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Tri-Ute Games 2026



Neeka Howe/SU Drum YEP

Athletes, families, and dignitaries from the three Ute sister tribes gathered in Towaoc, Colo., for the start of the annual Tri-Ute Games, hosted this year by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, on Monday, July 6. Following the grand entry of the athletes, each team gathered for a group photo marking the start of the games. See more Tri-Ute Games coverage in the next edition of the Drum.

See additional Opening Ceremonies coverage on page 11.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Tribal Council: New Communications Outreach

By Summer Begay,
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SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL
COUNCIL AFFAIRS



We are working to improve how we share updates from Regular Council meetings. Our goal is to strengthen communication and ensure all Tribal Members stay informed and connected.

To view the weekly video updates, please log in to TMX (<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tmx/>) to hear from Tribal leadership under the Tribal Council tab or in the Viva Engage chat.

We invite you to share your feedback by commenting if you found it valuable, or if you would like to see similar updates from leader-

ship more regularly. Your input is appreciated and helps guide our ongoing communication efforts.

For information, contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2313 or Tribal Information Services' Vital Statistics at 970-563-2248 to establish an account. For technical assistance with existing accounts, contact the the Southern Ute Digital Equity Program at 970-563-5555.



Amy Barry/SU Tribal Information Services

The Southern Ute Committee of Elders attended the Elder's Symposium and offered a welcome to all in attendance. They promoted positive communication amongst the tribal community and offered their cultural guidance to the tribal community and government. Pictured left to right are Committee of Elders member, Denise Thompson, Vice-Chairman, Judy Lansing, and Byron Frost, Chairman.

ELDERS SYMPOSIUM

Annual Elders event sparks community unity

By Amy Barry, Acting
Media Manager
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Friday, June 26, the Division of Social Services hosted the 3rd Annual Elders Symposium. The

half-day event began with an opening prayer provided by Southern Ute Tribal Council Member, Marjorie Barry. A healthy lunch and refreshing drinks provided by staff, local food and beverage vendors. Attend-

ees along with caretakers were greeted with educational swag from local vendors and tribal departments. The Elder Appreciation Symposium is held in recog-

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

EPD collabs with Southwest Conservation Corps, Pt. 2

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 oper-

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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,

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courtesy KSUT

KSUT employees celebrating putting up a new satellite dish.

KSUT

KSUT at 50: Growth in the 1980s, the signature Blend

KSUT becomes an NPR affiliate

By Clark Adomaitis
FOUR CORNERS PUBLIC RADIO

Note: Part two of a series marking KSUT's history, told through interviews with DJs, board members, staff, and listeners who helped shape the station's legacy.

KSUT marks its 50th anniversary in 2026. When the station signed on in 1976, it was one of only a handful of Native American radio stations in the country. Today, KSUT broadcasts tribal news, NPR programming, and a signature mix of music across the Four Corners region and beyond.

KSUT's origins trace back to efforts by members and leaders of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe who wanted more direct ways to share tribal news, announcements, and cultural programming. Before KSUT existed, tribal members, including Eddie Box Sr. and Essie Kent, delivered Ute-language news segments on Durango station KIUP.

A recording from 1961 captures Eddie Box Sr. reading what are believed to be some of the earliest Ute Indian News broadcasts on KIUP. That early work helped



courtesy KSUT

In 1974, Eddie Box Sr. delivered weekly hour-long radio broadcasts in the Ute language on a local AM radio station. This became the impetus for what would become KSUT.

lay the foundation for a dedicated tribal radio station. In June 1976, KSUT signed on the air with a 10-watt signal.

Among those involved in the station's early development was Lillian Seibel, who began as a trainee at KIUP. "We worked at KIUP to know about operating a radio station," Seibel said, recalling a small group of Southern Ute trainees learning broadcast skills.

Seibel would later become KSUT's manager and helped shape some of the station's earliest programming, including interview

segments featuring Southern Ute tribal leaders. "We would interview department heads from the Southern Ute Indian Tribal organization and share it with the membership," Seibel said. "One of the most important things about having a Native American radio station is getting information out to your people right away."

Seibel remembers the station's first day on air as both exciting and nerve-wracking. "It was teamwork. We all worked together to get it going," Seibel said. "There was apprehension at first,

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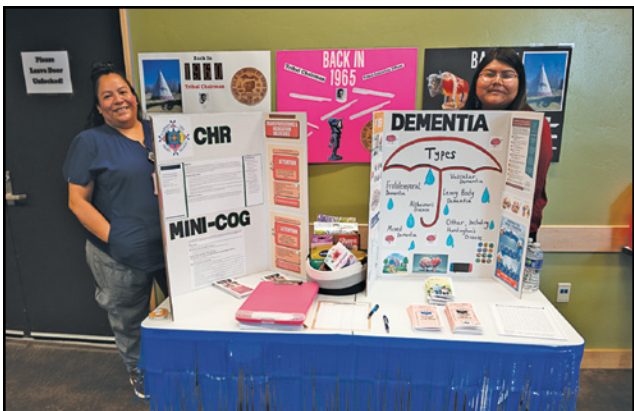
ELDERS SYMPOSIUM • FROM PAGE 1

nition of Elder Abuse Awareness Month and is designed to honor, celebrate, and support Native American Elders. The event provided education on elder abuse prevention, available community resources, and services that promote the safety, well-being, and independence of Elders.

In addition, the symposium offered an opportunity for Elders, caregivers, families, and community members to come together, build connections, share experiences, and express appreciation for the invaluable contributions Elders make to our communities and future generations.

The event was well attended by local elders who participated in dialogue that included health eating tips, brain health, cognitive exams, kinship, foster care, acupuncture therapy, elder abuse awareness, elder and youth mentorship building, and recommended evacuation protocols to consider during hazardous weather or emergency response events. The symposium also hosted seven vendors that included Visiting Angels, Food Distribution, CHR Program, and Rooted Resin.

Education materials were provided to attendees that provided ideas on becoming more social active to encourage a positive mental health along with a few exercises that were demonstrated by Karen Forest, Southern Ute Public Health Nurse for the Southern Ute Health Center. Forest also discussed the importance of brain health and how that relates to the prev-



Amy Barry/SU Tribal Information Services

Southern Ute Community Health Representatives Devon Davalos and Tatum Lang provided an informational booth on dementia and how to detect early warning signs. They also offered mini-cognitive tests to those who were interested during the Elder's Symposium event.

alence of dementia. Fall prevention, footcare and safe footwear were also discussed with a STEADI risk assessment model provided as a checklist for annual exams, medication lists, etc. Tribal Health Dietician, Lisa Smith, provided reviews of local restaurants and their menus to point out healthy entrees that are available in local tribal community.

The Rose Café, Rolling Thunder Grille, Cuevas Tacos, and Farmers Fresh Bar and Grille graciously participated in the activity by providing their menus and collaborative dialogue to share with elders and their families.

The Department of Social Services provided a brief overview of foster care and the importance of cultural teachings by the elders as a key component of positive kinship for youth in the foster care programs.

Family Treatment Therapist, Angelina Whitehorse provided an overview of

Acupuncture Therapy and how it is not as invasive as one might think. Several elders in attendance took advantage of the therapy during the event. Leann Wesley presented the importance of health relationships amongst the youth and the elders.

Elders provided dialogue that included being positive with one another, fostering more positive mentorship with the tribal community, encouraging youth to learn the Ute language, and for more to participate in cultural events.

The event closed with a prayer from Denise Thompson, Southern Ute Elders Committee Vice-Chairperson. This is an annual event and all in attendance look forward to the event next year.

Should you have any questions related to the Elders Symposium, please feel free to contact Lisa Bond, Division of Social Services Social Worker, at 970-563-2331.

Many Moons Ago



Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

After many years of contribution to the tribe, elders Georgia McKinley and Glenda Richards have officially said hello to retirement. A special celebration was held for the two on Thursday, June 30, gathering friends, coworkers and families for the sendoff. McKinley has served the tribe since 1972, specializing in education, Ute history, and the Ute language.

This photo was published in the July 8, 2016, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



Blenda Ortiz/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Mr. Louis Owens basketball team of 13-14-year olds competes against team Michigan on Monday July 3, 2006 at the metro campus in Denver, Co. The boys ended up taking the win against Michigan by ten points. Mich Odoms (w/ball) looks for an open teammate as Shaquille Whyte (30) and Paul Tahlo (upper Left) work to get the ball.

This photo was published in the July 7, 2006, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Team member Lorenzo Rodriquez gets a few words of encouragement from couch Erwin Taylor. The team has amassed a record of eight wins, one tie, and one loss.

This photo was published in the July 3, 1996, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Miss Southern Ute Royalty L-R: Jody Dickson, Mikki Naranjo, and Cheryl Frost at the Northern Ute 4th of July Powwow.

This photo was published in the July 11, 1986, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

EPD COLLABS WITH SCC • FROM PAGE 1

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.

Joaquin King works for EPD under the Water Quality and Remediation Division as the Water Quality Specialist. During the SCC Bear Trail Clean Up, King visited the site and shared he is grateful for the work the crew has done to ensure the safety of the community and longevity of the Bear Trail. "[SCC] did an incredible job with the Bear Trail; they helped to prevent any further erosion, and they configured a proper drainage system by building trail walls and rock structures to reinforce the trail," King said. "It was

awesome to collaborate with SCC; they are a great organization who employs local youth and Indigenous volunteers to come out and assist different tribes."

