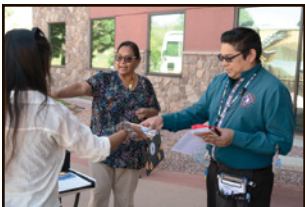


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A very large airtankers (VLATs), delivers fire retardant to the Rim Road Fire aiding in the suppression of the fire, during the summer 2025.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Southern Ute Tribe initiates
Stage II Fire Restrictions

By Summer Begay
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL
COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Due to the continued drought and extremely dry fuel conditions, Stage II fire restrictions will be implemented for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Everyone on reservation land is asked to be very cautious and use common sense with fire this time of year.

Stage II Fire Restrictions prohibits acts for the general public, commercial operators and industrial oil and gas operators performing work on the Southern Ute Reservation. The following acts are prohibited for the general public on reservation lands:

STAGE I

General Public Prohibited Acts:

- 1. OPEN BURNING.** Burning of trash and/or yard waste is prohibited.
- 2. AGRICULTURAL BURNING.** Burning of crop land, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning are prohibited.
- 3. CAMPFIRES.** Building, maintaining or using a warming fire or campfire outside of officially designated or developed camp sites is prohibited. Charcoal broilers and wood and coal stoves

used outside of dwellings are classified as campfires and prohibited. Fires for ceremonial sweats are allowed upon notification of the local fire authority and/or BIA Fire office and approval from them.

- 4. FIREWORKS.** Possession, discharging or use of any type or fireworks is prohibited.
- 5. SMOKING.** Smoking is restricted to designated areas, within structures or within vehicles equipped with ashtrays.
- 6. OPERATING EQUIPMENT.** Operating or using any internal combustion engine (chainsaws, generators, etc) without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.

STAGE II Commercial Operators (logging, thinning, firewood gathering, etc.):

- All Prohibited Acts included for Stage I.
- All field personnel shall carry local emergency dispatch phone numbers

with them at all times. All fires must be reported to local emergency dispatch immediately.

- “Hoot-Owl” is in effect. Operating or using any internal combustion engine between the hours of 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM local time is prohibited.
- Motorized vehicle travel off developed roads is prohibited during the same “Hoot-Owl” period.
- A patrol is required for a period of two hours after cessation of activities. The patrol is responsible for watching for emerging fires, reporting fires and initiating initial suppression.
- Industrial restrictions can be obtained from the BIA Fire Office at 575 County Road 517.
- Anyone violating the provisions of this fire ban may be subject to prosecution outlined in the Southern Ute Indian Criminal Code.

The Restrictions will become effective at 0600 on June 19, and will remain until conditions improve.

TO REPORT FIRES CONTACT

- DURANGO ZONE DISPATCH:** 970-385-1324

For more information or to report
Fire Restriction Violations contact:

- BIA FIRE MANAGEMENT:** 970-563-4571 or
- SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPT:** 970-563-4401



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southwest Conservation Corps crew, work to replace large stones to create a safer walking path on the steep switchbacks of the Bear Trail located behind the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. The crew, made up of local Native youth, renovated this area of the path for multiple days during their visit and also removed invasive plant species.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Local Native youth aid in
Bear Trail repairs

EPD collabs with the Southwest Conservation Corps

By Divine Windy Boy
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC), a non-profit organization, visited the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 16, to remove invasive weeds and plants from the Pine River Trail while also making repairs to the switchbacks on the Bear Trail. Working in collaboration with the Environmental Programs Department (EPD), the group of local Native youth from the Four Corners area worked for five days to repair the paths – SCC operates conservation service programs across Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico that engage youth, young adults, and veterans on public lands.

SCC and staff from the Four Corners area traveled to Ignacio, Colo., to aid in clearing parts of the Pine River Trail and renovating the switchbacks on the Bear Trail located behind the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. For five days, the youth group worked to remove invasive plant species, extract



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

In collaboration with Environmental Programs Department, a Native youth group from the Southwest Conservation Corps visited the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for a five day working trip to aid the tribe in a trail cleaning project. The crew focused on renovating the Bear Trail switchbacks but also worked to remove invasive plants from the Pine River trail as well, creating a safer walking environment for the community who utilize these paths daily.

weeds, and configured a water drainage system to prevent any future erosion of the Bear Trail.

The SCC is a program of Conservation Legacy that was founded in 1998 to continue legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's. The SCC provides youth, young adults, and veterans with structured, safe, challenging service, and educational opportunities through projects that promote personal growth, the development of social

skills, and an ethic of natural resource stewardship.

The group who spent time on the Southern Ute reservation was compiled of local Native high school students representing the Diné (Navajo) and Ute Mountain Ute nations. Through SCC, the students serve their communities and surrounding areas while earning a wage for 32-40 hours worked per week. There are two work sessions that span throughout the summer season.

“My Southern Ute Journey”



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Author, Pearl E. Casias, holds a copy of her memoir titled “Red Woman; My Southern Ute Journey From Poverty to Wall Street” following her author event hosted by the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum and Marias Bookshop. Casias shared many stories of her childhood into her adult career success and challenges, the event saw a large crowd in support of Casias.

See more Casias photo coverage on page 11.

VOTE



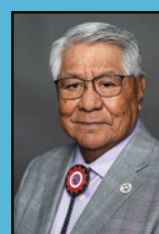
FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

SOUTHERN UTE SPECIAL ELECTION

FOR (1) SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN SEAT



Adam Red



Byron Frost



Corliss Taylor



Renee Cloud



Christine Sage

The 2026 Special Election will be held at 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO.
7 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2026

Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext.
2305/2305/2728/2729/2730.



Tribal Depts. showcase services



photos Amy Barry/Tribal Information Services

Several Southern Ute Permanent Fund Divisions teamed up to host their annual Open House Event on June 11, 2026, at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. Southern Ute GIS Division Head, Shelly Riddle, enlightens tribal colleagues on the new version of the interactive GIS Mapping Website. The mapping tool is a public tool that allows limited access to the general community on regional county and tribal reservation lands. Some of the departments who participated were the Natural Resources Department, Tribal Housing, Economic Development, and Tribal Credit.



Southern Ute tribal elder member and Tribal Credit Committee member, Rudley Weaver, took time to break bread with Lands Specialist, Tammie Begay and Southern Ute tribal member, Kaylynn Weaver during lunch provided by Mi Hito's Catering



Southern Ute tribal member, Katrina Baker, shares conversation with Lands Division Head, Seana Luzar, and Lands Technician, Raymond Valdez on potential land development opportunities.

Many Moons Ago



Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Tribal elder Pearl Casias met with Tom Givon, writer of the Ute Dictionary at the Ignacio Community Library to discuss the development process of the textbooks, while providing insight on how the Ute language is spoken. Casias opened the discussion with an opening prayer while Givon pointed out the various dialects in the Ute language. The dictionary features approximately 3,000 Ute words and can be purchased online from John Benjamin's Publishing Company. Commercial release is yet to be determined.

This photo was published in the June 24, 2016, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



Blenda Ortiz/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

"Music For the Americas," featuring many artists including Shawn Michael Perry and Only the Brave, pictured here with our Rolling Thunder Boyz. The Rolling Thunder Boyz performed the opening songs for the free concert at the Hastings Entertainment store in Farmington, NM on June 18, 2006 "Father's Day." (Pictured left to right) John Chavarillo, Alyas Maez, Darius Smith, Brandon Silva, Anothony "Ace" Ortiz, Shawn Michael Perry, Keaton Naranjo, Diamond Morgan, Nalanie Thompson, and Samantha Maez. Also performing were Skylar Wolf, T.A.S.K., and INCIDE.

This photo was published in the June 23, 2006, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Vice Chairman Vida Peabody checks out the cockpit of Boeing Vertol 107 helicopter. This baby is the big one, with two rotors and capable of lifting 1000 gallons of water at a time.

This photo was published in the June 21, 1996, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Centennial Parade Ute horse rider – Charlie Knight, a Ute Mountain Ute elder, stole the show with his Ute Indian attire and appaloosa horse.

This photo was published in the June 27, 1986, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



2026 Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Special Election

Notice – Vote for One (1)

☐ Carolyn Kay

☐ Melvin J. Baker

☐ Adam Red

☐ Carlos M. Taylor

☐ Ryan Frost

One (1) Chairman Seat

Resigned: Melvin J. Baker

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2026 Special Election according to the Constitution, Election Code, and Resolution No. 2026-095.

Special Election: Friday, July 10, 2026, from 7 AM to 7 PM

New Voter Registration: Wednesday, July 01, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Absentee Ballot Request: Wednesday, July 01, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Emergency Ballot Request: Thursday, July 09, 2026, at 5:00 PM

The 2026 Special 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 call 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303 or email election@southernute-nsn.gov

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AntoineX | 9:30PM–10:30PM

JULY 4

2PM–1AM

George Strait Tribute Band | 8PM–9:30PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION KATIE BEGAY 970-564-6128

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I am fishing.

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hook



104th Southern Ute Tribal Fair Logo and Theme
"Coming Together"



The 104th Southern Ute Tribal Fair Logo and Theme "Coming Together" was designed by Southern Ute tribal member, Tanisha Figueroa. Thank you to all the artists who entered the contest.

As a reminder, the Southern Ute Tribal Fair will be held September 11-13, 2026, and the Tribal Rodeo will be held September 18-19, 2026.

Tribal membership can expect the Tribal Fair Premium Book to be mailed out the first week of August. Please reach out to Special Events Coordinator, Eugene Bereza at 970-563-2307 for questions and volunteer opportunities.



ED 290
UTE PHONOLOGY
WITH DR. STACEY OBERLY

Ever wonder why Ute writing looks so scary. Or why some speakers say things differently than other speakers. Or what all those weird symbols are in the Ute dictionary.

Come learn all about the Ute sounds via fun language puzzles, immersion activities, and games! *Stipends available for So. Ute Tribal Members.*

DATES
June 5-6
June 19-20
June 26-27
July 10-11

TIMES
Fridays 5:15-8:15
Sat. 8:30-4:30

LOCATION
Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum Library
503 Ouray Drive
Ignacio CO 81137

REGISTER HERE



CONTACT
Dr. Stacey Oberly
970-563-2986



UTE LANGUAGE MATERIALS

The Cultural Preservation Department would like to remind folks of our Ute language learning materials.

PHYSICAL ITEMS:

- Books, posters, household labels, cards, coloring books, & Dictionaries (Tribal Members only) are available at the Cultural Preservation Department office

DIGITAL ITEMS, SCAN THE QR CODES BELOW:

- To be directed to our Vimeo showcase which features audio for all the learning materials created
- To be directed to our Instagram account
- To be directed to other learning materials (online resources)

VIMEO



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For questions/further information, contact 970-563-2985





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Rachael Shockley/SU Behavioral Health
Patio space in the Healing Garden at the ELHI Community Center, Ignacio, Colo.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Coming together at the Community Garden in ELHI for our health

By Rachel Shockley
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Loneliness has reached an all-time high. In response, the federal government is tracking loneliness and its devastating impact on human health. Long story short, it is very, very bad for our health to be alone too much of the time, and to be lonely.

Despite these grave consequences, we as a people, are spending more time alone. Time alone is up due to our more solitary modern jobs, more people moving due to work, and less need for group efforts. When was the last time you were invited to a community barn-raising?

The recommended minimum amount of time interacting with people, according to Gallup, is three hours per day. Routine social interactions are better than random social interactions.

You don't have to worry about overdoing it. People can expect to see increasing health and wellness benefits when they are social up to 60% percent of their waking hours. For most people, that is about 10 hours per day.

But people nowadays are not socializing even three hours per day. And they feel sad, get sick more often, say their lives lack meaning and purpose, and do not have enough help with everyday tasks or major setbacks.

Ignacio and the people who live here have many advantages in tackling the loneliness epidemic. They often have family and friends nearby who can mutually support one another. There are several safe and welcoming public spaces and businesses where people can gather, play, and work together. There are many ways people can practice their Native American culture and traditions, alone and with others. There are multiple ways for people to participate in decision making and impact local government.

Despite these and other strengths, many people liv-



Rachael Shockley/SU Behavioral Health
Plant in the Healing Garden at the ELHI, Ignacio, Colo.

ing here say they feel lonely and disconnected. Southern Ute Behavioral Health, in association with SASO, is offering a small community gardening morning group. A place where local's can lend a hand, meet your neighbor, and build systems to support you in everyday life and in emergencies. There's nothing special about our group. You can easily meet your neighbor and create a mutual support system for yourself by reaching out and introducing yourself today. But if you want a little help, or want to build your community even more, we would like you to join us in tending to the community garden in ELHI, at 115 Ute St., Ignacio, CO 81137. We plan to meet Mondays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. if there is enough participation.

Ease into the week by helping the community grow. Coffee and water provided. Please bring gloves. For more information, please contact Behavioral Health 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.

HEALTHY RECIPES

A festive fourth of July red, white and blue salad

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

Serve this nutrient packed salad for your 4th of July celebration! A combination of greens, fruit, nuts and healthy fats provide an array of nutrients to help complete your meal. This festive salad is not only delicious but colorful, too!

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



courtesy whitestorm/AdobeStock

Red, White and Blueberry Salad

Ingredients:

- 4 cups mixed greens (spinach, kale, endive, escarole, etc.)
- ¼ wedge chopped purple cabbage
- ½ cup sliced strawberries
- ½ cup blueberries
- ¼ cup feta cheese
- 1/3 cup pinion nuts
- *Balsamic vinaigrette (see below)

Place all ingredients in a large bowl and toss with dressing to combine. Serve immediately.

