, where live music, vendors and contests ensued.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Watermelon contests devour their way to a chance of winning various prizes. There was no jalapeño eating contest due to lack of participation.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum YEP

KSUT Tribal Radio's REZ-olution Radio Hour host DJ, Robert Ortiz and parade participant Marie Caryl up the horns to the crowd, Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Maleina Caryl was also part of the float throwing candy to the parade-goers lining the streets.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum YEP

The Bayfield Belles wave to spectators during the San Ignacio Fiesta Parade. See the list of San Ignacio Parade and Raffle winners on the previous page.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio girls' volleyball team raise funds with a bake sale and handed out fresh fruit on a stick for free, in the ELHI parking lot during the San Ignacio Fiesta.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum YEP

Ignacio Mayor Clark Craig waves to parade participants in front of Farmers Fresh in Ignacio during the San Ignacio Fiesta Parade.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Winners of the San Ignacio Fiesta watermelon eating contest display their winnings, left to right, Jace Pierce, RJ Gosney, and Tristen Singletary.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum YEP

A keytairst of the band, Sencion walks with his float gracing the crowd with music following the end of the parade on Saturday, July 27.



Garden vegetables for sale



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Tribal Demonstration Garden is growing quickly. Agricultural Division staff have planted a variety of vegetables, and some vegetables are available now. Interested tribal members should stop by the Agricultural Division Office to share in the harvest. If you would like to visit the garden contact the office and a garden tour will be scheduled. Yellow squash (above) grows during the warm summer days.



Randy Herrera, TEAM worker with Natural Resources, cleans up around the vegetable garden on Tuesday, July 23 at the Tribal Demonstration Garden off of Highway 172.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund to host a General Meeting in September

Save the Date for the upcoming Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund General Meeting. This General Meeting is for the enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Membership and will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024. The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. Details on attendance options and the agenda are forthcoming.

As a friendly reminder, this is a closed meeting for the Southern Ute Tribal Membership only. We hope you will join us!

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Jymmy Haddon, Executive Assistant, at 970-563-5025 or jhaddon@sugf.com

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Joel Priest/SU Drum

Ignacio's Phillip Quintana pitches during the Bobcats' road game this season at Kirtland, N.M., Central. Quintana and teammate Devante Montoya (rear) parlayed a successful Spring 2024 campaign with the Bobcats into a summer playing Connie Mack baseball for the Farmington, N.M., Frackers.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

'Cats reflect on Connie Mack summer

Montoya, Quintana played in historic Series

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Though not destined to parade spoils from the coveted championship through Ignacio, recent IHS graduates Phillip Quintana and Devante Montoya were at least part of a certain event-heralding parade through downtown Farmington, N.M.

"Yeah, that was fun," Quintana recalled Monday evening, August 5. "I did not expect, like, that many people to come out and support us for making it to the Connie Mack World Series. It was just a whole different thing for me."

"Seeing all those people there to, like, support the team and be there for you was pretty cool," agreed Montoya, interviewed separately but also via phone less than 72 hours after a supreme champion was crowned at venerable Ricketts Park. "It was great ... never really done anything like that."

Nor played in a tournament as regarded as the 12-team CMWS, which first came to San Juan County (Springfield, Ill., had hosted from 1961-64 after St. Joseph, Mo., did so from '59-60) back in 1965. Suiting up for the Farmington Frackers, both Bobcats helped their

new crew finish regular-season play with a 21-6-1 record and clinch a spot in the Series – as well as the aforementioned introductory parade Friday morning, July 26 – by defeating the Farmington Scorpions in the city tournament finale.

"We lost in the very beginning of the Connie Mack qualifiers in an upset, and we ended up coming back to the semifinals," Montoya said. "We were down 0-4, I think, in the seventh inning and we came back and won (5 to 4) to get to the championship. And then we did our job."

"Oh yeah," said Quintana, who pitched a no-hitter during the regular season. "It was really exciting; I'd always wanted to be in the Connie Mack World Series, let alone just play on that field!"

Playing for head coach Eli Wyatt, head coach at Aztec (N.M.) High, Montoya and Quintana first tasted Mack action later in the day on the 26th, though the Frackers fell 10-2 to the Tulsa, Okla., Sandlot. Pool 'B' play continued the next day, but Farmington lost to a pair of Texas teams in Gunter-based Dulin's Dodgers (6-0) and Dallas-centered D-BAT United (7-4).

Subsequently re-seeded lower for the deciding dou-

ble-elimination phase than hoped, Farmington then challenged frequent CMWS participant Midland (Cincinnati, Ohio) at Ricketts on Sunday, July 28, but fell 4-0. Unfortunately, the Frackers' summer then ended two nights later with a 13-4 loss upon the same diamond to Texas Twelve (College Station, Tex.) Baseball.

Midland, meanwhile, would later advance to the Series' ultimate showdown Friday night, August 2, by dodging Dulin's 3-2 in that day's first semifinal. Their opponent would be the SoCal Renegades, who clipped the North Texas Longhorns by the same slim score in the second semi. Having dealt Midland their first CMWS loss (by a 2-1 margin) during fourth-round play Thursday night, August 1, the Renegades were able to repeat the feat and posted a 6-0 shutout to become the 2024 Bronson Family McDonald's/AABC Connie Mack World Series Champion.