King continues, "Those students got to come out here to help EPD and [the Southern Ute Indian Tribe] with environmental and conservation efforts, the collaboration was a great way for our department to do another community outreach program," King said. "I encourage our local high school and middle school students to get in contact with the SCC and inquire about their summer programs, it makes a good addition to their resumes as well – in the future EPD would definitely work with SCC again, we would love to see our local Indigenous youth in their programs."

Joaquin King, Water Quality Specialist, took time to share gratitude with the Southwest Conversation Corps for their hard work during their time spent on Tribal Campus; "I would like to give a shoutout to Pam and her crew from SCC, they did a tremendous job helping out the Environmental Programs Department and the Ignacio community by making the Bear Trail safer for all who enjoy using it – SCC was a great organization to work with," King said. "Not only a great organization but specifically a great crew of youth we got to work with, they were very efficient but also fun to be around, those kids did their job with enthusiasm and lots of joy. We hope to work with SCC again in the future."



- TRIBAL CREDIT SURVEY -

In collaboration with Chairman Pinnecoose and Executive Officer Box, Tribal Credit is seeking input from Southern Ute Tribal Members regarding their interest in a potential auto loan program.

We encourage Tribal Members to complete the survey by **Friday, July 31, 2026.**

For more information, please contact Zebulan Vogenthaler at 970-563-2458.



LET'S LEARN UTE

panʔni
drum

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drum stick

páasi'napʔ
playing cards

turukwi
playing stick game

turukwi'napʔ
stick game sticks





TUGHUVUN
BRACELET
MAKING EVENT

The Southern Ute Museum & Cultural Preservation Department invite folks to attend our collaborative bracelet making event. We will be creating “friendship bracelet” style bracelets incorporating the Ute language.



July 20th & 21st



SUCCM Large Classroom



12pm - 2pm

• RSVP to SUCCM Education/Outreach Coordinator Raelynn Frauenhoff | 970-563-2998

• Supplies & refreshments provided



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:
RAELYNN FRAUENHOFF | 970-563-2998
COVEN WHITE | 970-563-2985



CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Cultural Preservation Department would like to offer Tribal Members the opportunity to have their artwork featured in an upcoming coloring book. This coloring book will feature 16 Southern Ute Tribal Member’s artwork, composed in a collective shared space while featuring our Ute language. Please adhere to the guidelines below, toghoyaqh.

OPEN TO ALL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 14, 2026

GUIDELINES

• One submission per person

• No AI generated imagery

• Theme of artwork is up to the artist

• Artwork must fit 8"x10" dimensions & work within given template

• Artwork must be child friendly

• Include a digitized copy via PNG or PDF

• Selected artists will be compensated

For further information & to receive the template, contact: 970-563-2985



Royalty: Ariz. & Utah Powwows



courtesy Paulando Whitesinger

Southern Ute Brave, Theoden Greany and Little Miss Southern Ute, Starlitt Greany with Miss TCES Princess 2025–2026, Paulita Whitesinger.



courtesy Dominika Joy



courtesy Dominika Joy

Southern Ute Brave, Theoden Greany and Little Miss Southern Ute, Starlitt Greany at the 18th annual Chee family powwow in Monument Valley, Utah.



courtesy Dominika Joy

Southern Ute Brave, Theoden Greany at Route 66’s Standing Horse Powwow in Winslow, AZ.

104th Southern Ute Tribal Fair Logo and Theme
“Coming Together”



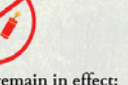
The 104th Southern Ute Tribal Fair Logo and Theme “Coming Together” was designed by Southern Ute tribal member, Tanisha Figueroa. Thank you to all the artists who entered the contest. As a reminder, the Southern Ute Tribal Fair will be held September 11-13, 2026, and the Tribal Rodeo will be held September 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.

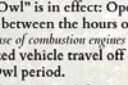


Stage II Fire Restrictions

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





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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE Heard: a few building blocks for happiness

by Brianna Henderson
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

So how do we achieve long term happiness? Why can't I just eat donuts whenever I find myself unhappy and that would be the answer to my problem? What is the secret recipe to happiness?

Well, my friends and family, I have some exciting news for you. Drum roll please ...

I have found ... Some answers. Now, happiness depends on the individual and is shaped by numerous factors. However, there are a few tips that influence your happiness that you may find helpful.

What is emotional agility? It is basically the right to be unhappy. Being able to navigate your thoughts and emotions with self-compassion and acceptance. Accepting that it's okay to not be happy all the time. Instead of burying uncomfortable feelings deep down, you can take the mask off and recognize the emotions you are feeling with openness, curiosity, and self-compassion. When we have emotional agility we can gain control, be in tune with ourselves and ultimately grow.

Have you ever heard of the term "social fitness"? And I know what you're thinking, social fitness is just getting exercise around people. Great. Now I must get sweaty around people to be happy?

No, I'm not cruel. However, we need social connections. A Harvard study surrounding adult development found that the quality of our relationships is the single strongest predictor of lifelong happiness and physical health. Basically, treat your social life like a workout. Maintain close friendships, check in on family, participate in community events, or just say hi to your neighbor; it helps create a supportive community environment.

And that leads me into culture. Being rooted in culture provides a profound sense of belonging. By staying connected to your culture you can heal through tradition. Culture allows us to maintain a strong sense of identity which has been found to help create emotional stability. With culture we can create a deep community connection that is greatly linked to higher levels of resilience, life satisfaction, and calmness. So, participate in those

community events, drag your friends or family with you, and stay connected.

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.

SUN SAFETY FACTS

Protection from UV rays is important all year

How to protect your skin from the sun

Spending time outside is a great way to be physically active and reduce stress. You can work and play outside without raising your skin cancer risk by protecting your skin from the sun. Protection from UV rays is important all year, not just during the summer. UV rays can reach you on cloudy and cool days, and they reflect off of surfaces like water, cement, sand, and snow. In the continental United States, UV rays tend to be strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daylight saving time (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). **Shade:** You can reduce your risk of sun damage and skin cancer by staying in the shade under an umbrella, tree, or other shelter. Your best bet to protect your skin is to use sunscreen or wear protective clothing when you're outside – even when you're in the shade.

Clothing: When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and skirts, which can provide protection from UV rays. If wearing this type of clothing isn't practical, try to wear a T-shirt or a beach cover-up. Clothes made from tightly woven fabric offer the best protection. A wet T-shirt offers much less UV protection than a dry one, and darker colors may offer more protection than lighter colors. Some clothing is certified under international standards as offering UV protection.

Hat: For the most protection, wear a hat that has a brim all the way around that shades your face, your ears, and the back of your neck. A tightly woven fabric, such as canvas, works best to protect your skin from UV rays. Avoid straw hats with holes that let sunlight through. A darker hat may offer more UV protection. If you wear a baseball cap, you should also protect your ears and the back of your neck by wearing clothing that covers those areas, using

sunscreen, or staying in the shade.

Sunglasses: Sunglasses protect your eyes from UV rays and reduce the risk of cataracts. They also protect the tender skin around your eyes from sun exposure. Sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays offer the best protection. Most sunglasses sold in the United States, regardless of cost, meet this standard. Wrap-around sunglasses work best because they block UV rays from sneaking in from the side.

Sunscreen: Put on broad spectrum sunscreen that filters out both UVA and UVB rays and has an SPF of 15 or higher before you go outside. Don't forget to put a thick layer on all exposed skin. Get help for hard-to-reach places like your back. And remember, sunscreen works best when combined with other options. Sunscreen is not recommended for babies who are 6 months old or younger. The US Food and Drug Administration recommends keeping infants out of the sun during midday and using protective clothing if they have to be in the sun.

- **SPF.** Sunscreens are assigned a sun protection factor (SPF), which is a number that rates how well they filter out UV rays. Higher numbers indicate more protection. You should use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF of 15 or higher.
- **Reapplication.** Sunscreen wears off. Put it on again if you stay out in the sun for more than 2 hours and after swimming, sweating, or toweling off.
- **Expiration date.** Check the sunscreen's expiration date. Sunscreen without an expiration date has a shelf life of no more than 3 years. Its shelf life is shorter if it has been exposed to high temperatures. Visit the Centers for Disease Control website for additional info www.cdc.gov.

HEALTHY RECIPES

Summer turkey burgers

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

Try turkey burgers this summer as an alternative to beef.

Hamburger buns come in all types! You are encouraged to use whole wheat buns, but they are not always available. When comparing different buns, choose ones that are smaller, have less added sugar and if possible, some fiber.

You might even try large lettuce leaves like romaine, butter/bib or iceberg.



courtesy timolina/AdobeStock

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

Summer Turkey Burgers

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. lean ground turkey
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon lower sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon ketchup
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 4 whole wheat buns

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, mix all ingredients together. If using your hands, put a little oil on them so the turkey won't stick*
2. Form into 4 patties, flattening with your hands to desired size*. Adding a thumbprint indent to the center can help patties keep their shape
3. Place patties in refrigerator for 15 minutes
4. Lightly coat large skillet with cooking spray

5. Heat skillet to medium-high
6. Place patties onto skillet and cook for 5 minutes on each side*
7. Place each patty on a whole wheat bun and top as desired

* Wash your hands well before and after touching raw turkey. Cook until internal temperature is 165 degrees

Using the grill: Place burgers in the freezer for 15 minutes. Spray meat with oil on both sides to prevent sticking. Cook until internal temperature is 165 degrees, turning to brown evenly. You can also start cooking them on lightly sprayed foil and then finish them on the grill grates. **Sliders!** Instead of 4 patties, roll 8-10 balls and then flatten into small patties. Cook in a skillet with oil, turning to brown until cooked and place on slider buns with toppings as desired.



