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Casino Powwow fills Towaoc

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The Southern Ute Drum wins 12 Indigenous Journalists Association awards



courtesy Lift the Label

Marie Joy of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

LIFT THE LABEL

Southern Ute Tribe: Recovery stories

Marie Joy

My name is Marie, and my tribal affiliation is the Southern Ute Tribe. I work for Tribal Information System, and I'm raising two daughters.

I struggled with alcohol use, but it hasn't been in my life for a while. For me, family was an inspiration to find recovery. I wanted to be someone my kids looked up to. When you struggle with addiction, you're labeled, and that judgment can keep you from getting help. People who haven't been through it can look down on a person and make them feel small.

Practicing our traditions can help with recovery from addiction. When you get in touch with your culture, you can understand what you're

praying for, how to clear your mind or find energy that helps you stay calm. It's why praying, sweating, and smudging will help you realize you're not alone, even if you feel like you are.

If you have a family member struggling with addiction, let them know that there's always a safe place for them to go when they reach out because sometimes, when you're in addiction, it feels like you're alone.

In our community, many of us females raise our kids by ourselves. Some might have been in a relationship for a long time with a partner also struggling with addiction. It's a hard decision to separate, especially when you

have kids, and it's a decision you have to make about the well-being of your children. It's not easy, but you have to remember that they're watching and they're learning. We talk about breaking the cycle. And doing what is best for your children is a part of that cycle. Even if you don't know how to break it right away, that's okay. Because your children will watch how you handled it and see you overcome addiction, that will help guide them to know that they don't have to stay in the same place if they are ever in a similar situation.

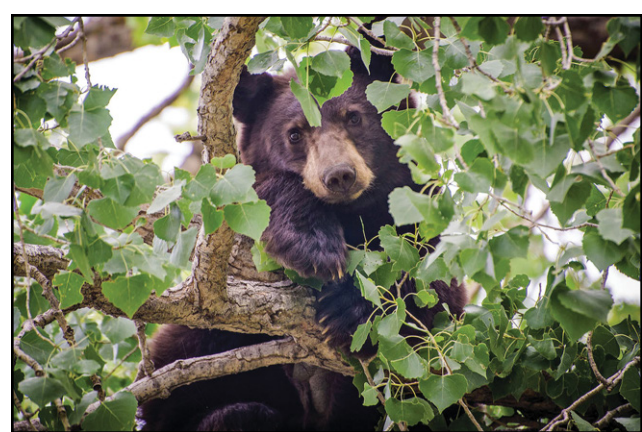
Recovery from addiction is always possible. Find support and resources at LTL-SouthernUte.org.

WILDLIFE

Avoiding black bear encounters

Staff report
 DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Black bear calls to Tribal Wildlife have increased over the past few weeks. The mild spring and summer weather should have produced ample natural food sources, but we are seeing bears coming into



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Avoiding page 14



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Maliyah Martinez (10) goes for a kill between Ridgway's Ava Berwanger (22) and Sophia Forrest (21) during the second of the varsities' two matches – both won by Ignacio – Saturday, Aug. 31, at RHS.

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

First week fantastic for Volleycats

Ignacio wins three of first four in '24

By Joel Priest
 SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Unexpectedly any real serious uh-ohs Saturday, Aug. 31, as her team sought Victories Nos. 2 and 3 already during a tightly packed first week of competition, Ignacio head coach Jennifer Seibel found herself observing much more intently after her Volleycats went up a game in their second best-of-five at Ridgway.

And it wasn't because she was overwhelmed.

But after the hosting Lady Demons unexpectedly bolted out to a 5-0 lead in Game 2, and soon increased it to 9-2 – via a strong kill by sophomore Madison Megahee – upon Hill Court, sophomore Kelly Sirios successfully pushed a tip shot to the deep corner, putting sophomore Tarah Baker on serve with IHS down six points.

Having seen brief court time late in Ignacio's Class 2A State Championships appearance last season, Baker proceeded to hold serve until the guests had regained a 12-9 advantage. Ridgway freshman Mary Patrick at last bumped Bak-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Marissa Olguin (5) serves against Ridgway during the second of the varsities' two matches – both won by Ignacio – Saturday, Aug. 31, at RHS.

er off serve by scoring with a soft tip shot, but IHS senior Ollyvia Howe responded with a kill – starting the 'Cats on a steady run towards a 25-18 win, finalized by a RHS hitting error after IHS sophomore Lainee Bradley served, and 2-0 match lead.

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2nd MMIR Motorcycle Run



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

MMIR Run riders participated in a small Bear Dance presentation, given by Daisy Bluestar, Hanley Frost and Sam Maez, as part of the closing ceremonies of the 2nd Annual MMIR Run in the Southern Ute multi-Purpose Facility. A meal of beef stew and posole, with frybread or tortilla, was provided by Rez Girls Catering.

See more MMIR Run photos on page 13.

Remembering All



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Durango Veterans Poker Run, aptly titled "Remembering All," brought hundreds of motorcycle riders through Ignacio on Friday, Aug. 30. The event, hosted by the Southern Ute Veterans Association makes a stop at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park each year. Southern Ute Veterans Association members welcomed riders to the Southern Ute Reservation, pictured left to right, Commander, Howard D. Richards Sr., Bruce Valdez, Rod Grove, and Gordon Hammond.

See more Veterans Poker Run photos on page 13

TREASURER'S REPORT

Opportunities for youth on the Intertribal Agriculture Council

By **Marvin Pinnecoose**
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

The Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) advocates for Native issues across the nation. To use their own words within the mission statement, "To pursue and promote the conservation, development, and sustainable use of agricultural resources for the betterment of our people. With a goal of promoting positive change in Indian agriculture."

The program divides itself into 12 regions that mirror the regions covered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe falls into the Southwest region along with Ute Mountain, Jicarilla & Mes-calero Apache, and all the Pueblo Tribes. Our technical representative for our region is Janice Lucero. She helps compile issues to run up the ladder, create programming for the benefit of Tribes, and helps set up training or education opportunities.

With the help of Janice and Desbah Padilla, we were able to host an Agriculture Youth workshop at the Multi-Purpose Facility for youth and adults earlier in the year. This partnership also has allowed us to work closer with the USDA in an era where we are fighting on multiple fronts for land and water, we can use all the help we can get. Developing and exposing our youth to agriculture in different ways also helps to rouse curiosity and emphasizes the fact that there is a good living and career potential in the ag industry.

As a delegate to the Intertribal Agriculture Council, I am pleased to announce a number of opportunities that are now available to young Southern Ute enrolled members and descendants. Please visit the Intertribal Agriculture Council website to apply. Feel



Marvin Pinnecoose
Treasurer

free to also contact me for any additional details: mpinnecoose@southernute-nsn.gov.

The IAC National Youth Advisory Council serves as the advising body for the IAC Youth program, ensuring the needs of youth in In-

dian Country are properly met within IAC programs. Applications for 2024 will be accepted on a rolling basis until positions have been filled. Eligible applicants must be 18-27 years of age. Successful NYAC applicants will serve in shaping the leadership roles that this body will carry forward.

The following regions have open council positions; Alaska, Eastern, Great Lakes, Navajo, Rocky Mountain, Southwest, Southern Plains, and Western.

Additionally, full travel scholarships to attend the IAC Youth Conference will be awarded to 60-80 essay finalists and candidates to attend the 2024 IAC Youth Conference in Las Vegas, Dec. 10-12, 2024.

Essay Topic Questions

Utilizing the resources and information provided on this page, write an essay in response to this prompt: What is my vision for what the USDA Tribal Advisory Committee can do for Indian Country? In responding to the prompt, consider answering the following questions (responses should be prepared in essay format including an introduction paragraph, body paragraphs, conclusion, and resources):

- Tell us, if you were on the TAC, what recommendations would you have for the USDA? Are there specific recommendations you might have that address the overlap of USDA and BIA functions and services to your home community?
- Are these subcommittee topics relevant to you and your community? How so? Outline why these topics are important to you and your community's agricultural, natural resources, food systems, and community development goals.
- Did you already know about the TAC? How can we ensure that our communities are aware of the TAC and its purpose?
- Is the USDA TAC webpage easy to navigate and understand? What information do you wish that it also highlighted?
- What kind of questions do you have about what TAC does?
- Will you now be empowered to offer public comment to the TAC at an upcoming meeting? Are there any professional development trainings that would help empower you to do so?

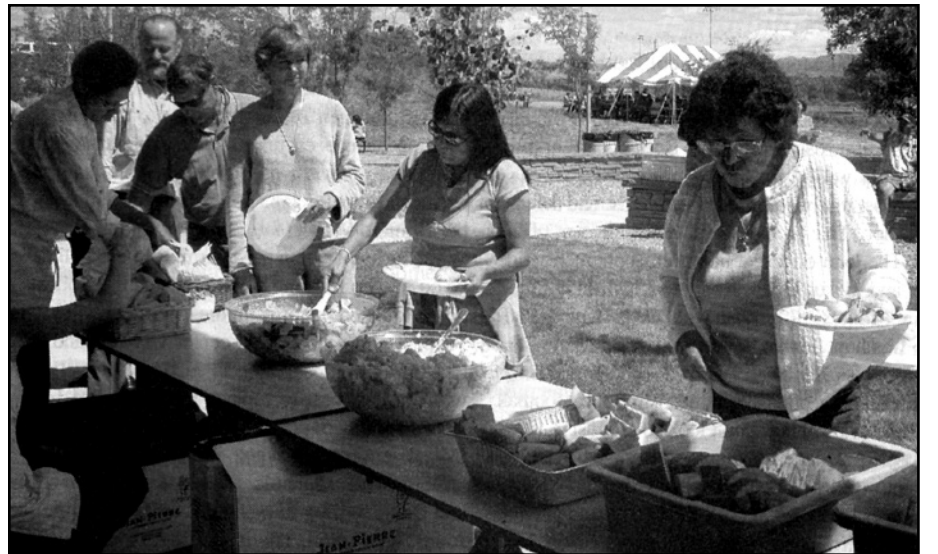


Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Neda Chackee gets a full handle on a sizable Grand-Am Spyder.

This photo was first published in the Sept. 5, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Ute Tribal employees enjoy the smorgasbord of fruit, roasted corn and barbeque ribs and chicken at the Southern Ute Tribe's annual Employee Appreciation luncheon on Friday, August 27th at the SunUte Community Center. Employees were allowed to use the facilities at SunUte free of charge from noon until 5pm.

This photo was published in the Aug. 20, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The Bobcats are counting on the leg of Adam Red to hit some long-range goals this year.

This photo was published in the Sept. 2, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Francis Bison is seven years old and is the current reigning Little Miss Southern Ute. She is the daughter of Beulah Kent and the late Ronald Bison.

This photo was published in the Sept. 6, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund General Meeting in September

The Growth Fund General Meeting is coming up next month. We hope you will join us in person for this informational forum intended to update the tribal membership on the Southern Ute Growth Fund's annual performance, forecast and answer any questions that attendees may have. 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 below on attendance options:

1. **Attend in person** – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.
2. **Join us online via Webex** – The event will be streamed via Webex for the Tribal Membership only. To ensure this information is only shared with the appropriate individuals, Tribal Members must register for the Webex event separately. Scan the barcode via your smart device to take you directly to the registration page. You can also register by following the link on one of these locations. Tribal Member Experience (TMX), Tribal social feed (Instagram, Facebook), and the Southern Ute Drum's website.

Registration is required, if you want to gain access to the Webex event. Webex Registration Link (case sensitive): <https://bit.ly/2024sugfGm>

Before the Webex Event, it is advisable to visit the following help site to test your browser and connection: <https://bit.ly/3e7p7Ne>. Should you have additional technical problems, don't hesitate to get in touch with the SUSS helpdesk at 970-563-5050. If you are not able to attend, the recording will be available on Tribal Member Experience (TMX). As a friendly reminder, this is a closed meeting for the Southern Ute Tribal Membership only. We hope you will join us!

"Scan the barcode, follow the link and register for online attendance"

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund General Meeting

Can't join us in person this year? Connect online via Webex.

Scan the QR Code or visit the link below to register.

<https://bit.ly/2024sugfGm>

The meeting agenda will be available to Tribal Members via TMX shortly.

Thursday, September 12, 2024

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

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

www.sugf.com

14929 Highway 172, P.O. Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137

Ph: (970) 563 5000



So. Ute Braves in White Mesa



courtesy Dominika Joy

Southern Ute Brave and Brave Alternate waiting for Grand Entry at White Mesa Bear Dance Powwow in White Mesa, Utah, Aug. 30 – Sept. 1.



Southern Ute Brave alternate, Theoden Greany dancing with his partners during the White Mesa Bear Dance, his sister Starlitt Greany is also pictured dancing with her partner.



Southern Ute Braves introducing themselves at White Mesa Bear Dance Powwow. Both Theoden Greany and Henry Whiteskunk II placed 2nd in their categories at the powwow.



Clark Adomaitis/KSJD/KSUT

Linda Baker, from Oxford, Colo. and Melissa Lewis Barnes, from Durango, Colo. display their beadwork and hat making at the 102nd Santa Fe Indian Market.

VOICES FROM THE EDGE

Santa Fe Indian Market hosts 1,000 Indigenous artists in its 102nd year

By Clark Adomaitis
KSJD/KSUT REPORTER

On hot and sunny streets surrounded by adobe buildings, the Santa Fe Plaza and downtown teemed with thousands of Indigenous artists. They stood at booths as tourists bought jewelry, food vendors sold frybread, and private galleries drew tourists in.

Melissa Lewis Barnes is a Navajo artist who lives in Durango, Colo. She's one of 1,000 Indigenous artists selected to appear at this year's two-day Santa Fe Indian Market. The annual event features more than a thousand Indigenous artisans from across the country and is the largest juried Native American art show in the world.

Barnes explained how to create her handmade beaver fur cowboy hats as tourists walked by her booth.

"I do hand-painted artwork and use the hats as a canvas," Barnes said. "I punch it up with some cool beaded loom-beaded hat bands, I do braiding around the edges. My goal is to make a hat stand out ... it really should be a showstopper. I know I'm sharing my work with the absolute best of the best in the Native world."

Barnes shared a booth with Linda Baker, a former Southern Ute Tribal Council member. Baker presented her traditional Southern Ute regalia.

"This is a boy's cradle-



Clark Adomaitis/KSJD/KSUT

Artists, performers, and tourists fill the streets of downtown Santa Fe at the Santa Fe Indian Market.

board. It's probably about, I don't know, two and a half, three feet tall," Baker said. "It's fully beaded on the top, it's got the banner that goes across the front, plus a fully beaded cover where the lacing goes. That's not only may be a piece of art to some people, but it's also utilitarian."

Baker was one of four Southern Ute tribal members with a booth at the market this year. Sisters, Karen Box Anderson and Debra Box are Southern Ute, living in Colorado Springs. Their father is from Ignacio. They shared a booth. Karen Box Anderson sold her jewelry, and Debra Box displayed her beadwork and rawhide work. This year was Debra's 37th appearance at the market.