*Directions for Balsamic Vinaigrette

1. ½ cup olive oil
2. 3 T balsamic vinegar
3. 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
4. 1 tablespoon honey
5. 2 cloves garlic
6. Salt and pepper to taste
7. Pinch of herbs such as basil, oregano or thyme (optional)

Place all ingredients in a container with lid and shake vigorously to combine. Keep refrigerated.

Men's Health Matters



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Lisa Smith, a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist with the Southern Ute Shining Mountain Health and Wellness, speaks with Ryan Clegg of Nunn Construction about the first aid kits Shining Mountain Health and Wellness were giving away to the men who stopped by at the Sky Ute Casino Resort parking lot on Tuesday, June 16 at the Mobile Clinic Education Event to bring awareness to Men's Health Month.

Shaw Marie Tso of Shining Mountain Health and Wellness and Breanna Henderson of Southern Ute Behavioral Health give a cold compress to Justis Herrera, an employee at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Snacks and wellness items were also made available to the men interested in learning about the Tribal Health Department services and tour the Southern Ute Mobile Clinic Van.



Multi-Purpose Facility
Shining Mountain Health & Wellness
Youth Cooking
With Lisa Smith



Tuesday June 30, 2026
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Youth will learn to cook a healthy lunch,
and there will be sewing & crafts for adults.

Call 970-563-2640 to sign-up.

Relax with 988 Colorado Radio

Relax with some soothing music from 988 Colorado Radio, by the 988 Colorado Mental Health Line. If you or someone you know needs a little extra support or is struggling with an emotional, mental health, or substance use concern, the 988 Colorado Mental Health Line is available for free, immediate, human support 24/7. Call/text 988 or live chat at 988Colorado.com. We're here to listen.

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IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

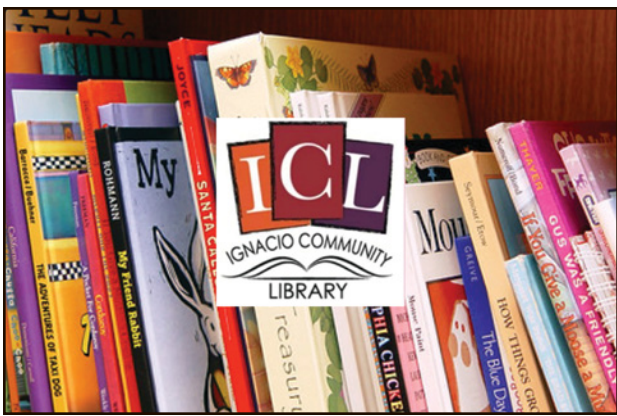
July programs at the library

By Cheyenne Munns
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We hope you're having an amazing summer so far! We're excited to share some fun programs this month that we think you'll love. Join us to kick off July on Wednesday, July 1, at 4:30 p.m. for an all-ages program, Make Your Own class, where you can whip up some delicious non-alcoholic drinks at the library!

Then, don't miss out on the Idea Lab on Wednesday, July 15, at either 2:30 or 5 p.m. This time, we're focusing on creating beautiful wooden bookmarks in our Glowforge class. No prior experience needed, and everyone is welcome! (Just a heads up: kids under 9 yrs., will need a little supervision.)

We've also got some exciting virtual reality (VR) fun planned for July! If you're curious about VR or already a fan, come join us every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. for Beat Saber, a super fun VR exercise game. Or if you prefer something more laid-



back, take a virtual tour with us as we explore local spots and enjoy some tasty local food. We're celebrating Colorado's 150th birthday and the nation's 250 years of independence! Don't forget to sign up in advance by calling 970-563-9287 for the Virtual Reality Travel program.

Our monthly programs are also here to inspire and engage you. Start your week with our Sewing Workshop on Mondays, then enjoy Storytime, Open Art Studio, and Electronics Hours on Tuesdays. Join our Knitters Group on Thursdays and start your Fridays off right with Community Coffee and Donuts.

Plus, if you're looking to explore new ideas, check out our IdeaLab Classes on Fridays and Saturdays. For all the details, visit ignacioblibrary.org!

And don't miss our other monthly highlights! We have a Grief Support Group led by Sara Barnes, LPC, from Hospice of Mercy, meeting every first Tuesday at 3 p.m. when you need a little support. Also, our Free Legal Clinic Program offers you free 20-minute consultations with local attorneys every third Tuesday. Just give us a call at 970-563-9287 to book your appointment.

We can't wait to see you at the library!

SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION

Filmmaking workshop students feature film festival showings

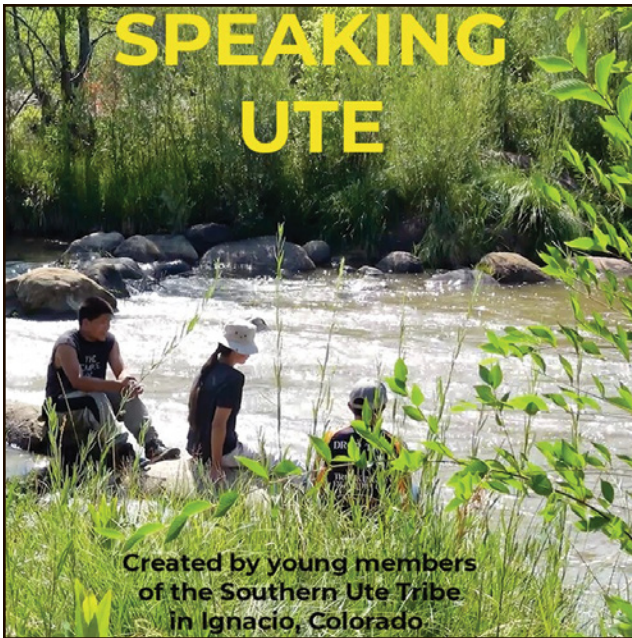
Tribal Student produced film makes it to film festivals!

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION

Southern Ute Education's Filmmaking Workshop students' film "Speaking Ute" will be featured at the Native Spirit Festival 2026. Screening will take place October to November 2026 in London/UK. Available online December 2026.

The film "Speaking Ute" has been featured previously at the Native Lens Showcase at the Durango Independent Film Festival on March 7, 2026, the Nyack International Film Festival March 22-28, 2026, and the 2026 Tonkawa Film Festival on April 24-25, 2026.

The film was written and produced by four Ignacio High School Native American Students during the Summer of 2025 through the Filmmaking Workshop hosted by the Southern Ute Education Department and Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council.



The Southern Ute Education Department and Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council encourage Southern Ute Tribal Membership, Tribal Leadership, and the community to support the filmmakers in their production. The Southern Ute Education Department and Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the students for their hard work, dedication, and time making this film possible.

For questions please contact Southern Ute Education Department 970-563-0237 ShaRay Rock srrock@southernute-nsn.gov or Dustin Weaver dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov

Camp Creative is BACK!

10am-3pm
June 8th - 12th
July 7th - 10th
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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Registration

SUIMA is accepting new and re-enrolling student registration forms for the 2026-2027 school year.

Please go to SUIMA's website at: www.suima.org
Click on the "Parents" Tab
Fill out the registration/enrollment packet and submit!

If you have any questions please call 970-563-0233

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

DEGREE PROGRAMS

- ASSOCIATE
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Available to Southern Ute Tribal Members

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CONTACT

Michael Kirsch | 970-563-2783
mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov

Designed by Summer Begay

FILM WORKSHOP

For Southern Ute High School Students

Looking for 10 Southern Ute High School students grades 9- 12
Two Week Camp! July 13-July 21, 2026

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

Please Contact:
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srrock@southernute-nsn.gov
970.563.2794
Dustin Weaver
dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov
970.563.2786

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council presents the

Jimmy Newton Jr. Youth Leadership Conference

- › Open to all community students ages 11-17
- › Contact Dustin for registration packet
- › Conference will be at Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

JULY 2026
28th

TIME
Starts at 8am

For Questions Contact
Dustin L. Weaver

970-563-2786
 dweaver@southernute-nsn.gov

Jimmy Newton Jr. Youth Leadership Conference

- › Workshops
- › Guest Speaker: Jake Danielson
- › Light Breakfast and Lunch will be provided

Jake Danielson

- › Jake Danielson is a TEDx and professional speaker. He equips communities with the We Can Do Anything framework to foster positive, lasting cultural change.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe: Special Election

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Adam Red

Greetings Tribal Membership,
My name is Adam Red, and I am running for Chairman in the 2026 Special Election. I believe effective leadership begins with listening, making informed decisions, and remaining accountable to the people we serve. The Chairman and Tribal Council are elected by, report to, and should be held accountable to the Membership.



Adam Red
Candidate for Chairman
Special Election

Why did I decide to run for Chairman?

I have worked for more than 30 years with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. My experience includes Permanent Fund (Wildlife and Tribal Rangers), Growth Fund (Department of Energy), Tribal Council Member, and Internal Audit. My career has given me a unique understanding of the operations and functions of the tribal organization. My current work with Internal Audit has given me an opportunity to work on improving the governance, policy, and operations within all entities of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I want to ensure the continued operation of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with as little disruption as possible. My experience will allow me to step into the role quickly and maintain stability during the transition. Although the remaining term is limited, meaningful

progress can still be made. Governance is the framework that determines who makes decisions, how decisions are made, and who is accountable for the results. One of my priorities would be to strengthen the foundation of our tribal government, beginning with the Executive Office. The Constitution of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe provides the Chairman with responsibility for appointing and directing executive department personnel, subject to constitutional and council-established requirements. This responsibility highlights the importance of strong leadership and accountability within the Executive Office. I have researched different governmental structures and practices that may help improve the effectiveness of our tribal government while maintaining accountability

ty to Membership. Currently, I do not have any specific individuals in mind for Executive Officer positions. My focus is on ensuring the structure, leadership, and processes are in place to support effective governance. During the remainder of the term, I would focus on:

- Strengthening governance and accountability
- Improving communication and transparency with Membership
- Maintaining organizational stability and continuity
- Promoting efficient and responsible management of tribal resources
- Preparing tribal government for long-term success

My entire career has been dedicated to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and our people. I have always listened to Membership without judgement. If you come to me with a question and I don't have an answer for you, I will help you find that answer. I am open and objective with my decision making.

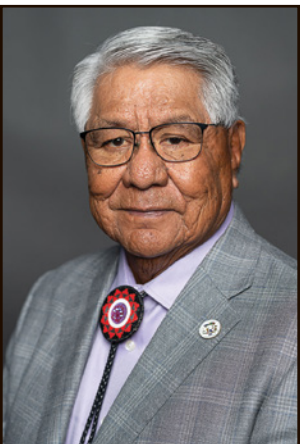
I respectfully ask for your support in the 2026 Special Election. Together, we can continue building a strong, accountable, and effective tribal government that serves Membership today and for future generations

Respectfully,
Adam Red

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Byron Frost

Mique Pino Nuche
Tribal Sovereignty: The inherent right and authority for tribes to govern themselves this includes our traditional and cultural way of life.
My name is Byron Frost, my parents are Jack Frost (egap) and Annetta Frost (egap), my wife is Etta Frost, and I have two sons, Brian Frost and Aaron Frost (egap) and one daughter Deanna Frost (egap). I am the guardian of two grandsons, Richard Jack Joseph and Ivan Bent Joseph.



Byron Frost
Candidate for Chairman
Special Election

As we all know Chairman Baker has resigned, the Constitution of the Southern Ute Tribe Article V- Vacancies, Removal and Recall States

Section 4. Resignation. "The chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe or any member of the tribal council may, at any time, resign from the office to which he was elected by submitting a written resignation to the tribal council."

Section 5. Filling Vacancies. "Any vacancy in the membership of the tribal council, resulting from any cause, shall be filled:"

- (a) By a tribal member who meets the qualifications for that office, appointed by the chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and confirmed by a vote of not less than four (4) council members if the term of the vacant office is due to expire within six (6) months following the date upon which it becomes vacant; or
- (b) At a special election to be called and held at the direction of the tribal council within sixty (60) days following the date upon which it becomes vacant if the term of the vacant office has longer than six (6) months to run. Procedures and regulations to govern such special election shall be embodied in the election ordinance.

Because of the chairman's resignation I have decided to run for the vacant chairman position. I

have considerable experience and knowledge with the tribal and federal government policies and procedures that governs the structure of our tribal government. Today our tribal codes are being revised and I feel more communication with the tribal members is very important as the revision of the codes will certainly affect how we get approved for use of our natural resources, housing, hunting, farming etc.

I offer no big changes as the tenure of being a chairman is only for four months. I do think reviewing the administration new employee's management is a must especially upper management employees, guiding them in our cultural and tradition can help them better serve our membership. Both the tribal government and casino upper management have experience big turn overs. Our casino's goal should be to produce revenue and have a strategy to meet that objective. It is my duty if elected chairman to review the vision of the Casino Manager and see what innovative changes he has in mind to meet the revenue objective. I also believe service from the tribal administration needs to be reviewed and communicated to the employees as a reminder "service to the tribal membership is important."

Tribal administration must be cognizant that we also have tribal membership that live off the reservation and all services and that we receive on the reservation should be offered to them also. We have tribal members that haven't move up the ladder in their employment field, practical experience is just as good as having a degree, especially

in the tribal administration side. If elected chairman I will review the job description for some position.