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



Summer Mint and Quinoa Salad



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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFJuly2026>

Sign-up Deadline: Monday July 27, 2026
Pickup Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026

- Meal Kit Includes:
- Primary ingredients
 - Recipe / Prep Tips
 - Kitchen Hacks

Contact:

Lisa Smith 970-563-2344

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

POUCHES OF POWER: A FAMILY CRAFT EVENT

The Behavioral Health Division and Shining Mountain Health and Wellness invite you to a family crafting event.

Join us for medicine pouch or key fob crafting for the entire family. Ages 8 and up. (Ages 8-13 must be accompanied by an adult).

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

All supplies provided. No experience needed. Snacks provided.

For transportation, please give us a call.

Friday,
July 24, 2026
1:30 to 4:00 PM

Location:
4101 CR 222
Durango, CO



For more information contact
Brianna Henderson
at 970-563-2487

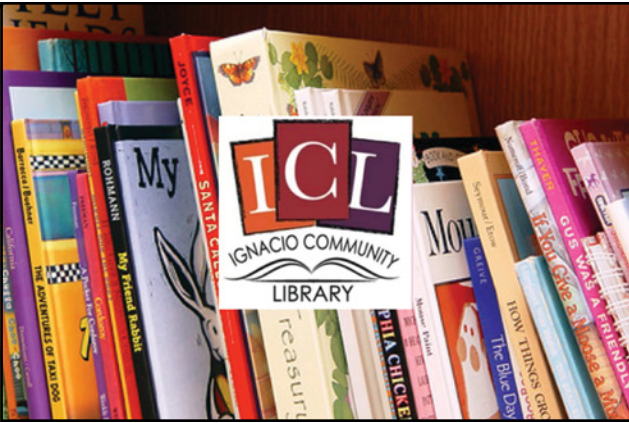




IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Education at the library

By Ron Schermacher
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Although attitudes are changing, too many folks still believe that the library’s role is primarily for checking out books and movies. Libraries today not only have the requisite books and movies but also a long list of programs, interesting activities, a collection of useful and educational items and much more. Libraries have become gathering places for social interaction and community.

Our goal is to be a center to bring people and ideas together for learning and personal growth. The library staff spends many hours helping patrons overcome technological hurdles, exploring new realms and acquiring new skills. You get to choose the direction of your growth, the library provides the resources you need for the journey.

Educational journeys at the library can be achieved in a variety of ways. They might involve a quick virtual visit to a foreign country or take years of study and practice learning electronics. The knowledge and skills you gain might be for recreation or pleasure or to enhance opportunities for higher education or career advancement.

These days it is quite possible to construct a personal educational adventure with the library as your travel companion. The staff has witnessed some remarkable transformations as patrons have become talented artists, writers and

makers. Examples of these projects grace the walls and display cabinets of the library and inhabit the homes and offices of our patrons.

Educational opportunities at the library are for all ages. The library can enhance traditional public school classes but also supports life long learning. As an example, maybe you’re familiar with our Take & Make kits? These kits supply the materials for making a craft item and usually include information and worksheets to provide for a rounded learning experience. Youth gain practice at skills with scissors, measuring, gluing and following instructions. The worksheets give adults a chance to interact with their children and instill a deeper learning of the subject.

Adults can find groups pursuing similar interests to learn skills from art to tech. Sewing, knitting, art, and electronics have weekly meeting times. Mystery, Sci-Fi, Cooking, and Youth books clubs meet regularly. The IdeaLab is a fully

stocked community workshop that people are saying is the best makerspace on the western slope. Almost all of the programs are free and supply the materials needed.

Educational success is determined by the individual. You manage the pace and depth of your learning with help from experienced staff and volunteers. The opportunities for self-guided learning have never been greater or more diverse. Many people are aware of how YouTube can be used to provide demonstrations and tutorials for everything from learning software to adjusting carburetors.

If you require certification or a degree there are paths to follow. One of the difficulties in online learning is finding useful and credible sites to provide what you need to achieve your goals. Your library can be a useful partner if you have questions or concerns about specific sites and programs.

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”
– Mahatma Gandhi

IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2026-2027 CALENDAR

School Day: IHS 7:50 am-4:15 pm, IMS 7:50 am-4:05 pm, IES 7:55 am-3:55 pm

1-3 Admin office closed for cleaning
4 Independence Day
31 New Staff In-Service

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1 New Year's Day
4 Snow Day Make up for students or NO SCHOOL. Staff work day.
5 School Begins 2nd Semester
18 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr Day
22 Professional Development Day
25 District Accountability meeting
Student Days -14 Teacher Days -16

3-7 Staff In-Service
5-9 La Plata County Fair
10 Transition grades begin (K,6, 9)
Open House all schools, all grades (4:30-6:30 PM)
11 School Begins All Grades

AUGUST 2026						
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Student Days -13 Teacher Days -18.5

7 NO SCHOOL Labor Day
11 Professional Development Day
21 District Accountability Meeting
21-25 IHS and IHS Parent-Teacher Conferences
25 Professional Development Day
IELP/Elementary Full day Secondary (PM)
Student Days -17 Teacher Days -19.5

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8 End of 1st Quarter (35 days)
12 NO SCHOOL Indigenous Day
19-23 IHS Parent-teacher Conferences
23 Professional Development Day
IELP/Elementary (PM) Secondary Full day
26 Indian Policy Meeting
Student Days-16 Teacher Days-17

OCTOBER 2026						
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13 Veterans' Day Observed
25-27 Thanksgiving Break
Student Days -15 Teacher Days -15

NOVEMBER 2026						
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4 Professional Development Day
10 NO SCHOOL Leonard Burch Day
17 End of 2nd Quarter (36 days)
21-31 Winter Break
Student Days -10 Teacher Days -11 (71)

DECEMBER 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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Student Days -10 Teacher Days -11 (71)

JANUARY 2027						
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5 Snow Day make-up if needed
12 Presidents' Day Observed
15-19 Parent-Teacher Conferences
One evening 4:30-7:00 PM
Friday noon 7:30-11:30 AM
19 Professional Development PM
Student Days -16 Teacher Days -17.5

MARCH 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

4 End of 3rd quarter (35 days)
5 Professional Development Day
14 Daylight Savings Time
15-19 Spring Break
28 Easter Sunday
Student Days -15 Teacher Days -16

APRIL 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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1-23 State Testing Window
9 Professional Development Day
12 District Accountability meeting
22 Earth Day
26 Snow Day make-up or NO SCHOOL
Student Days -16 Teacher Days -17

MAY 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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7 Professional Development Day
26 Students Last Day
26 End of 4th quarter (44 days)
27 Snow Day Make up for students or NO SCHOOL. Staff work day.
28 Staff Work day (if needed)
29 Graduation
31 Memorial Day
Student Days -15 Teacher Days -17

JUNE 2027						
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Total Student Days -147
Total Teacher Days -165
(included after-hour activities)
18 Juneteenth Observed
Contact Hours:
High School 1095 (7.45X147)
Middle School 1080 (7.35X147)
Elementary 1029 (7.1X147)

Adopted: March 11, 2026

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BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IS HELPING STUDENTS START THE SCHOOL YEAR STRONG!

JULY 24, 2026

12:00- 2:00

COME BY AND PICK UP FREE K-12 SCHOOL SUPPLY ESSENTIALS. WHETHER YOU NEED NOTEBOOKS, PENCILS, OR OTHER BASICS.

Located in the grass area between the Mouache-Capote Building and Annex.

STOP BY EARLY-SUPPLIES WILL BE LIMITED!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES 970.563.2332.

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 970-563-0253

www.hopecommunitychristianacademy.org

Enrollment

Open For 2026-2027

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At Hope Community Christian Academy, we believe education is more than academics — it's about developing Christ-like leaders, strengthening families, and inspiring a lifelong love of learning.

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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.



Celebrating “Strength Through Unity”



Grand entry begins, and dancers fill the arena on Saturday evening. Men’s Northern Traditional Dancer, Bart Stevens, leads the War Bonnet dancers, Veterans, and Royalty on Saturday.



Southern Ute tribal member, Mike Santistevan competes in the Men’s Northern Traditional category on Friday evening, showcasing his style to the crowd.



Women’s Woodland Scrub dancers showcase their styles during Grand Entry on Saturday in Fort Duchesne.



Host drum Mountain Kree, hails from Camp, Alberta, Canada – the group sings during Saturday evening grand entry, bringing dancers into the arena.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum

The Ute Indian Tribe (Northern Ute Tribe), hosted its annual Northern Ute Fourth of July Celebration Powwow from Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5 in Fort Duchesne, UT. The celebration featured a variety of special contest for all visitors to enjoy, a large selection of food and craft vendors, hand game tournament and more. Visitors of all ages enjoyed the event that featured world class singing and dancing – the celebration saw a large crowd, gathering from different parts throughout Indian Country.



Family members of the late Thomas Grant Appah gather for the Flag Raising ceremony held on Saturday morning – each day the celebration honors veterans by raising the honoree’s burial flag in the powwow arena. The emcees took time to recognize the Appah family, sing an honor song, and begin the day with the flag raising.