"We definitely watched them before a game and stuff; they were a great team," Montoya said.

A 7-0-1 CMWS record included, the Renegades improved to 46-6-1 overall; Midland dipped to 34-11, while the Frackers – this

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Joel Priest/SU Drum

Ignacio's Devante Montoya scoops up a grounder during postseason play this spring out in Limon. After closing out a decorated three-sport career at Ignacio, Montoya's student-athlete days are set to continue at Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

Montoya well-positioned for next move

Three-sport Ignacio grad is CNCC-bound

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Disappointed over not seeing as much field time during the 2024 Bronson Family McDonald's/AABC Connie Mack World Series as he'd have liked, Devante Montoya nonetheless realized he wasn't the only standout on a team filled with stars – a lesson from which he expects to benefit in his fast-arriving future.

"I think I could ... have played more but when there's that much talent you've just got to go with what the coach says; you can't argue with it," he explained during a phone interview Monday evening, Aug. 5. "But it was a great experience. There was a lot of talent on the team ... and there's stuff I've got to work on, so I have a starting spot next year."

Though that could mean on a team seeking inclusion in the '25 Series, the recent Ignacio High graduate was more likely referring to becoming a first-stringer at Colorado Northwestern Community College, to which he has committed.

"There's not a lot of people around here that go to college for baseball, whether it's because they don't want to or just don't get

the chance," he said. "So, I definitely think it's a great opportunity, coming from a small town."

"Since senior year I'd thought about it," Montoya continued, "and instead of playing football in college I decided I wanted to play baseball. So, we started putting everything on Field-View, sending my film out to coaches ... and then this (CNCC) coach called and wanted me ... out there for, like, a workout to see, like, what I'm made of. He really liked what he'd seen, and it's a great opportunity – that's why I made sure to take him up on it."

And Colorado Northwestern will need all the help its coaching staff can ink to snap out of a serious slide; longtime boss Lou McCollum's Spartans went a torturous 4-47 overall in 2024. Ironically, CNCC both started and ended the grind victorious, having won the first half of a Jan. 27 doubleheader at Scottsdale (Ariz.) CC, and the second half of an April 26 twinbill in Rangely against visiting College of Southern Idaho – improving CNCC's Scenic West Athletic Conference record to 1-31.

In 2023, the Spartans finished 11-39 overall, 7-25

SWAC (the last six of CNCC's eight slated dates against Community Christian College were canceled, after Colorado Northwestern won the first two out in Redlands, Calif.), and in '22 CNCC – with 3A Pagosa Springs grad Taylor Cotts on the squad – went 17-39 overall in regular-season action and 12-28 in conference, including a 7-1 mark against CCC. In the NJCAA Div. I, Region 18 Tournament, CNCC then went 2-2 and finished the season 19-41.

On Colorado Northwestern's 2024 roster, 16 players hailed from Utah with just five from Colorado – including three sophomores initially plucked from Windsor's 2022 crew which went a first-place 15-3 in the 4A/5A North Central and 17-7 overall after an upset loss courtesy of Falcon in the 4A-Region I semifinals.

Moved from the outfield to shortstop this spring while also working more innings as a pitcher, plus remaining locked in atop Ignacio's batting order the past two seasons, Montoya helped the Bobcats (18-7 overall, 5-1 2A/1A San Juan Basin in 2024) bag three consecutive league titles (2022-

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Ongoing and Upcoming Activities & Events at the ELHI - August 2024

THE ELHI COMMUNITY CENTER

970-563-4100, admin@theelhiignacio.org

- ELHI Board of Directors meeting - Monday, Aug., 12, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Rise & Shine Teamwork Tuesday - first Tuesday of every month (10% of sales support ELHI!)
- End of Summer Family Tailgate Party - Friday, Aug. 16, 5 – 8:30 p.m.
- Colorado's Ride Aid Station - Wednesday, Aug. 21 & Friday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m. – noon.
- Care & Share Mobile Market Sept 4th, 10am-11am

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Creates and supports one-to-one mentors for any youth, ages 6-17 years old. Interested in becoming a Big Brother or Sister? Currently Littles are waiting for their Bigs in Ignacio, Bayfield, and Durango. If you are at least 18 years of age, have 4 hours per month to give, and can commit to at least one year, we would love to talk to you! Contact us at 970-247-3720 or mentor@bbig.org, or explore the process at: bbig.org/mentor"

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DANCING SPIRIT CENTER FOR THE ARTS 970-563-4600, dancingspiritgallery@gmail.com

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- Summer programs currently scheduled for Aug. 12-16, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Open Studio/Studio Membership: Wed. and Sat. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Grand opening information coming soon!

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IGNITE GYMNASTICS 970-403-2636, ignitegymnastics@mail.com

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- Bobcats Cheer Club Tue. & Thur. 4 p.m.

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NATIVE LOVE 970-247-3720

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- 2nd Annual Indigenous Fashion Show, Thursday, Aug. 8.
- Pino Nuche Indigenous Art Market & Juried Show, August 9-11 at Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum.
- MMIR Bike Run in collaboration with Harley Davidson, Sunday, Sept. 1

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HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is working to update our Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and we are looking for your input! The HMP is a community-driven, living document that prompts communities to address local hazards by carrying out mitigation activities and projects. The plan update will integrate mitigation strategies into daily decision-making. This will reduce risk to human life and property over the long term. It will reflect the Tribe's current priorities and progress in hazard mitigation since the last plan was developed.