My background: I have my education in Civil Engineering, college credits in Business degree through University of Phoenix, Math credits through Grays Harbor Community College. I was employed with the Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs for approximately 20 years as the Supervisor of the Roads Engineering Department, I was employed as the Lands Division Head, Department of Natural Resources Southern Ute Department. I purchase properties for the Land Consolidation program with a multi-million budget. I review all tribal and allotment boundaries within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Tribe to make sure there were no encroachment from fee landowners. I reviewed all projects to make sure they are in NEPA compliance on federal lands. I am the Chairman of the Elders Committee, Chairman of the Gaming Commission, Chairman of the Native American Parent Advisory Committee for the Ignacio School District, I own my business which gives me the insight of analyzing the business ventures of the Growth Fund. On the cultural and traditional side, I have been the Sun Dance Chief for our tribe for 15 years and maintain our spiritual belief in our ceremonies. I am also a rancher and take of my ranch and cattle and horses.

I possess a deep appreciation for the culture and tradition, and values of the Southern Ute Tribe and recognize the importance of preserving the tribal sovereignty, promoting economic development, and ensuring long term success and vision of the tribal government and tribal members. I assure you that I will make decisions that will benefit all tribal members and tribal resources.

- **When:** Election date July, 10, 2026,
- **Where:** 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, Colo.

Thank you, Pino Nuche,
I ask for your vote on July 10, 2026.
Byron Frost



Tribal Office Closure

Friday, July 3, 2026
In observance of Independence Day



Save the Date

2026

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Inauguration Ceremony

CHAIRMAN

Monday, July 13, 2026 at 9:30 AM
Tribal Council Chambers
356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137

Additional details are forthcoming, following the results from the Special Election
For more information, contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2313

VOTE CHRISTINE SAGE

FOR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

I WON'T GIVE UP ON THE MEMBERSHIP. VOICING CONCERNS AND ISSUES APPROPRIATELY WITH THE EXPERIENCE I HAVE.

WWW.REALLYGREATSITE.COM



for Southern Ute Tribal Chairman

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Corliss Taylor

Maykh (Hello)
My name is Corliss May Taylor, and I am a candidate for Southern Ute Chairman in the Special Election for the remaining five months left in former chairman Melvin Baker’s three-year term. My purpose is to continue with the quality of services and benefits to the Tribal membership. I believe in communication from and to our people. That being said, I will allow tribal members to speak freely and ask questions at our scheduled general meetings. I plan to continue to guide the Tribal Government as smoothly as possible on behalf of both the Tribal membership and the organization along with the assistance and cooperation of the remaining leadership. Most importantly I will follow the tribal constitution, oath of office, financial plan and other policies that govern the tribe with the understanding they can be amended or changed for the bene-



Corliss Taylor
Candidate for Chairman
Special Election

fit of the tribal membership. I humbly say my knowledge and experiences comes from the following:
1. I was born and raised here. My home and employment has always been on So Ute reservation.
2. I am familiar with the Tribal membership, culture, tribal organization, and the local community
3. I have approximately 34 plus years of employ-

- ment with the Veterans Administration, BIA, IHS and the Southern Ute Tribe.
- I was elected to Tribal Council in 1997-2000 and at various times served as acting chairman and for one year as treasurer.
 - After retirement in 2014, I continued to assist Southern Ute Tribe as acting Culture Director twice, and acting Museum Director once.
 - I have volunteer for 3 decades on the Southern Ute Powwow Committee, and with the help of the entire committee ensured a successful powwow each year.
 - I have also served as a member of the Royalty committee providing guidance and direction.

I am dedicated to strengthening the Tribe now and for future generations.

Tuvuch Toghoyak
Corliss May Taylor

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Renee J. Cloud

Greetings Southern Ute Members,
On July 10th, 2026, “choices will be made” to fulfill this interim position; I Renee J Cloud seek this Chairmanship. This is an opportunity for me to become a more pro-active in our Tribal Government, as I have always been vocal in our Tribal affairs during tribal meetings. My knowledge and interest of serving in this important Leadership capacity is important. Further, understanding the role of elected officials and understanding the Tribal Constitution is our “strength” to be successful.

First, I support our Tribal Cultures i.e., Bear dance & Sundance; I am a Ute/Elder and also have knowledge of our Ute History. Secondly, I support our Successful Business ventures in Energy Development and any other Business Ventures for the Benefit of the Tribe and Tribal Membership.

However, although we are successful in what we do -we still have internal issues of concerns, which I will highlight in the following.

Tribal members are unable to get employed; my review of the employment sector suggest there is “Contract Hiring” going on in several departments. Contract hiring allows outside interest to be hired with disregard to department policies and mission statements specialized work force takes the place of Tribal Members employment hiring.

(If I am elected Contract hiring stops, because it erodes our Tribal Sovereignty and then tribal members can be hired into jobs of their choice. I will also review The Tribes Employment Policy and department mission statement to see if they are in compliance with providing service for the Tribal membership).

Tribal Health. The health policy is written and difficult to understand what exactly it implies. Further, Tribal Health Policy does not reach or cover tribal members who live off the reservation due to the network system; tribal health card is not recognized or accepted for medical care;

(If I am elected, I will hire/ appoint a Tribal Member who will researched/develop a plan that will research off reservation Membership. There needs to be dialogue with members who experience lack of medical services by different Health Centers;



Renee Cloud
Candidate for Chairman
Special Election

this will be a paid positon).
Land – We have tribal lands that can be assigned upon request through submission of proper application procedures by our younger generation – they can learn how to be farmers and Ranchers. A new Land policy has been written. Have you received this? There are questions who is to enforce the restrictive land policy?

(If I am elected, I will request review of this new land code-it seems to have issues not covered within the code, and it has never been renewed by the Tribal membership. I will also request the Lands department to contact Tribal Members who have an interest in obtaining a land assignment. Also, I will request Custom Farm department review its policy so that land assignees can obtain funding to improve their land assignment cross the board and not be selective on who is assisted).

Tribal Loan – A new policy has been written. Within it states: “any non-tribal person can obtain a tribal loan despite any relationship with a tribal member. How does this sets well with you? I ask when most of us cannot get a tribal home loan due to policy changes and housing policy changes. Is this a fair business practice?

(If I am elected, I will ask that this policy be reviewed /changed that reflects needs for tribal membership only).

Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Tribal Court use Colorado Law instead of applying our Tribal Code. This erodes our Tribal Sovereignty and our Tribal Court system. The Tribe’s judicial system is under the umbrella of the Southern Tribe and Membership. We are a Sovereign Tribe we have our own Tribal Court and Tribal Codes which should only be reviewed and revised only on need basis, and it should

not be written according to Colorado Law.

(If I am elected, I will make sure the DOJ and Tribal Court follow the procedures set forth in our Tribal Code and Constitution; Tribal Council has the oversight over the Judicial System that seems to be ignored, and also stop this “runaway” re-writing our Tribal code system that is ongoing, further I will re-view all Attorney Contracts to better serve the Southern Ute Tribal membership).

Tribal Enrollment – There are people on our Tribal rolls who do not meet the required Ute blood degree likewise there are people who could qualify to be enrolled, plus other important enrollment factors

(If I am elected my plan is to “appoint and establish an Enrollment Department to research and clarify the Tribal Enrollment status. This will be a paid department and create a system to assist decedents of enrolled members to get medical care).

In conclusion these are my “key” issues and doing so I will “appoint” an Executive Officer who has my same interest to assist in establishing a government that works for the membership.

To be honest I may not be your choice; I’m running against candidates with big families with many friends within the Southern Ute Tribe. When this happens, there is the appearance of conflict of interest, and the Tribe cannot move forwards as we should in our government.

If I am elected, I do not have this problem, as I will always be fair and provide equal opportunity for our Tribal membership. At any rate I will always be interested in our Tribal Government and Operations, because we have a younger generation that depends on how we make decisions today, tomorrow and for the future to benefit all of us.

So much to be stated. If I am elected, I will do all I can with what I learned as a Tribal Employee in my work experience; as a former Tribal Councilor, and offer my educational knowledge, as well. I respectfully ask that YOU be part of the “solution” and VOTE RENEE J. CLOUD on JULY 10, 2026, together we can make needed changes.

Thank you for reading this.

Renee J. Cloud



HELP KEEP BEARS WILD. SECURE YOUR TRASH.

The Southern Ute Utilities Division currently has 77 bear-proof trash cans available for Tribal Members on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tribal Member homes without bear-resistant cans; weekly pickup service for a monthly fee or self-drop for free at the transfer station.

To request a bear-proof trash can, please call Rachel Alires at (970) 563.5500 or (970) 563.5506.



Congratulations!



The 2026 SUDEP Survey iPad Winner is Roman Seibel. Thank you to everyone that completed the survey. Your input is greatly appreciated and valued.

For questions or to learn about any of our programs please contact us at: 970-563-5555 or visit our website at: www.southernute-nsn.gov/sudep



Like these shows, but real

The Colorado legislature's Youth Advisory Council for teens ages 14-19 has **dedicated seats for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.** Travel funding is available!

Events include:
– July 9 orientation on Zoom
– Aug. 29-30 Retreat in Denver
– March 1 Day @ Capitol, Denver
– Monthly virtual meetings

To apply, email director@coyac.org by July 5



coyac.org/apply





PUBLIC HEALTH

Camp Abilities Four Corners is holding their first-ever Family Golf Clinic

Staff report

CAMP ABILITIES FOUR CORNERS

Picture yourself as a parent of a child who is blind or visually impaired. Your child is told to sit out physical education activities for “safety reasons.” But you know your child needs the physical activity and social interaction of sports and recreation, just as much as their sighted peers. You know you would do anything you could to help your child have these opportunities.

On August 29-30, Camp Abilities Four Corners is giving those parents that chance! They are holding their first-ever Family Golf Clinic in Farmington, New Mexico. This is a two-day event meant to bring together children with blindness/visual impairment, their parents and one sibling, and Camp Abilities Four Corners staff to provide fun activities, like golf, foot golf, swimming and bowling. Thanks to a generous grant from Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation, costs of housing and food for this event will be covered by the Camp.

If you know of a child with



courtesy Camp Abilities Four Corners

Golf at Camp Abilities Four Corners in 2025, led by Coach Kathryn, is more than a favorite pastime – it’s an intentional platform for strengthening key ECC areas. Athletes with visual impairments develop spatial awareness, fine motor coordination, and self-determination through tactile and verbal instruction. The sport also promotes social interaction and recreation/leisure skills, encouraging teamwork, patience, and perseverance in an inclusive outdoor setting.

blindness/visual impairment aged 9-17, please contact Camp president Vicki at campabilitiesfourcorners@gmail.com or call her at 970-946-2965. They would love to include all eligible children in the Four Corners area for this

unique opportunity to get to know Camp personnel, spend time with other families with similar issues, and see how the Camp works in real time. Let’s give ALL children the opportunity to experience the joy of sports!

HR offers public speaking class



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Human Resources, Michelle Wagner, Training & Development Coordinator instructed a class of about 20 participants public speaking by offers tips about preparation and delivery. The importance of conveying your purpose through a "Preparation Model" outlining, Audience, Outline, Review and Practice. Wagner spoke about making your message relatable through storytelling.

Public Speaking Skills trainer, Michelle Wagner, Training & Development Coordinator for the Southern Ute Human Resources Dept. speaks of what works for her when speaking in public, and how important is "knowing your audience" and offering engagement tips, utilizing humor, asking questions, checking-in and acknowledging your audience.



IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

July Day Camps
Ignacio Youth Services

JULY

Unity Youth Conference
Southern Ute Education Dept.

JULY

Jimmy Newton Youth Leadership
Southern Ute Tribe

JULY 1 - JULY 31

Summer School
Ignacio Early Learning Program

ALL SUMMER

JUNE & JULY

Boys & Girls Club
Team Up
IHS/IMS Sport Camps

FREE summer club for kids

TURNED AROUND finding hope in an upside-down world

#1 Where: Pagosa Bible Church
209 Herman Park Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
When: 6/23-6/25 (Tuesday-Thursday)
9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.
Have Questions? Connie Porter, 303-901-5290
For all kids ages 3-12 years old

#2 Where: Pagosa Vista Estates
308 Bonanza Avenue
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
When: 6/23-6/25 (Tuesday-Thursday)
1:30p.m.-3:30p.m.
Have Questions? Connie Porter, 303-901-5290
For all kids ages 5-12 years old

#3 Where: Zieske Residence
8849 CR 510
Bayfield, CO 81122
When: 6/23-6/25 (Tuesday-Thursday)
10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
Have Questions? Teresa Bagdol, 970-779-8133
For all kids ages 5-12 years old

#4 Where: Mesa Trails
Cowboy Church
281 W. Menefee St.
Mancos, CO 81328
When: 6/23-6/25 (Tuesday-Thursday)
2:00p.m.-4:00p.m.
Have Questions? Teresa Bagdol, 970-779-8133
For all kids ages 5-12 years old

#5 Where: Ignacio First Baptist Church
305 Browning Avenue
Ignacio, CO 81137
When: 6/30-7/2 (Tuesday-Thursday)
10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
Have Questions? Teresa Bagdol, 970-779-8133
For all kids ages 5-12 years old

#6 Where: Pine River Library
395 Bayfield Center Dr.
Bayfield, CO 81122
When: 6/30-7/2 (Tuesday-Thursday)
10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
Have Questions? Teresa Bagdol, 970-779-8133
For all kids ages 5-12 years old

#7 Where: Bayfield First Baptist Church
1680 Bayfield Pkwy.
Bayfield, CO 81122
When: 6/30-7/2 (Tuesday-Thursday)
2:00p.m.-4:00p.m.
Have Questions? Teresa Bagdol, 970-779-8133
For all kids ages 5-12 years old

BIA UTE MOUNTAIN UTE AGENCY

PROBATE OUTREACH EVENT

GET HELP WITH PROBATE SERVICES AND MORE!