Hand Game contestants go head-to-head on Saturday evening. Local teams and visiting teams fill the Hand Game Arbor with song as they take turns guessing and hiding the bones. The Lopez family of Ute Mountain Ute competes on Saturday in Fort Duchesne.



Miss Ute Tribe, Theadora Nephi, visits craft and jewelry vendors during the celebration on Saturday evening. This year’s event saw various types of jewelry merchants, craft supplies, and regalia makers at the powwow.



Women’s Fancy Shawl dancer, Lara Lasley, competes in adult category contest on Saturday evening. Lasley is a champion fancy shawl dancer who competes throughout Indian Country.



Men’s Fancy Dancers hit the floor on Friday evening, showcasing their fast movements and put on a show for the crowd at the annual Northern Ute Fourth of July Celebration Powwow.



Ketiera Lopez, recently crowned Miss Ute Mountain Ute, visits food vendors at the Northern Ute Fourth of July Celebration Powwow and buys a piece of frybread to enjoy as the event continues into the night.

Tribe welcomes scientists



photos Summer Begay/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Future scientists, engineers, and policy leaders took a field trip to Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Wednesday, July 1! Chairman Marvin Pinnecoose and Tribal Council welcomed Colorado Science & Technology Policy Program (CO STPP) Summer Scholars – undergrads, graduate students, and PhD candidates – for a conversation about Tribal leadership, innovation, and energy initiatives.



Southern Ute Tribal Councilmember, Linda Baker speaks with the group of scientists, engineers and policy leaders. Inspiring the next generation of STEM leaders – one meaningful conversation at a time!



The scholars, hosted by the Institute for Science & Policy at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, stopped by to learn more about the Tribe's work in energy and commitment environmental stewardship. Their visit also included meetings with the Growth Fund and Environmental Programs Department as part of an 8-week immersive learning experience exploring science, technology, and public policy in Colorado, on Wednesday, July 1.

Ignacio Community Library Youth Programs

- **Storytime:** Join us every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for an interactive session filled with songs, crafts, and stories.
- **Kids Book Club:** Looking for a fun and exciting way to make new friends and expand your reading list? Join our book club!
- **Teen Night:** Are you a middle or high school student looking for a fun and engaging after-hours program to attend? Look no further! Our library offers a monthly program with exciting new themes and activities, along with dinner!
- **Teen Cafe:** Calling all middle schoolers and high schoolers from 6th to 12th grade! Join us every Monday at 4:30 p.m. for an exciting lineup of activities, including movies, crafts, homework help, board games, music, coloring, and more.
- **Summer Reading 2026:** We're so excited to invite you to another fun-filled summer! Join us every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the library.

Check out the newly designed website at www.ignaciolibrary.org for more info!

SOUTHERN UTE SPECIAL ELECTION
Southern Ute Chairman Candidate

Christine Sage

Special Election July 10, 2026.

My name is Christine Sage and here is my platform/statement. I have decided to run for Tribal Chairman in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Special Election.

- One, Communication. There has not been any communication from the Tribal Council. In order for the Tribal membership to have faith in our leaders there should be communication within all Entities, Departments, Boards, Committees, and Council.
- Two, Integrity and Honor. To be present to listen and assist the Tribal membership as they have issues that are needing attention. Being available in the offices and answering phone calls/emails at all times of any day. I remember answering phone calls from Tribal elders on Saturdays even Sundays to listen to them and assist with their concerns. This is my honor to help my people with their issues. Having an open-door



Christine Sage
Candidate for Chairman
Special Election

policy is very important along with the integrity to fulfill.

- Three, Experience. I feel having the experience to hold the office of Chairman is valuable. Although this is a short term it is important. Making the right decisions for my people is very much needed. Asking questions and speaking up for all Southern Ute Indian Tribal members is always a big part of being the Tribal Chairman. We as Southern Ute need our TRUST back

in the Tribal Chairman.

- Four, Sustainability. Providing a better future for all our Tribal Membership from the youngest to the oldest. Being prepared for the future challenges should be a priority for our Tribe. We have Human Resources, Housing, Health, Education, and our Financial Sustainability these are all an essential part of my concern. To be sustainable to provide for our Tribal Membership includes support and resources that will benefit all. Not to set up our Tribe and our membership for failures, but to see our Tribe and membership prosper in the advancing future.

With your support, your vote, and your voices I stand my ground and will continue to be present with all conflicts of my Southern Ute Indian Tribal people.

ON FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026 VOTE CHRISTINE SAGE FOR TRIBAL CHAIRMAN!

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

Virtual Attendance is available
through WebEx

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

Virtual Attendance:
Scan the QR code or use the link
<https://bit.ly/2026SUSe>

SAVE the DATE
SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2026



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CONFERENCE
KATERI CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

For more information email: sirenabrito87@icloud.com

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.



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KSUT AT 50 • FROM PAGE 1

but once we got into it, it was fun.”

In 1979, KSUT upgraded its transmitter and relocated its broadcast equipment, increasing its reach throughout the Southern Ute reservation. “When I got there, they had upgraded the transmitter on Rattlesnake, which was 435 watts,” said longtime engineer Scott Henning.

THE KSUT BLEND

In the early 1980s, KSUT introduced what would become its defining programming feature: a diverse, genre-spanning music format known as “the Blend.”

Friend of KSUT Clint Swink recalled the influence of station manager Jack McDonald, who helped shape the station’s sound. “Jack could do it all. He had the top 40 voice, the easy listening voice,” Swink said.

At a time when many public radio stations stuck to a single genre, KSUT began mixing genres during daily DJ shifts. “There was a lot of Native American music, and the blend was pretty revolutionary,” Swink said. “It was a small station, but Jack had a vision that continues today.”

The Blend included folk, rock, country rock, jazz, reggae, world music, and more, within the same hour. “I had a jazz show called Journeys Through Jazz on Sunday nights,” Henning said. “Bluegrass, new rock, New Age. It was all in the same mix. It was pretty unusual at the time.”

NPR AFFILIATION

In 1984, KSUT became an NPR affiliate, expanding its programming and reach across the region.

Former board member Jerry Zink recalled Eddie Box Jr.’s early leadership. “Eddie Box Jr. was ahead of most of the rest of the world in figuring out what radio could become,” Zink said.



courtesy KSUT

Michael Brown, Lucinda Cloud, Jack McDonald, KSUT’s station manager.

Zink also reflected on the broader cultural shift KSUT helped foster. “Over 50 years, the region has become more diverse politically and culturally,” Zink said. “KSUT brought in signals and perspectives from across the country into people’s daily lives.”

KSUT added NPR programming such as Morning Edition and All Things Considered, and its audience expanded across southwest Colorado and northwest New Mexico. “We knew people were responding because membership was growing,” Henning said. “People were calling and engaging with what they were hearing.”

By the 1980s, KSUT had evolved from a 10-watt tribal station into a regional public radio voice serving both Native and non-Native audiences. “It’s not just for Native people. It’s for ev-

eryone,” Lillian Seibel said. “I really admire how far the staff and management have brought it.”

On the next episode of the KSUT at 50 series, we explore the station’s move from a tribal community center to a former nurses’ quarters, the station’s growth as a non-profit, the signal’s expansion around the Four Corners region, and the split into Four Corners Public Radio and Tribal Radio.

Note from KSUT: Scott Henning and Sean Owen provided archival audio interviews conducted in the 1990s and 2010s for this project.

Part one in this KSUT series was published in the April 3, 2026, issue of The Southern Ute Drum. Both audio segments can be heard on KSUT Tribal Radio’s website at <https://tribalradio.org/>

KSUT TRIBAL RADIO

100.9 FM is back on the air!

Staff report
KSUT TRIBAL RADIO

Great news for our relatives and listeners in Towaoc! We are thrilled to share that KSUT Tribal Radio is officially back up and

broadcasting to serve our sister Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe.

Thank you all for your patience and support while we worked to get the signal back up and running. Tune your dials to 100.9 FM in

Towaoc, Colo., to get connected back with your favorite music, local news, and community voices.

Spread the word, and help us let everyone in Towaoc know that we are back on the air waves!



Tune in now!

100.9 FM

Towaoc, Colorado

To all our listeners in Towaoc, Colorado and surrounding areas, we're back!





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 Alencio
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](http://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
2 nd Prize:	\$300 Cash
3 rd Prize:	Gas Grill
4 th Prize:	YETI Roadie 24 Cooler
5 th Prize:	\$200 Cash
6 th Prize:	Handmade Quilt
7 th Prize:	DeWalt Workbench w/\$100 Home Depot Cd
8 th Prize:	Beaded Jewelry
9 th Prize:	Pendleton Blanket
10 th Prize:	Cornhole Board Set
11 th Prize:	Salon Gift Basket
12 th Prize:	Crocheted Lap Blanket
13 th Prize:	\$100 Taqueria Cueva Gift Card
14 th Prize:	Religious Item Stocking
15 th Prize:	Sweet Tooth Grill Gift Card
16 th Prize:	Summer Themed Gift Basket

TICKETS \$1 EACH/6 FOR \$5 (Need not be present to win)

21st Annual



PARTY IN THE PARK

Celebrating 50 Years of KSUT

A date... A command... A band.