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Hazard mitigation is crucial because it fosters the development of stronger, safer, and more resilient communities. It minimizes future damage in the face of disasters. By taking proactive measures, communities become more effective at mitigating risks.

THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

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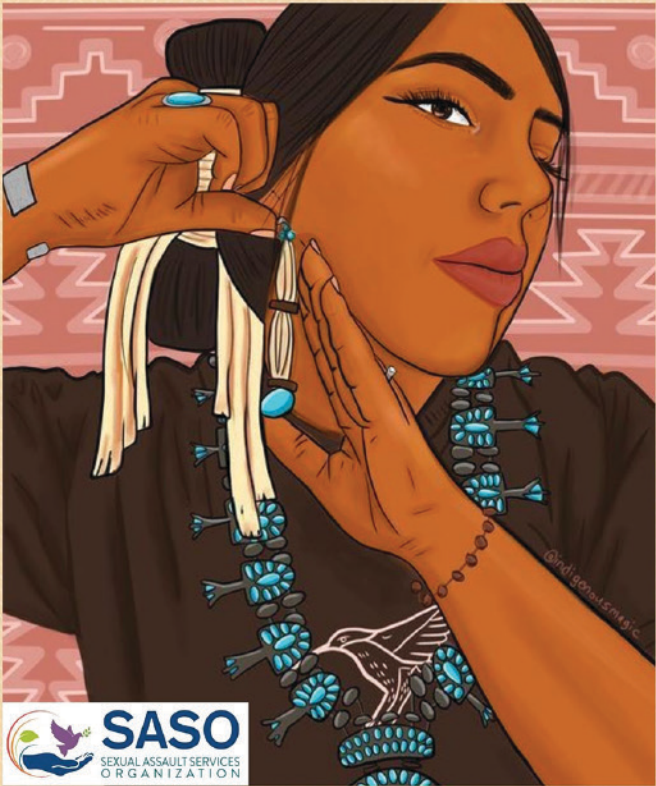
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(2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

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General Election -	Friday, November 01, 2024 - 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Residency Deadline -	Saturday, August 03, 2024
Statement of Intention Deadline -	Monday, September 02, 2024, by 5:00 P.M.
Election Board Decision Regarding Eligibility Deadline -	Tuesday, September 17, 2024
Notice of Election -	Wednesday, October 02, 2024
Voter Registration Deadline -	Wednesday, October 23, 2024, by 5:00 P.M.
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline -	Wednesday, October 23, 2024, by 5:00 P.M.
Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline -	Thursday, October 31, 2024, by 5:00 P.M.

THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT 285 LAKIN ST. IGNACIO, CO
Contact the Election Board at (970) 563- 0100 ext. 2303/2305/2728/2729/2730
Off-Reservation Tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303
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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
In the Legal Name Change of,
Krislynn Nikole Thompson, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2024-0046-CV-NC

Notice is hereby given that Krislynn Nikole Thompson filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Krislynn Nikole Romero. As of August 5, 2024 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Krislynn Nikole Thompson name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Krislynn Nikole Romero.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2024.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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Needs Volunteers

Join a team of dedicated volunteers. Alternative Horizons needs 15 or more volunteer advocates, including those who are bi-lingual, to staff our 24-Hour hotline. Do impactful work and build new relationships. Flexible scheduling available. AH supports and empowers survivors of domestic violence. If you'd like to make a difference in the lives of others, call the office for more information at 970-247-4374. Training and ongoing support provided. Next training will be held on Sept. 20, 21 and 27.

OURAY CEMETERY SITE INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT - PROJECT NOTIFICATION
To the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Membership

Dear Tribal Members,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of an upcoming project at the Ouray Cemetery and to inform you of the construction activities that will be taking place over the next few months.

Construction & Project Management will be working to:

- Improve road and access surfaces
- Remove and replace fencing for better security and site aesthetics
- Construct a dedicated storage facility for tools and equipment to maintain the grounds
- Update the irrigation water supply

These enhancements will ensure the cemetery remains a place of honor and peace. We want to assure you that we are committed to minimizing disruptions during construction. We anticipate construction to begin this month and conclude by Fall, and access to the cemetery will be maintained throughout the project. Should you have any questions regarding this project or ongoing work, please free to call our office at (970)-563-4710. Additional information regarding this project is also listed on our website at: Ouray Cemetery Infrastructure Work - Southern Ute Indian Tribe (southernute-nsn.gov)

Respectfully,
Gavin S. Martinez, Director of Tribal Housing,
Construction & Project Management

DRUM NOTICE

Tribal members receive the Drum for free!
Update your address if you would like to receive the Drum. Call 970-563-0118.

Notice of Proposed Amendments to Title 26 –
Liquor Code & Request for Comments

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking comments on proposed amendments to the Liquor Code. A copy of the amended Liquor Code can be found on the Southern Ute Drum news website: <https://www.sudrum.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Revised-Liquor-Code-Public-Comment-Version-26JUN2024.pdf>. Please use the contact numbers at the end of this notice to obtain a hard copy of the proposed Liquor Code amendments or to submit comments. The Liquor Code amendments were developed by a committee including the Justice & Regulatory and Legal Departments. The Liquor Code is Title 26 in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Law and Order Code.