WHEN:

JULY 14TH

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
1:00 PM – 5:30 PM

JULY 15TH

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
1:00 PM – 5:30 PM

JULY 16TH

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

WHERE:

UTE MOUNTAIN CASINO

3 Weeminuche Drive, Towaoc, CO 81334

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Ute Mountain Ute Agency
1346 Spruce Street, Towaoc, Colorado 81334
Main Agency Phone Number: (970) 564-6900
Branch of Probate: (970) 564-6911 ext. 232 (Lorraine)
Branch of Real Estate Services: (970) 564-6919 ext. 304

PROGRAMS AT EVENT:

PROBATE & ESTATE SERVICES

Collection or Verifying Documents for Federal Probate Process
Provide Probate Status
Assist With Probate Process

REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Gift Deed Applications
Verifying Trust Land Interests
Land Ownership Information

BUREAU OF TRUST FUNDS ADMIN. (BTFA)

IIM Account Statements
Change of Address

San Ignacio Fiesta

Join us in celebrating our 126th Annual San Ignacio Fiesta, 81st Annual Parade along with America (250 years) and Colorado (150 years)

July 25-26, 2026 Ignacio, CO

Saturday, July 25, 2026
81st Annual PARADE
10:00 a.m.
Parade Theme
CELEBRATING "Freedom, Adventure & Faith"
✓LINE UP AND REGISTRATION begins at 9:00 a.m. at IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL
✓REGISTER THE DAY OF THE PARADE OR VISIT www.stignatiuschurchignacio.com
✓No registration fee, Multiple categories and Cash Prizes!
Join us for Music by "Big O Production" Before and during the parade by Judge's booth - Ignacio Community Library.
FIESTA DANCE
Featuring: Abel Lucero from NM
At Sky Ute Fairgrounds
Saturday, July 25th from 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Sponsored by Tom & Connie Atencio
For tickets or info call (970)-442-1553
PLEASE CALL (970)563-4241 OR (970)749-6830 FOR INFO OR RAFFLE TICKETS OR VISIT SanIgnacioFiesta.com

Sunday, July 26, 2026
ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH FESTIVITIES
15449 HWY 172, Ignacio, CO
FIESTA SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 A.M.
LUNCH – at approximately 11:30 a.m.
~DONATIONS APPRECIATED~
After Mass, join us for
MUSIC BY "VARIETY EXPRESS"
Games, Silent & Live Auctions, & Entertainment until approx. 2 p.m.
ANNUAL RAFFLE DRAWING AT 1:00 p.m.
San Ignacio Fiesta Raffle Prizes
GRAND PRIZE I: \$500 CASH
GRAND PRIZE II: \$500 GIFT CARD
2nd Prize: \$300 Cash
3rd Prize: Gas Grill
4th Prize: YETI Roadie 24 Cooler
5th Prize: \$200 Cash
6th Prize: Handmade Quilt
7th Prize: Dewalt Workbench w/\$100 Home Depot Cd
8th Prize: Beaded Jewelry
9th Prize: Pendleton Blanket
10th Prize: Cornhole Board Set
11th Prize: Salon Gift Basket
12th Prize: Crocheted Lap Blanket
13th Prize: \$100 Taqueria Cueva Gift Card
14th Prize: Religious Item Stocking
15th Prize: Sweet Tooth Grill Gift Card
16th Prize: Summer Themed Gift Basket
TICKETS \$1 EACH/6 FOR \$5 (Need not be present to win)





68TH LITTLE BEAVER CELEBRATION

JULY 17TH 18TH AND 19TH 2026

⚡ **THEME: ROCK OF AGES WITH LITTLE BEAVER** ⚡

104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow

Sept. 11 – 13

Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo

Sept. 18 – 19

Info: Southern Ute Cultural Preservation
970-563-2307

Northern Ute Powwow, Ft. Duchesne, Utah



July 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2026

For more information contact:
Chairman- Sapianaze LaRose 436-724-8311
Vice Chairman-Alonzo Jim III 435-401-3183
Secretary- Valerie Serawop, 435-631-1557
Treasury- Iokie Perez, 435-724-8362
Vendors Coordinator- Daniel Santio, 435-823-2901
Heather Serawop, 435-401-8580
Florence D. LaRose, 435-724-8310

Ute Mountain Ute

Sun Dance

Towaoc, CO

June 26 - 29 2026



Sundance Chief – Farley Ketchum sr.

We ask that all be respectful of the spiritual ceremony which follows by some important rules:

- NO ATV'S or motorbikes
- Cameras, tapes, video recorders and cell phones are not allowed around the medicine lodge
- Women who are on their menstrual cycles will not be allowed near or around the medicine lodge
- NO loud music
- NO alcohol or drugs
- No fighting
- NO fireworks

Absolutely NO food or drinks around the sun dance lodge!!

Please observe all speed limits and traffic warning signs.
NO METAL CHAIRS in the sundance lodge

Art work by : Roland Cantsee

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe will not be liable for any accidents or thefts of any kind.
For more information please call: (970) 238-0736



UTE NATION

HONORING OF THE

WARBONNETS

DURING 4TH OF JULY

POW-WOW CELEBRATION,

FORT DUCHESNE, UTAH

HOSTED BY
JOY & JONAS GRANT BULLEHEAD, SR.

JULY 3RD, 2026 ♦ **BEFORE GRAND ENTRY**

SOUTHERN UTE SUN DANCE, TAGU WUNÍ

Ignacio, CO • July 30 - Aug. 3, 2026



Courtesy History Colorado Archive: Original painting by Ouray McCook, presented to former Sundance Chief, Eddie Box Sr.

Sun Dance Chief: Matthew J. Box • All drums and dancers are welcome!

Because of the sacred nature and solemnity of the Sun Dance, the following rules of good manners and decorum should be observed by all:

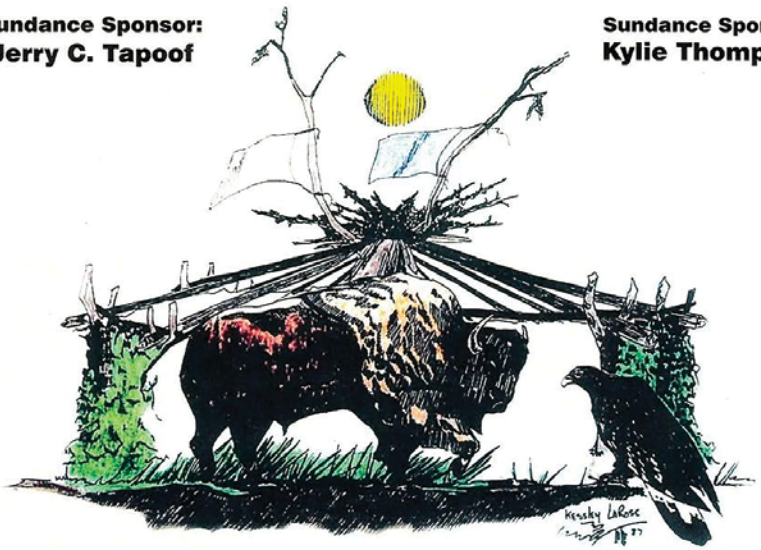
1. The entrance of the Medicine Lodge should have a clear passage at all times.
2. Children should not be allowed to play around the Medicine Lodge.
3. Women on their menstrual cycle are not permitted near the Medicine Lodge.
4. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the Sun Dance grounds.
5. Camera, video/tape recorders, food, and water are not allowed near the Medicine Lodge.
6. Metal chairs are not allowed inside the Medicine Lodge.

"Our people are the Sun Dance and the Sun Dance is the people. Together, we will greet our friend, the morning sunrise and receive Creator's love through the light, as it spills over the mountain like water. As we make our thirsty stand for healing, unity, and strength of the people."

THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, OR LOSS OF PROPERTY.
For more information contact: Sun Dance Chief, Matthew J. Box, 970-759-7038

Northern Ute Sundance

Sundance Sponsor:
Jerry C. Tapoof



Sundance Sponsor:
Kylie Thompson

July 24, 25, 26, and 27, 2026

Attention: All Sundancers be prepared to go into the medicine lodge at 5:00 p.m.

Feast: Monday, July 27, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

All Dancers, Singers, & Visitors are Welcome!

Because of the sacred nature and solemnity of the Sundance, the following rules of good manners and decorum should be observed by all:

1. The entrance of the Sundance lodge should have a passage at all times. Children should not be allowed to play around the Sun Dance lodge.
2. Women on their menstrual cycle should not be permitted near the medicine lodge, due to the sacredness of the Sundance.
3. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the Sundance grounds.
4. Cameras, video and audio recording, food, and water are not allowed in the area of the medicine lodge.
5. No chairs allowed inside the medicine lodge.
6. No CELL PHONES allowed near the medicine lodge and inside the medicine lodge.

For more info call: Jerry Tapoof: 435-823-1928 or 435-724-2843

Sponsors will not be responsible for any accidents, or loss of property.



WILDLIFE AWARENESS

Be bear aware!

Staff report
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

The Division of Wildlife and Tribal Rangers would like to share a helpful PSA and tips for avoiding black bear encounters. Let us work together to protect our kwi-yagat and community.

Be Bear Aware – Cedar Point & Ignacio Area

As summer rolls on, black bear sightings are on the rise – especially around the Cedar Point neighborhood. Even with a good natural food season, bears are still venturing into neighborhoods looking for easy meals.

Human Food = Bear Trouble: Feeding bears, even unintentionally, puts both the animals and our community at risk. Bears that get used to human food lose their natural fear of people and can become aggressive when food isn't available.

Help keep bears wild and our neighborhoods safe: Store trash in bear-proof containers or keep it inside until pickup day.

Tribal Members: If you are interested in upgrading

to a bear-proof trash poly-cart, please contact the Utilities Division at 970-563-5500 for further details:

- Bring pet food indoors at night.
- Take down bird feeders in the evening.
- Clean grills and store them inside.
- Pick ripe fruit and remove fallen fruit from the ground.

If you see a bear:

- Stay calm.
- Back away slowly - do not run.
- Avoid eye contact.
- Speak softly.
- If attacked, fight back.

Report bear activity:

- Tribal Rangers: 970-563-0133
- Wildlife Resource Management: 970-563-0130
- SUPD Dispatch: 970-563-4401



Tribe pauses with paws



photos Rosaleigh Cloud/SU Drum

On Monday, June 22, the Southern Ute Tribal campus was visited by a certified therapy dog "Heinz" and his handler, Diane, to boost morale for Southern Ute Tribal employees. Heinz has been visiting hospitals, nursing homes, and workplace offices for four years. Chairman Marvin Pinnecoose takes time to say hello to Heinz during his visit. This project was brought together with the collaboration of the Southern Ute Chairman, Marvin Pinnecoose, Executive Officer, Lindsay Box, Communication Specialist, Summer Begay, and Human Resource Benefits Manager, Veronica Lasater.



Executive Officer, Lindsay Box greets certified therapy dog Heinz during his visit to the Leonard C. Burch building.

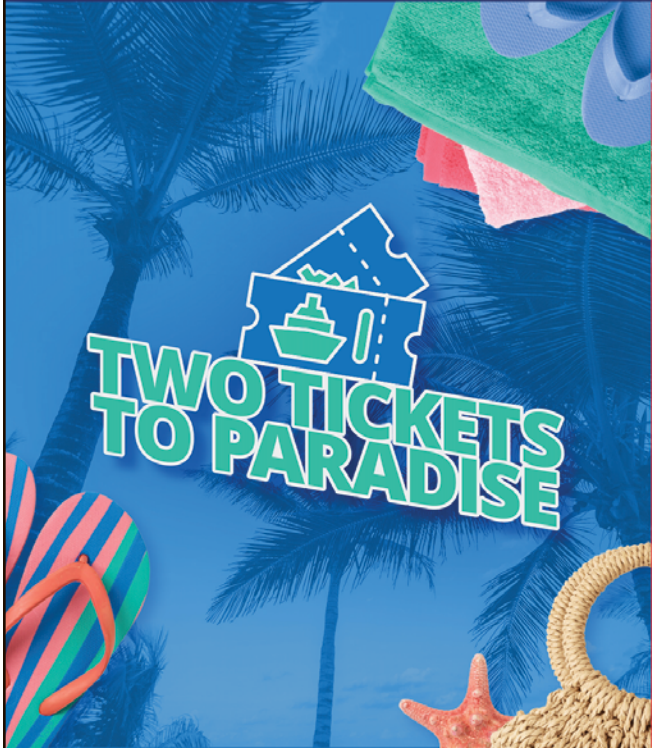


Tribal Prosecutor, Felicia Charles and the Legal Department are full of smiles while visiting with certified therapy dog Heinz.