MARCH FOURTH

SATURDAY 7/25/26

BUCKLEY PARK, DURANGO, CO

with special guest
CHA WA

DOORS 5:00 pm | SHOW 5:30 pm All Ages

\$25 Admission | Tickets & Info: KSUT.org





Southern Ute Elder Services

July

Activity List

July 3, 2026
Tribal Offices CLOSED

July 4, 2026
Happy 4th of July!

July 7, 2026
Movie Day (Farmington)
Van will depart Elder Services at: TBD

July 14, 2026
Casino (Towaoc)
Van will depart Elder Services at 10:00 a.m.

July 21, 2026
Silverton day trip
Van will depart Elder Services at 9:00 a.m.
Lunch will be provided

July 28, 2026
Shopping (Farmington)
Van will depart Elder Services at 10:00 a.m.

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



68TH LITTLE BEAVER CELEBRATION

JULY 17TH 18TH AND 19TH 2026

⚡ THEME: ROCK OF AGES WITH LITTLE BEAVER ⚡

ARCHERY SHOOT-POW WOW- RODEO-PARADE-
KIDDIE'S PARADE- DOG SHOW- D.O.Y ART SHOW- MUD
BOG- PONY EXPRESS-SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT-
DANCES-CRAFTS-FOOD VENDORS-WARRIOR DAY-
-KANDY TOWN CAR SHOW- CONCERT'S AND MORE TO
COME

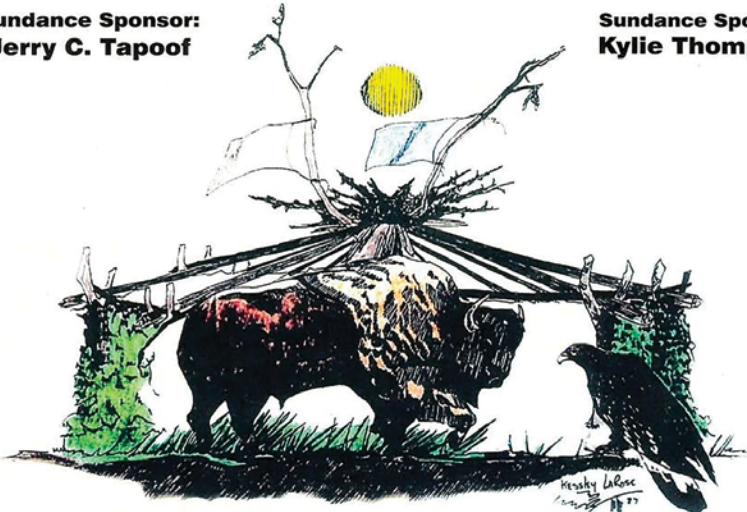
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
DULCE COMMUNITY CENTER 575-759-4376**

Dulce Community Center and the Jicarilla Apache Nation is not responsible for any accidents, injuries, lost or stolen items, that may occur during an event or inside building This is an alcohol and drug free event.

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.

SOUTHERN UTE SUN DANCE, TAGU WUNI

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**

UTE MOUNTAIN CASINO HOTEL

POW WOW

Hand Game

2026

July 31st, August 1st&2nd

The Boyz
Twin Cities, Minnesota
Northern Host Drum

MOTOWN
Red Lake, Minnesota
Southern Host Drum

For more information: Constance Wall Powwow Chairperson - 970-560-5944
Arlene Onco Assistant General Manager - 970-570-9543

POW WOW

WHITE MESA BEAR DANCE

SEPTEMBER 4TH&5TH, 2026

GRAND ENTRIES: FRIDAY 7PM | SATURDAY @1PM & 7PM

HEAD STAFF: TBA | HOST DRUM: TBA

MASTER OF CEREMONY: MARGARET ARRIVE, UTE MOUNTAIN UTE, TOWAOC, CO

ARENA DIRECTOR: FARON OWL, PAIUTE/QUECHAN, WINTERHAVEN, CA

HEAD DANCERS: WHITE MESA ROYALTY, UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE

HEAD TEEN DANCER: RIHANNA MAY, UTE MOUNTAIN UTE/PAIUTE, TOWAOC, CO

SOUND AUDIO: REGGIE LOPEZ, UTE MOUNTAIN UTE, TOWAOC, CO

GOLDEN AGE MEN/ WOMEN 50+ | COMBINED MEN/WOMEN COMBINED | \$300/200-/100

ADULT MEN & WOMEN COMBINED 18-49 | COMBINED TRADITIONAL/GRASS/JINGLE/FANCY \$300/\$200/\$100

TEEN BOYS & GIRLS COMBINED 13-17 | COMBINED TEEN COMBINED | \$150/100/75

JUNIOR BOYS & JR GIRLS COMBINED 8-12 | COMBINED MEN/WOMEN COMBINED | \$100/75/50

TINY TOTS 7-UNDER PAID DAILY | SUPER BREAK 5PM SATURDAY FOR ALL DANCERS.

AMENITIES: - DRY CAMPING AVAILABLE - SHOWERS AVAILABLE AT THE WHITE MESA COMMUNITY CENTER
POW-WOW COORDINATOR: DAN CLARK: 970-508-0217 MARGARET ARRIVE: 970-560-6504
NOTE: WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOW-FUNDED INDIVIDUALS, DIVORCES, OR ANY THEFTS.
FOOD VENDORS: CONTACT: VANSAN VICENTI: 970-560-8742
DRUMMERS AND DANCERS: PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS

ELKO BAND COUNCIL

» ANNOUNCEMENT «

SHOSHONE REUNION 2026

Elko Band Council is now accepting registration forms for the upcoming *Shoshone Reunion*.

» REUNION DATES: «

September 13 – September 16, 2026

» TRAVEL INFORMATION: «

- Departure: September 12, 2026
- Return: September 17, 2026
- Transportation provided by Elko Band Council

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION DETAILS:

- A \$50 DEPOSIT is required to secure your place
- Deposit is required for all registered attendees

» REGISTRATION DEADLINE: «

JULY 15, 2026

Spots are limited — please submit your forms and deposit as soon as possible.

» QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: «

Contact Admin at
(775) 738-8889

We look forward to gathering together in community, culture, and tradition.

Ute Mountain Ute hosts annual Tri-Ute Games



Carli Hight/SU Tribal Information Services

At the Opening Ceremony of the Tri-Ute Games held in Towaoc, Colo., Southern Ute Tribal Council member Linda Baker speaks to the coaches, athletes, and families about the importance of the youth getting to spend this time together and wishing them all luck in their events.



Carli Hight/SU Tribal Information Services

Alongside tribal veterans and Ute Mountain Ute flag carrier, Southern Ute tribal member Orion Watts carries the Southern Ute Flag Monday morning July 6, at the Ute Mountain Ute Recreation Center in Towaoc, Colo., leading this year's Tri-Ute participants and coaches.

Athletes, families, and dignitaries from the three Ute sister tribes gathered in Towaoc, Colo., for the start of the annual Tri-Ute Games, hosted this year by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, on Monday, July 6. The Opening Ceremony took place at the Ute Mountain Recreation Center with a grand entry presentation of the athletes, led by local and visiting veterans, and cultural ambassadors from each Ute tribe. Following the grand entry, an invocation was offered and attendees heard a Welcome Address from visiting members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council, and Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee.



Carli Hight/SU Tribal Information Services

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Cyana Whiteskunk, wishes all Tri Ute athletes and coaches a week filled with fun and taking time to get to know one another Monday morning, July 6 at the Opening Ceremony of the Tri-Ute Games in Towaoc, Colo.

SUIT Air Quality Division Resources

The Ambient Monitoring website has many resources available to help you protect yourself from poor air quality during wildfire season and beyond! See some of the highlights below:

Current Conditions

AQI Flag Program

Ambient Monitoring Sites

Air Quality Resources

This tab shows real time data from AQD's three monitoring sites on the SUIR and the corresponding Air Quality Index (AQI) values for the four measured pollutants.

Bondad Air Monitoring Station

This tab shows information on AQD's new Air Quality Flag program at the Ignacio Library and the J&R building. Or check out our AQI flag displays at the Sky Ute Casino and SunUte Community Center. These flags represent daily air quality forecasts by the EPA for max AQI.

Ignacio

THE AIR QUALITY TODAY IS: **TOGHOYAQH.** "IT'S OK." IT'S A **MODERATE** DAY TO BE ACTIVE OUTSIDE!

This tab lists resources created by AQD to help you understand air quality and know how to best protect yourself when the AQI is unhealthy.

Air Quality Resources and Info Sheets

- [How to Protect Yourself from Forest Fire Smoke](#)
- [How to Estimate the Air Quality Using Visibility](#)
- [What is Ozone and Southern Ute Ozone Monitoring?](#)

US AQI Level	Value	Health Recommendation (for 24 hour exposure)
Good	0-50	Air quality is satisfactory and poses little or no risk.
Moderate	50-100	Sensitive individuals should avoid outdoor activity as they may experience respiratory symptoms.
Unhealthy For Sensitive Groups	101-150	General public and sensitive individuals in particular are at risk to experience irritation and respiratory problems.
Unhealthy	151-200	Increased likelihood of adverse effects and aggravation to the heart and lungs among general public.
Very Unhealthy	201-300	General public will be noticeably affected. Sensitive groups should restrict outdoor activities.
Hazardous	301+	General public at high risk of experiencing strong irritations and adverse health effects. Should avoid outdoor activities.