Public Comments: The Tribal Council requests that all Tribal Members review the revised code and provide comments no later than August 12, 2024 to the Legal Department at:

Email: lhall@southernute-nsn.gov

Mail: Lorelyn Hall, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.

Hand delivery: Legal Department, Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.

Phone: (970) 563-2144

Website: Southern Ute Drum - <https://www.sudrum.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Revised-Liquor-Code-Public-Comment-Version-26JUN2024.pdf>

For further information please contact: Lorelyn Hall, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone (970) 563-2141; email: lhall@southernute-nsn.gov

SOUTHERN UTE BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

Bringing State-of-the-Art Connectivity to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation



2024/2025 Work Plan Update

CONSTRUCTION PHASES – It takes multiple phases of construction to be in a position to install fiber to a home or business.

FUNDING	ENGINEERING	PERMITTING	CONDUIT INSTALLATION	FIBER INSTALLATION	FIBER DISTRIBUTION HUBS	SERVICE LINE INSTALLATION
The Tribe is pursuing funds from many State and Federal Grant opportunities to fund the project.	The network needs to be properly engineered to ensure quality and supportability.	Numerous permitting steps are needed to ensure proper approvals are in place.	This is the most visible phase of construction to install the conduit. No fiber is installed in this phase.	Once the conduit is all connected together, then the fiber can be blown through the conduit.	These are small cabinets that connect the fiber backbone to the home / business.	The Service Line installation is the final step in connecting a home requiring a signed Service Line Agreement.

PROJECT AREAS AND TIMELINE – The Work Plan is significant, and many crews will be visible on County Roads and Subdivisions. Below are key project areas and dates.

Project Area*	Conduit Install Complete	Fiber Install Complete	Fiber Distribution Hub Complete	Service Line Install Commence
Ignacio and Casino Area	June 2024	June 2024	July 2024	July 2024
Cedar Point Area	June 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024
NW Ignacio	Fall 2024	Fall 2024	Fall 2024	Fall 2024
Florida Mesa	Fall 2024	Fall 2024	Fall 2024	Fall 2024
Arboles	Winter 2025	Winter 2025	Winter 2025	Spring 2025
Farmington Hill and SE Ignacio	Fall 2025	Fall 2025	Fall 2025	Fall 2025
HWY 151 to Pagosa Extension	Spring 2025	Fall 2025	N/A	N/A
Western Project Area	Fall 2025	Fall 2025	Fall 2025	Fall 2025

FAQ: Q: Do I have to pay to get fiber run to my home? A: No, all homes in the Work Plan have funding to connect the home. Funding does not cover the cost of the Internet Service, but competitive rates will be offered by the Tribe's approved Internet Service Providers. SUIT Tribal Members can receive a free router by contacting SUDEP Helpdesk at 970-563-5555 to initiate a voucher request.	Q: What service packages are available for me to choose from, and how do I get connected? A: Two (2) Internet Service Providers are currently offering services. 1. Xmission: for available service offerings, including speeds and rates, and to sign up, scan here (https://xmission.com/southernute) 2. FTI WiFi: for available service offerings, including speeds and rates, and to sign up, scan here (https://resources.ftiwill.com/suit-sign-up)
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Sign Up for the Tribal Member Experience

1
Go to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website at
<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/>

2
Select "Members" at the top of the screen

3
Select "I need an account"

4
Complete the Tribal Member Access Request Form
& click Submit

Account holders must be enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and 18 years of age or older.

Your request will be sent to TIS for verification. SUSS will approve your account.

The login credentials will be sent to the email listed on the form. You may then create your password.

For information, contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2313 or TIS Vital Statistics at 970-563-2248.
For technical assistance, contact SUDEP at 970-563-5555.



The Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) would like to inform the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members (SUITMs) and clarify programs that are available to you. Please use the outline below to verify that you are utilizing the program and the technological opportunities.

- 1) Laptop Program Defined**
 - a. Dell laptops free to all SUITM's. www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP
 - b. One Dell laptop per SUITM no exceptions.
 - c. Fill out questionnaire.
 - d. If you're filling a questionnaire out for a minor (under 18) put the grade in comments section. Under 18 years of age will receive a 2-1 Chromebook.
 - e. SUDEP will call when your laptop is ready for pick up. Prompt pickup is requested.
 - f. Shipping is available for the SUITMs that live out of the area. SUDEP will contact you for shipping. Shipping will occur once all forms have been filled out and signed. Forms are sent via e-mail by SUDEP staff.
- 2) \$75 Internet Reimbursement Program (6 months only) Defined**
 - a. Internet program is available to all SUITM's (one voucher per service address only.)
 - b. Steps:
 - i. Fill out internet voucher request. Forms are available by contacting SUDEP or through the Southern Ute Tribal Member Portal.
 - ii. Send a copy of your internet bill with service address and Southern Ute Tribal Members name on it.
 - iii. Send both items to: sudepservice@southernute.com.
 - iv. SUDEP will pay the internet provider directly after the completed internet voucher and internet bill have been verified and approved.
 - v. It may take up to two billing cycles for the credit to appear on your internet bill.
- 3) Router Program Defined**
 - a. Must connect with local fiber through Bonfire Fiber (FTI or X Mission).
 - b. Must decide which speed of internet you are purchasing monthly.
 - c. SUDEP will reimburse the internet provider (FTI or X Mission) for the router directly.
 - d. Steps:
 - i. Fill out and sign "Router Voucher Request" - contact SUDEP for form.
 - ii. Fill out and sign the "Release Agreement" - contact SUDEP for form.
 - e. Approved voucher will be sent to Bonfire and your fiber hook up will be scheduled.
- 4) MS 365 E3 Desktop Program Defined**
 - a. SUDEP received 100 MS 365 Desktop licenses for SUITMs.
 - b. Contact SUDEP to request the license and guidance to install the software on your laptop. These licenses are limited and available till gone.
- 5) Technical & Laptop Support Defined**
 - a. SUDEP is available for laptop support & troubleshooting, software updates, training, education, and technical support.

Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)
(970) 563-5555
sudepservice@southernute.com



"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)
14925 HWY 172
Ignacio, Colorado, 81137
(970) 563-5555



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS
For the 102nd Annual Southern Ute Fair Powwow

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is seeking Community Members who would like to be a Volunteer or needing Community Service hours or Graduating credits for this year during the Southern Ute Fair Powwow at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.

September 6, 7, & 8, 2024
Various hours

If you are interested, please contact Rochelle Aguilar at 970-563-2990
Or email: raguilar@southernute-nsn.gov

History Colorado Seeking Indian Steering Committee

History Colorado seeks Survivors of Colorado Indian Boarding School and their Descendants to serve on a three-year American Indian Steering Committee. History Colorado is beginning the next phase of the research on Colorado Indian Boarding Schools, under HB-24-1444, which focuses on Tribal consultations, community listening sessions, and recommendations around understanding the abuse and trauma that occurred at historic Federal Indian Boarding Schools. The American Indian Steering committee will include 15 members who will identify and advise History Colorado on areas of concern regarding Indian Boarding Schools and issues relating to organizing or conducting search efforts related to graves at schools sites, development of support groups, or other supportive efforts related to Indian Boarding Schools. If you are interested in serving on the Steering Committee or have any additional questions, please contact Liz Cook liz.cook@state.co.us or Felicia Bartley felicia.bartley@state.co.us 303-866-4729 by Aug. 20, 2024.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Open until filled - The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has one (1) vacancy. The Committee shall include 5 members which shall be appointed by Tribal Council. The Committee shall include employees of the Permanent Fund who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of Tribal member mentoring and employment in order to make a positive contribution to both the Committee and to the objectives of the Program. A majority of the Committee shall be Tribal members. The Permanent Fund Apprenticeship Committee (Committee) shall be appointed to administer the Apprenticeship Program (Program) which provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible Tribal members employed in the Permanent Fund. All interested Southern Ute tribal members, currently employed with the Tribe, who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Human Resources Department at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or in person at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

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. 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 on the www.bgcso.org website or by request and returned to Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov.

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.

TERO COMMISSION
Open Until Filled – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) Southern Ute Tribal member at-large Commissioners to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: 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; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at (970) 563-0117 or (970) 563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION
Open Until Filled – 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.

TRIBAL MEMBERS: WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD
Closing 8/15/24 – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill THREE seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe are compensated \$20 per hour for meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant’s knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe’s Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15.

Provide a voice
and secure
more support
for our
students

COME AND JOIN!!
JOHNSON-O’MALLEY
COMMITTEE

Johnson-O’Malley (JOM) has four vacancies to be filled.

- Committee member
- Committee member
- Committee member
- Vice-chair (to be elected by committee)

The committee
meets on the
first Monday of
every month!

- 1.To be eligible to become a JOM committee member you must have a student(s) in the Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District
- 2.Student(s) must be registered with the JOM program
- 3.Write a letter of interest as to why you want to be on the committee. This position is a volunteer position to support our students. If selected, you will serve on the committee for 2 years



Contact Education Specialist, Southern Ute Education, Kaylyn LeClaire
for more information: kleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov OR (970)563-0237 ext. 2793



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park

Summer 2024.

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park — Summer 2024 Calendar of Events

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park is hosting a variety of events this Summer. Be sure to check them out.

Discover vibrant entertainment, engaging games, and delectable food stalls—there’s something to delight everyone. Bask in the sun, savor the moment, and make cherished memories with loved ones.

For any questions related to the events mentioned below, please reach out to Jay Dee Brunson, Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park Manager at (970)-563-5541.

As always, please visit the [Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park Events](#) page for all the current happenings.

Summer 2024 Calendar of Events at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park	
Dates to Remember	Event Name
August Events	
August 17 th	Demolition Derby by La Plata County Fair
August 30 th and 31 st	Four Corners Motorcycle Camping
September Events	
September 1 st and 2 nd	Four Corners Motorcycle Camping
September 6 th , 7 th and 8 th	102 nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & the 64 th Annual Tribal Fair Powwow
September 13 th , 14 th and 15 th	Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo
September 28 th	Narrow Guage Rabbit Breeders

Visit the [Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park Events](#) page for all the current happenings.

KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!

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



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

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

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

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

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



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file.