Southern Ute Utilities Notice
Help Keep Bears Wild—Secure Your Trash

The Southern Ute Utilities Division currently has 77 bear-proof trash cans available for Tribal members on a first-come, first-served basis. These trash cans are intended for Tribal Member households that do not already have bear-resistant containers. A monthly service fee will apply for weekly pickup through Republic Services. Tribal members may also choose to empty their trash themselves at the transfer station, free of charge. How to request a trash can: Please call Rachel Alires at 970-563-5500 or 970-563-5506.

SET SAIL FOR SUMMER WINS! JULY PROMOTIONS



SAIL AWAY WITH A WIN!
WEDNESDAYS | 12PM – 9PM
Earn one entry for every 150 points earned.
GRAND PRIZE DRAWING:
JULY 29 | 9PM
Five finalists will choose from five mystery suitcases. Four contain **\$750 in prizes**. One contains a **7-day cruise for two**, winner's choice of destination, plus **\$2,000 spending money** — or take **\$5,000 cash** instead!



A SKY FULL OF PRIZES.
JULY 3 – 5 | 2PM – 9PM
Earn one entry for every 25 points earned starting at 12PM. Hourly drawings begin at 2PM. Choose from 250 stars hiding prizes including \$250 – \$1,000 in cash. Plus, one lucky winner will uncover a **\$600 Backyard Grilling Package!**



CRUISE TOWARD MORE CHANCES TO WIN!
MONDAYS | 9AM – 1PM
All entries earned are automatically doubled for the **Two Tickets to Paradise** cruise giveaway. Twice the entries. Twice the chances to win.



MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
A MESSAGE IS WAITING IN THE SAND.
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 18, & 25
4PM – 10PM
Every hour, one lucky winner will choose a mystery bottle containing up to **\$700 in cash** and an entry into the **Two Tickets to Paradise** cruise giveaway.



ONE EPIC SUMMER!
SATURDAYS | 6PM – 8PM
SEVEN RIVERS LAWN
Gather your friends, grab a spot on the lawn, and enjoy an unforgettable evening of entertainment featuring **The Jokers** on Saturday, July 11 & August 15 and **Los Mitotitos** on Saturday, August 1.



“Red Woman” a memoir by Pearl Casias



Author, Pearl Casias sold out her available copies of her memoir at the event. Later on in the evening Casias met one on one with her readers, wrote brief and heartfelt messages, and signed hard copies during the author event.



Former Ute Mountain Ute council member Priscilla Blackhawk Rentz shared her gratitude for Pearl Casias and her assistance to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in previous years.



Guests take turns asking questions and sharing kind remarks during the Q&A session at the Pearl Casias author event, diving deeper into the stories shared by Casias within the memoir. Southern Ute tribal member, Renee Tree, shared her gratitude to Casias for her leadership and impact on the community over the years.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Members of Pearl Casias' family sit in the front row of the large classroom in support of Casias and her recently published memoir. Casias' family spans generations, members of the family reminisce as Casias shares her childhood stories and memories of her father.

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum and Maria's Bookshop hosted an author event and book signing in honor of Pearl E. Casias – former Chairwoman and Chief Judge for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe – on Thursday, June 18, at the museum's large classroom. Casias took time to discuss her recently published memoir titled “Red Woman; My Southern Ute Journey From Poverty to Wall Street” in front of a packed room, with guests traveling from the Four Corners area and beyond to attend this exclusive event. Author, Pearl Casias took time to discussed stories highlighted in the memoir, sharing stories of her childhood as a student at the Ute Vocational School to stepping into her role as a Chief Judge. Following her discussion, the audience engaged in a Q&A session and a booksigning.



Attendees of the author event had the opportunity to purchase hard copies of “Red Woman; My Southern Ute Journey From Poverty to Wall Street”, the audience read along with Casias as the author shared details of her story.



We will be **CLOSED**
FRIDAY, 07/03 & SATURDAY, 07/04
for INDEPENDENCE DAY



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SAVE THE DATE

The Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation will be Hosting the Shoshone Reunion
September 13-17, 2026.
Wendover, UT/NV
Registration information: TBA





DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Welcome new Clinical Supervisor, Danielle Locklear

Staff report
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The Division of Social Services is excited to welcome our newest team member, Danielle Parker Locklear, as Clinical Supervisor.

Danielle earned her Master of Social Work degree from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and brings a diverse background in social work, behavioral health, community health, leadership, and program development. Throughout her career, she has served in a variety of roles, including Intensive In-Home Team Lead, therapist, foster parent recruiter, grant coordinator, community health worker, and case manager. Her professional experience includes clinical supervision, individual and family therapy, crisis intervention, community outreach, care coordination, behavioral health services, foster care licensing, and working closely with underserved and Indigenous communities.

Originally from the Diné (Navajo) Nation, Danielle grew up on the reservation in Arizona before spending



Danielle Parker Locklear
Clinical Supervisor
Division of Social Services

time in Colorado and later relocating to North Carolina. During the past nine years in North Carolina, she dedicated her career to serving Native American communities and advocating for the health, wellness, and success of children, families, and individuals throughout the region.

Danielle is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate and Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist Associate. She is passionate about reducing barriers to care, promoting mental health awareness, and supporting individuals through

strengths-based and culturally responsive approaches.

Outside of her professional life, Danielle is the proud mother of seven children, as well as a loving aunt and caregiver to her niece and nephew. Her family also includes two beloved fur babies. In her free time, she enjoys working out, running, hiking, traveling, and dancing at powwows. Danielle recently held the title of Mrs. Indigenous North Carolina 2025–2026, where she proudly represented Indigenous communities and advocated for mental health awareness. Although she relinquished her title due to her relocation, she remains committed to serving as a positive ambassador for Native communities wherever she goes.

Danielle is excited to return to Colorado and begin this new chapter in her career. She looks forward to learning her new role, building meaningful relationships within the community, and using her experience, leadership, and passion for service to make a lasting impact on the individuals and families she serves.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Laura Warner hired as new SWORD Project Manager

Staff report
REGION 9 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado (Region 9 EDD) is pleased to announce that Laura Warner has been hired as the Project Manager for the SouthWEST Opioid Response District (SWORD).

Warner has lived in Durango for nearly 10 years working in public health and clinical care. Most recently, Warner has served as a subject matter expert with the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors. She previously held leadership roles at San Juan Basin Public Health and is trained as a physician.

Warner was interested in the position as an opportunity to collaborate with a wide range of professionals and community members from across the region.

“SWORD brings together many sectors all working to reduce the harm from opioids misuse, and Laura will be a tremendous addition to the group,” said Laurel Schafer, SWORD Council Chair and representative from Montezuma Public Health. “She is deeply committed to making a positive impact on the health of Southwest Colorado residents.”

“I believe all residents of Southwest Colorado should have the support they need to live their healthiest lives,” said Laura Warner.

“To this aim, opioid settlement funds offer our region a unique chance to address the complicated issue of opioid misuse over the course of many years, and I am honored to join others working tirelessly to advance the health of our communities.”

Warner will be responsible for the implementation of priority projects of the SWORD Council which oversees the region’s opioid settlement dollars. A grant cycle to strengthen Southwest Colorado’s recovery ecosystem will be opened later this summer. You can reach Laura at sword@region9edd.org and learn more about SWORD at <https://region9edd.org/sword>.

Multi-Purpose Facility June Food Sale
Monday June 29, 2026 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM



Hamburger or Cheese Burger with Fries \$15
On Frybread or Tortilla \$20



Hot Dog \$3 on Frybread or Tortilla \$6

Hot Dog with Fries \$8



Indian Taco \$15

Chicken Strips with Fries \$15

Frito Pie Small \$7 Large \$10

Green Chile Stew w/Bread \$10

Chile Beans with Frybread or Tortilla \$10



Chicken Nuggets (10) With Fries \$15

Fries \$5

Chile Cheese Fries (Red or Green) \$10



Terry's Chips & Salsa Large \$20 with chips, Small \$10

Fry Bread or Tortilla \$5



Beverages Soda Pop, Bottled Water, \$1

Fresh Hand crafted Lemonade \$10

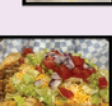
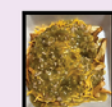
served with fresh fruit and a variety of flavors to choose from; raspberry, mango, lavender, etc

Lemonade, & Snow Cones are available to purchase everyday.

Order ahead at 970-563-2640
Cash or Check Only

Eat in or Carry-out
970-563-2645

Proceeds support the MPF Community Events - 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO



Multi-Purpose Facility
July Senior Breakfast



Wednesday July 1, 2026
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Open to all Community Senior Citizens
55 years and older

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

Multi - Purpose Facility
July Events

Senior Breakfast—Wednesday July 1, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Sew & Quilt—Tuesday—Thursday July 14—16, 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Indoor Yard Sale—Saturday July 25, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Traditional Sewing & Beading Tuesday—Thursday July 28-30,

Day Session

Evening Session

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

5:30 PM—8:00 PM

Sip, Chat & Chew—Friday July 31, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM



Special Events

Elder Committee Meeting—Monday July 6, 9:00 AM

Tribal Member Employee Recruitment Advisory Committee sponsors

Sip, Chat & Chew—Friday July 31, 2026

MPF Food Sale Monday—July 20, 11:00 AM—2:00 PM

Events are subject to change—Please watch for announcements.



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



Rez Girls refreshment fun



photos Neeka Howe/SU Drum YEP

Keelyn Reynolds, YEP worker, enjoys sweet treat while Rez Girls Manager, Estelle Monte greets customers and employees on Tuesday, June 23.



Local Rez Girls Catering visits Tribal campus to bring an upbeat attitude from manager Estelle Monte and fellow employee Zayden Chavez, giving tribal employees a refreshing break.



Rez Girls employee Zayden Chavez mixes drinks while thirsty customers wait on the west side of the old BIA Cafeteria.

Multi-Purpose Facility
Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday June 27, 2026
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



No Admission Fee - No Set-up Fee - Open to the Public



SUMMER JULY DAY CAMPS

Ignacio Youth Services

Sign Up Here

Open to all youth entering grades 6-12 in the Fall 2026

Drop off & Pick Up: ELHI Community Center in Ignacio (115 Ute St.)
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 10AM-5PM

100% FREE, including snacks, lunches, gear & any costs associated with the activities

Space is limited and activities are subject to change based on availability and weather

Week One

Tuesday June 30: Pagosa - Piedra Falls Hike, Photo Scavenger Hunt, Picnic BBQ
Wednesday July 1: Durango - Lake Nighthorse & Beach Volleyball
Thursday July 2: North Durango - Haviland Lake Exploration

Week Two

Tuesday July 7: Aztec - Tico Time: disc golf, water slide, zipline, paddle boards
Wednesday July 8: Durango - Falls Creek Waterfall Hike & Free Movie
Thursday July 9: Silverton - One Hundred Gold Mine Tour, Panning for Gold, Games

Week Three

Tuesday July 14: Durango - Gravity Lab Indoor Climbing & Swimming Durango Rec.
Wednesday July 15: Pagosa - Treasure Falls Waterfall Hike & TBD
Thursday July 16: Farmington - Bisti Bay Outdoor Pool & Park Games

Week Four

Tuesday July 21: Pagosa - San Juan River - River Ecology, Tubing & Free Hot Springs
Wednesday July 22: Silverton - Mineral Creek Waterfall &
Thursday July 23: Farmington - Fly High Trampoline & Lake Farmington Aquapark

text/call for additional information
970.759.2011 or 970.759.6515

Farmers Market

Independence Day Celebration

Wednesday, July 1st
11AM TO 2PM

Sky Ute Casino Resort

For More Information Contact Allison Wall
awall@southernute-nsn.gov

WILDFIRE & FLASH FLOOD AWARENESS

Red Cross urges wildfire, flash flood preparedness this Summer

Staff report
RED CROSS

Wildfire risks remain high heading into summer, but heavy rainfall over burn scars could lead to secondary risks of flash flooding in areas previously affected by fire.

The American Red Cross of Western Colorado is urging residents to take steps now to be prepared for increased wildfire risks this summer across the region, while also being mindful that rainfalls across burn scars may lead to flash flooding and debris flows.

“This year’s warm, dry winter has raised everyone’s attention to the possibility that we could have a significant wildfire season in Colorado and Wyoming,” said Christie Caster, executive director of the Red Cross of Western Colorado. “However, any rainfall this summer across new burn scars could also lead to a dangerous flood risk. A few simple steps today can make a big difference if conditions change quickly.”

Three tips to be prepared for wildfire

1. Harden your home and yard today, before wildfire risks increase. Clear leaves and dry debris from decks, gutters, patios and near propane grills. Move flammable items like doormats, outdoor furniture cushions and firewood away from your home.
2. Have a go bag and a plan. Pack essentials you can grab in minutes: medications, important documents, chargers,

water, sturdy shoes, pet supplies and a few days of basics. Set a meeting place and plan at least two ways out of your neighborhood.

3. Stay alert and act early. Sign up for local emergency alerts, watch for changing conditions and evacuate immediately if told to do so. Do not wait to “see what happens” because wind-driven fires can move faster than expected.

Additional wildfire safety tips can be found on the Red Cross website.

Flash flooding, debris flows possible across burn scars

In addition to wildfire risks, flash flooding caused by heavy rainfall on top of burn scars remains a danger across the state. According to the National Weather Service, burnt soil can be as water-repellant as pavement, decreasing the amount of rainfall required to cause flooding while also sweeping up debris and remaining ash. These flows can move faster than you can travel by car and can also cause road closures, as was seen on Interstate 70 in Glenwood Canyon near the Grizzly Creek Fire burn scar.