If you are unsure if it is safe to be active outside:

1. Check the Current Conditions tab.
2. Check the AQI Flag Program tab for a daily air quality forecast.
3. Check the Resources tab for other useful links and tips on how to tell if the air quality is poor and how to protect yourself.

If the corresponding AQI value recommends staying indoors, keep your doors and windows closed.



The art of the Market



photos Amy Barry/SU Tribal Information Services

Southern Ute tribal member Loretta Velasquez, of "Sweetgrass Teahouse & Delicacies," offered handmade candles, unique herbal teas, and refreshing drinks on Piinu Núuchi Farmer's Market Day. The farmer's market will be held every Wednesday at the Sky Ute Casino Resort through November.

Southern Ute tribal member, Karen Gilbert and her husband Dan Gilbert, of "Santibeads" showcased their beadwork and artistry at the weekly Piinu Núuchi Farmer's Market that continues to grow in the tribal community. The farmer's market is hosted by the Southern Ute Economic Development Department.



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10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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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

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
Bible Study with Renee' - Friday July 10, & 24, - Conference Room
Schedule is subject to change—Watch for Announcements

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MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

July Sip, Chat & Chew

Friday July 31, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



Sponsored by:
Tribal Member Employee & Recruitment Advisory Committee



There will be the Children's Buffet
and Door Prize Table

The Dinner is open to members of the 3 Ute Tribes,
and their families, all ages are invited.

Door Prize donations are appreciated.
There will be a youth door prize table.



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Virtual Travel:
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Join us to explore local attractions through Virtual Reality headsets while enjoying local cuisine too! This event celebrates Colorado's 150th anniversary, as well as 250 years of American independence. Don't miss out on this unique fusion of technology and community heritage.

Tuesday, July 28 at 4:00 pm



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KSUT FOUR CORNERS PUBLIC RADIO

The community history buried beneath Navajo Lake

By Adam Burke
FOUR CORNERS PUBLIC RADIO

Raymond Gallegos’ family home was moved on a flatbed truck from their homestead land along the Piedra River in May 1960. Raymond Gallegos had an idyllic childhood growing up next to the Piedra River. When he was 13, the family had to move to make room for a giant reservoir.

When I met Raymond Gallegos for the first time, we were in a dirt parking lot. Today the place is known as ‘Windsurfer Beach’ at Navajo Lake State Park, near Colorado’s southern border with New Mexico. But 70 years ago, it was the Gallegos family homestead. “The reason I chose this location is that this is on our property,” Gallegos said, shielding his eyes from the sun and pointing down toward an empty slope of sand and rocks that ran all the way to the water. “That’s where our home was – straight ahead, into the water,” he said. “Back here, our property line comes straight up and goes back just before that ridge line there.”

I noted to Gallegos that he was talking about the homestead in the present tense. “When we arrived here, you said, ‘this is our property...’ You used the word ‘is,’ not ‘was’,” I said. “It is. It still is,” he said. “It belongs to the government now, but it’s still, in my heart, still our property.”

When the federal government flooded these river valleys in the early 1960s, the Gallegos family had to leave and start over like hundreds of other residents.

Raymond is 76 now. But

in his mind’s eye he can still see all the places on land and into the water, where the family lived for more than a decade.

“We were extremely fortunate with our parents, and my grandfather,” he said. “We were dirt poor and didn’t know it. Money-wise. But we had everything else. It was just a fantastic life.”

Times of hardship, times of abundance

The homestead was the result of a life of toil and hardship by Raymond’s grandfather.

Ramon Ezequiel Gallegos had grown up nearby in the town of Rosa, New Mexico. The town is gone now, its remnants covered with silt somewhere near the bottom of the reservoir.

“He was a big man. He always wore a big hat,” Raymond Gallegos remembers. “Born and raised Catholic, went to mass every Sunday he could. Prayed to the rosary. But he didn’t push it on anyone. He didn’t even push it on us kids.”

It had been in Rosa, where Ramon had met Raymond’s grandmother. Sometime in the early 1900s, Ramon got a mining job and moved to Silverton, Colo., with his wife and young family. “He would tell stories of working in the mines, that they were cold and damp,” Gallegos said. “It was miserable in the mines when he was working in the Silverton area.”

Then came 1918. “The Spanish Flu hit, and my grandmother passed away there,” Gallegos said. “She was one of the very first ones to pass away from the flu.”

Ramon Gallegos didn’t



photo Edward O. Richmond or Winifred Richmond Walker / courtesy of Ryan Brown

Ramon and Adela (Quintana) Gallegos' wedding photograph. Taken in front of the first Santa Rosa Church, Rosa, NM, 1912.

want his wife to be buried in a mass grave in Silverton; he wanted her laid to rest in Rosa, New Mexico. It was illegal at the time to transport a body across state lines, so he brought his wife home secretly. “Because he didn’t have anyone to take care of the kids, they remained with my great-grandparents, while he went off and worked,” Gallegos said.

Ramon returned to the mines in Silverton. His four children stayed in Rosa. Six years later, in 1924, the two oldest children died from diphtheria. “He worked his whole life. He was sending money back for his in-laws to take care of his kids,” Gallegos said of his grandfather. “By 1945, he retired, and he had saved some money, and he bought the property here in August of 1945 when he retired.”

The family settled in. Raymond’s parents moved into the larger house. His grandfather lived in a smaller place nearby. After so much time living apart from his family, it must have been a kind of heaven for Raymond’s grandfather Ramon. “Our house was about 30 yards from the river. We had our own swimming hole right next to the house,” Gallegos said.

On a third of an acre, Raymond’s grandfather grew everything they needed. “It was all river bottom land where we were. Pure river bottom land,” Gallegos said.



courtesy Raymond Gallegos

The Gallegos family on their homestead next to the Piedra River, near Arboles, Colo., 1959.

“You could grow anything on it. No fertilizer required; it would just grow.”

The family grew corn and alfalfa, potatoes, beans, green peas. They had raspberry bushes, apples, plum trees.

Raymond remembered one day when a guy showed up at the house selling produce.

“He had a lot of green chile, he said, ‘I’ve got the best chile you’ll ever see.’” Gallegos said with a chuckle. “And my grandfather says, ‘Come with me.’ And he took him out to the garden and said, ‘Look at this.’ It was just long ten-inch chiles ... And the guy says, ‘Oh ’....’”

They were part of a tight-knit community of Hispanic residents whose ancestors had migrated to the area from New Mexico. Almost everyone in the area was Catholic. Most families spoke only Spanish. They all lived off the land, helping each other survive from year to year.

“My mom always said, ‘Esos eran los tiempos de abundancia.’” Gallegos recalled. “Those were the times of abundance.”

Pack it up and find a new life

In the late 1950’s, community members in four small towns along the Piedra and San Juan rivers started hearing about plans to dam the San Juan and flood the area with reservoir water.

By 1959, federal employees started knocking on people’s doors to let them know their land would be assessed. The news spread quickly, and community members were upset and alarmed. They felt powerless.

“Relatives, friends ... They weren’t happy about it,” Gallegos remembered. “My grandfather was a very strong-willed man. But he knew there was nothing we could do. (The government) was going to buy it, or take

it. Make the best of it.”

The Gallegos family found a new property and started salvaging what they could from the property, tearing down buildings, saving lumber.

Anything left behind would be bulldozed and then submerged under water. The family decided to move their house to the land they’d purchased with money they got from the federal government.

Gallegos remembers the last time he saw the family house on the homestead land. He’d had to go to school that day, and when he got home, the house was sitting on the back of a flat-bed truck.

The rising waters of Navajo Lake displaced the Gallegos family and hundreds of other people. Four small towns were wiped off the map too. Everyone had to take what federal assessors offered, whether they could afford to relocate or not.

In some cases, multiple families owned a single parcel of land and had to share the money they got for that land; other families didn’t own their land at all. But compensation could not account for the way that these tight-knit communities were pulled apart.

“This is the thing that devastated them,” said Patricia Tharp, an historian who has published two books of oral histories on the communities displaced by Navajo Lake. “When they were evicted from the land that their fathers and grandfathers had settled on and told they had so many months to leave. Pack it up and find a new life. Can you imagine telling your grandmother who’d lived maybe in the same house all her life, ‘It’s gonna be gone!’”

“You can’t go back to visit it,” Tharp added. “That’s a weird experience not to be able to go back to where you were raised.”

For people who grew up in the lost communities of Navajo Lake, many can never go back. Their homes and ranches are now at the bottom of a reservoir.

Raymond Gallegos is lucky in this way – he can still walk on his family homestead, all the way down to the edge of the water, and he can stand there, looking out onto a flat, blue surface. He can occupy a space in between what’s still here and what’s been erased forever.

“It was home. It was where I grew up,” Gallegos said, standing on the shore of the reservoir, on land where his father and grandfather had farmed. “My kids will never be able to envision what it was. They can come out here and see the lake. The trees are gone. It’s just water that covers the memories. But they surface.”

When the water in the reservoir runs low, the memories literally surface. Two years ago, water levels were way down, and Raymond found what was left of his grandfather’s place. The old foundation looked like a footprint in the sand.

Then Raymond and his brother walked down the beach and found the old community church. Stepping inside the foundation of that old church was both gratifying and surreal; seeing and touching what had been lost for so many decades

“You’re stepping on the ground you lived in, that was supposedly gone forever that you couldn’t see again,” Gallegos said. “And there you are. You’re actually there. You’re some place that was supposed to be underwater, hidden. You’re just there.”

