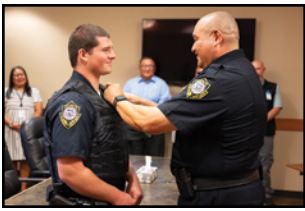




ISD shows local media appreciation

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McAteer sworn in as new officer

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2026 Tri-Ute Games awards athleticism



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Team Southern Ute passes the ball through members of Team Ute Mountain Ute as they make their way to the goal on Wednesday afternoon in Towaoc. The Ute Mountain Recreation Center was filled with fans who came to cheer for both teams.



Neeka Howe/SU Drum YEP

Southern Ute and Ute Indian Tribe volleyball players shake hands after their first volleyball match of the week.



Carli Hight/SU Tribal Information Services

Matthew Carrillo of Team Southern Ute proudly stands with his "Fastest Solo Ultimate Warrior Triathlon" award. Matthew was one of three solo participants and was first to complete the challenge.



See more Tri-Ute Games coverage on pages 11-12

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Leadership continuity maintained as Tribe prepares for Run-Off Election

By Summer Begay
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL
COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The Southern Ute Tribal Council reaffirmed Marvin Pinnecoose as Acting Chairman on Monday, July 13, through Resolution 2026-129, providing continued leadership and stability as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe ("Tribe") completes the election process.

The action follows the Special Election held last Friday, which resulted in a tie between candidates, Christine Sage and Adam Red. Election results were certified this morning in Tribal Council Chambers with the Election Board. Following certification, it was determined that the Special Run Off Election will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2026, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The election process was initiated because more than six (6) months remained in former Chairman Melvin J. Baker's term. The Special Runoff Election is being conducted in compliance with the Election Code and the Constitution.

Chairman Pinnecoose expressed, "I am honored to continue serving our Tribe and remain committed to ensuring stability and continued progress for the Tribal Membership. I strongly encourage all eligible voters to participate in the upcoming Special Run Off Election as we con-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Tribal Council reaffirmed Marvin Pinnecoose as Acting Chairman until the Special Run Off Election, to be held on Thursday, Aug. 27.

tinue working together for the future of our people."

To ensure continuity of Tribal operations, Lindsay J. Box will continue to serve as Executive Officer of the Permanent Fund. The Office of the Chairman and Tribal Council remain committed to maintaining uninterrupted services and sup-

porting a fair and orderly election process.

For more information regarding the election process, please contact the Election Board at Election Board at 970-563-2303/2305/2728/2729/2730 or election@southernute.nsn.gov

Special Run Off Election
Thursday, August 27, 2026, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS

Honor Bell Ceremony to bring a powerful tribute to Veterans

Staff report
Southern Ute Veterans
Association

The Southern Ute Veterans Association invites the community to welcome the Honor Bell on August 2.

On Sunday, August 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the community is invited to gather at Southern Ute Veterans Park for a meaningful Honor Bell Ceremony dedicated to remembering and honoring America's Veterans. This special event offers residents a unique opportunity to pay tribute to those who answered the call to serve our nation – and to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Southern Ute Veterans Association and Community will have the honor to host the Honor Bell, a one-of-a-kind bronze bell forged to recognize the service and sacrifice of America's veterans. Created by the Honor Bell Foundation, each 1,000-pound bell contains artifacts from deceased Veterans representing multiple branches of military service, making every toll a symbolic tribute to those who served with courage and honor.

The Honor Bell's visit to Ignacio was coordinated through the leadership of Howard Richards Sr., proud Vietnam Veteran, former Southern Ute Indian Tribe Chairman, and former Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander. He has brought this extraordinary ceremony from the Pikes Peak region to Southwest Colorado, giv-



ing our community the opportunity to participate in a tradition that is both deeply respectful and profoundly meaningful.

Native American men and women have a long and distinguished tradition of military service and continue to serve in the United States Armed Forces at a higher per-capita rate than any other racial or ethnic group in the nation. Their commitment to protecting our freedoms reflects generations of courage, sacrifice, and patriotism.

The Honor Bell Ceremony is not only for military organizations – it is for everyone. If you have a family member or loved one who served in the Armed Forces and has passed away, you are warmly invited to attend and honor their memory during this special event. Whether they served during wartime or peacetime, every veteran deserves to be remembered with dignity and gratitude.

A unique part of the ceremony is the Seven Solemn Tolls, each representing a timeless value of military service:

- **Choice to Serve** – The veteran's willingness to sacrifice their life for their country.
- **Camaraderie** – The bonds of friendship,

family, and unity shared among those who served.

- **Patriotism** – Love of country and commitment to defend it.
- **Respect** – The reverence earned through honorable service.
- **Dignity** – The respectful treatment every fallen Veteran deserves.
- **Honor** – The lasting respect shown by fellow service members and the community.
- **The Value of Life** – A reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by those who gave everything for our freedom.