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

After School Program Attendant

Open Until Filled – A regular part-time position that provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after-school program. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

AP/AR Clerk

Closes 8/9/24 – Processing accounts payable including vendor invoices, travel per diems, and check requests, including creating payment vouchers, matching to PO's and receivers, and generating checks. Processing accounts receivable transactions including invoicing, cash receipts, account adjustments, and printing invoices and statements. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

Chief Investment Officer

Closes 8/15/24 – development, maintenance, and oversight of Permanent Fund Investments, including the care and custody of funds and other financial assets, and investment manager selection and evaluation through consistent communication and due diligence review. Management of the Permanent Fund Endowment Asset Allocation, in collaboration with the Investment Committee and investment advisors, and management of investment staff.

Chief Judge Apprentice (Southern Ute members only)

Closes 8/20/24 – 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, will transition into the Chief Judge lay position. Non-exempt and will start at 20% below grade E22.

Community Health Representative

Closes 8/9/24 – Aiding 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.

Custodian

Open Until Filled – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Detention Cook

Closes 8/13/24 – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$18.76/hour.

Early Childhood Teacher

Closes 8/9/24 – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

Education Counselor

Closes 8/9/24 – A professional level position providing counseling services to students and their families at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Effective development and delivery of counseling, therapeutic and educational services that help students and families overcome issues that may impede students' educational success. Works with children birth-13 years old in the context of family, school, peer, and community systems, using a family systems orientation. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

Elementary Teacher

Closes 8/14/24 – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$54,086/year.

Group Exercise Instructor

Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the SunUte Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

Housing Executive Assistant

Closes 8/15/24 – Performs administrative support and office management for the Housing Department including budget preparation and

monitoring, report preparation, office records management, and reception/clerical services for the Department Director. Will carry an emphasis on coordination of all functions and activities related to construction projects, housing projects, and providing administrative support to staff, clients, and projects through completion. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/year.

Risk Specialist

Closes 8/14/24 – Under the supervision of the Risk and Emergency Manager; initiates, monitors, and tracks workers' compensation claims, and follows-up with carrier when required or requested. Initiates claims with property and casualty insurance carrier(s) and assists employees and departments in the processing of claims. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

Adult Education Program Specialist

Open Until Filled – Administers the Adult Education Program, aids Tribal adults and other eligible Native Americans to improve educational levels and assists with the Distance Learning Program. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$54,086/year.

Air Quality Scientist II – Planning

Open Until Filled – 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.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

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

Communications Manager – Dispatch

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Chief of Police, provides day-to-day management and oversight to the Communication Center operations staff (Dispatchers) including planning, developing, coordinating, supervising, and reviewing all aspects of the work of employees. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$77,627/annually.

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. 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 \$189,817.00/annually.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for individuals 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. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$17.51/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, incumbent 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.

Gaming Investigator II

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, incumbent regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online.

Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO

Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

CO2 Pipeline Systems Specialist – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 8/16/24 – Operation and maintenance of the CO2 pipeline facilities, including measurement equipment, and basic instrumentation and controls in accordance with Company O&M procedures & policies and PHMSA/DOT regulations. Will be required to utilize people skills and task prioritizing skills for scheduling and at times directing contract personnel.

Assistant Accounting Manager- Real Estate – Growth Fund (Ignacio or Denver, CO)

Closes 8/18/24 – Ensuring that entries to the subledgers, general ledger and account reconciliations for the Growth Fund real estate and Growth Fund Other businesses are made on an accurate and timely basis. Communicate and coordinate with third-party Real Estate accounting providers to provide an accurate and timely monthly close. 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.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$30.84/hour.

Grants Financial Analyst

Open Until Filled – Working closely with Tribal staff members on all financial grant and related Tribal budget and spending matters. In addition, the Grants Financial Analyst is responsible for assisting in 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 system located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

Lands Technician Trainee (Southern Ute 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. 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, the incumbent will assume the Lands Technician position.

Museum Business Manager

Open Until Filled – Performs administrative support and office management for the Southern Ute Museum including budget preparation, report writing, office records management, reception/clerical services, and gift shop management. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494.00/annually.

Museum Director

Open Until Filled – Leading overall operations, and day-to-day management of the museum. Plans, develops, coordinates, implements, and evaluates all aspects of the museum's activities and operations, including public relations, marketing, and promotional aspects. Primary responsibilities include following the Museum's statement, strategic planning, implementing policies, developing programs, budget management, and identifying new funding sources. Pay grade E18 / \$99,984.00/annually.

NAGPRA Technician (Southern Ute 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; 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.

Patrol Officer Trainee

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for un-

certified 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 completion of the required trainings and certifications, incumbent will assume the position of Patrol Officer. Pay grade N11; pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

Planning Project Coordinator (Southern Ute 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/hour.

Public Health Nurse

Open Until Filled – Providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

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

Special Needs Aide P(Part-time w/Benefits)

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

Substance Use Treatment Program Manager

Open Until Filled – 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.

Teacher Aide

Open Until Filled – Supporting the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After-School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$14.67/hour.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute members only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute members only)

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. 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 Apprenticeship Committee will review applications and assess what options may be available for applicants.

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute members only)

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

Umpire/Referee

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



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

***49 Lounge Bartender (Full-time)**
Provide an exceptional lounge experience by delivering first class guest service of beverages and cocktails. Mix and serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and interact with guests. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Provide beverage and cocktail service to bar patrons and restaurant guests.

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

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

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

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

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

***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.

***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. The supervisor 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 a professionally trained individual with the team to ensure smooth operations of the facility. Trained and certified or holds a license that is construction/maintenance specific.