"This is hand-scraped rawhide," explained Box. "I use a beef hide, and I paint it with earth pigments and outline

it in India ink. I use brain-tanned deer hide. I use the small beads; I like to use size 13, up to as small as grains of salt. You can get a lot more detail in your beadwork design if you use a smaller bead."

Musical performances, artist presentations, and a fashion show took place over the weekend. At the Native Fashion Show, Indigenous models strutted the runway wearing Indigenous-designed fashion pieces.

This story is part of Voices From the Edge of the Colorado Plateau, a reporting collaboration between KSUT Public Radio and KSJD Community Radio. It seeks to cover underrepresented communities in the Four Corners. The multi-year project covers Native, Indigenous, Latino/Latina, and other communities across southwest Colorado.



Save the Date

Meet the Candidates Night: Tribal Council Seats (2)

Thursday, October 17, 2024
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

Additional information forthcoming



Jicarilla Apache Nation Annual Go-Jii-Ya PowWow

September 15th, 2024
Grand Entry: 2:00pm
Stone Lake Go-Jii-Ya Grounds



Head Staff

MC—Mr. Emmy Zah
Arena Director—Mr. Neil Thunder Hawk
Head Man—Mr. Dante Thunder Hawk
Head Women—Jr. Miss Jicarilla Kristina Orta
Head Boy—Little Beaver, Wacey Sam
Head Girl—Outgoing Stone Lake
Powwow Princess, Aria Harrison

Specials

Potato Dance for Youth—Sponsored by: Jicarilla Day Powwow Princess Rhylee Manwell
2-Step Adults—Sponsored by: Miss Jicarilla Deanna Mariano
Switch Dance (Winner Takes All) — Sponsored by: Dept of Youth Powwow Princess Shanisha Ben
Hat & Boot—Little Beaver Rodeo Royalty
Golden Age (Winner Takes All) — Emelene Baltazar
Men's Traditional—Sponsored by: Little Beaver Rodeo Princess Leila Chavez & Little Miss Rodeo New Mexico Troyletta Aloysuis
Jicarilla Apache camp style dress contest (Winner Takes All)—Sponsored by: Ruby Wanoskia
Honoring elders—Sponsored by: Little Miss Jicarilla Makenzie Vigil
Handheld Drum Contest (\$500 Winner Take All) — Sponsored by: Outgoing Stone lake Powwow Princess Aria Harrison & Family

Drug & Alcohol FREE EVENT

Men's Combine

1st Place—\$250.00
2nd Place—\$225.00
3rd Place—\$200.00

Teen Boy's Combine

1st Place—\$175.00
2nd Place—\$155.00
3rd Place—\$135.00

Jr. Boy's Combine

1st Place—\$150.00
2nd Place—\$125.00
3rd Place—\$100.00

Tiny Tots MUST be in Regalia to be paid \$20.00 for participating.—Sponsored by: Jr. Miss Jicarilla Kristina Orta




Be prepared for weather changes. **MUST** bring own chairs & canopies. Any questions contact Mrs. Emelene Baltazar at Office: 575-759-1343.

The Jicarilla Apache Nation - Department of Youth & Culture Affairs Dept. are NOT Responsible for accidents, injuries, lost/stolen/damaged private property or travelers vehicles.

1ST ANNUAL UNCOMPAGRE POW-WOW

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

UTE INDIAN MUSEUM / 17253 CHIPETA RD, MONTROSE, CO
Parking is limited. Please ride our free shuttle located at the Target parking lot by Discount Tire. The Shuttle will run 10:30 am to 8 pm every 15 minutes

DANCE CONTEST

OVER \$14,000 IN PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

THERE WILL BE A DRAWING WITH UP TO \$4,500 IN PRIZES FOR ALL DANCERS WHO DO NOT WIN 1ST, 2ND, OR 3RD IN EACH CATEGORY

POW-WOW: 11 A.M. TO DUSK
Dance Registration 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Gourd Dancing until 1 p.m. Grand Entry 1 p.m.
There will be a Silent Auction starting at 11 a.m. and winners will be announced after the last dance.
VENDORS: Vendors you must either donate an item to the Silent Auction OR pay a \$200 vendor fee. There will be limited space for food vendors, so please sign up early!

DANCE CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

TINY-TOTS: 0-6 yrs / Prizes will be awarded
JR. GIRLS: 7-12 yrs / Fancy, Jingle, Traditional / 1st place \$100 / 2nd place \$75 / 3rd Place \$50
JR. BOYS: 7-12 yrs / Fancy, Grass, Traditional / 1st place \$100 / 2nd place \$75 / 3rd Place \$50
TEEN GIRLS: 13-17 yrs / Fancy, Jingle & Traditional / 1st place \$200 / 2nd place \$150 / 3rd Place \$75
TEEN BOYS: 13-17 yrs / Fancy, Grass & Traditional / 1st place \$200 / 2nd place \$150 / 3rd Place \$75
ADULT WOMEN'S: 18-49 yrs / Fancy, Jingle & Traditional / 1st place \$600 / 2nd place \$400 / 3rd Place \$300
ADULT MEN'S: 18-49 yrs / Fancy, Grass & Traditional / 1st place \$600 / 2nd place \$400 / 3rd Place \$300
GOLDEN AGE WOMEN'S: 50+ / 1st place \$600 / 2nd place \$400 / 3rd Place \$300
GOLDEN AGE MEN'S: 50+ / 1st place \$600 / 2nd place \$400 / 3rd Place \$300

TITLE SPONSOR \$25,000 | GOLD SPONSOR \$15,000 | SILVER SPONSOR \$5,000
You may also sponsor any of the individual dance categories.

Please visit wsnarc.org/pow-wow-sponsorships or call 970-773-4765 or 970-249-3098 for sponsorship information and to donate items for the Silent Auction.

Ute Mountain Casino Powwow



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Association members joined Ute Mountain Ute Color Guard during Grand Entry on Saturday, Aug. 24 in Towaoc, Colo. for the Ute Mountain Casino Powwow. Pictured left to right - Willard Leight; Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council member, Conrad Jacket; Bruce Valdez; Gordon Hammond; and Howard Richards Sr.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Royalty members, Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany, and Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage await their turn to welcome those in attendance at the Ute Mountain Casino Powwow, Sunday, Aug. 25.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Following the color guard, Ute Mountain Ute Royalty lead the way for other royalty members from various Tribes, during the Sunday afternoon Ute Mountain Casino Powwow Grand Entry, Aug. 25. The powwow was moved indoors following a rainstorm the previous evening.

The annual Ute Mountain Casino Powwow was in full swing, Aug. 23-25, in Towaoc, Colo. Dancers filled the outdoor arena, and hand gamers came out to compete for prize money. However, due to inclement weather, which did not stop the action, the powwow and hand game tournament was moved indoors to the Ute Mountain Ute Recreation Center. Food and arts & crafts vendors were also on hand to sell their goods.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Grass dancers bring in bright colors during the Ute Mountain Casino Powwow, Saturday, Aug. 24.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Northern Traditional Women Dancers from across Indian Country dance in the Grand Entry on Saturday, Aug. 24.

Hand gamers go head-to-head



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Handgamers go head-to-head in the third and final day of hand game action at the Ute Mountain Ute Recreation Center, Sunday, Aug. 25, as part of the annual Ute Mountain Casino Powwow, in Towaoc, Colo.

The annual hand game tournament was in full swing at the Ute Mountain Ute Recreation Center, as part of the annual Ute Mountain Ute Casino Powwow, Sunday, Aug. 25. The powwow and handgames were moved indoors due to inclement weather the night before.





Overdose awareness walk



photos Rosaleigh Concepcion/SU Drum

Walking together (left to right) Linda Baker, Audrey Dirschl, Marge Barry, Eugene Bereza, and Scott Moore repping the shirts that were provided to those who attended Behavioral Health's Overdose Awareness Walk event, Friday, Aug. 30.



After the walk, Behavioral Health representatives – Rachel Shockley, James Wilson, and Marvin Olguin helped serve up refreshments, information coasters, and Narcan for all those who attended the Overdose Awareness Walk.

Peer Recovery Coach, Preston Barry discussed the importance of breaking the negative stigma of Narcan and how carrying Narcan with you can save a life in unexpected situations. Barry's goal is to educate about Narcan and help those who may be going through addiction.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: What does Behavioral Health mean and do?

By Tamara D. Turner
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The term "behavioral health" might be confusing to some, especially if, like me, you grew up with the term "mental health." Behavioral Health *is* mental health plus many different expressions of emotional, spiritual, and general life struggles and suffering. The switch in terminology started to happen over the last few decades as services became more expansive, as different kinds of "problems" were redefined or as people began to think about them differently, and as professional territories of "mental health" shifted.

This is not anything new. Throughout history, human beings have perpetually changed the way they thought about different kinds of "illnesses," behaviors, or struggles. Did you know that different cultures think about mental health differently and not all cultures have the same illnesses? For example, many East Asian countries don't have the phenomenon or words for what we call "depression." So, it's good to remember that human beings and cultures over space and time have defined and experienced "health" in different forms.

In the US, the shift from "mental health" to "behavioral health" had somewhat to do with what or who gets blamed for those challenges. For example, throughout history, blame for illnesses has ranged from blaming the person ("their sins") to a devil, a curse, bad luck, genetics, poverty, trauma, and adverse childhood experiences. It helps to look back at history and remember that medical trends keep changing the way we think about certain kinds of struggles, especially those of the emotions, mind, and spirit. Over time, we develop different terms to express the concepts of health or illness. Even the word "emotion" is a relatively new word in the English language (it was coined in the 1800s) which largely displaced the word "passions," a term that was

more closely tied to Christianity. Imagine that! Something we consider so fundamental such as emotion was not even a word at one time.

But however, we tend to think about health, emotions, minds, and spirits, our division is here to support all kinds of struggles, whether it be general life stress, family stress, or a specific problem you're working through. Perhaps we should call it the Division of Wellbeing because health is always integrated: if your body doesn't feel good, your mind, emotions and spirit won't either.

Our Behavioral Health division is quite active in the community and, chances are, you have seen our booth and green banners at community events like the Back to School Bash, health fairs, MMIR events, the annual Tribal Fair, skate park jams and other events. We are very active in helping to prevent and treat substance use and to support recovery – which is how many of you know about us – but we also want to make sure today that we send out a reminder about all the variety of services we offer at Behavioral Health.

bers to ensure timely and appropriate continuity of care.

- Psychiatric evaluations and mental health assessments.
- Peer recovery coaching by Tribal members, helping support life changes, recovery, and aiding through crisis situations.
- Ongoing workshops / groups in managing distressing thoughts and emotions and/or bodily sensations.
- Assisting clients who need residential substance use or inpatient mental health treatment.
- Distribution of Narcan to prevent opioid-related deaths.

Please remember that everything we do at BH is to support your wellbeing, fulfillment, and flourishing. If there are services you would like to utilize that you don't see above, please contact us and let us know how we can be of further help at 970-563-5700.

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.

- Individual, couples, and family counseling for ALL AGES from general life stress to crisis situations.
- Culturally appropriate care using White Bison curricula such as Wellbriety, Warrior Down, Mending Broken Hearts, and other talking circles.
- Integrated visits with medical providers as needed to provide whole-person healthcare.
- Medication assisted treatment including craving management.
- Educational presentations and outreach in the community.
- Active prevention work in building opportunities and access to self-expression and actualization, employment, after school activities, and more.
- Consultations with other agencies, caregivers, and community mem-



HEALTHY NEWS You Can Use!

FUEL FOR SCHOOL: NUTRITION

Our children's job is to learn, grow and flourish in school! Our job is to supply them with what they need to support that with healthy meals and snacks!

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Make sure your child eats breakfast! This keeps them sharp all morning.
- Sit down with kids once a week and make a list of healthy lunches.
- Encourage your children to pack their own lunch, they are more likely to eat it.
- Have healthy foods on-hand, like cut up fruit and veggies, for easy grab and go.
- Put meals in a "Bento Box" which has separate compartments.
- Use the MyPlate visual to help you plan:





Shining Mountain Breastfeeding and Parenting Class




Childhood Immunization: When and Why?

Date: September 12, 2024
Time: 12:00 to 1:00 pm
Location: M/C building-near lactation room-downstairs

Join us for education and lunch

Q's: Shawmarie, LPN, CLC 970-563-2163
Lisa, RDN, CLC-970-563-2344






TRAUMA INFORMED CARING TRAINING SERIES

"Compassion without Fatigue"

Presenter: Doty Shepard

Wednesday, September 11th, 2024
10:00am-2:30pm

SunUte Community Center
Mouache - Capote Room

Lunch will be provided

Please RSVP:
970-563-4730 / Ext:2207
Email: mweaver@southernute-nsn.gov



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Recognizing the signs of addiction

Staff report
LIFT THE LABEL

September is National Recovery Month. During this month we celebrate those who are in recovery and those who have helped them. We also support those who are struggling with a substance use disorder (also known as addiction) and may be working towards treatment and recovery.

Addiction is a treatable medical disorder. Addiction occurs when someone's regular use of drugs or alcohol over a long period of time creates serious, negative changes in their life, and they continue using despite health problems and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.

When someone uses substances for a long time, the brain gets used to the substance and ends up needing the substance to work. If a person who is dependent on substances, or has a substance use disorder, were to suddenly stop taking it, they would likely experience withdrawal. Withdrawal can be incredibly painful and can make it feel impossible to stop using.

So, how can you recognize the signs of a substance use disorder? Many people are able to hide their addiction from even their closest friends and families. But there are many different ways that an addiction can show up. Here are some signs to look for:

- Strong desire to use drugs.
- Inability to control or reduce use.
- Continued use despite health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school or home.
- Use of larger amounts over time.
- Secretive behavior/disappearing for hours without explanation.
- Nodding off/drowsiness.
- Small pupils (specific to opioid use).
- Slurred speech.
- Weak memory & attention.
- Developing the need to use more to not get sick and/or go into withdrawal.
- Spending a lot of time to get and use drugs.
- High levels of spending and/or frequent need for money.
- Withdrawal symptoms that occur after stopping

or reducing opioid use, such as: Negative mood/mood swings, nausea or vomiting, muscle aches, diarrhea, fever, sleep problems.

Dealing with substance use disorder yourself, or having a loved one with an addiction, can be a scary experience. But you are not alone — there are many treatment resources out there, and people to help. Lift The Label tells the stories of people in the community who have overcome addiction themselves. Many of them have become advocates for removing stigma from addiction and getting help. You can learn more about their stories and about treatment resources at LTL-SouthernUte.org.

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Office is a huge support system itself and provides many different treatment services. Call 970-563-5700 for more information, and to schedule an appointment. Addiction is treatable, and recovery is always possible. Your support and compassion can make a huge difference in someone finding treatment and recovery.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Colorado BHA celebrates National Recovery Month

Staff report
COLO. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ADMINISTRATION

September is National Recovery Month (Recovery Month), a time to promote substance use treatment and recovery, empower the recovery community, and honor treatment service providers and recovery communities. This year, Colorado's Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) marks the 5th anniversary of the Recovery Cards Project with the release of a special collection of cards. Recovery Cards Project provides free greeting cards to people in Colorado who are in treatment for or are in recovery from addiction or are supporting a person in recovery.