If you live near a burn scar or in an area prone to flooding, follow these tips from the Red Cross and National Weather Service:

- Have multiple ways to receive emergency alerts and know the difference between a flash flood watch and warning:

- A flood/flash flood WATCH means a flood or flash flood is possible.
- A flood/flash flood WARNING means flooding or flash flooding is already occurring or will occur soon. TAKE IMMEDIATE PRECAUTIONS!
- Be prepared to evacuate even without a warning from authorities, as a flash flood or debris flow may happen before a warning can be issued.
- Remember: Turn Around, Don’t Drown! Never walk, swim, or drive through floodwater and never cross a road or bridge with water or debris flowing. Just 6 inches (15 cm) of fast-moving floodwater can knock you over, and 12 inches (30 cm) can carry your vehicle away.
- Designate a place on higher ground that you can get to quickly. Plan to move to higher ground before flooding begins if you are in an area that is vulnerable to flash flooding or near a burn scar.

Additional flood safety tips can be found on the Red Cross website.

The Red Cross also encourages everyone to download the free Red Cross Emergency App to help monitor hazards and find safety information. You can find the Emergency App by searching “American Red Cross” in your app store or by visiting redcross.org/apps.

Prepare Now for Wildfire Threats

Assemble an emergency preparedness kit with items you'll need:



Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

JULY UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

UTILITIES

2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

TRANSFER STATION WILL BE OPEN JULY 3RD & 4TH
JULY 3RD INDEPENDENCE DAY- OFFICE CLOSED
SEPT. 7TH LABOR DAY- CLOSED
OCT. 12TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY- CLOSED
NOV. 11TH VETERANS DAY- CLOSED
NOV. 26TH & 27TH THANKSGIVING- CLOSED
DEC 10TH- 11TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY- CLOSED
DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS- CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION
MON- SAT 8AM TO 5PM/ CLOSED SUNDAY
TRANSFER STATION FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS/ TRIBAL DEPT USE ONLY

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
Lobby closed 12p-1p on Fridays
Reach a staff member at (970) 563-5500
Utilities Division Manager, Julian Baker
AP/AR Manager, Wahleah Frost

Monthly Shut-Off Day is the first Wednesday of each month.
July 8th/ August 5th/ September 2nd
Avoid Late Fees. Settle your payments **BEFORE** 10 am on Shut-Off Day

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Online at www.suitutil.com
Utilities Drive-Up Window or Drop Box
Wells Fargo- Ignacio Branch
Automatic Deductions at Tribal Distribution
Mail- Make payable to "Southern Ute Utilities Division"
Over the Phone- Call Office at 970-563-5500

Water Haul Delivery Program Facts

- Please clear a path to your cisterns to water truck can easily access- remove any trash or debris
- Check your cistern levels before the weekends and holidays to avoid emergency hauls, which cost extra
- Residents are responsible for the operation & maintenance of their cisterns.
- Residents are encouraged to routinely clean and disinfect their cisterns.

Questions? Call the Utilities office

Southern Ute Utilities Division will be performing work on Natural Gas Valves from June 22nd - July 22nd. Please expect crews to be working in various tribal areas. There will be minimal disruption to service during this time. For questions or concerns please contact:
James Brown- 970-563-5517
Lionel Flores- 970-563-5519

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer is here! Prepare to see utility staff in or near your yard doing summer maintenance (ie painting meters, etc.)

Sewer line replacement work continues along Northridge Drive. Please expect temporary road delays and use caution in the area. **For everyone's safety, please keep a close watch on children & pets.**
Thank you for your patience!

Transfer Station Reminder

- Please bag all household trash.
- All chemicals must be properly labeled & sealed.
- Household solid waste trash only
- No car parts - tires etc.
- Please hang trash permit on your vehicle's mirror to ensure it is clearly visible & up-to-date when dumping at the Transfer Station.

Important: Call 8-1-1 BEFORE you dig!

Water System Maintenance Notice

Water staff will be performing fire hydrant & valve maintenance throughout July. Customers may experience temporary water discoloration or pressure fluctuations. **Running cold water for a few minutes can help clear any discoloration.**
Thank you for your patience as we maintain and improve our water system.

Southern Ute Utilities will no longer email customer statements. Please visit the office for your copies. Thank you for your cooperation.

OPEN

A new billing system will be implemented in June 2027. To help us keep you informed, please update contact information.
PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio CO. 81137 (970) 563-5500 www.suitutil.com

Southern Ute Shared Services

Digital Equity Program

The Southern Ute Digital Equity Program is providing a 20,000 mAh power bank to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members. This allows you to charge from anywhere when your battery on your electronic device is low.

Available Now

- Supplies are limited - only one per Tribal Member
- Shipping is not available for the Power Banks

Forms are online at: www.southernute-nsn.gov/sudep or Contact SUDEP at 970-563-5555



2009: First Tri-Ute Memories



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

The annual Tri Ute games, hosted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe were held in Ignacio, Co-lo., July 20-21, 2009. This two-day event took place at the SunUte Community Center which hosted basketball, swimming, co-ed volleyball and a hand game tournament. An archery course was set up just east of the community center along the Pine River. Volleyball games were held at Ignacio High School.

The closing ceremonies and Athlete's Feast took place on the Sun Ute Multi-Purpose field and was catered by the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Although the games were to show good sportsmanship, there were no standings or results kept however the White Mesa Team from Ute Mountain Ute took home the traveling Hand Game trophy. Congratulations to all of the participants.



The 2026 Tri-Ute Games will be hosted by the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe in Towaoc, Colo., July 6 – 10, 2026. Opening Ceremonies will be held at the Towaoc Recreation Center Gymnasium on Monday, July 6, 2026. The first Tri-Ute Games were held in Ignacio in 2009, hosted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Each of the three Ute tribe's take turn hosting the Tri-Ute Games on their homelands.

2026 Tri-Ute Games

July 6 – 10, 2026

Towaoc, Colorado

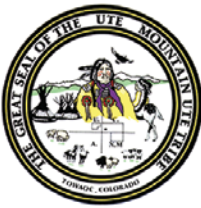
Opening Ceremony July 6 at
Towaoc Recreation Gym

Sports: Basketball, Bowling, Volleyball, Golf, Archery,
Wrestling, Skateboarding and Hand Game
Ultimate Warrior Challenge

The purpose of the games is to come together, so our children get to
know one another and to foster friendships between the Ute Indian Tribe,
Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes.

INFORMATION

UMU Recreation: 970-564-5360, White Mesa Recreation: 970-238-0943
Southern Ute Recreation: 970-563-0214, Northern Ute Recreation: 435-722-2249



LEVEL UP YOUR GAME AT
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9AM-2PM AGES 5-17
BOYS AND GIRLS ARE WELCOME
50\$ PER ATHLETE
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JULY
TUESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHTS
STARTING JULY 14TH, 2026
5:30 PM TO 8PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER
AARON (970) 563-2667

2026 SunUte Recreation
SOFTBALL LEAGUES
Starting: July 21st, 2026
\$375 Registration Fee/ Team
(Deadline: July 15th, 2026)
Men's
TUESDAY NIGHTS
Co-ed
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
CALLING ALL MEN'S AND CO-ED TEAMS TO JOIN US FOR OUR 2026 SOFTBALL LEAGUES.
WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE ALL ATHLETES, WHO ARE INTERESTED, TO SIGN UP.
For more information please contact:
Elijah: (970) 563-2655 Kelsey: (970) 563-2660
Jake: (970) 563-2664 Aaron: (970) 563-2667

CO-ED
SUMMER JAM
VOLLEYBALL
TOURNAMENT
JULY 25TH, 2026
Starts at 9:00am
2 COURTS
\$25 per Player
6 PLAYER ROSTER
5V5 (4-1 FORMAT)
AT LEAST 1 FEMALE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES
NO FEMALE TOUCH RULE
REGISTER
@ SUNUTE COMMUNITY
CENTER, IGNACIO, CO
AARON HENRY
(970) 563-2667

OBITUARY



O'JOHN – Roy Oliver O'John was a member of The Southern Ute Tribe, and he will be greatly missed by his fellow bikers, casino friends, dogs, and family members.

Roy was preceded in death by his mother, Labara Radea and father Wilson O'John Sr., brothers; Cavanaugh O'John Sr., Calvin O'John, Wilson O'John Jr., and sister Olive O'John.

Roy is survived by his wife Vera O'John, his dogs; Boomer, Sweetpea, and Chacha, as well as numerous family members.

SOUTHERN UTE DETENTION

Detention welcomes Page

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE DETENTION

Martin Page brings more than three decades of public safety, detention, and law enforcement experience, including significant supervisory and executive leadership in complex, high-liability environments. He served 31 years in public safety with the Navajo Nation, with over 15 years directly supervising personnel and eight years in executive command roles managing multi-district operations, staff, and budgets.

Page's leadership approach aligns closely with the responsibilities of the Detention Division Head, demonstrating strong capabilities in planning, organizing, and directing operations while ensuring compliance with applicable policies, laws, and professional standards. He has extensive experience overseeing personnel, coordinating inter-agency operations, managing resources, and maintaining accountability through structured policies and procedures.

A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Page has built his career on discipline, integrity, and service. His background within tribal public safety provides a strong understanding of community expectations, cultural



Martin Page
Division Head
Southern Ute Detention

awareness, and collaborative governance. He has completed advanced leadership training, including the FBI-LEEDA leadership trilogy, and holds multiple law enforcement certifications.

Page is recognized as a situational leader who emphasizes communication, team development, and accountability. His experience and leadership philosophy position him to effectively guide detention operations, support staff development, and uphold the highest standards of safety, professionalism, and service for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Page has lived on the Navajo Nation since 1993, where he met his wife of 32 years. They reside in Inscription House, Arizona where they raised their five children.

Detention Director Page can be contacted at 970-563-2802 (desk), 970-553-1044 (cell), or work email, mpage@southernute-nsn.gov.

Welcome baby Burch!



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe welcomed enrollee, Stellaluna Irene Burch on Tuesday, May 12 in the Tribal Council Chambers. Surrounded by family, Baby Burch is greeted by Tribal Council member Linda Baker. Burch is the daughter of Tori and Leon Burch.

Southern Ute Tribal Council gathers with Stellaluna Irene Burch and her parents Tori and Leon Burch in the Tribal Council Chambers. Burch was officially enrolled on Tuesday, May 12; Chambers filled with members of family showing support for baby Burch.



Bible Study
Study of Revelations Last Book

Where: Multi-Purpose Facility 970-563-2640
Room: Conference Room
Dates & Times:

- June 26, 2026; Friday: 2 to 3 p.m.
 - July 10, 2026; Friday: 2 to 3 p.m.
 - July 24, 2026; Friday: 2 to 3 p.m.
- Aug. 7, 2026; Friday: 2 to 3 p.m.
 - Aug. 21, 2026; Friday: 2 to 3 p.m.
 - Aug. 28, 2026; Friday: 2 to 3 p.m.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Neeka Howe
Job title: YEP (Southern Ute Drum)
Description of job duties: Digitalizing photo archives, taking photos of community events, Graphic Design and assisting with Drum distribution.
Hobbies: Basketball, drawing, and being with friends.
Family: Parents – Shyida Howe and Jake Ryder.
Tribe: Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



Southern Ute Wildlife Division staff are happy to announce that two osprey chicks hatched on June 2nd at the Lake Capote nest. The young birds appear to be healthy and are growing fast on a steady diet of fish from the lake. Viewers can see what the ospreys are up to at www.lakecapote.com/osprey-cam/



Drum
Deadline

Next issue:
July 10

EARLY
Deadline:
July 2

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov



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A biweekly newspaper owned and operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in Ignacio, Colo.



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No More Silence
Sunday, September 6, 2026
MMIR Motorcycle Run

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

2026



Pre-register here
eventbrite



Registration : 9:00 a.m.
Kick Stands Up: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Sky Ute Casino Resort
14324 CO -172, Ignacio, CO

INCLUDES:

- Ride through Beautiful Ute Lands
- Refreshments / Lunch
- Cultural Performance
- MMIR Informational
- Sky Ute Casino Resort Tattoo Expo.

Contact: (970)553-0337
native.love.501c3@gmail.com

\$30 Rider | \$15 Passenger



Song: "Stolen Sisters" by Chi King now out on all major music platforms.
Music Video on Youtube with Native Love Non-Profit Organization & Community.



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 DATE	CUT-OFF TIME AND DATE
• ADDITION: Thursday, July 2	Noon, Friday, June 26
• Friday, Aug. 28	Noon, Friday Aug. 21
• ADDITION: Friday, Sept. 25	Noon, Friday, Sept. 21
• Friday, Nov. 13	Noon, Monday, Nov. 9
• Wednesday, Nov. 25	Noon, Friday, Nov. 20
• Wednesday, Dec. 9	Noon, Friday, Dec. 4
• Thursday, Dec. 24	Noon, Monday, Dec. 21
• Thursday, Dec. 31	Noon, Monday, Dec. 28

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee (“Committee”) is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for a three (3) year term. This is a paid Committee: IRS Guidelines and a Criminal Background Check are necessary.

Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential, and fair manner. They must become familiar with the objectives of the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. Applicants must also pass a criminal background and reference check, per the Tribal Credit Committee By-laws.

The primary purpose of the Committee is to evaluate and render decisions regarding Secured Home Loan applications and monitor and evaluate the Tribal Credit loan programs, and make recommendations to Tribal Council. The Committee has scheduled weekly meetings.

- Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are:
- Approve loans as required by the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund (“Declaration”)
 - Monitor compliance with the Declaration
 - Monitor all approved loans for performance
 - Make recommendations to the Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations
 - Maintain confidentiality, objectivity, and fairness in conducting all Committee business
 - Attend regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed
 - Coordinate the Committee’s annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff

Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137, or by email to zvogenthaler@southernute-nsn.gov.

The letter should include the full name and contact information of the applicant, along with a detailed explanation of their relevant experience that would aid in making credit decisions, as well as a description of why they would be a good fit for the position.

If you have any questions, please speak with Zeb Vogenthaler at 970-563-2458.



JOHNSON-O’MALLEY
2026 Meeting Dates

July 6th
August 10th
September 14th
October 5th
November 2nd
December 7th

Education Center- Public Education Office
330 Burns Avenue, Ignacio, CO 81137

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

First Monday of the Month
(w/ the exception of August and September)

For more information contact:
Kaylyn LeClaire
Education Specialist
kleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov
(970)563-0235



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boards, Committees and Commissions Vacancies

APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill four (4) 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.

ELECTION BOARD

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Full Time Board Member. The position will be open until filled. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Indian Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee: IRS Guidelines and a Criminal Background Check are necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Election Board P.O. Box 709 Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-2305/2729/2730/2303 or via email: election@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” and One regular position 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.

GAMING COMMISSION

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

POWWOW COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – Two vacant positions. The Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is currently accepting letters of intent to serve as a volunteer on the committee. The purpose of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee shall be to nurture and promote the positive image of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through their dances and other activities to preserve our culture. The vacancy is Open to Southern Ute tribal members or any interested Native Americans who would like to be actively involved in planning, promoting, and executing Powwows on Southern Ute land. Must be willing to work hands on, attend all scheduled meetings and powwow events with a professional/traditional attitude towards committee members, tribal departments, and visitors. Please submit letters to: Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137 OR soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov

SOCOCAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open Until Filled – SoCoCAA is currently seeking Board Members for their Board of Directors. This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with valuable programs that support our community. The Board meets every other month, making it a manageable commitment. For information about our organization and the programs we offer, visit our website at www.sococaa.org. If you’re interested in applying, please reach out to Nita Emerson at 970-563-4517 or request an application by emailing nemerson@sococaa.org.

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).

SU TRIBAL MEMBER NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD VACANCY

Closes 11/29/26 – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill ONE seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant’s knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe’s Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through 5 P.M., Friday, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2026.

YOUTH ALTERNATE NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD VACANCY

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

Committee of Elders Meetings

Mondays at 9 a.m. in Conference Room at
Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility

July 6
August 3
September 14
October 5
November 2
December 7

COMMITTEE OF ELDERS LOGO CONTEST
We are sponsoring a Logo Contest for the COE. Submissions will be accepted from Southern Ute enrolled tribal members. The winner will receive a monetary amount yet to be determined. Contact the Committee of Elders at 970-946-4061 for more information.

For information or to be placed on the agenda,
call Byron Frost, Chairman of the Committee of Elders
at 970-946-4061.

photo: SU Drum archive

Stage II Fire Restrictions

Effective: June 19, 2026 at 6:00 AM, and will remain until conditions improve

Due to high fire danger resulting from prolonged hot and dry conditions. Stage II Fire Restrictions have been implemented and the following acts are prohibited:



All Stage One Restrictions remain in effect:
• Open Burning
• Agricultural Burning
• Campfire
• Fireworks



Stage Two Restrictions include the following daily:
• “Hoot-Owl” is in effect: Operating or using any internal combustion engine between the hours of 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM is prohibited.
• The use of combustion engines without a spark arrester is also prohibited.
• Motorized vehicle travel off developed roads is prohibited during the Hoot-Owl period.
A patrol is required for a period of two hours after cessation of activities. The patrol is responsible for watching for emerging fires, reporting fires, and initiating initial suppression.

To report fires or violations of restrictions, please contact:

Durango Zone Dispatch at (970) 385-1324 or Southern Ute Police Department Dispatch at (970) 563-4401



Request for Proposals
Southern Ute History Researcher

The Cultural Preservation Department of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting written proposals for qualified researchers to complete a comprehensive archival/ data search of Ute historical, linguistic, architectural, archaeological, and engineering data. The primary goal of the project is to create a robust annotated bibliography of sources regarding histories of the Ute peoples. The Contractor will work closely with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Office as the primary point of contact for coordinating research, timelines, and outcomes. For more information, please email suthpo@southernute-nsn.gov or call 970-563-2989.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Design Build for Southern Ute Behavioral Health
Mesa Building Opioid Treatment Program Remodel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Tribal Housing, Construction & Project Management team is soliciting proposals for Design Build services for the Behavioral Health Mesa Building Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Remodel. The Design Builder will provide design and construction services in collaboration with the Tribe's Project Manager in the remodel of a portion of the existing Mesa Building to include an Opioid Treatment Program near Durango, Colorado. The full RFP can be accessed on the Southern Ute Construction and Project Management Webpage (select the RFP tab): www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/construction-and-project-management/ Please direct all questions, by email only to, Kerri Stewart at kestewart@southernute-nsn.gov. Deadline for questions is June 24, 2026. All addenda will be issued and posted on the Tribal Construction and Project Management website listed above. Responses to this RFP are due, by email, no later than 2 pm MST on July 10, 2026.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Architectural/Engineering Services for
Southern Ute Animal Control Building Replacement

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Tribal Housing, Construction & Project Management, Ignacio, CO 81137. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Tribal Housing, Construction & Project Management team is soliciting proposals for Architectural/Engineering services for the Animal Control Building Replacement. The Architectural/Engineering team will provide design and construction administration services in collaboration with the Tribe's Project Manager and selected CM/GC in the replacement of the existing facility on the existing Animal Control site located in Ignacio, Colorado. The full RFP can be accessed on the Southern Ute Construction and Project Management Webpage (select the RFP tab): www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/construction-and-project-management/ Please direct all questions, by email only to, Kerri Stewart at kestewart@southernute-nsn.gov. Deadline for questions is 5 p.m. MST on July 6, 2026. All addenda will be issued and posted on the Tribal Construction and Project Management website listed above. *****A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on-site, refer to RFP for date and time.***** Responses to this RFP are due, by email only to the Project Manager, no later than 2 p.m. MST on July 24, 2026.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
Shoshone Waterline Replacement Project – Phase 2

Owner: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT), Utilities Division, PO Box 1137, 16360 Highway 172, Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the SUIT Shoshone Waterline Replacement Project – Phase 2 will be received by the Owner at the offices of the SUIT Utilities Division, until 3 p.m. (MDST), Thursday, July 2nd 2026. The bids shall be reviewed privately and all respondents shall be notified of the selected bidder within 10 days.

Description of Work: Project requires installation of ~3,000 linear feet of 8” potable water utility pipeline (bored and trenched), reconnection of seven (7) existing user water service lines, five (5) connections to existing watermain and two (2) existing fire hydrant reconnections. Site is to be seeded and restored to pre-construction condition.

Prospective BIDDERS are REQUIRED to attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Wednesday June 17th at 11:00 AM at the SUIT Utility office, located at 16360 Highway 172 Ignacio, CO 81137. Followed by a site walk through. This Project is subject to Prevailing Wage Rates and associated compliance and reporting criteria. Minimum wage rates can be found at: <https://sam.gov/>, Decision #CO20250003

Bidder Prequalification Requirements: Contractor must have a minimum of five (5) years' experience. Bidder must provide five (5) examples of prior or current projects in which a similar scope of work was performed. Example projects should demonstrate experience with horizontal directional drilling projects exceeding 1,000 linear feet with medium diameter pipe 8 inch or larger. Preference will be given to contractors with experience working in rocky conditions. Contractor shall provide current polyethylene (HDPE) fusion certification documents from a reputable organization such as McElroy, ISCO, or Secor with bid proposal. Contractor shall ensure all fuses are data logged and submitted.

Bid Security: A Bid security, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashiers Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance and Payment Bonds as security for the faithful performance of the Contract.

Tribal Employment Rights Office
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned Businesses (as defined in the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance included in this project manual). A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For more information and/or questions in regard to certification, contact the TERO office at (970) 563-0117 or refer to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/tero/>.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location:

GOFF ENGINEERING & SURVEYING, INC.
126 Rock Point Drive, Suite A, Durango, Colorado 81301. (970) 247-1705

THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Utilities Division, 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137. (970) 563-5500

Deadline for questions is 5:00 PM MDST June 30th 2026.

Questions and requests for information are only available be per email request to clamberson@goffengineering.com.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Buckskin Charlie Apartments Service Contracts
Ignacio, Colorado

SU Property Management, LLC (“Owner’s Representative”) and Avenue5 (“Property Manager”) are seeking Request for Proposals (RFPs) from qualified companies for the following services:

- Landscape Maintenance
- Snow Removal
- Cleaning Services
- Painting Maintenance Services
- Security Services
- Plumbing Maintenance Services
- Restoration Services
- Fire Alarm Monitoring Services
- Fire Inspection Services
- Water Sub Meter Reading Services

for Buckskin Charlie Apartments a 60 unit (2 buildings, 30 units in each) multi-family apartment complex on a 3-acre parcel of land located at 172 Buckskin Charlie Drive in Ignacio, CO. The RFP submittals must be received no later than 3:00 pm on July

3, 2026. RFP submittals may be for one or include multiple service proposals.The Owner's Representative reserves the right to reject late RFP submittals. Contact the Property Manager to request additional information on service scopes.

Property Manager: Avenue5
Attn: Snowie Winters
172 Buckskin Charlie Dr. Office Ignacio, CO, 81137. Phone: 970-442-2056
Email: pm.buckskincharlie@avenue5apt.com

Email RFP submittals to Property Manager. If contractors cannot email, a hard copies must be delivered to Property Manager. Preference will be given to Indian Owned Businesses certified with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) per the TERO code. For all questions, please contact Property Manager.

REQUEST FOR BIDS
The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is seeking
Bids for the Southern Ute Fair Powwow on
September 11, 12 & 13, 2026

CATERING

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for Catering approximately 75 people, set up and take down.

- FRIDAY, Sept. 11: DINNER beginning at 5 – 7 p.m.
- SATURDAY, Sept. 12: BRUNCH beginning at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- SATURDAY Sept. 12: DINNER beginning at 4 – 6 p.m.
- SUNDAY Sept. 13: BRUNCH beginning at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

All cooks will be required to have an up-to-date food handlers’ card. Cater’s responsibility to provide receipts for menu (including snacks for diabetics) and, negotiate pay with their helpers. NO CHANGE IN MENU.

CLEANING CREW

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for Cleaning Crew.

- FRIDAY EVENING, Sept. 11: Check-in 7 – 10 p.m.
- SATURDAY, Sept. 12: Check-in at 1 – 11 p.m. or 1-hour after closing of powwow.
- SUNDAY, Sept. 13: Check-in at 1 – 11 p.m. or 1-hour after closing of powwow.

The Cleaning Crew will consist of (4) cleaning staff. The Powwow Committee will provide trash bags. **Cleaning crew must have a one-million dollar liability insurance. Including two-million dollar workers compensation insurance.**

SECURITY:

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for Security around parking lot, outside the arena and inside the arena.

- FRIDAY Sept. 11: Check-in at 7 – 10 p.m.
- SATURDAY, Sept. 12: Check-in at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- SUNDAY, Sept. 13: Check-in at 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Security must have a one-million dollar liability insurance. Including two-million dollar workers compensation insurance.

SOUNDSYSTEM:

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for Sound-system. FRIDAY Sept. 11, SATURDAY Sept. 12, SUNDAY Sept. 13, 2026

- FRIDAY AFTERNOON: Set-up before 5 p.m.
- SUNDAY EVENING: Take down after the conclusion of Powwow.

The Soundsystem must have a one-million dollar liability insurance. Including two-million dollar workers compensation insurance.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BIDS: JULY 24, 2026 at 5 P.M.

Please submit bids to Karen Washington, Treasurer
Southern Ute Powwow Committee
P.O Box 737 # 16,
Ignacio CO 81137
Or email: kawashington@southernute-nsn.gov

Should you have any questions, contact Karen Washington @ 970-759-5880

ANY INSURANCE QUESTIONS CONTACT

Emmanuel Lewis, Southern Ute Human Resource – Risk Specialist at 970-563-2421

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
ITEMS FOR SALE

Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is accepting sealed bids on the following two items.

- 1) Honda HS928 Snow Blower – Purchased 2008: Minimum bid \$250.
- 2) Honda HS928 Snow Blower – Purchased 2008: Minimum bid \$250.

** All items are sold as is and will go to the highest bidder (Cash or checks, no cards) You may reach Rebecca Torres at 970-442-6353 or Ken Richards 970-749-7534 with questions and schedule an onsite inspection. Bids must be sealed and labeled per item with name, phone number and which item you are bidding on. Sealed bids are due by noon on July 14, 2026.





Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

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

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

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

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

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

Custodian

Closes 6/26/26 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N6; Pay is \$17.05/hour.

Detention Cook

Closes 6/26/26 – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade N8; Pay is \$19.89/hour.

Electrician

Closes 6/26/26 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation and preventative maintenance on commercial mechanical, electrical equipment and fire alarm systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N15; Pay is \$35.96/hour.