This story comes from TERRITORIES, a podcast project Adam Burke is currently producing in partnership with KSUT. The TERRITORIES project website is: theterritories.net



courtesy Raymond Gallegos

Gallegos family children on the family homestead.



AGRICULTURE DIVISION- HAY FOR SALE

The Southern Ute Tribe's Agriculture Division has hay for sale to Tribal Members ONLY!

Small Bale	\$10.00/Bale	50#
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Hay is available **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE**

Contact the SUIT Agriculture Department at 970-563-0220 for more information



Bebo represents at PRCA Rodeo



courtesy LuRhea Ramone

Tatum Bebo proudly represented Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Rodeo at the Home of the Navajo PRCA Rodeo in Window Rock, Arizona, on May 29-30. This prestigious event was nationally televised, showcasing top rodeo talent from across the country. During the rodeo, Tatum served as a flag carrier in the PRCA Grand Entry, helping open each performance and representing Southern Ute Rodeo with professionalism and pride. Tatum also carried sponsor flags during contestant victory laps, recognizing event sponsors while honoring the accomplishments of participating contestants. Through participation in this nationally televised rodeo, Tatum helped promote the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Southern Ute Tribal Fair, she demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, leadership, and representation on the national stage.

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In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Roy O'John, Deceased
Case No.: 2026-0092-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **AUGUST 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 30th of June, 2026.
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Andrea Kay Richards-Cruz, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2026-0093-CV-NC

Notice is hereby given that Krista Suzette Richards on behalf of Andrea Kay Richards-Cruz has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Andrea Kay Richards. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **AUGUST 10, 2026 at 2:30 PM**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2026.
By the Court, Elizabeth Benally, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2025-0039-CV-NC
Cyana Elkriver Whiteskunk, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Cyana Elkriver Whiteskunk filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as CYANA HOUSE WHITESKUNK. As of June 9, 2025 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Cyana Elkriver Whiteskunk name shall be and is hereby legally changed to CYANA HOUSE WHITESKUNK.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2026.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

TRIBAL HEALTH

Tribal Health welcomes Reeve and Koch, M.D.

By Ryan Duvall

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH

Southern Ute Tribal Health is happy to welcome two new staff members, Nathaniel Reeve, Clinical Applications Coordinator and Christine "Christie" Koch, M.D., Family Medicine Physician.

Nathaniel Reeve serves as the Clinical Information Coordinator for Southern Ute Tribal Health and is honored to contribute to the mission and values of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. He brings a diverse healthcare background that spans clinical information systems, revenue cycle operations, project management, healthcare analytics, and enterprise technology consulting. Prior to joining Southern Ute Tribal Health, Nathaniel served as a Senior Principal Consultant with Oracle Health, leading and supporting healthcare organizations through large-scale system implementations, workflow optimization, and change management initiatives. His experience also includes project management and project



Nathaniel Reeve
Clinical Information
Coordinator
Southern Ute Tribal Health



Christine Koch, M.D.
Family Medicine Physician
Southern Ute Tribal Health

analytics with Optum360, as well as operational leadership roles in perioperative services, materials management, and healthcare analytics. Nathaniel earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management from Columbia Southern University and is passionate about using technology and collaboration to support the delivery of quality healthcare while serving Healthcare communities. Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Health

Dr. Koch earned her medical degree from Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California in 2015. She then completed her Family Medicine residency training in Harlingen, Texas. Since 2018 she has been providing medical care in the Southwest Colorado area and is excited to be joining the SUHC team in the summer of 2026. In her free time, Dr. Koch enjoys exercising, gardening, and spending time with her husband and their many fur babies.

2025 Southern Ute Annual Report now available

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
2025 Annual Report



The 2025 Southern Ute Annual Report is now available to interested Southern Ute tribal members for pickup at the Southern Ute Tribal Information Services (TIS) Office, located at 398 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, Colo., during normal business hours, Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. A digital file will also be uploaded to the Tribal Member Portal for online access. If you have any questions, please call the TIS office at 970-563-2208.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Keelyn Reynolds
Job title: YEP (Tribal Information Services)
Description of job duties: Mail Clerk and front desk receptionist
Hobbies: Reading and playing hockey.

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MMIR Motorcycle Run

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2026



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- 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.

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July 21

EARLY
Deadline:
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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.

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 Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee shall 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 soute-powwow@southernute-nsn.gov

SOCOAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open Until Filled – If you're passionate about making a difference in the community, 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, please 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. Join us in making a positive impact in Southern Colorado!

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

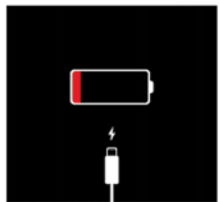
Closes 11/29/26 – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill ONE seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not 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.



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



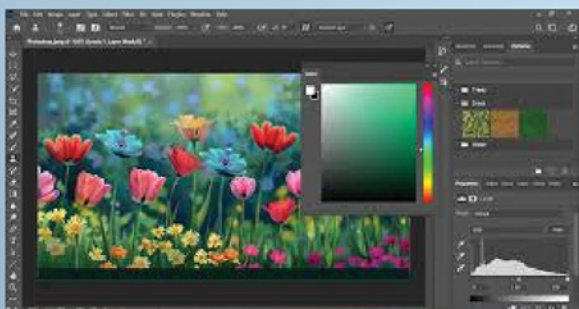
- Supplies are limited - only one per Tribal Member
- Shipping is not available for the Power Banks

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



Adobe Photoshop Training

**Learn to edit
photographs and
videos**



**July 14th
8:00 am - 5:00 pm**

Click on the QR Code
to Register



Southern Ute Growth Fund
First Floor Conference Room
14929 Highway 172
Ignacio, CO 81137

*Priority is given to Southern Ute
Tribal Members*

More information:



970.563.5555



SUDEPservice@southernute.com



www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP



SUIT Agriculture Division
Presents:
'LIVESTOCK VACCINATIONS'
July 14, 2026
12pm-1pm
Custom Farms
655 CR 517, Ignacio CO 81137

Lunch will be provided!
Please RSVP by 4:00pm,
Wednesday, July 8, by
calling our office at
970-563-2900



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
• Friday, Aug. 28	Noon, Friday, Aug. 21
• 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.*

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 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, CO. 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.

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.



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.



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.



SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION
Main Line: 970-563-5500



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

Head Cook

Closes 7/20/26 – Under general supervision of the Food Service Manager; prepares meals for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Pay grade N9; Pay is \$21.48/hour.

Heavy Equipment Operator

Closes 7/13/26 – Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Southern Ute Division of Transportation (SUDOT). Pay grade N11; Pay rate starts at \$25.05/hour.

Home and Community Health Services Manager

Closes 7/13/26 – Management and administration of all Home and Community Health Services, programs, and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. Pay grade E15; Salary starts at \$74,804/year.

Principal

Closes 7/20/26 – Administrative oversight, including planning, development, implementation and evaluation of the teaching program provided through the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy for children ages birth through thirteen. Pay grade E18; Pay is \$105,983/annually.

Wildlife Biologist

Closes 7/13/26 – Development and administration of the Terrestrial Wildlife program addressing wildlife resources management and conservation for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on the Reservation. Pay grade E15; Salary starts at \$74,804/year.

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. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N9; Pay rate 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 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 rate is \$21.48/hour.

HVAC Technician

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

Occupational Therapist

Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. An employee in this position works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. Pay grade E17; Pay is \$92,160/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; the pay range 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.

Social Worker

Open Until Filled – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$68,004/annually.

Swimming Instructor

Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Responsible for preparation of class, instruction of individuals, breakdown of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Pay 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. 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. For both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The trainee 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.

Umpire/Referee

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



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 INDIAN 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

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-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.

Office Hours 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

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 so 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

Southern Ute Economic Development

cordially requests that you

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, August 31st 5pm-7pm
&
Tuesday, September 1st 8am-4pm
at Sky Ute Casino Resort

****Early Bird Pricing Starts June 1st ****



Leeds School of Business

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

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RURAL COLORADO WORKSHOP SERIES

DEMYSTIFYING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Shore Up Your Small Business – Strengthen & Reinforce Your Strategy

Join us for an engaging workshop designed to demystify entrepreneurship and bring clarity to the startup journey. Gain valuable insights, practical strategies, and meaningful networking opportunities.

This session will be led by Erick Mueller and Eric Bruno—entrepreneurs and award-winning professors at the University of Colorado's Leeds School of Business—who combine real-world experience with academic expertise to help you navigate the path to success.

Registration Link - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1990571419701?aff=oddttdtcreator>

For more information contact:

Allison Wall

awall@southernute-nsn.gov

970.563.2281



D&E

BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

D&E Business Solutions in partnership with Southern Ute Economic Development Presents

Starting Smart: Business Foundations for Tribal Entrepreneurs

Interested in starting a business, side hustle, or turning a skill into income?

Join D&E Business Solutions for a hands-on workshop series focusing on building a business the right way – from setup and structure to money management, taxes, marketing, and long-term growth.