“According to BHA's Performance Hub, about 51,000 people received BHA-funded substance use disorder services in 2023. But we know that more people in Colorado need these services. The Colo-

rado Health Access Survey shows that from 2021-2023, nearly 100,000 Colorado adults did not get needed treatment or counseling for their substance use disorder. Many contributing factors keep people from receiving treatment — from the stigma or shame people with addiction feel to simply not knowing that resources designed to provide support are available to them,” said BHA Commissioner Dannelle R. Smith. “In Colorado, we have many treatment and recovery resources and are intentional about making them as stigma-free as possible.”

Find ways BHA is reducing stigma, as well as BHA-provided treatment and recovery resources below:

Recovery Cards Project by Lift The Label

Created in 2019, Recovery Cards Project works with artists in Colorado and nationwide including many of whom are in recovery

themselves or have a loved one who has struggled with substance use disorder.

“Over the past five years, Recovery Cards Project has distributed over 150,000 cards, and over 300 Recovery Cards Project kits to community organizations to share locally. That is 150,000 touchpoint — 150,000 opportunities to make a difference in a life. These touch points are a large part of how we help support people in Colorado on their journey from active use to ongoing recovery,” said Commissioner Smith.

To celebrate this five-year milestone, Recovery Cards Project is releasing five new card designs. The cards celebrate recovery, the efforts of those working to achieve it, and the people who support and encourage them every day.

Colorado residents can order cards for free at RecoveryCardsProject.com. You can also find cards at the Rally for Recovery on Sept. 21 in Denver.

New Pharmacy Hours Effective 9/9/24

To better serve our patients, the SUHC Pharmacy will adjust our lunch hour closure to 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM, providing extended time for prescription pick-up.

PHARMACY HOURS (starting 9/9/24):
Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Lunch Closure: 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

We offer prescription delivery both on and off campus. For delivery requests, please contact pharmacy staff at 970-563-4781.

Don't forget to sign up for text messaging to receive notifications when your prescription is ready for pickup. We also provide auto-fill services for your monthly medications for added convenience.

Indian Country Conference



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The 31st Annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference commenced at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Monday, Aug. 26 through Wednesday, Aug. 28. The Four Corners Conference has created a forum for addressing the needs of crime victims in Indian Country throughout the Southwest, enabling a direct collaboration between Tribal communities and a broad range of law enforcement professionals. Acting U.S. Attorney Matthew T. Kirsch hosted the event and gives his welcoming speech.

United States Attorney for the District of Utah, Trina A. Higgins closed the opening ceremony with her address to attendees, the opening ceremonies also included a performance by drum group Red Sky Singers, Ute Mountain Ute Dancers, invocation by Matthew Box, and presentation of colors by the Southern Ute Veterans Association.



HERE IS WHY WE NEED INDIGENOUS FOSTER HOMES: IT IS FEDERAL LAW.

OUR GOALS:

Engaging Families. Building Community. Strengthening Relationships

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was established in 1978

>It is a Federal Law that requires Indigenous children be placed with their own relatives first if they enter foster care, or with another Indigenous family.

>It also requires the States to notify the child's Tribe of origin if the State takes an Indigenous child into custody.

>It is also intended to prevent Indigenous children from being removed from their homes and adopted by non-Indigenous families.

Why is it important to have Indigenous foster homes?

It is so important to have foster homes licensed within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation so that children are not placed away from their families/relatives, their schools, and their communities if they do enter the foster care system.

WHO CAN BE FOSTER PARENTS?

- Single or Married
- LGBTQIA+ Community Members
- Any Race, Ethnicity or Religion
- Families with children or not
- Homeowners or Renters
- Adults 18 years old and older



We are recruiting safe, and stable families to provide temporary care for children in need. Please call Kellie @ 970.563.2337 for more information.

Multi - Purpose Facility September 2024 Events

Monthly Event Calendar

Indoor Yard Sale—Saturday September 14, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Quilt & Sew—Tuesday—Thursday September 17-19, 10:00 AM –3:30 PM

Drying & Jerky Tuesday September 24, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Canning Wednesday September 25, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Jams & Jelly Thursday September 26, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Special Events

Youth Craft Day—Friday September 27, 10:30 AM—1:30 PM

MPF Haunted House Meeting—Monday September 30,

6:00 PM—8:00 PM

• Events are subject to change—watch for announcements

Any suggestions for workshops are welcome—Call Elise @ 970-563-2641



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



IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ignacio FFA Chapter receives ‘Grants for Growing’ funding

Staff report

IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Ignacio FFA chapter has been awarded \$2,602.00 as part of the Grants for Growing program. The nationwide program, sponsored by Tractor Supply Company, provides grant funds to local FFA chapters to support the development or improvement of agricultural education projects that enhance the classroom experiences for students through chapter engagement activities.

Ignacio FFA plans to utilize the funds from the grant to create a large chicken coop at the school farm. Students from the Ag. Class and a few from the school’s wood manufacturing program will work together on the building phase of the project, ultimately building a 16’ x 10’ shed that will be able to house a variety of poultry, as well as provide space for feed and supply storage. The

chicken coop will be utilized by Ag students to help create Supervised Agriculture Experiences (SAEs) and potentially lead to local collaboration within the community on the sale of eggs and perhaps meat from the poultry raised.

The program provided over \$900,000 to FFA chapters in 47 states. Funding is provided through consumer donations made during checkout at a Tractor Supply Company store by purchasing a \$1 FFA Paper Emblem. The fundraising period aligns with National FFA Week in February.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 1,027,200 student members as part of 9,235 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students

by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at FFA.org and on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION

The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop student leaders and support the future of agricultural education. A separately registered nonprofit organization, the foundation is governed by a board of trustees that includes the national FFA president, educators, business leaders and individual donors. For more, visit FFA.org/Give.



courtesy SUIMA

The Southern Ute Agriculture Division of the Department of Natural Resources provided two different varieties of squash to SUIMA. Pictured here are Acorn and Yellow Squash.

SUIMA

Pawaaghani po’okwatu – Eagle’s Nest

SUIMA appreciates Tribal Council

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy would like to thank the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, and the SUIMA School Board for taking time to welcome the students back to school. With their support, we will have a year filled with growth in academics, independence, and Ute Language.

We’d also like to thank a few departments who have helped us get this school year off to a good start:

- Clean Team for help-

ing us get the rooms ready for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Building Maintenance staff for taking care of summer repairs.
- Grounds Maintenance for ensuring our grass is cut.
- SUCCM for beginning a yearlong cultural collaboration with us.
- Shining Mountain Health and Wellness for making sure our menus follow your guidelines.
- Various parts of the IHS clinic for assisting with our student’s health.
- SUPD Resource Officers for scheduling activities around safety.
- Natural Resources (Ag-

riculture) for the fresh beans, squash, and corn. • SunUte Community Center for always being available to our students.

What all of these departments have done for our students so far this school year, has not gone unnoticed – thank you! We are very fortunate to have so many resources available and look forward to working with other Tribal and community resources soon.

The Southern Ute Tribal Fair is here!! Many of the SUIMA students submitted exhibits for Tribal Fair and hope that everyone can see their hard work.

Upcoming SUIMA events

- Every Friday – Early Release at 2 p.m.
- Sept. 5 – School Board meeting from 12 – 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 6 – Tribal Fair begins!
- Sept. 17 – Parent Advisory Group meeting from 6 – 7 p.m. via online
- Sept. 18 – Family Group Night in person from 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Sept. 20 – No School due to Professional Development Day

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Club Connect: Congrats graduates!

Staff report

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Our Youth of the Month focuses on acknowledging and making club members aware of their own unique character and abilities. As staff, we want to recognize them on their positive attributes seen in their club driven experience. Stay tuned for our next newsletter to find out who our Youth of the Month award goes to!

Birthday Shout outs

- Cassius Lewis – 9/9
- Kaiya Tracy – 9/1
- Jayceon Richards – 9/30

BGC Announcement

We would like to welcome Nick Sanchez to his new position as the Program Coordinator.



We would also like to welcome Mamie Burch and Alexis Ortiz as our part-time Boys & Girls Club Program Aides.

BGC Shoutouts

Once again, a HUGE shoutout to SUIMA for letting us use their facility this summer!



McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive

BGC students enjoying themselves.

CYBER SECURITY

Back-to-School: 7 phone safety tips for parents

By Elizabeth Wright
THE DAILY PRESSBOX

“Every device in a child’s hands is a gateway to a vast world, both educational and risky,” states Josh Gordon, a cybersecurity expert from Geonode. As kids gear up to return to the classrooms, their smartphones can serve as valuable tools for learning and staying connected. Yet, these devices also pose potential risks if not adequately secured.

Here are the top seven smartphone settings cybersecurity experts recommend parents enable to keep their children safe as they head to school.

1. Control App Installations

Use parental control features available in both Android and iOS to restrict app installations. Approve app downloads yourself and explain to your child why downloading apps from unknown sources can be harmful. This layer of protection is vital in shielding children from harmful material and potential financial risks.

2. Enable GPS Tracking

Use location services smartly. Enabling this feature allows you to keep track of your child’s whereabouts for safety. Services like Find My Device on Android or Find My iPhone on iOS can be life-savers in situations where your child misplaces their phone or in worse scenarios.

3. Update Privacy Settings and Social Media Controls

Adjust app permissions to the bare minimum required for functionality. Limit apps’ access to camera, microphone, location, and contacts where not necessary. Cybersecurity experts recommend restricting who can see your child’s posts and personal details. This reduces the risk of online predators gaining access to your child’s information, a critical step in ensuring their online safety.

4. Enable Emergency SOS Features

Smartphones today come equipped with emergency SOS features that can be lifesavers. By enabling this setting, your child can quickly send an alert to you or emergency services if they find themselves in a dangerous situation. This quick access to help is invaluable in

emergencies where every second counts.

5. Safe Browsing and Internet Filters

Implementing safe browsing settings and internet filters helps block access to malicious websites. Children often explore the internet unsupervised, especially during school breaks. These filters protect them from stumbling upon harmful content or phishing sites, making their online experience safer.

6. Set Up a VPN

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) adds an extra security layer when kids use public Wi-Fi networks at school or in public libraries. “A VPN encrypts internet traffic, making it far more difficult for hackers to access transmitted data,” explains Josh Gordon. Parents should ensure the VPN app is reliable and straightforward for kids to use.

7. Set Up Secure Screen Locks

It’s simple but essential; ensure your child’s phone is protected with a secure lock screen. Opt for a random PIN that does not include easily guessed numbers like birthdays or sequential digits. Patterns, passwords, or biometrics such as fingerprints or facial recognition offer additional layers of security.

Josh Gordon emphasizes that while setting up these features, it’s also crucial to discuss with your children why they’re necessary. “Dialogue about cybersecurity can empower them to make smarter decisions and understand the value of privacy and security in the digital world,” he notes.

Next Steps for Parents:

- Review these settings and apply them as needed.
- Have ongoing conversations with your children about the importance of cybersecurity.
- Stay informed about the latest in digital security to continuously optimize settings.

By taking proactive steps today, you can help create a safer tomorrow for your tech-savvy kids.

If you opt to use the research, please attribute the source: <https://geonode.com/>

Alternative Horizons 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.

Education hosts Back to School Bash



Local students, their families, and even local school staff visited multiple educational resource booths at the Back to School Bash, SunUte Fitness Trainer Sage Frane hands out free goodies and information to attendees.



Education Director, Dr. Joseph Claunch gives his welcoming remarks to students and their families during the Back to School Bash on Friday, Aug. 23.



Local students gather for a photo during the Back to School Bash hosted by the Southern Ute Education Department.

The Southern Ute Education Department hosted the Back to School Bash on Friday, Aug. 23 at the SunUte Community Center. Local students, tribal students and their families gathered at SunUte to enjoy a free dinner, multiple educational booths, and door prizes, attendees also viewed "The Goonies" to end the event. The event celebrated the importance of education ahead of the new school year, students heard from key speakers Mari Jo Owens, Autumn Sage, Pearl Casias, Michael Barrow. This event was sponsored by: Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Tribal Information Services, Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department, Southern Ute Police Department, SunUte Community Center and Southern Ute Social Services.



Education Specialist Kaylyn LeClaire was one of the event's key organizers, in front of the door prize table.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



courtesy Native Love

Native Love board members, O'olcu Buckskin and Kristean Velasquez, and the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives Task Force of Colorado are pictured together at the Women & Girls of Color Fund gathering in Denver.

NATIVE LOVE

Native Love attend Women & Girls of Color Fund program in Denver

Staff report
NATIVE LOVE

Native Love board members, O'olcu Buckskin and Kristean Velasquez, represented Native Love 501c3 in Denver at the end of July for the Women & Girls of Color Fund invitation; one of Native Love's supporters and amazing women who want to see success amongst communities. The program is under the umbrella of the Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO), which centers gender, racial, and economic equity in their grantmaking and investing.

Native Love participated in a full day of programming dedicated to connection and support for women and gender-expansive leaders of color, followed by a networking reception with fellow grant-

ees, Colorado funders, WFCO Trustees, and supporters from the broader WFCO community. This included a full day of programming with sessions on storytelling, communications, and public policy advocacy connections to advance the work participants are leading. When beautiful, powerful Indigenous women come together, great things happen!

The latest event for Native Love was a collaboration with Durango Harley Davidson for the Four Corners Biker Rally on Sunday, Sept. 1 to bring awareness to the crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR). If you are interested in volunteering for next year's event, please reach out to Native Love by email: Native.Love.501c3@gmail.com

Women & Girls of Color Fund

Women and girls of color are assets to our communities. They are thought leaders, innovators, creators, and movement makers. In 2021, WFCO deepened our commitment to meaningful, intentional investment in women, girls, and nonbinary people of color. Recognizing that many of these individuals are undervalued and underinvested in, our Women & Girls of Color fund makes explicit investments in their leadership. It is a community-developed, community-led field-of-interest fund that partners with women-of-color-led organizations that are working to advance the economic security of Colorado women and girls of color.

Together We Heal

Native American Symposium

Addressing sexual violence and healthy coping skills

Speakers

- **Becki Jones**
Diné
Program Manager of Native Community Health Network
Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains
- **Michelle Lachner**
Military Sexual Violence Survivor
- **4 Corner K-9 Search and Rescue**
Diné
- **More to be announced**

Speakers

REGISTER NOW

11.09.2024

from 10:30 to 4:30

Sun Ute Community Center
(290 Mouache Circle, Ignacio, CO)

Contact Raven Nyx, Cultural Outreach Coordinator II
for more information (raven@durangosaso.org)

SOUTHERN UTE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

2025

RECOVERY RETREAT

AT THE SKY UTE CASINO AND RESORT

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



All Parents & Caregivers Are Welcome POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING Honoring Our Children By Honoring Our Traditions

Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) has been used for over 35 years and remains popular today because the teachings are timeless. Historically, we had rich teachings that helped children grow up safe with strong families. Colonization threatened those teachings—our Native families were being separated and traditional practices were at risk of being lost. PIP was developed in the 1980s to fill this void and was designed to help parents and families remember our traditional teachings and apply them in the modern world. In part one of each session, we will discuss examples of traditional practices and teachings from several different tribes. Instructors also share teachings from local areas and communities. Part two of each session discusses how to apply those teachings and values today. Complete all 8 sessions to receive a certificate.