As each toll rings across the Southern Ute Veterans Park, let it serve as a powerful reminder that the freedoms we enjoy today were secured by ordinary men and women who answered an extraordinary call!

Everyone is encouraged to attend this free community event, stand beside our Veterans and Gold Star families, and help ensure that the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes are never forgotten.

The Honor Bell Ceremony will be held on Sunday, August 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Southern Ute Veterans Park in Ignacio, Colo.

Together, let us honor those who served, remember those we have lost, and pass on a legacy of gratitude to future generations.

See official flyer on page 2 for detailed information and agenda for the Honor Bell Ceremony.

Tribe honors Box’s farewell



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

On Friday, July 10, Lindsay J. Box thanked the Sky Ute Casino staff in attendance for their continued hard work and honored to get to know them on a personal level. Box stepped down as Executive Officer prior to the Special Election, held on Friday, July 10, for the Chairman’s seat vacated by Melvin J. Baker. Box has since been re-appointed as executive office pending results of the Special Run-Off Election to be held on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026.

See Special Run-Off Election article on page 1 for more information.



Executive Officer Lindsay Box’s contributions to the Permanent Fund, celebrated with fellow colleagues and tribal entity staff. Tribal Information Services Director, Amy Barry “surprises” Box with a going-away celebration in the Hall of Warriors, July 10.



Tribal Member Health Benefits Director, Lizette Langefels, shows Lindsay Box her appreciation with a gift and words of gratitude from herself and her department. Langefels was one of many Tribal directors and managers who honored Box with gifts and parting words of endearment.

Special Run Off Election

Thursday, August 27, 2026, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS



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REMEMBERING & HONORING VETERANS

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THE SEVEN SOLEMN TOLLS



1 CHOICE TO SERVE

The Veteran’s readiness to sacrifice their life for their country



2 CAMARADERIE

The bonds of friendship, family, and unity that unite all service members



3 PATRIOTISM

The Veteran’s pride in their country and commitment to defend it



4 RESPECT

The reverence bestowed upon a Veteran by their community, earned through their service



5 DIGNITY

The respectful treatment that a Veteran’s community accords to their fallen hero



6 HONOR

The respect owed to a deceased Veteran by their fellow service members and community

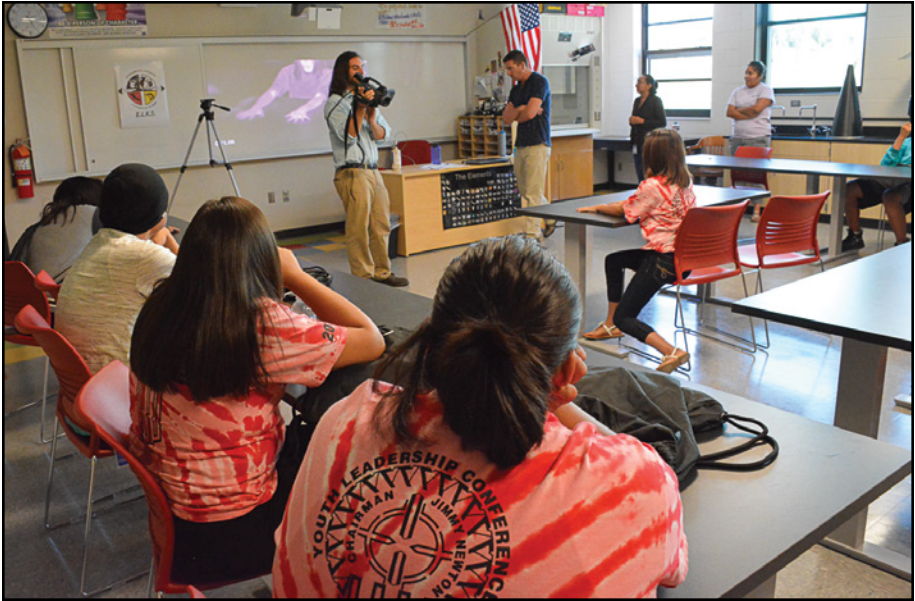


7 THE VALUE OF LIFE

The ultimate sacrifice made by the Veteran

SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS PARK

★★★ **9:00 AM - 3:00 PM** ★★★



Trennie Collins/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division held a session with the youth called Methane Bubbles and Climate Change. The session informed students about greenhouse gases and methane. Also showed the youth a camera they work with that detects temperatures.

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



Clarence Pinnecoose/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Tae Kwon Do competitor; Ciara Baker brought home the Bronze Medal with kicks like this during her competition during NAIG.

This photo was published in the July 22, 2006, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Like the sound of a stream in the background, Robert Baker played his flute during a recent gallery show at Toh-Atin in Durango.