Interactive Workshop Series for Southern Ute Tribal Members & Families

July 21st

Money, Taxes & Business Systems

August 25th

Growing Your Business

These workshops will:

- Be Beginner Friendly
- Offer Real-World Business Guidance
- Include interactive activities and worksheets

Sky Ute Casino Resort

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch Provided

For more information and to register please reach out to Allison Wall

awall@southernute-nsn.gov or 970.563.2281





Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

***49 Lounge Bartender (Full-time)**

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

***Beverage Supervisor (Full-time)**

Oversees daily bar and lounge operations to ensure superior guest experiences. Ensure compliance with alcohol regulations, maintain high sanitation standards, and resolve guest issues. Will lead, train, and schedule our beverage staff, manage beverage inventory, and maintain the highest standards of quality, hygiene, and hospitality. Report directly to the Director of Food and Beverage.

Cage Staff (On-call)

Provides fast, accurate, and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls.

***Career Development Coordinator (Full-time)**

Will provide career and educational guidance to the Casino Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) employees through career skills training, mentorship and to promote management opportunities. Collaborates with Department Directors/Managers to identify training needs, source relevant resources, and track effectiveness of development activities for all SUIT employees. Will manage and actively recruit new candidates for the CDP program. Assists Human Resources staff with recruiting activities, attends staff meetings and other seminars, develops, implements, and manages a comprehensive training program per the CDP policy, schedules, organizes, and coordinates in-house training program for the SUIT member/candidate/participant.

***Count Team Staff (Full-time)**

The Count Department retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. It is the job of the Count Team to pull the containers, and count or verify the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

***Facilities Staff (Full-time)**

Reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift. Operation of equipment, environmental conditions, and the appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

***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.

***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. Will be responsible for office structure, budgetary administration, and employee relations assigned by the Housekeeping Manager.

***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.

***Player Development Host (Full-time)**

Identifies, develops and creates relationships with Sky Ute Casino Resort gaming patrons. Facilitates VIP events that enhance the overall gaming experience. Fosters an environment that results in generating gaming related revenue measured by more trips and increased spending. Assists with all facets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort Bear Club and Player's Center as needed. Reports directly to the Player Development Manager.

***Rolling Thunder Grill Busser (Full-time)**

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.

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 Line Cook (Full-time)**

Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Responsible for the preparation of the menu and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. High school diploma or equivalency preferred.

***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.

***Slot Technician I (Full-time)**

Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal machine performance. An entry-level position with On-The-Job training available.

***Willows Busser (Full-time)**

Perform multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of 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.

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

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)

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

Investment Analyst – Private Equity (Ignacio)

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

Controller – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio)

Closes 7/17/26 – Directing and managing all accounting functions in an oil and gas exploration and production environment, including establishing and maintaining Red Willow's accounting principles, practices, and procedures. Directs and manages the preparation of monthly and annual financial statements and the annual audit report. Manages monthly accounting tasks including accounts receivable, accounts payable, general ledger management, bank reconciliations and cash management, calculation and payment of taxes. Directs and manages the joint venture audit operations.

I&C Foreman – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango)

Closes 7/17/26 – Direct supervision, coordination, and leadership of Instrumentation & Controls Technicians responsible for the maintenance, troubleshooting, repair, calibration, installation, and commissioning of instrumentation, electrical, and control systems supporting Red Cedar Gathering Company's field and plant facilities. Provides day-to-day work direction while ensuring the safe, reliable, and efficient operation of natural gas and CO2 processing plants, compressor stations, gas gathering systems, pipeline facilities, dehydration systems, power generation equipment, and related infrastructure.

SCADA & Communications Foreman – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango)

Closes 7/17/26 – Safe, reliable, and efficient operation, maintenance, administration, and continuous improvement of Red Cedar Gathering Company's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), industrial communications, networking, and operational technology (OT) infrastructure. Provides direct supervision of SCADA and Communications personnel while serving as the technical lead for SCADA systems, radio communications, servers, virtual environments, industrial networking, telemetry, cybersecurity, historical databases, and operational data systems supporting natural gas and CO2 gathering, compression, treating, and pipeline operations. Plans and prioritizes daily work activities, coordinates projects with Operations, Engineering, Measurement, and SUSS, provides technical leadership, mentors employees, manages vendors and contractors, and ensures system availability to support safe and reliable operations.

Automation Foreman – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango)

Closes 7/17/26 – Supervision, coordination, and technical leadership of automation, control systems, SCADA, communications, and industrial networking infrastructure. This position oversees the planning, maintenance, troubleshooting, programming, commissioning, and continuous improvement of automation systems across gas processing plants, compressor stations, field facilities, and pipeline assets.

Drilling & Completion Engineer III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio)

Closes 7/28/26 – Drilling, completions, and applicable petroleum engineering support primarily focused on horizontal unconventional resource development in the San Juan Basin. Responsible for wellbore and completion design, execution, and supporting internal processes associated with budgeting and post-appraisals. Works collaboratively as a member of a multi-discipline team to optimize field development and depletion.

Treasury Analyst – GF Accounting & Finance (Ignacio)

Closes 8/7/26 – Will support the Growth Fund Treasury Manager with day-to-day treasury functions, financial reporting, and analysis. Regularly communicates with external partners to procure and maintain contracts, bank documents, and other agreements. Supports internal departments with banking and investment procedures per policy. Performs banking, financing, and investment data analysis to support daily decision-making processes for effective cash and asset management. Assists with regular forecasting and budgeting processes.

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Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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Job info, descriptions and application: www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310

- CTE Welding Teacher 26/27
 - Elementary Music Teacher
 - IELP Administrative Assistant
 - IELP Paraprofessional
- IELP Infant Room-Lead Teacher
 - MS Cross Country Head Coach
 - MS Volleyball Coach
 - Substitute Teachers, Bus Drivers and Cooks

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Central Administration:

- Finance Administrator (Full-time) \$23.11 to \$25.31/hr., DOE

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 to \$57.678 /yr., DOE
- Head Cook (Full-time) \$17.64 /hr.
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Brunot Treaty Hunting
Lone Mesa State Park Access Permit



Lone Mesa State Park is located within the Brunot Treaty area. It lies 23 miles north of the town of Dolores and encompasses 11,760 acres of incredibly scenic land, ranging in elevation from about 7,200 feet to just over 9,000 feet. A high quality Special Use Permit program allows limited public hunting during the big game seasons.

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division will have six (6) Lone Mesa State Park Access Permits available to Southern Ute tribal member hunters for the 2026 Hunting Season.

Permit holders will be allowed choose one established hunt season to access Lone Mesa State Park. Season dates and weapon restrictions will apply.

The access permits will either be available first-come first-serve, or through a draw if there is sufficient interest. Deadline for sign-up is Friday, July 17th 2026.

Please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563- 0130 for more information.

Ignacio Heritage Project

Ignacio Roots & Remembrance Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 25

Enjoy ice cream, good company, and learn more about the exciting progress of the Ignacio Heritage Project and our community's rich history after the San Ignacio Parade.

Be among the first to experience the opening of the Historic Ignacio Exhibit, featuring photographs, stories, and memorable moments that celebrate the heritage of our town. We welcome you to bring your own photos to share and enhance the experience with us!

Exhibit on display through August 22.

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Across

1 Piece of luck

6 "I don't rightly reckon so"

9 Ridiculous show

10 Overwhelms with humor

13 Knot on a trunk

14 Dragging ---, who preceded 11 Down

15 Elba or Sicily

17 Harbor craft

18 Bloodiest Napoleonic battle

21 Forming an idea

23 "And ---", Billy Joel song inspired by "Barbara Allen"

24 Party once led by Mandela

25 Godiva asset

28 A Tolkien battle-ax-wielding dwarf

31 Unpicked rope

33 On-line bread?

34 Wicker material

35 Hand complaint

36 Patches up

Down

1 Roald Dahl's oversized guy

2 Hindu queen

3 Woodland and Mississippian

4 Lithe performer

5 Founder of the Battle Creek Food Company

6 Org. aiming to reduce preventable injury and death

7 --- grecque (served with olive oil and lemon sauce)

8 Have the urge to join

11 --- Tassel, Chickamauga Cherokee Chief during the Cherokee-American Wars

12 Traditional Ute food source

16 "I Predict ---" (Kaiser Chiefs)

19 Like early schoolhouses

20 Malady

21 Capital type

22 Name now being deprecated for those traditionally calling themselves L'nu

23 Discerning

26 Tattoo "canvas"

27 Chased, legally

29 "Saving Private Ryan" craft, for short

30 Native American wellbeing org.

32 "--- Miniver" (1942 Greer Garson movie)

Answers will appear in the July 24 issue of the Drum.

Answers for June 26, 2026 crossword puzzle.

Across: 1 Merc, 5 Ogees, 10 I A E A, 11 Nougat, 13 Q-tip, 14 Tolowa, 15 Uintah, 17 Amen, 18 Encodes, 20 Ads, 21 Arabian, 23 Der, 25 Mommies, 28 Etna, 30 Appall, 31 Phaser, 33 U C L A, 34 Pitted, 35 Lait, 36 Ceils, 37 Else.

Down: 1 Mique, 2 Eat in, 3 Reincarnate, 4 Captor, 5 On the boards, 6 Goo, 7 Eula, 8 Egomaniacal, 9 Sawed, 12 Tans, 16 Adam, B Simp, 22 Ampule, 23 Depp, 24 Ethic, 26 Ellis, 27 Slate, 29 Asti, 32 Eel.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, July 10

Sunny 92°F
Light to variable wind gusts

Saturday, July 11

Sunny 95°F
Calm morning wind, afternoon gusts

Sunday, July 12

Sunny 95°F

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