This class is VIRTUAL
Please call Social Service to sign up (970) 563-2337

Each participant needs the following to attend:

- > A working email
- > A solid internet connection
- > A smart phone, tablet or laptop with a mic
- > Download the Microsoft Teams App



SEPTEMBER
2024

Tuesdays & Thursdays
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

September 3, 2024

September 5, 2024

September 10, 2024

September 12, 2024

September 17, 2024

September 19, 2024

September 24, 2025

September 26, 2025



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DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES



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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum Archive

A local bronc rider gives a good performance at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo, in 2023.

COLORADO PRESS ASSOCIATION

Drum wins 10 media awards from Colorado Press Association

Recognized for 'Excellence in Photo & Design'

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Drum newsroom brought home 10 awards from last week's Colorado Press Association newspaper conference, where the 2024 Better News Media contest winners were announced on Saturday night, Aug. 24 in Denver. The Drum won a total of four first place awards and five second place awards in both the Editorial and Photo & Design categories – while also taking home a special recognition award for "Excellence in Photo & Design" in the newspaper contest's Class 8 division.

Reporter/Photographer Divine Windy Boy took home a total of four awards in the Photo & Design categories, including a first-place win in the category of Best Photography Portfolio; where she was recognized for her in-depth photo coverage of cultural events and regional powwows in 2023. "Photographer has an eye and a knack for finding the right position," the judge said in their comments.

Regarding her photo essay title "Durango to Silverton by rail," one of the Photo & Design judges said, "Divine Windy Boy's seven-photo gallery captures everything a photo essay should. Terrific angles, especially the partial shots of the landscape the train is navigating through!"

Graphic Specialist, Robert L. Ortiz earned accolades in newspaper layout & design for the feature titled,



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum Archive

Torricca Howe views the Animas River as she returns to Durango, Colo. aboard a Gondola Car during the scenic trip to Silverton, in 2023.

"Southern Ute Bear Dance welcomes spring."

Ortiz, Krista Richards, and Fabian Martinez took home a second-place win for their combined coverage of the Tribe's annual Color Run, which promotes mental health and community ties. "Great story-telling in these photos!" read one judge's comments. "This has the perfect variety of pictures to encompass the entirety of the community event."

Newspaper Editor, Jeremy Wade Shockley was recognized for his environmental feature titled "US 160 Wildlife crossing a boon for big game migrations," where he won second-place for Best Environmental Story. "This article included good information that highlighted what was being done to protect the animals and humans in areas where there was a lot of wildlife crossings," read the judge's comments. "Good use of data, the numbers really emphasized the need for the safe crossings."

Shockley also took home a first-place win in Best News Photograph for his rodeo coverage at the Southern Ute Tribal Fair.

The Colorado Press Association's 146th annual convention, a collaboration between the Colorado Media Project and COLab, was held in Denver this year. The CPA convention is open to – and hosted sessions relevant to – all Colorado media, not just CPA members. The theme of this year's convention was "Local News Solutions – Stronger Newsrooms for Stronger Communities," highlighting key focus areas of the three-day conference.

"Colorado has earned a reputation as one of the nation's most collaborative and innovative news ecosystems," the Colorado Press Association said in anticipation of the annual gathering in Denver. The Southern Ute Drum newspaper has been an active member of the Colorado Press Association since 2010.

The Colorado Press Association's 'Better News Media' contest

- **2nd place, Editorial – Best Environmental Story** – Jeremy Wade Shockley
"US 160 Wildlife crossing a boon for big game migrations"
- **1st place - Best Feature Photograph – Photo and Design** – Divine Windy Boy
"Seneka Locklear Smoke Dance Showcase"
- **2nd place, Best Feature Photograph – Photo and Design** – Krista Richards
"Tribal Fair Baby Contest"
- **1st Place, Best News Photograph** – Jeremy Wade Shockley
"Celebrating the 101st Southern Ute Tribal Fair: Rodeo"
- **2nd Place, Best News Photograph** – Divine Windy Boy
"Jr. Women's Jingle Dress dancer, Zariah J. Whiteplume"
- **2nd Place, Best Page Design** – Robert L. Ortiz
"Southern Ute Bear Dance welcomes spring"
- **1st Place, Best Photo Slideshow Gallery or Photo Essay** – Divine Windy Boy
"Durango to Silverton by rail"
- **2nd Place, Best Photo Slideshow Gallery or Photo Essay** – Krista Richards, Robert L. Ortiz, Fabian Martinez,
"Raising awareness through color"
- **1st Place, Best Photography Portfolio** – Divine Windy Boy
"Divine Windy Boy Portfolio"

IGNACIO YOUTH SERVICES NOW HIRING



Full Time Program Coordinator Project Venture: Outdoor Recreation & Education Program

- Work with youth in grades 6-12
- Love for the outdoors & stewardship
- Travel & explore locally & in the 4Corners
- Creatively plan lessons & activities
- Gain certifications & grant knowledge
- Highlight your interests!
- Have fun at your job!

Full Description & Application:



ICL Ignacio Community Library SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

BLOOD DRIVE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 12:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

To make an appointment contact Dorothy at (970)563-9287, Vitalant at 1-877-258-4825, or visit our website, ignaciolibrary.org on the calendar page!

INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE THE MOON NIGHT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 7:30 P.M.

Join us for an exciting event featuring public telescope viewings and engaging informational activities and crafts!

VIRTUAL TRAVEL TO INDIA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 & FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
AT 4:00 P.M.

Join us as we celebrate the country of India! We will learn a bit about Indian culture, enjoy a delicious Indian meal together, learn how to wear a sari, and more!

In addition to the physical, in-person cultural elements, we will travel to India virtually in our Quest Pro VR Headsets. Each night has room for four couples or eight individuals. When Thursday's program is full, participants will be invited to Friday's session until that is also full.

Call Liz if you have any questions, or if your party is split into different nights: 970-442-6240

Signup here: <https://qr.co/VRIndia>

DISPLAY & DISCUSSION OF HAND & DECORATIVE STITCHING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 3:00 P.M.

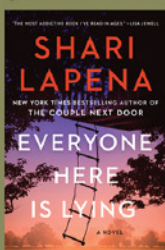
Discover the art of hand sewing with us! Join our engaging class for an in-depth look at various hand-sewing techniques, including simple embroidery, Japanese Sashiko, and over 23 other inspiring methods. Mrs. Norton, who finds hand sewing incredibly relaxing, is excited to share her passion and hopes to spark interest and inspiration in all participants. Don't miss out on this unique and fun opportunity!

BOOK RECOMMENDATION!

In our adult Summer Reading program, we asked our participants to fill out a bookmark after finishing each book. On those, they rated the book and told us about their reading experience. We will be featuring some of the recommended books in our newsletter and on social media!

This reader read the book: *Everyone Here is Lying* by Shari Lapena

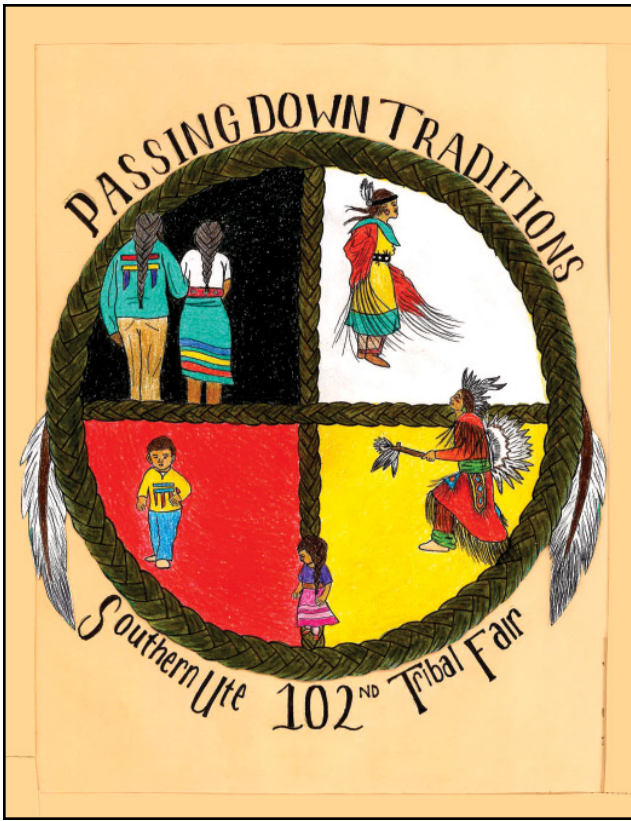
They gave it a 5-star rating and said: "It was soooo good! I couldn't put it down!"



Who took Avery Wooler?
Nothing will prepare you for the truth...



Southern Ute Tribal Fair: Powwow & Rodeo Info



PATRICK SILVA MEMORIAL SOFTBALL FIELD, IGNACIO CO

102ND SO. UTE FAIR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

SEPT. 6TH-8TH, 2024

MEN'S-WOMEN'S-COED

ENTRY FEE: \$350
\$100 DEPOSIT DUE BY AUG. 30TH

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPT. 3RD

AWARDS: 1ST-3RD

CONTACT KELSEY FROST @ (970) 563-2660

"Passing Down Traditions" *Sponsored by Agatha Bison

2024 SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR & RODEO 1ST ANNUAL DINO RUN (1/4 MILE OR LESS)

Saturday September 7, 2024 2pm

Sign up at immediately after parade. Sign up table will be set up at Exhibit Hall (north Lawn)

1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY

Complimentary inflatable dinosaur costumes to the first 10 participants to sign up!!

Age categories:
Senior (55+)
Adult (20-54)
Teen (13-19)
Youth (6-12)

Bring your own dinosaur or other inflatable costume (NO INAPPROPRIATE COSTUMES ALLOWED)

**Each participant must sign a Consent Waiver.

For more information contact: Agatha Bison (970) 317-3618 aggieb80@gmail.com

102ND ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR & POWWOW PRESENTS

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OPEN TO EVERYONE!
MEN & WOMEN CATEGORIES (18+)

OVER \$1000 CASH PRIZES!
\$500 GRAND CHAMPION + PRIZES!

FIRST TO EAT 5 JALAPENOS WINS!

CASH PRIZES & MORE FOR 1ST - 3RD PLACES

SAT., SEPT. 7, 2024

SIGN UP BEGINS AFTER PARADE, 12 NOON SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS, CONCERT STAGE CONTEST STARTS AT 2 PM

ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK! MUST READ & SIGN WAIVER BEFORE COMPETING. NO EXCEPTIONS! Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Cultural Preservation Dept., Event Coordinator, Sky Ute Fairgrounds & Staff are not liable for injuries, illnesses, pain or suffering resulting in participation in contest. COORDINATOR/INFO: ROBERT ORTIZ • 970-903-0346

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Fair & Rodeo 2024

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, September 8, 2024
9am (Shotgun Start)

\$320 (4 players includes: 18 holes, golf cart, swagbag, breakfast & lunch)

Contact Brett Wolf at Hillcrest Golf Club (970) 247-1499 or brett@golfhillcrest

Register now

For more information contact: Sherisa Valdez (970) 563-2988 shvaldez@southernute-nsn.gov

1st Place
2nd Place
3rd Place

2024 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Duck Race

The Duck Race will take place on Sunday, September 8th at 12 p.m.

LOCATION: DUCKS WILL BE RELEASED FROM SCOTT'S POND RIVER ACCESS AND WILL BE RETRIEVED AT THE BEAR DANCE BRIDGE.

PRIZE: FIRST 3 DUCKS, 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD, WILL RECEIVE CASH PAYOUTS.

For more information Contact: Dustin Weaver, Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council Coordinator at (970) 563-2786 or dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov

AS PART OF THE 102ND ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR, POWWOW & RODEO THE SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPT. AND THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE WITH NATIVE RESOLUTION YOUTH CONCERT SERIES AND RESOLUTION RADIO HOUR ON KSUT TRIBAL RADIO PRESENT

NATIVE RESOLUTION YOUTH CONCERT XIV

WILDWOOD FESTIVAL
NINJA'S GHOSTFESTIVAL
THE SILLYNETTES
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SAT., SEPT. 7, 2024, 4PM • SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS • IGNACIO, CO

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Vigil Family & Veterans Memorial Run and Walk.

In Honor of:
Eldred Vigil Jr. – Marines
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Elroy Vigil – Marines
Rueben Vigil – Air Force

Saturday, 9/7/24
Registration: 6:30am
Run/Walk: 7:00am

SunUte Park FREE!!!

First 50 participants will receive a free t-shirt!

For more information, please contact Abel Velasquez, Fitness Director at (970)563-2651

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

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SATURDAY, SEPT 7TH @ SUNUTE PARK. STARTS AT 12:30PM

TOP THREE TEAMS WIN PRIZES!