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 (Part-time)**
Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers and promotes the Casino Hotel. Answering phones, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

***Players Club Representative (Full-time)**
Performs all administrative functions of a Players Club Representative such as: 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.

***Poker Dealer (Part-time)**
Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. This position reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise delegated.

***Promotions Coordinator (Full-time)**
Leading special events and promotions from conception to post event follow up. This includes working closely with the Marketing team on design work and copywriting, as well as implementing the marketing strategy while maintaining the highest level of customer service and guest interaction. Communicating with advertising agencies to coordinate all Marketing assets for events and promotions. Reports directly to the Marketing Manager.

***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.

***Senior Facilities Staff (Full-time)**
Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Responsible for the operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

***Seven Rivers Bartender (Full-time)**
Provide an exceptional fine dining/lounge experience by delivering first class guest service of beverages and cocktails. Possess an extensive knowledge of mixed drinks and wine. Mix and serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and interact with guests. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely, and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Provide beverage and cocktail service to bar patrons and restaurant guests.

***Seven Rivers Line Cook (Full-time)**
Works under direct supervision of the Executive Chef, Executive Sous Chef, and/or Kitchen Manager. Preparation of the A la Carte menu in Seven Rivers and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness.

***Specialized Facilities Technician (Full-time)**
Maintaining the electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility. Works as a professionally trained individual with the team to ensure smooth operations of the facility. Trained and certified or holds a license that is construction/maintenance specific.

***Slot Technician II (Full-time)**
Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation, and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal gaming device performance. Reports to the Slot Technician Supervisor.

NOTICE: HAY FOR SALE/GARDEN VEGETABLES Tribal Members ONLY

The Tribe's Agriculture Division has hay and garden vegetables available for Tribal members. The hay was grown by the Agriculture Division at the Tribe's Pivot Demonstration Project. The hay is approximately 40% alfalfa mixed with grass. Small bales (65 lbs.) and large bales (1,000 lbs.). Tribal members will be limited to no more than 160 small square bales OR 8 large square bales. The price per bale includes hauling and stacking within a 15-mile radius of Ignacio. Otherwise, tribal members will need to pick up. Second cutting will be completed within the next week. Prices for second cutting will be set after harvest is completed so hay quality can be known. This hay is available to Tribal members only and on first come first served basis. The Tribal Demonstration Garden is growing quickly. Agriculture Division staff have planted a variety of vegetables and some vegetables are available now. Stop by the Agriculture Division Office to share in the harvest. If you would like to visit the garden contact the office and a garden tour will be scheduled.

For more information contact the Agriculture Division at 970-563-2900.



Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

- Athletic Trainer
 - Elementary Paraprofessional
 - Elementary Teacher
 - High School Girls Wrestling Assistant Coach
- Middle School Assistant C-Team Volleyball Coach
 - Middle School Basketball Assistant Coach
 - Secondary Affective Education Teacher Bus Driver

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

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- Road Runner Transit:**
- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance (Part-time) \$18.94/hr., Open Until Filled
 - Transit Driver (Part-time) \$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.)
 - Program Developer (Part-time) \$32.97/hr., Open Until Filled

- Ignacio Youth Services:**
- Program Coordinator (Full-time) \$17.29/hr., DOE, Open Until Filled

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY Maintenance Mechanic

Responsible for semi-skilled to skilled maintenance of buildings/houses, facilities, and light equipment. Performs general carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and other repairs in response to service requests and results of inspections of units in accordance with HUD required standards. Performs interior work on units to include sheet rocking, painting, and working and troubleshooting HVAC and boiler systems. Performs maintenance on mechanical equipment and/or machinery. On-call duties are assigned on a rotating basis. Qualifications and Knowledge: High school graduate (or GED) or possess a vocational technician certification beyond high school, with five (5) years' experience or training in building construction or maintenance, or in the repair or maintenance of mechanical equipment or an equivalent combination of technical training and experience. Preferably licensed in one or more trades and certified HVAC. Must have a valid Driver's License, remain insurable, successfully pass a pre-employment drug test, and submit to random drug testing per the Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy. Pick up applications at 760 Shoshone Ave., Ignacio CO 81137, or email ctwedt@suiha.org to request an application and a copy of the full job description. Questions can be directed to Eric Spady or Crystal Twedt at 970-563-4575. Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m., August 23, 2024.

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Southern Ute Utilities Division

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AUGUST UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- SEPT. 2ND LABOR DAY — CLOSED
- OCT. 14TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 28TH THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
- DEC. 9TH/10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

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

Tribal Members: Pick up 2024 Trash Permits—call office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Show Tribal ID.

AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Shut-Off Day is August 7th! Pay bill before 10am on 8/7 to avoid late fees. Questions? Call Utilities Office.
- Need to dispose used, leftover paint? Drop off at Transfer Station Ramp or give to attendant at ramp.
- Hauled Water Users: During a holiday or extended weekend, check your water level, if you need a delivery, please schedule before the weekend or holiday.
- Look for the Utilities Division FLOAT at the 102nd Annual Southern Ute Fair Parade on Sept. 7th!



THE HEAT IS ON! STAY HYDRATED!