Executive Assistant

Closes 6/26/26 – Performs administrative, finance and accounting, grant management and information system support for the Environmental Programs Division. Pay grade E13; Pay is \$63,064/annually.

Receptionist

Closes 6/26/26 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Department Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade N6; Pay is \$17.05/hour.

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Closes 6/30/26 – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Pay grade N12; Pay is \$27.56/hr.

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 N6; Pay is \$17.05/hour.

Carpenter

Open Until Filled – Provides daily carpentry maintenance, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance and repairs, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N14; Pay is \$32.69/hour.

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. House cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N9; Pay is \$21.48/hour.

Criminal Justice Information System Specialist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, performs administrative work of moderate difficulty in maintaining the Criminal Justice Information System/National Crime Information Center (CJIS/NCIC) system for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe ("SUIT"); implements and maintains required policies regarding access to confidential information; trains system users; liaisons with CJIS/NCIC access entities. Pay grade N14; Pay is \$32.69/hour.

Detention Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade N13; Pay is \$30.32/hour.

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 N14; Pay starts at \$32.69/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 is \$21.48/hour.

Health & Safety Specialist

Open Until Filled – Under the direction of the Risk Manager, manages and oversees the planning, design, and development of an occupational safety program to provide a safe and healthy workplace for employees and to reduce work-related injuries and accidents. Pay grade E14; Pay is \$68,004/annually.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N15; Pay is \$35.96/hour.

Land Surveyor

Open Until Filled – Conducts all administrative surveys and surveys as a licensed Professional Land Surveyor, needed to meet the needs of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade E15; salary is \$74,804/annually.

Lands Compliance Technician

Open Until Filled – Performs administrative, clerical, and technical support to the Lands Division. Manages the implementation, administration, and enforcement of codes, and land governing documents for the Lands Division. Pay grade N12; Pay is \$27.56/hour.

Lands Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provides general information to the Tribal Membership and general public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. Pay grade N10; Pay is \$23.20/hour.

Lifeguard (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay is \$15.79/hour.

Media Manager

Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Tribal Information Services Director, production and editing of the Tribal newspaper, annual report, calendar, and special publications; direction of news coverage; management of the Drum's website; and supervision of staff members. Pay grade E14; Pay is \$68,004/annually.

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 N14; Pay starts at \$32.69/hour and includes a potential 3-5k DOE sign-on bonus.

Peer Recovery Coach

Open Until Filled – Will engage individuals with substance use disorders with a goal of referral into treatment and recovery services. The goal is to connect people in need of treatment to services within their communities and across the state. Pay grade N8; Pay is \$19.89/hour.

Public Defender

Open Until Filled – Represents eligible Native American or other defendants as authorized by applicable Tribal or federal law in criminal proceedings prosecuted in the Southern Ute Tribal Court. Representing respondents in involuntary commitment proceedings, representing juveniles in delinquency proceedings, truancy proceedings, and serving as guardian ad litem in dependency and neglect proceedings brought in the Southern Ute Tribal Court. Pay grade E19; Pay is \$121,866/annually.

Referral Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Maintains ongoing tracking of patient referrals for in-house/ outsourced services, ensures that referrals are addressed in a timely manner, keeps physicians updated with accurate documentation in system, sets up appointments, maintains insurance authorization, ensures complete and accurate registration, demographics, and current patient insurance. Pay grade N9; Pay is \$21.48/hour.

Swimming Instructor

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Pay is \$18.42/hour.

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

TERO Worker

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. Apprentices may be placed within Permanent Fund departments or divisions



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION

June 2026



NATURAL GAS ISOLATION VALVE INSTALLATION

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Natural Gas Division will be installing 16 isolation valves on existing gas mains from June 22nd to July 22nd, 2026, to enhance system safety, reliability, and flexibility.



For any questions, please call the following:

James Brown, Natural Gas Operator, Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division at (970) 563-5517.



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Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

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.

Umpire/Referee

Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during Sun-Ute Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Pay is \$18.42/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.*

Cage Staff (On-call)

Provides fast, accurate, and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls. Pay grade 3; \$15.16/hour +tips.

*Event Staff (Full-time)

Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up, and re-setting events in all Banquet areas. In this position you will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events. Requires that you achieve and maintain the highest level of guest service as well as maintaining professional interactions, safe working conditions, and teamwork. Pay grade 1; \$15.16/ hour +tips.

*Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Responsible for the operation of equipment, environmental conditions, and the appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building. Pay grade 3; \$17/hour.

*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 includes but is not limited to luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms. All areas must be disinfected, swept, mopped, vacuumed, and dusted. Pay grade 1; \$15.16/hour.

*Housekeeping Supervisor (Full-time)

Will act in leadership and training capacity. Will direct employees and help them complete their tasks and goals defined by the Housekeeping Manager. Training employees, ensuring they abide by all policies and procedures. Responsible for office structure, budgetary administration, and employee relations assigned by the Housekeeping Manager. Pay grade 3; \$17/hour.

*Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

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

*Project Cleaner (Full-time)

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, employee break rooms, and other assigned areas. Cross training on the Casino Floor, in Laundry, and as a Room Attendant to further assist the housekeeping department when needed and as assigned. Reports directly to the Housekeeping Department and will be assigned to take on specific projects as assigned. Pay grade 2; \$16/hour.

Rolling Thunder Grill Busser (On-call)

Perform multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Clearing off and sanitizing tables for next group guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. Pay grade 1; \$12.14/hour +tips.

Rolling Thunder Grill Cashier (Part-time)

Greet guests in a friendly manner, take and deliver orders, calculate checks, and receive payment for the Bowling Grill Window and Restaurant.

*Rolling Thunder Grill Server (Full-time)

Provide exceptional guest service by delivering exceptional service of food and/or beverage to include taking the order and delivering food and/or beverage items. This task is to be handled in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. Pay grade 1; \$12.14/hour +tips.

*Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel rooms by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping, and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Requires the ability to bend, lift, stand, and walk throughout the shift. Duties of this job are physically demanding and may be stressful at times, particularly during peak season periods. Will be cleaning an average of 16 guest rooms, and during peak season, up to 20 guest rooms per-shift, depending on whether you are working as an individual or a pair. Will be responsible for cross training on the Casino Floor to further assist the housekeeping department when needed and as assigned.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

Responsible for 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. The first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. Must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. Investigates, takes photos and secures incidents, monitors access to secured areas allowing entry to only authorized personnel, observes and monitors all activity and movement in and around the casino, and performs drug and alcohol testing. Pay grade 3; \$18-\$20/hour.

*Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time)

Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Will at times require the employee to work without direct supervision. Job knowledge and the ability to “self-start” are essential. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designer, ensure guest relations through prompt, and assists guests with slot machine usage, educating them regarding play, wagers, and pay tables.

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 Program Coordinator – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)

Closes 7/3/26 – Assisting Red Cedar Gathering Company’s EHS team in driving a continuous improvement culture in pipeline safety, environmental health and safety, and environmental compliance. Its primary concentration will be on EHS Systems and Safety and Environmental Compliance Program coordination for building team and Company efficiencies.

Land Assistant – Dept. of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/3/26 – Maintaining accurate and orderly land records for the Energy Land team which includes tracking, scanning, organizing, and filing all oil & gas land related records and contracts in the land records database. Quality assurance, management, and verification that all documents are reviewed thoroughly for completeness including but not limited to all tribal oil & gas leases, business leases, well files, communitization agreements, rights-of-way and all associated project documentation. Maintains a positive and effective working relationship with coworkers, supervisor, O&G representatives, and outside federal agencies.

Environmental Compliance Manager – Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/3/26 – Management of all technical aspects of the compliance program for the Department of Energy. Oversee environmental and reclamation inspections in a variety of aspects of oil and gas development; drafts permit stipulations, conditions of approval, remediation actions and other documents; ensures compliance with applicable Tribal and Federal stipulations and regulations associated with energy-related projects. Provides oversight of spill response and remediation actions and works with other agencies to educate Operators concerning Federal and Tribal regulations and expectations to maintain compliance.

HR Compliance Manager – GF Human Resources (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/3/26 – Development, review and imple-

mentation of labor law policies and job descriptions; conducting investigations, writing disciplinary actions, assisting with compensation, training content development and HR reporting. Provides support with other related functions of the HR Department as required.

Accounting Assistant Team Lead – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/3/26 – Assisting with providing day-to-day oversight and guidance to the Accounting Assistant team, supports the accounts payable function, and contributes to the overall accounting operations of the Red Willow Production Company Accounting Department.

Contract And Insurance Manager – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/10/26 – Managing all contractor issues related to master services agreements, contracts, work orders, insurance and legal review for Red Willow Production Company and affiliated companies (RWPC). Conducts regular reviews of contract-related activities to ensure compliance. Assists all departments with development of new contracts and adding new contractors to the approved contractor list. Works collaboratively with RWPC’s broker to manage all aspects of RWPC’s insurance program. Performs a variety of administrative functions, many in a team setting, for the planning, evaluation, management and development of contracts, insurance and business opportunities.

Accounting Clerk – GF Accounting & Finance (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/10/26 – Providing clerical and accounting support to the Growth Fund Accounting and Finance department.

Investment Analyst – Private Equity (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/17/26 – Supporting investment analysis, due diligence, and portfolio monitoring for private equity primary fund commitments and co-investments.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.
Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Service Desk Supervisor – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/3/26 – Supervising the day-to-day operation of the IT Service Desk and leading frontline support staff to deliver reliable, secure, and user-focused IT services. Focuses on operational execution, staff leadership, queue management, and continuous service improvement, ensuring consistent intake, triage, documentation, and resolution of end-user issues. Operates within the End User Services organization and partners closely with Desktop Support, Infrastructure, IT Security, and business stakeholders to support employee productivity and service reliability.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Job info, descriptions and application: www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdae2310

- CTE Welding Teacher
- Elementary School Music Teacher
- Mid. School Cross Country Head Coach

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- **Ignacio Youth Services:** Program Coordinator (Full-time) \$17.29/hr., DOE
- **Road Runner Transit:** Operations Manager (Full-time) \$52.645 to \$63.211/yr.
- **Ignacio Senior Center:** Division Director (Full-time) \$48.069-\$57.678 /yr., DOE

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BGC sizzles into Summer



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Southern Ute tribal royalty welcomed Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Tribe members back for summer programming. Pictured left to right are Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage, Jr. Miss Southern Ute Shayne WhiteThunder, Little Miss Southern Ute Starlitt Greany, and Southern Ute Brave Theoden Greany.



Southern Ute tribal member Joaiden Hight works through the lunch line with fellow club members and staff. The BGC Board of Directors were in attendance to greet club members and serve lunch. Board members Hilda Burch and Edward Box III started the lunch line off with burgers and hot dogs.

Board member Hilda Burch took a timeout to enjoy her lunch with club member Ava Keyes, her father and Southern Ute Tribal Attorney Jacob Keyes, and Tribal Council Treasurer Olguin.



Rez Girls made a guest appearance at the bbq to offer free shaved ice to all of the club members. Rez Girls is hosting BGC club members on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for some cool refreshments after a hot day in the sun.

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Also download the free eEdition from the Drum website.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, June 26



Mostly sunny 89°F
30% chance of showers

Saturday, June 27



Sunny 86°F
Light/variable morning winds

Sunday, June 28



Sunny 85°F
Breezy

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



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The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Gun for hire
5 Go see about architectural shapes
10 Global nuclear watchdog
11 Chewy, almond candy
13 Trademark ear cleaner
14 Dee-ni' Wee-ya' speakers
15 Band formerly led by Chief Tabby
17 "Ain't that the truth!"
18 Creates cryptograms
20 "Mad Men" output
21 Graceful and intelligent Middle Eastern horse
23 "--- fliegende Holländer" (Wagner opera)
25 Toddlers' coddlers
28 Sicilians call it "Mungibeddu"
30 Cause to be shocked
31 Stunning ray gun
33 Where the "Daily Bruin" is published
34 Set in competition
35 Café au ---
36 Plasters a wall
37 Otherwise

Down

- 1 Howdy
2 Stay home for supper
3 Come back again?
4 Incarcerator
5 Performing live
6 Sentimental tripe
7 William Faulkner's --- Varner
8 Obsessed with oneself
9 Did a lumberjack's job
12 Beachgoers go to get them, and often do
16 --- Fortunate Eagle, an organizer of the Occupation of Alcatraz
19 Doofus
22 Sealed glass vial
23 Onscreen Sparrow
24 Code of conduct
26 --- Peters (Creator of Brother Cadfael)
27 Election Day list
29 Italian bubbly
32 Unagi, at sushi bars

Answers will appear in the July 10 issue of the Drum.

Answers for June 12, 2026 crossword puzzle.

Across: 1 Dahl, 5 Elsa, 9 Oleo, 10 Donnas, 13 Coast Salish, 15 Std, 16 Gem, 17 Mia, 18 Boil, 20 Kaah, 21 Stuff, 23 Kilns, 24 Mott, 25 Ruth, 26 Est, 27 Dat, 28 Ort, 31 Leisure suit, 34 Lenape, 35 Esso, 36 Goer, 37 Weep.
Down: 1 Docs, 2 A lot, 3 Headbutting, 4 Los, 5 Edsel, 6 Loam, 7 SNL, 8 Animal House, 11 Asian, 12 Shahs, 14 TGIF, 19 Oft, 20 Kit, 21 Smell, 22 To see, 23 K-UTE, 25 Rarer, 27 Dupe, 29 Rise, 30 T-top, 32 Sao, 33 Sew.