ALL TEAMS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 12PM ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 7TH

CONTACT SAGE @ 563-2656 FOR MORE INFO



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

102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4	8 a.m. – 6 p.m. All Exhibits Entry (Except Baking, Livestock) <i>SUCCM, Large Classroom</i>	11 a.m. San Juan Club/The Outsiders Cornhole Tournament <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds</i>
THURSDAY, SEPT. 5	8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Baking & Livestock Exhibits Entry <i>Baking: SUCCM Large Classroom</i> <i>Livestock: Sky Ute Fairgrounds</i>	11 a.m. Gourd Dance <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>
FRIDAY, SEPT. 6	8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Fishing Derby <i>Scott's Pond</i>	12 p.m. Outdoor Co-ed 3v3 Volleyball Tournament <i>SunUte, Park</i>
	9 a.m. Employee Softball Challenge <i>Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field</i>	1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Exhibits Displayed <i>SUCCM, Large Classroom</i>
	9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Exhibits Displayed <i>SUCCM, Large Classroom</i>	1 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>
	10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Livestock Displayed <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds</i>	2 p.m. Arm Wrestling Tournament <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>
	10 a.m. Employee Pickleball Challenge <i>SunUte Park</i>	2 p.m. 22nd Annual Jalapeño Eating Contest (Public) <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>
	11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fair Kick-Off Meal <i>Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Park</i>	2 p.m. Dino Run <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>
	12 p.m. Corn Hole Tournament <i>Multi-Purpose Facility, Park</i>	4 p.m. Native REZ-olution Youth Concert XIV <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>
	4 p.m. Youth Games <i>Multi-Purpose Facility, Park</i>	5 p.m. Tug-O-War <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds Infield</i>
	5 p.m. Gourd Dance <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>	5 p.m. Gourd Dance <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>
	6 p.m. Softball Tourney <i>Patrick Silva Softball Field</i>	5:30 p.m. Skate Park Competition <i>Piñu Nuechi Skatepark</i>
	7 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>	7 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>
		Dusk Fireworks Display <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds</i>
SATURDAY, SEPT. 7	All day Softball Tourney <i>Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field</i>	SUNDAY, SEPT. 8
	6:30 a.m. Veteran's Memorial Run/Walk (Registration) <i>SunUte Park</i>	All day Softball Tourney <i>Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field</i>
	7:00 a.m. Veteran's Memorial Run/Walk <i>SunUte Park</i>	8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds</i>
	7:00 a.m. Parade Registration/Line-Up (Registration) <i>Ignacio High School</i>	8:30 a.m. Golf Tournament <i>Hillcrest Golf Club, Durango, CO</i>
	9:00 a.m. Kiddie Parade Registration/Line-Up (Registration) <i>Ignacio High School</i>	9 a.m. Tipi Raising Contest <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>
	8 a.m. Men's & Women's Softball Tourney <i>Patrick Silva Softball Field</i>	11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Exhibit Pick-Up/Premium Payouts <i>SUCCM, Large Classroom</i>
	8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Livestock Displayed <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds</i>	11 a.m. Gourd Dance <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>
	10 a.m. Parade & Kiddie Parade <i>Goddard Ave. (Main Street)</i>	11 a.m. Greased Pole Climb <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>
		11 a.m. Frybread Contest <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>
		12 p.m. Baby Contest <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn</i>
		12 p.m. Duck Race <i>Released from Scott's Pond Pine River Access</i>
		1:30 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>
		Afternoon Jalapeño Eating Contest (Drum Groups) <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL FAIR
"PASSING DOWN TRADITIONS"
2024 PARADE REGISTRATION



ALL THE PARTICIPATING INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____
E-MAIL (OPTIONAL): _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE: _____

IMPORTANT: Every person participating on the floats needs to sign Liability and Waiver form

- Entry number must be displayed on the left side of each float/entry, so it is clearly visible to the judges.
- Parade line-up and registration starts at 7:00 am ending at 9:45am, Ignacio High School.
- The Southern Ute Parade will proceed south on Goddard Avenue from Becker St
- Winners will be announced at the Southern Ute Fair Powwow.
- Prizes can be picked up at the Southern Ute Museum classroom on Sunday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm; any prizes not claimed on Sunday must be picked up on Monday at the Cashier's Office in the LCB Building.

PARADE CATEGORY REGISTRATION: (PICK ONE)

NUMBERS ARE THE STATIONS WHERE YOU WILL LINED UP FOR PARADE

ADULTS	HORSE RIDERS	KIDS 12 YRS & UNDER
<input type="checkbox"/> (4) FLOAT: FAMILY	<input type="checkbox"/> (7) BEST DRESSED HORSE	<input type="checkbox"/> (1) BEST YOUTH GROUP
<input type="checkbox"/> (6) FLOAT: COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> (7) BEST TRADITIONAL MALE	<input type="checkbox"/> (1) BEST BICYCLE ENTRY
<input type="checkbox"/> (6) FLOAT: SERVICE/ORGANIZATION	<input type="checkbox"/> (7) BEST TRADITIONAL FEMALE	<input type="checkbox"/> (1) BEST WAGON ENTRY
<input type="checkbox"/> (2) BEST NATIVE DRESSED MALE (13 & OLDER)	<input type="checkbox"/> (7) BEST COWBOY RIDER	<input type="checkbox"/> (1) BEST NATIVE MALE
<input type="checkbox"/> (2) BEST NATIVE DRESSED FEMALE (13 & OLDER)	<input type="checkbox"/> (7) BEST COWGIRL RIDER	<input type="checkbox"/> (1) BEST NATIVE FEMALE
<input type="checkbox"/> (4) BEST NATIVE GROUP		
<input type="checkbox"/> (3) BEST ROYALTY FLOAT		
<input type="checkbox"/> (5) BEST REZ CAR		
<input type="checkbox"/> (5) BEST LOWRIDER		
<input type="checkbox"/> (5) BEST CLASSIC		

(THIS PORTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARADE STAFF)

NAME OF ENTRY: _____

NOTES: _____

PARADE NUMBER GIVEN: _____

PARADE ORGANIZER INITIALS: _____



Southern Ute Tribal Fair Parade Online Registration Form



Southern Ute Tribal Fair Participation Waiver

Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo

OPEN RODEO EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

Order of Rodeo Events beginning at 6 p.m.

- Ranch Bronc Riding
- Saddle Bronc Riding
- Tie Down Roping
- Breakaway Roping
- Sheep Riding
- Steer Riding
- Barrel Racing
- Jr. Barrel Racing
- Team Roping
- Jr. Bull Riding
- Novice Bull Riding
- Bull Riding

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

Order of Rodeo Events beginning at 2 p.m.

- Ranch Bronc Riding
- Saddle Bronc Riding
- Tie Down Roping
- Breakaway Roping
- Sheep Riding
- Steer Riding
- Barrel Racing
- Jr. Barrel Racing
- Team Roping
- Jr. Bull Riding
- Novice Bull Riding
- Bull Riding

TRIBAL HORSEING AROUND EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

Tribal Horsing Around events start at 9 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for winners.

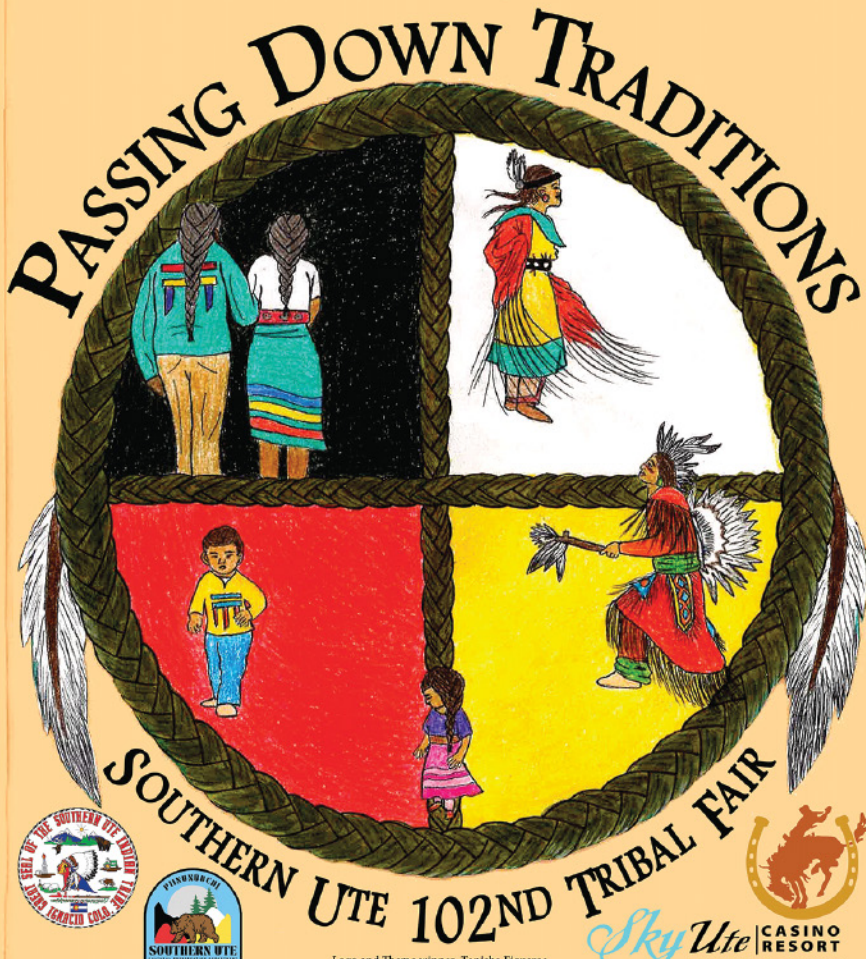
ALL NATIVE AMERICAN CHICKEN PULL
Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Horse Track
Contact: S.U. Cultural Preservation Dept., (970) 563-2983
OPEN TO ALL NATIVE AMERICANS! Categories: 18 years and older. CASH PRIZE: \$2,000 "WINNER TAKES ALL" Enter at your own risk!
ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN A WAIVER!

ALL NATIVE BEST HAND PAINTED HORSE
Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Horse Track
Contact: S.U. Cultural Preservation Dept., (970) 563-2983

BAREBACK WATERMELON HORSE RACE
Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Horse Track
Contact: S.U. Cultural Preservation Dept., (970) 563-2983
OPEN TO ALL NATIVE AMERICANS! Categories: 18 years and older. CASH PRIZE: \$500 "WINNER-TAKES-ALL" Enter at your own risk!
ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN A WAIVER!

SAM BURCH MEMORIAL HORSEMANSHIP
Time: 11 a.m.
Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield
Contact: Judy Lansing, (970) 749-7116
Sponsored by the family descendants of the late Sam Burch. Open to all Native Americans enrolled in a federally recognized Indian tribe.

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- 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
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- Powwow & Gourd Dance
- San Juan Club/The Outsiders Cornhole Tournament
- Skate Park Competition
- Tipi Raising Contest
- Tug-O-War
- Youth Games
- Veteran's Memorial Run/Walk

Southern Ute Tribal Fair Information contacts: Sherisa Valdez, 970-563-2988 or Crystal Rizzo, 970-563-2306.

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 Tots – 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 & Rochelle Aguilar, 970-759-1722. FOOD: SUFG, 970-563-5541.

SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE

Rochelle Aguilar (970-759-1722), Valerie Armstrong (970-317-3585)
Lisa Jacket, Karen Washington, Starlene Naranjo, Kayla Armstrong, Marty Pinnecoose (Tribal Council Ex-Officio)

DANCE AND DRUM CONTEST

Provide: Social Security Card, Tribal ID, or current valid State ID, phone number (For payout purposes).

TOTAL PAYOUTS
\$98,500

FREE CAMPING
At Sky Ute Fairgrounds
with HOT showers!



Design: Robert L. Ortiz | SU Drum Photo: Dina Windy Boy | SU Drum
Southern Ute Powwow Committee, Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Cultural Preservation Dept., Southern Ute Tribe, will not be responsible for accidents, theft, injuries, food-borne illness, or death.



Josie Chang-Order

Chokecherries gathered by Antonia Ortiz, History Colorado's Education Coordinator at the Fort Garland Museum & Cultural Center, August 2024.

HISTORY COLORADO

Chokecherry history featured in Ute Knowledge exhibition

Staff report

HISTORY COLORADO

“My mother knew a lot about plants. She knew it from her relatives, her cousins, her mom and her sisters. They all shared their knowledge of what plants do ...” – Helen Walsh, Ute Indian Tribe, 2008

Come August, Coloradans crave our Palisade peaches. But before Palisade peaches were a thing, the Ute people – Colorado's longest continual residents – treasured chokecherries, eaten raw or

cooked into a pudding.

The Ute people's plant expertise is the subject of a new Ute Knowledge exhibition, now showing at the Tread of Pioneers Museum in Steamboat Springs, one of History Colorado's Affiliate Network's inaugural members.

The exhibition includes videos of Ute elders sharing their plant knowledge with Ute teens and ethnobotanists. And when you visit, you'll see Northern Ute people systematically gather and hunt food. They

know when and where various plants are ripe. And they know which plants they can share more widely and which they need to fiercely protect – because not all plant knowledge is for non-Natives to know.

Don't miss Ute Knowledge, as well as the Tread of Pioneers Museum's Indigenous pottery, textile, and basketry collection. Then, get out in the beauty around Steamboat as the season changes. If you want to bring the Ute Knowledge exhibition to your museum or school, please let us know!

SUIT AGRICULTURE DIVISION FREE PRODUCE

Southern Ute and other Native tribal members

LOCATION: Agriculture Office located at 655 CR 517
TIME: Monday through Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



CALL FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM

The SUIT Environmental Programs Department is now accepting applications for the Cost-Share Program (CSP). The purpose of the CSP is to work cooperatively with landowners to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on lands within the Reservation. BMPs are designed to improve local water quality, conserve agricultural lands, and protect wildlife habitat.

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

BMPs may include:

- ❖ Improved efficiency of on-site irrigation methods
- ❖ Development of off-stream livestock watering infrastructure
- ❖ Planting of vegetation buffers along fields and streams
- ❖ Installation of riparian livestock fencing

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

Applications are due September 9th, 2024



Contact project coordinator Dylan Ruckel at (970) 563-2295 or Druckel@southernute-nsn.gov for more information and applications.

Southern Ute Tribal Member AG Division — Fall Produce		
October 2024		Pick Up Date 10/17/23
FINAL ORDER Date 10/08/24 970-563-0220		Final Pick Up Date 10/18/23
PAY IN ADVANCE — Cash or Personal Check ONLY — NO Credit Cards		
Beans: Adobe Milling in Dove Creek		
Pinto		Anasazi
2# --- \$2.50		1# --- \$1.55
4# --- \$4.25		4# --- \$5.50
10# --- \$10.00		10# --- \$12.00
20# --- \$19.00		20# --- \$22.00
50# --- \$42.50		
Potatoes: Farm Fresh in Monte Vista		
Red Potatoes	Yellow Potatoes	Russet Potatoes
5# --- \$2.75	5# --- \$2.50	5# --- \$1.75
10# -- \$5.00		10# --- \$2.00
50# -- \$25.00	50# --- \$25.00	50# --- \$10.00
		Bakers 50# Box --- \$16.00
Flour: Cortez Milling		
Red Rose (Unbleached)	White Rose	Blue Bird
5# --- \$3.25	5# --- \$3.50	5# --- \$3.25
10# -- \$5.50	10# -- \$6.00	10# -- \$5.50
25# -- \$13.50	25# -- \$14.00	20# -- \$11.00
50# -- \$25.00	50# -- \$26.00	50# -- \$25.00
Blue Corn Meal — Unroasted		
	3# -- \$4.00	25# --- \$23.50

BIZ LAB WORKSHOPS

Hosted by Southern Ute Economic Development

2024 FRIDAYS KSUT PARKING LOT

NOON - 2PM

AUG. 16	Grow Your Business: Sales Strategies for Success with Michelle Wagner, CO Dept of Labor
AUG. 23	Free Resources & Tools For Small Businesses with Mary Shepherd, Small Biz Development Ctr.
AUG. 30	Get The Word Out: FREE Marketing Tools & Assistance with Visit Durango
SEPT. 6	Make Friends With Artificial Intelligence (AI), presented by Dr. Tomasz Miaskiewicz, FLC
SEPT. 13	What You Need to Know About Small Business Funding with Brian Rose, Region 9
SEPT. 20	From Seed to Sprout: Hands-On Growing & Soil Science with Heather Houk, CSU Extension
SEPT. 27	FREE Business Services Offered by Ignacio Community Library, with Liz vonTauffkirchen
OCT. 4	Demystifying Entrepreneurship intro with the University of Colorado Leeds School of Business
OCT. 11	Community Dashboards, Loans, & More. Small Biz Support & Tools w/ Heather Otter, Region 9

Workshops are FREE & open to the public!

REGISTER HERE →

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Durango Veterans Run rides through Ignacio



David and Josie Latham, help organize the Durango Veterans Poker Run each year; handing out cards to riders as part of the annual Poker Run event at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.