This photo was published in the July 19, 1996, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Randy Baker Sr. enjoying his going away treat July 11. Randy worked for tribe as a patrolman and as the Natural Resource Chief Assistant since 1982

This photo was published in the July 25, 1986, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

So. Utes attend Little Beaver



photos courtesy Dominika Joy

Jai’Markus Height, Theoden Greany, Jace Harrison, Malia White Thunder and Shayne White Thunder before the Switch Dance Special during Little Beaver Celebration Powwow, July 17-29, in Dulce, NM.



Malia White Thunder, Theoden Greany and Leandra Litz are prepared for the Switch Dance Special.

Malia White Thunder and Theoden Greany both placed 1st in Little Miss Jicarilla Rhylee Manwell’s Jr. Boys Fancy vs Jr. Girls Fancy Dance Special during the Jicarilla Tribe’s annual Little Beaver Celebration Powwow.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

THPO was awarded \$250,000 State Historical Fund Grant

By Awa Audrey Andrews, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) of the Cultural Preservation Department was awarded a prestigious Major Project

Grant from the State Historical Fund of the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office.

The THPO received the maximum grant award of \$250,000. These funds will be utilized to develop a Cultural Resource Management Plan for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe over the next two years.

THPO team members Audrey Andrews, Izabella Cloud, Roshae Weaver, Brianna Goodtracks-Alires, Gideon TwoCrow, and Katrina Baker look forward to working alongside the community to create and implement a comprehensive and dynamic plan that will serve generations to come.

66th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair POWWOW



SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2026

Sky Ute Fairgrounds (200 E. HWY 151, Ignacio, CO)

GRAND ENTRY
Friday, Sept. 11: 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12: 1 & 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 13: 1 p.m.

REGISTRATION (NO EXCEPTIONS)
Friday: 4 – 7 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

POWOW HEADSTAFF
Master of Ceremonies: Carlos Calica
Arena Director: Winston Stewart
Head Judge: Nick Brokeshoulder
Head Drum Judge: Ian Thompson
Head Gourd Dancer: Domingo Whiteman
Host Gourd Drum: The Cozad Singers
Host Northern Drum: Assiniboine Cree
Host Southern Drum: Bad Company
Head Lady Dancer: Southern Ute Royalty
Head Man Dancer: Picked Daily

CONTEST PRIZE MONEY
Dance Contest – \$43,000
Drum Contest – \$60,000 (Split, 1st-5th)

DANCE CONTEST CATEGORIES
Tiny Tots (5 yrs. & Under)
Jr. Boys/Girls (6-12 yrs.)
Teen Boys/Girls (13-17 yrs.)
Jr. Men/Women (18-34 yrs.)
Sr. Adult Men/Women (35-59 yrs.)
Golden Age Men/Women (60+ yrs.)

POWOW COMMITTEE SPECIAL FANCY DANCE CONTEST
Men’ Fancy Dance– \$500
Women’s Fancy Shawl – \$500
5 Consolation Prizes in each category.
Registration: Sat., 6 – 8 p.m., and Sun. 12 – 2 p.m.
Open to all recognized Tribes with ID (18+ yrs.)

PARADE INFORMATION
Parade starts at 10 a.m., Sat. Sept 12
Line-up begins at 8 a.m. Line-up at Ignacio High School. MUST BE IN FULL REGALIA for Parade Points!

VENDOR INFORMATION
Arts & Crafts: Karen Washington, 970-759-5880
Food: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, 970-563-5541

SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE
Rochelle Aguilar, Chairwoman: 970-759-1722
Alfreda Armstrong, Vice-Chairwoman/Secretary: 405-764-4198
Karen Washington: 970-759-5880
Starlene Naranjo: 720-276-5259
Marty Pinnecoose: Southern Ute Tribal Council Ex-Officio

FREE CAMPING & SHOWERS
Sky Ute Fairgrounds
200 E. HWY 151, Ignacio, CO 81137
Contact: JayDee Brunson: 970-563-5540

Coming Together
Chapikintá núuaná
puwaná
104th Southern Ute Tribal Fair
Logo/Theme by Tanisha Figueroa

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



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.

PINO NUCHE INDIGENOUS ARTIST MARKET & JURIED SHOW

CONTEMPORARY & TRADITIONAL NATIVE ARTWORK • JURIED SHOW • CRAFTS • DEMONSTRATIONS

AUGUST 7 • 8 • 9 2026
at the Sky Ute Casino Resort

EXTENDED JURIED SHOW DEADLINE JULY 31ST
VENDOR BOOTH REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 6TH

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Ute Inspired Fashion Show by
SHINY MOON CREATIONS



courtesy Jon Anders Wiken/AdobeStock

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE Heard: The effects of stress and healthy ways to manage it

By Brianna Henderson, Suicide and Substance Use Prevention Coordinator
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Have you ever felt so stressed that your mind and body felt unbalanced? Well, what you are feeling or felt is valid. Stress can influence many things in the mind and body.