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:
Aug. 7th / Sept. 4th / Oct. 2nd

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

PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, CALL UTILITIES OFFICE.
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FLY FISHING
Sundowning

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

I'm not sure where I came across this term, but it was referring to people, like me, that have seen more sundowns than what they have left to see. In other words, the aging process. For most of us, this process means losing dexterity, diminished eyesight, and wearing hearing aids. The hearing aids are no big deal in fly fishing. In fact, it can be nice not hearing what's going on around you. However, eyesight and dexterity are important.

This was proved to me several weeks ago when I was helping a young man learn how to fly fish. After teaching him the basics of casting, I wanted to put on a new fly, one that I had tied and was sure would help him catch his first fish on a fly rod. I took the fly from my fly box and attempted to tie it to the leader. Here is where the first problem occurred. I couldn't get the leader through the eye of the hook. I handed the fly to the young man who had the eyes of an eagle and the dexterity of a heart surgeon. He threaded it in one second and handed it back to me. I was able to tie a knot.



After he caught his fish, I began to think about why it had been so hard for me to thread the leader, and what I could do to make it easier. Since I tie my own flies, it was fairly easy to come up with some ways to make it easier to attach flies to a leader.

First, I will not put a fly in my vise smaller than a size 16. I know that sounds silly to those of you with good eyesight and dexterity. For us sundowners, it makes sense. If the fly needs wings I am going tie a single post, similar to a parachute fly. There is no need to frustrate myself trying to tie two perfectly matched wings. A single parachute, of a color I can see, will work just fine. Next, as I start to wrap the

shank of the hook with dubbing, I will be careful about how far towards the eye I go. The fly I couldn't tie on had dubbing all the way to eye of the hook. It made threading impossible for me. Once I stop using the dubbing, I will simply finish the distance to the eye with thread. This will give me better sight of the hook eye, and an easier tie in.

If after using less dubbing you are still having trouble threading the hook, or if you don't tie your own flies, I have two other suggestions. Go to a sewing store and buy a needle threader or go to a fly shop and get a hook threader. In addition to tying my flies differently, I bought a hook threader and have found it helps in threading the hooks on the smaller flies I still have in my fly box. If none of the above ideas helps in attaching your flies to your leader, I suggest you find a kind-hearted person with the eyes of an eagle and the dexterity of a heart surgeon and get them to stand beside you in the river.

Just don't get frustrated and stop fly fishing. There is always a way around any problem that presents itself while fly fishing.

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Youth Hunting Program Mentors

The Wildlife Division is seeking Southern Ute Tribal members who are interested in becoming a Mentor for the Youth Hunting Program for Fall of 2024. The Youth Hunting Program is a free hunting mentorship opportunity for youth to ensure their first experiences in the field are safe.

Mentor Eligibility Requirements:

1) Mentors must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member.

2) Mentors must be 18 years or older.

3) Mentors must be proficient in hunting/field dressing.

Please call the Wildlife Division for more information and to submit your name to become a mentor.

(970) 563-0130

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Aug. 9

Partly sunny 85°F
70% Chance of precipitation

Saturday, Aug. 10

Mostly sunny 84°F
Chance showers/thunderstorms

Sunday, Aug. 11

Partly sunny 86°F
Chance showers/thunderstorms

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

Aug. 4 Aug. 12 Aug. 19 Aug. 26 Sept. 2

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1 Winter time in Helena

4 Etching fluid

8 Jack ---, former talk show host

9 Nation including some Nooksack and Samish

10 "--- the Lonely" (Orbison song)

11 Slip away

13 You, probably

14 "Old man"

15 Heartbeat record

16 Dermal outbreaks

18 Government initiative, briefly

19 They have the rite stuff

21 Has to pay

23 Some fly balls

26 "--- goes there?"

27 Jolt

28 "Immediately!"

29 Nation with Hassanamisco and Chaubunagungamaug Bands

31 Rotorua dances

32 Loose outer garment

33 Straddling

34 Formed by chopping

35 Book about a Biblical rebuilder of Jerusalem, in short

Down

1 Knee-length dress

2 Reps

3 Strive

4 Jan. 1 word

5 It holds an annual Fest in Nashville TN

6 Become somebody else?

7 1970s music style

8 Rain

9 A way to sell a property but still keep using it

12 Future chick

14 "Ad majorem --- gloriam" (Jesuit motto)

17 "48 ---" (Murphy/Nolte movie)

18 Page bottom notation

20 Snapper's choice

21 "To thine --- self be true"

22 Choice question

24 Rainbow's brother

25 Make a trade

27 Legendary lover Don ---

30 Tidy the lawn

31 World's largest ethnic group

Answers will appear in the August 23 issue of the Drum.

Answers for July 26, 2024 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Afro, 5 OTC, 8 Claw, 9 Poarch, 13 To be, 14 Tubule, 15 Sob, 16 Sir, 17 Tum, 18 Diminishes, 21 Tad, 22 See, 23 False start, 27 RNA, 28 Bay, 29 Fir, 31 Ask out, 33 Lobo, 34 Tierra, 35 Bric, 36 CNN, 37 S Dak.

Down: 1 Acts, 2 Flood, 3 Rabbit Lake, 4 Owe, 5 Opt in, 6 Touristy, 7 Cab, 10 Rutherford, 11 Clue, 12 Hems, 16 Sideburn, 19 Mas, 20 Sea, 23 Frat, 24 ANSI, 25 Satan, 26 Tibia, 30 Rock, 32 Orc, 33 Lbs.