Ute elder, Hanley Frost gave welcome remarks ahead of the invocation on Friday, Aug. 30.



Welcome remarks from the Tribal Council and Southern Ute Veterans Association, including words from Council member Vanessa Torres kicked off the Durango Veterans Run event in Ignacio.



Division of Natural Resources Director, Andrew Frost (center) sang with the Southern Ute drum group during the opening prayer, welcoming motorcycle riders to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.



Longtime friends, Shannon Brown and Howard Richards Sr. share a laugh together at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.

The annual Durango Veterans Poker Run, dubbed "Remembering All," graced Ignacio on Friday, Aug. 30. Bikers started their full day ride in Durango before arriving at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park around lunchtime, where they received welcome remarks from the Tribal Council and Southern Ute Veterans Association – recognizing the sacrifices made by all veterans past and present. Riders were scheduled to finish up their event at VFW Post 4031 in Durango, Colo.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

2nd MMIR Run rolls into Ignacio again



MMIR Run participants park their two-wheeled steeds at the final stop of the 2nd annual MMIR Run at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility in Ignacio. The ride began at the La Plata County Fairgrounds in Durango, then onto Chimney Rock National Monument, with a stop at the Navajo State Park in Arboles for a short ceremony, before heading to Ignacio.



Sam and Earnestine Maez led the MMIR Run riders into the Multi-Purpose Facility parking lot, the final stop in the 80-mile run from Durango to Chimney Rock, Navajo Lake and Ignacio.



MMIR Run riders partake in a Bear Dance presentation, by Native Love Executive Director, Daisy Bluestar, elder Hanley Frost and Sam Maez. Southern Ute Vice Chair, Lorelei Cloud was also part of the demonstration.



Members and supporters of Native Love and the Medicine Wheel Riders gather after the MMIR Run for a group photo, left to right: Laurinda Warren, Silvia Morris, Cindy Nakai, Vanessa Torres – Southern Ute Tribal Council, Brenda Tabaha, Lorelei Cloud – Southern Ute Tribal Council Vice Chair, Oolcu Buckskin – Native Love member, Kristean Velasquez – Native Love member, and Daisy Bluestar – Native Love Executive Director.



The annual Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) Motorcycle Run rolled into Ignacio for a second year where over 100 riders cruised the 80-mile trek, which started at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, then proceeded to Chimney Rock National Monument, then onto Navajo Lake State Park in Arboles; finishing in Ignacio for a closing ceremony with a meal provided by Rez Girls Catering at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. The closing ceremony included a prayer by elder Hanley Frost, and a Bear Dance demonstration with participants of riders, community and Tribal Council members on Sunday, Sept. 1.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

With over two decades of experience working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, first as a Wildlife Biologist and now as Division Head, Aran Johnson has played a pivotal role in protecting and preserving the Tribe's natural resources.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Johnson recognized for his commitment to wildlife management

Receives SW Region Biologist of the Year award

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute Wildlife Resource Management Division Head, Aran Johnson received the Southwest Region Biologist of the Year award for 2024 by the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society. This award is presented annually to a Tribal fish or wildlife biologist who has excelled and enhanced their Tribal management and/or developed specific management goals. The Southwest Regional Board of Directors gathered other Tribal biologists behind the scenes at this year's conference to make the nomination and present the award during their annual meeting in August.

"It's a humbling to be recognized by your peers and I'm honored to receive this award from the NAFWS," Wildlife Resource Management Division Head, Aran Johnson said. "There are so many talented fish and wildlife biologists and accomplished wildlife programs in Indian Country in the Southwest, and to be recognized reflects very well on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Department Natural Resources and its Wildlife programs and staff."

The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS) is a national Tribal organization incorporated in 1983 to develop a national communications network to exchange information and management techniques related to self-determined Tribal fish and wildlife management.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been a Society member Tribe for decades, and Southern Ute Wildlife staff regularly attend Society trainings, and webinars and



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participate in both Southwest Regional and National conferences to exchange ideas with Tribal wildlife peers all over the country. This year's Southwest Regional conference was hosted by the Tachi Yokuts Tribe in Lemoore, Calif.

With over two decades of experience working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, first as a Wildlife Biologist and now as Division Head, Johnson has played a pivotal role in protecting and preserving the Tribe's natural resources.

"Aran has proven to be a fantastic supervisor and colleague," Division of Wildlife Administrative Assistant, Nicole Black said. "He really cares about the Southern Ute Tribe's membership and continues to work very hard to protect the Tribes Wildlife Resource Management endeavors."

"The one thing that stands out in my mind is the recent Wildlife Crossing Project on Hwy 160 near Lake Capote," Department of Natural Resources Director, Andrew Frost said. "This was completed in 2022. CDOT worked with Aran

Johnson, Wildlife Division Head, alongside other entities to complete the Wildlife overpass/underpass project. That collaboration with DNR is one good example of cooperation over a period of years to complete this necessary safety feature along Hwy 160. Aran is a big reason the project was able to be completed using years of migration data. He is deserving of this major award gifted to him from the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, of which the Tribe is a member."

The NAFWS award is a testament to Johnson's dedication, expertise, and commitment to advancing the goals of wildlife conservation. His work has had a significant impact on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the broader community, and his contributions are greatly appreciated.

"This award is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our entire team at the Division of Wildlife," Johnson said. "I am proud to be a part of an organization that is committed to preserving the Tribe's cultural heritage and natural resources."

AVOIDING BLACK BEARS • FROM PAGE 1

contact with people searching for easy food sources. Bears are most active in the late summer and early fall in preparation for winter denning. Black bears increase their daily calorie intake from 3,000 calories per day to 30,000 calories per day and forage for up to 18 hours per day to store enough fat to sustain them through the winter.

Unfortunately, human food sources can often become an easy meal for black bears during this time. Although it may seem humane to provide food to hungry bears, it is truly a disservice to both the bear and the community. Black bears that habitually receive food from human sources often become used to close contact with people and begin to lose their natural fear of people.

The most effective method to avoid black bear encounters and to reduce the incidence of bears visiting residential areas is to remove any potential food or attractant available to them. Store trash until the morning of scheduled pick-up in a secure container, preferably inside a garage or shed. Tribal members may contact the Tribal Utilities Division to up-

grade their trash cans to bear-proof models for a small additional monthly expense. If used properly, these upgraded cans are nearly 100% effective at keeping all wildlife out of the trash.

Additionally, we ask people to store pet food indoors and pick up any uneaten food remaining in pet dishes in the evening. Remove bird feeders and any pet food each evening. Also, store barbecue grills indoors and clean up any spilled grease. Pick ripe fruit from fruit-bearing trees and pick up any fruit that falls to the ground. It is important to remove any potential source of black bear food from residential areas. In the absence of human food sources, black bears will almost always look elsewhere for food, hopefully utilizing natural sources.

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management believes in removing attractants (e.g., trash, pet food, bird feeders, and grills) prior to taking steps to remove a bear. If attractants aren't removed, then another bear or other wildlife will likely continue to take advantage of the source.

The Wildlife Division

does have the ability to trap and relocate nuisance bears, but this is treated as a last-resort option and only if all prevention measures have been tried.

If people see a black bear from a distance, it is important that they do not approach it. If a close encounter occurs, some general guidelines to follow are:

1. Stay Calm.
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4. Speak softly to identify yourself as a human and to show that you are not a threat to the bear.
5. Fight back if the bear attacks.

If you have questions or for more information, please contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management at 970-563-0130. To report black bear conflicts, contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management at 970-563-0130; the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers at 970-563-0133; or Southern Ute Dispatch at 970-563-4401.

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.

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The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is offering Southern Ute Tribal Members the following hunting opportunities at the Pinecrest Ranch located near Gunnison, CO.

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Sept. 12: Federal Indian Schools in Colorado – From 6-7:30 pm, The History and Trauma of Colorado's Federal Indian Schools will be presented by Holly Kathryn Norton, History Colorado's State Archaeologist. The presentation will profile History Colorado's report entitled Federal Indian Schools in Colorado, 1880-1920. "The report discusses the foundation of the Federal Indian Education system and its goal of erasing Indigenous cultures and assimilating Native Americans into Euro-American society," says Dr. Norton. "The assimilationist practices of the federal government caused lasting intergenerational trauma." Tickets to the presentation are \$10 per person, and reservations are required via the following link: <https://globalvillagemuseum.org/product/september-12-the-history-trauma-of-colorados-federal-indian-schools/>

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

CDOT crews perform CO 145 paving operations Sept. 3 to 12

Expect 15-to-20-minute delays between Dolores and Rico

Staff report

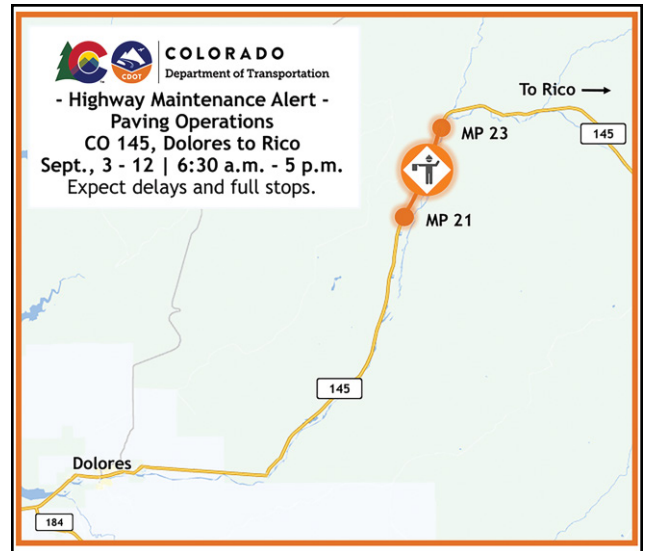
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On Tuesday, Sept. 3, crews will begin two-week long surface treatment operations on a short segment of Colorado Highway 145, approximately 10 miles north of Dolores (Mile Points 21 to 23). Motorists traveling between Dolores and Telluride will encounter up to 20-minute delays, full stops and one-lane alternating traffic between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., following the holiday weekend.

CDOT crews will work as swiftly as possible to complete paving operations; however, this work is weather dependent.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Motorists should plan for up to 20-minute de-



Colorado Department of Transportation Highway Maintenance Alert map of CO 145 paving operations between Dolores and Rico. Motorists can expect delays Sept. 3 to 12 between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

lays and should allow for extra travel time.

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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 Jimmy Haddon, Executive Assistant, at 970-563-5025 or jhaddon@sugf.com

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Ignacio's Thunder Windy Boy (165) runs alongside Montezuma-Cortez's Corbin Myers (194) during the high-school boys' race Friday morning, August 23, at IHS' season-opening 2024 Ignatius Invitational.

IMS BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

Harriers get underway at home meet

Martin, Crane 1-2 at Ignatius Invitational

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Even in what became essentially a cross-country 'dual,' the 2024 Ignatius Invitational's conclusion was just as competitive as one might see at any larger meet. And as he approached the finish line Friday morning, Aug. 23, James Martin knew he wasn't alone ... and didn't even need fans' cheers to indicate the pursuers' proximity.

He could sense his lead decreasing and knew Ignacio teammate Trace Crane was gaining ground.

"I could feel him breathing down my neck the whole time," Martin said afterwards. "I could hear his footsteps, and that's what really kept me going."

And despite the previous days' rains ultimately necessitating race-day alterations to the difficult Jack-a-lope Acres course, the two Bobcats not only managed to break 20 minutes for the five kilometers but finished within two seconds of each other – a sight definitely pleasing to new head coach Kent Gillin, given predecessor Karri McCarter's reins.

Completing a more or less wire-to-wire run, Martin – now essentially IHS' No. 1 with 2023



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Alyssa Atencio (190) was the only high-school girl competing Friday morning, August 23, at IHS' season-opening 2024 Ignatius Invitational.

standout Cayson Burcham giving football a try as a sophomore – clocked a winning time of 19 minutes, 22.40 seconds. Fellow junior Crane finished in 19:23.99, while sophomores Thunder Windy Boy (21:20.83) and Judah Ashley (21:30.07) placed

fifth and sixth. And in the Invitational's score-4 system, IHS' meet-low 14 points bettered Montezuma-Cortez's 22.

"It's a great opportunity," said Crane, asked about what Burcham's decision

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Ignacio senior D.J. Hendren (8) steps out of Cedaredge senior Wylee Lorimor's attempted tackle and gains extra yards during IHS' 2024 home opener Friday night, Aug. 30. Hendren exceeded 100 yards rushing (Lorimor netted 99) and scored a touchdown, but the visiting Bruins ultimately bested the Bobcats 29-20.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Cedaredge swipes Bobcats' home opener

Ignacio falls 29-20 to run-based Bruins

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Gambling with his last timeout of the second half, Ignacio head coach Alfonso 'Ponch' Garcia paused play with just 2:19 left in IHS' 2024 home opener, and the Bobcats needing a defensive stop plus two scores to shock visiting Cedaredge. Ignacio got the former, but unluckily neither of the latter.

After play resumed, freshman Miguel Red barged into the Bruins' backfield to dump CHS junior Kolter Mann for a one-yard loss and force a turnover-on-downs at IHS' 25-yard line with 2:13 still remaining. But the guests – who arrived at IHS Field technically on a five-game losing streak since blanking Del Norte 41-0 on Sept. 8, 2023 – knew the 'Cats would have to go aerial and gave up only a 17-yard throw from junior Zane Pontine to sophomore Cayson Burcham the rest of the way while benefiting from four Pontine incompletions.

Pontine was flagged for intentional grounding following the fourth, pushing the Bobcats back to their own 32, and Cedaredge would re-take possession after Mann, fittingly, sacked Pontine for a nine-yard loss. And as the Bruins had be-

gun, so did they end proceedings Friday night, Aug. 30, with four run plays gaining 13 yards and consuming the penultimate 1:41 – securing CHS a 29-20 road win in their season debut.

"That's the type of game we want to play, where we can just run the ball, grind clock and take over the game in the third and fourth quarters," said second-year head coach Lane Varner. "I'm so happy with my boys because I think they saw the recipe for success right there."

"You know, we're a young team and we had 'young' mistakes all over the place. Too many penalties and stuff like that," he continued. "But I was real happy with the way our boys competed; they played their butts off."

"Pretty much the game plan was to keep running the ball downfield," senior Wylee Lorimor said. "And the d-linemen just stepped it up and got through to their quarterback. We definitely stepped it up in the second half, our pursuit to the ball – that's what we fixed."

Unofficially, Lorimor rushed for 99 yards on 22 carries, and Mann 145 on 20 to power Cedaredge (1-0, 0-0 1A Western Slope) on the ground. Mann also ran for three touchdowns, including a crushing 52-yarder up the gut with 10:12 left

in the final frame. Massive lineman Cruz Alejandro, a tall junior in the 250-pound range, kicked the extra point to put the Bruins up by nine points, then derailed IHS' ensuing series by sacking Pontine for a seven-yard loss back to the Ignacio 16.

Sophomore quarterback Logan Sanders carried 10 times for 23 yards and was 6-of-10 passing for 91. Senior Ethan Toothaker caught two throws for 37 yards and also rushed 12 times for 46, booking a one-yard TD with 3:29 left in the second quarter. Mann then scored the two-point conversion, tying the game at 14-14 – where it stood going into halftime.

In fact, Ignacio (0-2, 0-0 1A Southern Peaks) had been the aggressor on the scoreboard ever since junior Gabe Archuleta scooped up a Sanders fumble in stride and returned it 39 yards along IHS' sideline with 2:42 remaining in the first quarter. Senior Charlie Pargin's point-after kick, however, went wide left, leaving the Bobcats with a 6-0 lead early.

"When I scooped it, I looked to my right and ... no one was really there. So, I just hit the jets and was gone!" Archuleta said. "Our energy's been really slow recently, and I feel like that scoop-and-

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HARRIERS GET UNDERWAY • FROM PAGE 17



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Ignacio's Forrest Vega (82), Matthew Maestas (49) and Tommy Seibel (75) prepare to take off from the starting line during the middle-school boys' race at IHS' season-opening 2024 Ignatius Invitational.

means for Ignacio's returning harriers this fall. "But I was in a weird mindset ... getting used to one course, then changing the morning of. It was pretty hot out today ... but it was alright."

"We've definitely got a very small team, but I think we'll do great," Martin added.

Sophomore Cruz Plewe paced M-CHS with his third-place 19:50.98, and senior Corbin Myers took fourth in 21:19.81. Senior William Blair finished seventh in 22:37.42, junior Roberto Sauzamedia was eighth in 25:52.35 and junior Kenai Cottons ninth in 27:48.60.

In the high-school girls' division, only one individual was present to accept the challenge. Sent out onto the course 30 seconds after the boys' start, Ignacio junior Alyssa Atencio clocked 31

minutes, 57.67 seconds.

The Bobcats were scheduled to run Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Durango Invitational, then the following Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Miyamura Invitational in Gallup, N.M.

MID-SCHOOLERS IN THE MIX

With a 1-2-3-4 sweep pulled off by Scarlett Maxwell (12:54.39), Rose Edelen (13:23.79), Faith Crowder (14:46.54) and Indie Howe (15:06.96), Del Norte easily captured the Invitational's middle-school girls' team title with a perfect low score of 10 points. Pagosa Springs earned second with 38 points and Mancos ended up third with 40.

Lone Ignacio entrant Shelby Bliss clocked

17:40.92 for the three kilometers and placed 12th.

In the boys' 3K, Ignacio's Tommy Seibel posted a fifth-place 14:14.19 and Matthew Maestas a seventh-place 14:24.69 as the team totaled 28 points and finished ahead of Mancos (55) but trailing Pagosa Springs (11). Solomon Ashley was IMS' third top-ten finisher, taking ninth in 15:10.48, and Liam Moore placed 13th in 15:43.52. Kanoa Thompson (15:53.11) was 15th overall and Forrest Vega (17:54.56) 21st.

Pagosa Springs' Rylan Ash (11:46.64) was the individual winner, finishing almost two minutes ahead of second-place Timothy Yoder (13:23.51) of Del Norte. Pagosa Springs' Liam McKnight (13:42.36) came in third.

CEDAREGE SWIPES BOBCATS • FROM PAGE 17



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Ignacio freshman Miguel Red (58) collides with Cedaredge junior Kolter Mann (20) behind the line of scrimmage, forcing a dramatic turnover-on-downs late in IHS' 2024 home opener Friday night, Aug. 30. Stopping Mann wasn't easy; the junior rushed for three touchdowns and nearly 150 yards as CHS prevailed 29-20.

score was a thing that brought it up and gave us momentum through the game."

"We were all stoked," concurred junior Lincoln deKay. "Our defensive coach awards steak dinners to players that get defensive touchdowns – so Gabe earned himself a steak dinner!"

In all, the 'Cats led three times during the contest, the last coming with 7:13 to go in the third quarter, following a one-yard Pontine plunge over the goal line. Pontine's successful two-point flip to Burcham, however, was wiped out by a chop-blocking penalty, and Pontine's subsequent throw targeting Archuleta was broken up by CHS freshman Liam Martin.

The Bruins' next possession, a 14-play, 63-yard march highlighted by two fourth-down conversions, ate up 5:37 worth of clock and ended with Mann scoring from three yards out. He also toted the two-point bonus giving Cedaredge their first lead, 22-20, with 1:35 left.

"We had given them the momentum. We were blocking on d-line instead of going through the gaps – and we figured that out a little bit better ... but we're still going to focus on that quite a bit more," deKay said. "After the Manual game our plan was to improve the lines – that was our main focus in the week – and we did a little but we're still going to focus on that more."

Defeated 22-19 on the 23rd in Denver by the



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Ignacio junior Gabe Archuleta (21) speeds past Cedaredge's John Morrow (45) while returning a kickoff during IHS' 2024 home opener Friday night, Aug. 30. Archuleta would score the game's first six points by returning a CHS fumble 39 yards.

non-conference Thunderbolts, the Bobcats still got 119 yards rushing against CHS from senior D.J. Hendren on just 11 carries. deKay carried four times for 21, but Pontine – who'd thrown two TDs and rushed for one against MHS (as well as intercepting two passes defensively) – was held to minus-23 on nine.

Recipient of both Pontine's scoring tosses in Denver, Burcham caught five balls for 46 yards against the Bruins. Archuleta made two catches for 16 yards, Hendren one for five and junior Aven Bourriague one for four as Pontine finished 9-of-19 for 71 yards and one pick (Martin, 7:45 left in the first quarter).

The Bobcats will next see action on Sept. 13 against non-conference 1A Olathe, then visit 2A Bayfield on the 20th.

"We'll just watch film and keep grinding like we've been," Archuleta said. "I feel

like we just need more work, more practice and more conditioning ... everything."

"Ponch is going to have us running, for sure," said deKay. "We have a bye week, so we're going to focus on hammering out all flaws."

Cedaredge, meanwhile, will next welcome New Castle-based 2A Coal Ridge on Sept. 6.

"This isn't the highest moment for us; the highest would be going (back) to the Playoffs," Lorimor said, alluding to CHS' first-round loss in 2023 to eventual State Champion Limon. "But we'll fix little mistakes and just keep practicing hard."

"We've put in a lot of work from last year to this year," said Varner, reflecting on strides made since the 42-7 loss to LHS, "but we've got more to keep doing. This was a good way to start the season for us ... and Ignacio, I wish them all the best for their next games and everything."

FIRST WEEK FANTASTIC FOR CATS • FROM PAGE 1

"She definitely made an impact, not only in her serving but her defense," Seibel said, of Baker. "She's worked so hard with her effort – we're not focusing on highs and lows, but just consistency early in the season – but she's shown so much improvement in just her mental focus ... in the back row."

Amy Rutherford's crew, however, put in even more Labor Day weekend work beginning Game 3, and with Patrick on serve quickly went up 4-0 thanks to a kill by junior Sophia Scranton, consecutive Patrick aces freezing Howe and Baker, plus an Ignacio rotation violation. Bradley gained the serve after a RHS net violation and pushed the 'Cats – who'd won 25-11, 25-8, 25-15 earlier that afternoon – out front, 6-4, helped by two serves RHS junior Ava Berwanger couldn't handle.

And the Lady Demons, seeking their first triumph in 2024 after an 0-3 showing at the 8/24 Crested

Butte Invitational, would get no closer than 7-6 before Ignacio earned ten of the next 12 points. Leading 17-8 after a fine cross-court put-away into the opposite deep corner by senior Marissa Olguin, the 'Cats quickly clinched the contest with a 6-0 burst featuring three straight Olguin serves which RHS failed to field, and ultimately freshman Karalina Guffey's kill on match point.

"They did give us a scare!" admitted Seibel. "They fought back, had us on our heels ... so it was good, though, for the girls to be able to come back from behind and fight for that."

The 25-15, 25-18, 25-11 sweep improved Ignacio's record to 2-0 in 2A/1A San Juan Basin play (2-0 against the league's 2A teams) and 3-1 overall. Having started the new season on the 27th with a 25-22, 25-19, 25-17 sweep of 3A Montezuma-Cortez at M-CHS, the only blemish on an other-

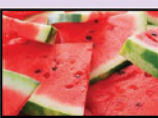
wise-ideal first week was a 20-25, 25-12, 25-14, 19-25, 10-15 loss two days later at non-league 2A Del Norte.

"I am pleased with where we're at. I expect a lot out of them, and I know that we're working hard every single day in the gym," Seibel said. "But we're always pushing forward to get better, keeping that 'growth' mindset of where we're not where we're wanting to be. We're reaching to expand our volleyball I.Q., expand our players' utility and that will to fight, will to win."

The Volleyscats will next travel to Lakewood for the Denver Christian Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 7. Results from IHS' home opener Tuesday, September 3, against Mancos (4-3, 0-0 SJBL, 0-0 2A SJBL) were unavailable at press time.

Ridgway, on the other hand, sank to 0-5 overall (0-2 SJBL, 0-2 2A SJBL) but with ample time to regroup and prepare for Telluride's Sept. 10 coming.

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She graduated from Maumee High School in Maumee, Ohio in 1972. She acquired her dental hygienist certificate in Perrysburg, Ohio.

She continued in her profession, enlisting in the US Navy and rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. While working in the public health service, she met her husband, Joe Toledo.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Joseph and Dorothy Witherspoon; Niece, Marybeth Witherspoon; and Stepson, Michael “Chip” Toledo.

She leaves behind her husband Joe Toledo; Sister, Barbara King, Betty Lou (Larry) Trennel, Susie (Frank) Vasquez; Brother, Larry (Karen) Witherspoon; Stepson, Robert Toledo and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A sincere and grateful thank you to the Hospice house of Durango and all of the Toledo family.

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Our Ute Chief Buckskin Charley

His name was silver fox, meaning (yo-o-witz) in the Ute language. He was born in Cimarron, New Mexico. That's north of Taos, N.M.

His poor mother and father were both dead by the time he was 11 years old. His father was Ute, his mother was Jicarilla Apache, but he always lived with us Southern Utes. He fought many Comanche and Kiowas over our good buffalo range. In our last fight with the Comanches it was in the area of Agua Frio, he was shot in the forehead, and it knocked one feather off his war bonnet. This fight lasted all day and night, we won this battle, also we chased the Comanches for about 15 miles.

When Buckskin Charley was about thir-

ty-years-old, Chief Ouray made him head chief of us Utes, also Chief Buckskin Charley built a log cabin on the Pine River on his allotment where he raised cows and a large garden, which his family could eat grain, also for his chickens, horses, and corn for his horses and sheep too. He wintered them on the La Mesa Mountain. He also was a scout for the United States Cavalry at old Fort Garland. He killed many antelope and also tanned his own clothes while being a scout. He also went deep into western Navajo land with the calvary. He was loved by all who knew him. He was a reservation policeman for many years. He told us Utes to plant big cash crops that they could sell.

Joseph Rael Jr.

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September 3, 2024

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Tribal Office Closure

In observance of the 102nd Annual Tribal Fair and Powwow, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Friday, September 06, 2024.

Normal business hours will resume on Monday, September 09, 2024.
Enjoy the festivities and have a safe weekend!



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.

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.

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.

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
September Events	
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.

BIENVENIDOS FIESTA on the MESA

Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off

Thursday, September 19 | 4 – 8 p.m.
Student Union Plaza, Fort Lewis College

LOTERIA
4 – 5 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
5 – 5:30 p.m.

DINNER & PERFORMANCES
5:30 – 8 p.m.

Piñata for the kids, Mariachi Amigos de Nuevo México, and Ballet Folklórico de Durango.

"DINNER IS FREE"
for all students, faculty, and staff with FLC ID.
*Dinner is \$13 for community members.

ALUMNI WELCOME!
1 Dinner is half off with RSVP.
Alumni can RSVP at alumni.fortlewis.edu.

QUESTIONS? Contact ekcentro@fortlewis.edu

Drum Deadline

Next issue:
Sept. 20

Deadline:
Sept. 16

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION (2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2024 General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

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
Email is election@southernute-nsn.gov



JOIN US

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

FIBER BROADBAND COMMUNITY EVENT

Do you have questions or want to sign up for faster internet? FTI, XMission, and the Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) will be available to help you get connected...



SAVE THE DATE

Date: Friday, Sept. 20, 2024
Time: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Location: Ignacio Community Library
470 Goddard Avenue
Ignacio, Colorado



HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE NEEDS YOUR INPUT!



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.

TAKE PART TODAY!
SURVEY LINK:

<https://forms.office.com/e/30tkcSrZCu>



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 hazards can cause.

WHY IS HAZARD MITIGATION IMPORTANT?

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.

EXAMPLES OF HAZARDS

- Wildfire
- Flood
- Drought
- Winter Weather
- Earthquake
- Erosion
- Severe Storms
- Landslide
- Tornado

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



In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
On the Southern Ute Reservation

PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

**NOTICE OF PROBATE
In the Estate Of,**

**Case No.: 2023-0048-CV-PR
Raymond Lee Taveapont, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO:

Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **OCTOBER 21, 2024 at 3:00 PM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 29th of August, 2024.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

Civil Form#1

**In the Southern Ute Tribal Court
On the Southern Ute Indian Reservation**

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Address: P.O. Box 737
City/State: Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-759-5303**

Cause No. 24-CV-068

Plaintiff

vs.

NOTICE, CLAIM AND SUMMONS TO APPEAR

**Emerson Griffith
Address: Whereabouts unknown
City/State: Unknown
Phone: Unknown**

Defendant

NOTICE AND SUMMONS TO APPEAR

To the Defendant:

You are directed to file a written response to Plaintiff's Claim set forth below, within twenty-one (21) days from the date of service, or before your appearance date of October 21, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the Southern Ute Tribal Court, located at the Justice Building. On the above appearance date you should bring with you all books, papers and witnesses needed by you to establish any defenses you might have to the claim. **IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE AMOUNT OF PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM PLUS COSTS OF THIS SUIT.** If you wish to present a counter-claim, you must pay a fee of \$100.00. For additional information see back of the Defendant's Copy.

PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM

The above-named defendant owes me \$1,636.58, plus interest and costs allowed by law, for the following reasons and as supported in the filed Complaint and exhibits:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

James Washinawatok
Plaintiff's Signature

August 19, 2024
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I submitted for publication the above complaint to the above named defendant on August 19, 2024 at the Southern Ute Drum.

James Washinawatok
James Washinawatok

INFORMATION FOR DEFENDANTS

- A. When you have been served with a summons to appear for trial in a civil action filed against you in Tribal Court, you may, if you do not wish to contest Plaintiff's claim:
 1. Make an out-of-court settlement; with the Plaintiff before the date set for trial and notify the court clerk, in writing, of that settlement.
 2. Not appear at the date and time set for trial, in which case the court will enter default judgment against you for the amount owed claimed by Plaintiff plus costs.
- B. If you wish to contest the claim filed against you, you must complete and file the response form, **AND APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SET FORTH** in the Notice; bringing all books, papers, and witnesses needed to establish your defenses. Subpoenas will be issued for any witnesses needed in support of your claims. Requests for subpoenas should be made at least five working days prior to trial.
- C. If you have a claim against the Plaintiff, or a setoff to the Plaintiff's claim, you may assert a counterclaim or setoff against the Plaintiff by completing the Defendant's Counterclaim and paying a \$100.00 filing fee.
- D. If Plaintiff recovers a judgment against you, the Plaintiff is entitled to immediate payment of the full amount of the judgment plus court costs. Payment may be made either to the clerk of court or to the Plaintiff. You are entitled to receive a satisfaction of judgment form upon payment. If you do not immediately pay the judgment amount you must complete and return the "Interrogatories Form" listing your property and other assets.
- E. If you contest the claim, you have a right to a trial. If you wish to appeal any decision of this court, you must follow the appellate procedures set forth in the Tribal Code.
- F. If you lose the case, you may be required to pay the other party's court costs, including any service fees.

**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.

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).

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.bgcsu.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. 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.

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.

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

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

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

Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3):

- Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter
- Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation
- Shall not have been convicted of a felony
- Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding the appointment

Please submit your Letter of Intent to:
Human Resources, PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137
Physical Address: 356 Ouray Dr. Ignacio, CO 81137

Closing Date: Open until Filled

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

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

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

KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!
KSUT seeks one enrolled SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER
to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors.



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

Frances Deansmore 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.



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!

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

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



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

Behavioral Health Therapist

Closes 9/12/24 – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides behavioral health treatment, including mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis in accordance with all applicable code, laws, policies, guidelines, and any grant requirements. Pay Grade E15; Pay starts at \$70,570/year.

Economic Development Project Coordinator

Closes 9/12/24 – Under general direction of the Economic Development Manager, will assist with projects to develop, plan, organize and implement economic development functions from conception to completion, involving programs related to Tribal Member small business development and entrepreneurship. Promoting the small business and economic development interests of the Tribe. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/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, this position 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.

Community Health Representative

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

Dentist (Part-time w/benefits)

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

Detention Transport Officer

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

Director of Strategic Planning

Open Until Filled – Working with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Council to define, plan, implement, and achieve the strategic and financial plan objectives and priorities determined by Tribal Council. Researching and critically analyzing past strategies and modifying and developing those plans and strategies to address current circumstances; developing training material for Tribal Council Members regarding the Tribe's Financial Plan and other strategic plans; and communicating the financial and strategic plans to the Tribal Membership. In coordination with Tribal Council, facilitates strategic planning, including but not limited to tribal entities and tribal membership when deemed appropriate. Acts as a liaison between the Tribal Council and the Tribal Entities; accessing and gathering information as authorized by Tribal Council. Reports functionally to the Tribal Council and administratively to Tribal Council Affairs management. Pay grade E22; pay starts at \$189,817/annually.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; 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, 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, 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 will start at \$17.51/hour.

Early Childhood Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their

child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

Elementary Teacher

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

Gaming Investigator I

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

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

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.

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 tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal Member. Will learn how to provide technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provide general information to the Tribal Membership and public regarding land status issues. Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N8 and receive quarterly evaluations and pay increases to assure that key goals are met. Upon successfully completing the training curriculum, will assume the Lands Technician position.

Lifeguard (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

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/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/annually.

NAGPRA Technician (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – Assists NAGPRA Coordinator(s) with new and on-going projects; 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.

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.

EHS Specialist III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/13/24 – Promoting EHS awareness, compliance and stewardship throughout the organization to all employees. Responsible for multiple programs which minimizes or eliminates worker safety, environmental, and regulatory risks to Red Willow Production Company. Development, execution, and training of EHS programs and initiatives with an emphasis on health and safety programs and compliance.

Geologic Technician II & III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/20/24 – Provide technical and administrative support to the Geologic team, works closely with geoscientists to provide maps and database maintenance for projects; and works routinely within geographic database programs, such as ArcGIS and other oil and gas specific mapping platforms. Works with Engineering, Land, and Operations teams as needed.

HR Project Manager – Human Resources (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/13/24 – Providing part time, temporary support to the Growth Fund Human Resources and Accounting and Finance Departments with specific PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) functions.

Property & Facilities Maintenance Technician – GF Facilities (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/13/24 – Providing management of maintenance needs for the Quichas Hill Apartments, as well as general maintenance duties for Growth Fund Facilities serviced by the Facilities Department at the following locations: Growth Fund Office Building, Red Willow Building, Utilities Office and Maintenance Buildings, Fairgrounds buildings, 65, 125, and 175 Mercado Street, and single-family rentals. Addressing tenant requests, processing work orders, implementing solutions and supervision and coordination of sub-contracted work and provide general maintenance labor.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

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

Road Runner Transit:

- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance (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 Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

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, will assume the position of Patrol Officer. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

Planning Project Coordinator (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – Assists with coordination of all functions and activities related to Tribal planning projects. Provides oversight to projects through completion and assists with management of PL 93-638 Projects. 50% grant-funded and is contingent on continued grant funding. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$26/hour.

Project Aware Program Manager

Open Until Filled – Will lead, develop, and maintain a comprehensive plan to meet critical objectives outlined by the Tribal Education Department and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) Counseling program, in compliance with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and the federal Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Will serve as the Tribal Education Agency liaison to the State Project Director and will build infrastructure, collect and share data, create local policies, oversee the implementation of key programmatic elements, develop and maintain relationships with Tribal, school and community organizations, and increase communication with families to build ongoing wellness and resilience for students. Grant funded and continued employment is contingent on availability of funding. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/year.

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.

Risk Specialist

Open Until Filled – 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.

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

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

Special Needs Aide (Part-time w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy disabled and special needs students with educational, physical, emo-

tional, 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. 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 tribal members only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for 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 successful completion of training curriculum requirements, will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

Umpire/Referee

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

***Assistant Facilities Manager (Full-time)**
 Will assist in planning, organizing, and directing the maintenance department. Coordinating all repair and alterations of the property including the exterior and grounds. Ensuring that jobs are completed efficiently and within regulatory guidelines and projected deadlines, assisting in the preparation and management of the annual budgets for the maintenance, grounds, and kitchen custodial departments. Reports to the Facilities Manager and/or the Director of Facilities; train and lead activities of departmental employees; technicians, shift supervisors, and facilities staff in appropriate Service Standards and Facility operations/maintenance; ensuring optimal utilization of personnel and other internal or external resources.

Bell Person (Full-time)
 Assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport, and assisting with phones as needed.

***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 Café kitchen. Prepares coffee and pizza from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Will balance the register at end of the shift, with proper report of discrepancies and complete paperwork.

***Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time, Swing shift)**
 Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms.

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

***Housekeeping Manager (Full-time)**
 Will direct the administration of all housekeeping services for guestrooms, gaming, public and staff areas in an attentive, friendly, efficient, and courteous manner. Will have the oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, reward and disciplining of all employees within the Housekeeping Department. Will ensure the highest professional quality customer service is delivered with each customer and or employee interaction.

***Information/Technology Systems Director (Full-time)**
 Planning, development, implementation, maintenance, and management of the Casino's networked information systems, which includes Aristocrat Oasis Software, Hardware, and systems structure, Agilylys InfoGenesis, and Agilylys Versa. Safeguarding the Casino's information systems, data, and digital assets by implementing security measures, conducting risk assessments, and staying current with cybersecurity best practices to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and availability of critical resources. Providing technical support including coordination, maintenance, upgrades, and overall support for computer systems.

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

***Lead Facilities Technician HVAC (Full-time)**
 Electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works the lead of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment, and building; by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems including boilers, AHU's, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers, walk-in coolers, and freezers. Reports to the Director of Facilities while sharing the responsibility to train and lead activities of departmental employees; technicians, shift supervisors, and facilities staff in appropriate Service Standards and Facility operations/maintenance.

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

***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. 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. 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.

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

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

***Senior 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.

***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.

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

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

- Distribution Wednesday, Nov. 27 NOON Friday, Nov. 20
- Distribution Friday, Dec. 13 NOON Friday Dec. 6
- Distribution Friday Dec. 27 NOON Friday Dec. 20
- Distribution Friday Jan. 3, 2025 NOON Monday, Dec. 30

**Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors distribution is 5pm on Tuesday

NOW HIRING



COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER
Southern Ute Police Dept.

Position Summary: Under general supervision of the Chief of Police, incumbent provides day-to-day management over the Communications Center staff (Dispatchers) and operations including planning, developing, coordinating, and staff supervision.

Starting Pay Range: E16; \$77,627/annually

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

DISPATCHER
Southern Ute Police Dept.

Position Summary: Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Starting Pay Range: N10; \$21.89/hour


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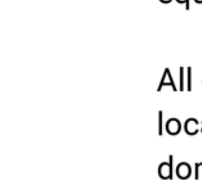


When: Fri Sept 13th at 5:30pm



Where: CSU Extension Building
344 Highway 84

Suggested Donation: \$15
Beer & Wine: \$5

Register at the door or on-line:

Speakers:

- ★ Vivian Smotherman, Senate District 6 
- ★ Katie Stewart, House District 59 (replacing Barbara McLachlan) 

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Sue Yalom
970-731-1091

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Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

- Athletic Trainer
- Bus Driver (Route/Activity)
- High School Girls Wrestling Assistant Coach
- Mid School Basketball Assistant Coach
- Secondary Affective Education Teacher
- Secondary Paraprofessional
- Substitutes: Bus Drivers, Cooks, Custodians, Teachers

FLY FISHING

Fall fly fishing, what fly should I use?

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



It's fall, my favorite time of the year. Why you might ask? If you live in an area that is dependent on tourism, school has started, and they've gone home. The air temperature has cooled off. In fact, you might need a sweater in the mornings. The colors surrounding you, regardless of where you fly fish, are beautiful. The water levels in the streams and rivers are at wadable levels. The moss and weeds in ponds and small lakes are disappearing. What's not to like?

The question now arises, what fly should I use? It depends where and for what you are fly fishing. Fall is a great time for flies that float. For mountain streams, many of the traditional hatches have come to an end. Therefore, I like to use attractors such as Royal Wulff, Chubby Chernobyl, or your own creation from your tying bench. Since black flies are still around, I also use flies that resemble them. Black Gnats or

H&L Variants fit the bill and are always a good choice. A size 16 hopper fished close to the bank is also a good fly to use. For larger streams go to a bigger hopper. Remember, large fish like larger flies (Tell that to the people who fish the San Juan River). I also will use a stimulator or a small mouse pattern. I have caught trout where you can actually feel the mice in their stomachs. Don't overlook this pattern.

For ponds and small lakes, it depends on what you are fishing for. If bass are your prey, cast anything that looks like it can swim. Bass

are very aggressive and will eat almost anything. I like to cast frogs, mice, poppers, and anything that resembles a cicada. The bass don't know the cicada hatch is over for many years.

I find that trout in a pond or small lake are not as aggressive as bass. They tend to be more cautious or selective. I find that damselfly or hoppers, with lots of legs, work well. After casting them I like to use a very slow stripping retrieve. This gives the trout lots of time to investigate the fly before deciding it looks like a good meal.

If flies that float aren't working for you tie on the always reliable Woolly Bugger. After fishing dry flies with no success, my Friday fly fishing partner, Kim, and I found a spot on a small lake that was home to the "mother lode" of pan fish. The only fly they would eat was a Woolly Bugger. What fun!

Fall is such a great time. It's quiet, it's cooler, and the fish are hungry. Seems to me it's everything that fly fishing is all about.



Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 08/27/24



SEPTEMBER 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.

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

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- Questions on your bill? Need help setting up your online payments? Call us.
- Monthly Shut-offs are the first Wednesday of each month:
Sept. 4th / Oct. 2nd / Nov. 6th

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

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Events at the Ignacio Community Library

BLOOD DRIVE – Thursday, Sept. 12 from 12 – 3:30 p.m. To make an appointment contact Dorothy at 970-563-9287, Vitalant at 1-877-258-4825, or visit our website, ignaciolibrary.org on the calendar page!

SILLY SCIENCE – Thursday, September 12 at 4:30 p.m. Come to the library for some fun science experiments! Our main experiment will be to see whose bridge can bear the most weight! Call 970-563-9287 to RSVP.

INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE THE MOON NIGHT – Saturday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Join us for an exciting event featuring public telescope viewings and engaging informational activities and crafts!

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- Sennett officer
- Race or car
- Hang fire
- Adored orphan
- Aussie aviators
- Explorer of the Colorado
- Singular start
- MD's assistant
- USSF navigation system
- Princess kidnapped by Zeus
- Consumer's concern
- Nixon's VP
- "A good walk spoiled" (Mark Twain)
- Bovine fly swatter
- Vail foot fixture
- One on the other side
- Struggle
- Casablanca producer Hal ---
- Home on the range?
- Founding Father and pamphleteer
- Whiffenpoof refrain
- Cold desserts
- Given Sunday" (Al Pacino film)

Down

- Sandra's "Speed" costar
- Sign outside a studio
- Suffix for many a shareable computer file
- Informed about
- LA-to-Bakersfield direction
- Tom Waits's "San --- Serenade"
- Kennel clamor
- "--- and I" (GW Curtis book)
- Sauk chief who led his tribe to Kansas
- "Saving Private Ryan" craft
- Bottled gas
- Chucklehead
- 5% of 1 ton
- Extension on program files
- Pro SF basketballers
- Shorter giraffe relative
- Symbol of spring
- Kind of influenza
- Kumeyaay group
- Hilo neckwear
- Skin-diving gear
- Fairy tale
- "More info later"

Answers will appear in the September 20 issue of the Drum.

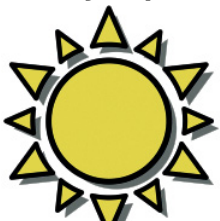
Answers for August 23, 2024 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Misc, 5 Caddo, 10 Iswa, 11 Onions, 13 Club, 14 Niggle, 15 Semites, 17 Gat, 18 Nos, 19 Ain't, 20 Taper, 23 Credo, 24 Edit, 25 WIA, 26 Tie, 27 Soaping, 31 Odd lot, 33 A man, 34 Narita, 35 Hasp, 36 Salon, 37 Opts.

Down: 1 Mics, 2 Isle, 3 Swum, 4 Cabinet, 5 Cones, 6 Anis, 7 Dig, 8 Doggie, 9 On land, 12 Set-to, 16 Tor, 19 Arapaho, 20 Teton, 21 Adidas, 22 Piedra, 23 CIA, 25 Wotan, 27 Soto, 28 IMAP, 29 Nast, 30 GNPs, 32 Li'l.

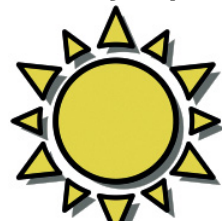
LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Sept. 6



Sunny 81°F
Calm afternoon winds

Saturday, Sept. 7



Sunny 82°F

Sunday, Sept. 8



Sunny 83°F

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



Sept. 2

Sept. 11

Sept. 17

Sept. 24

Oct. 2