According to the American Psychological Association, high levels of stress can affect the musculoskeletal system, respiratory system, cardiovascular system, immune system, endocrine system, the gut, the nervous system, and the reproductive system. Symptoms in relation to stress and body could include headaches, muscle spasms, chronic back pain, frequent infections, digestion changes, and more.

Not only does stress affect your whole body, but it also affects your mind. Because stress creates high levels of cortisol and adrenaline it can disrupt how different parts of your brain communicate. It can result in overall behavioral changes by causing brain fog, memory issues, mood swings, or increased anxiety and depression. Sleep disturbances may occur like insomnia or restlessness, social withdrawal, and the reliance of unhealthy coping mechanisms like impulsive buying or substance misuse may increase.

Now I know that was a lot to take in. There are so many

things that stress affects, that it can feel a little overwhelming. I'm getting stressed out just thinking about stress.

So, what is the cure for stress? Will we ever get rid of it?

Unfortunately, no. Think of stress like a continuum. We will always have stress in our lives whether it's running late for work or trying to deal with insurance because the car broke down.

However, I will say that how we manage stress makes all the difference. Exercise is a great way to get a physical reset. Whether it's going for a 20-minute walk or shooting some hoops with friends or family, exercise can boost endorphins daily and burn off nervous energy.

Daily exercise can also improve your sleep. And sleep is important in influencing your cognition and mood which can be beneficial when managing stress. It's great to have a routine schedule for sleep to restore focus and improve emotional regulation.

Being connected to nature by just taking a walk in the park or sitting in a field can significantly reduce blood pressure, lower heart rate, and lower stress hormones. Nature gently engages the mind and assists in restoring attention fatigue and can quiet negative rumination heavy thoughts.

And continue doing that hobby you love. Whether it's sewing, painting, creating music, a sport, or what-

ever. Set aside that time for yourself and do something that makes you feel happy. Self-care is important.

Remember, you don't have to carry your stress alone. Reach out to someone you trust – whether that is a close friend, a family member, or a professional counselor. We are always here to support you.

Here's to your good health!

It's okay not to feel okay.

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

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

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

HEALTHY RECIPES

Baked Zucchini Caprese

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

Leftover zucchini? Did your neighbor give you a bunch? Here is a fun appetizer you can make.

Zucchini is low in calories, high in fiber, vitamin c and has antioxidants that can help protect your eyes and more. Add zucchini to stir fries, grilled vegetables, in salads or try this recipe!



courtesy zi3000/AdobeStock

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

Baked Zucchini Caprese

Ingredients:

- 1 medium zucchini, sliced into 1/2" coins
- 3 T olive oil
- 3-4 tomatoes, sliced
- 8-10 slices fresh mozzarella
- 1 T balsamic vinegar
- Sea salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees
2. Cut zucchini into evenly sliced coins, about 1/2" thick

3. Brush both sides of zucchini coins and place on a baking sheet
4. Bake zucchini until medium-soft texture, about 6-8 minutes
5. Remove zucchini from oven, place baked zucchini on a fresh serving plate or pan
6. Top each zucchini coin with one slice tomato, one slice fresh mozzarella, one basil leaf, a drizzle of olive oil and balsamic vinegar, and top with a sprinkling of salt and pepper and serve! Serves 4-6 people






July

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





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>

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

Sign-up Deadline: Monday July 27, 2026

Pickup Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026

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




YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Community Baby Shower and Breastfeeding Walk

HONORING Families, Breastfeeding Support, and Community Resources

A HEALTHY LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!



AUGUST
THURSDAY 13 11:30AM-1PM
Southern Ute Indian Tribe Multi-Purpose Facility
256 Ute Road, Ignacio, Colorado







ISD appreciation luncheon



Allison Follis/Ignacio School District

The Ignacio School District, KSUT Tribal Radio, and Southern Ute Drum employees assemble to celebrate the fourth annual appreciation lunch in the Ignacio School District building, Wednesday, July 15.



Neeka Howe/SU Drum YEP

Sports Columnist, Joel Priest is presented a certificate of appreciation by Ignacio School District Superintendent, Chris deKay, for his continued contributions, support and travels to many of the Ignacio school sports events. Priest has been writing for the Drum for 20 years!



Neeka Howe/SU Drum YEP

Ignacio School District Superintendent Chris deKay presents a certificate of appreciation to KSUT Tribal Radio Station Manager, Shelia Naneato, thanking KSUT for their continued involvement in the Ignacio School District.

Ignacio Community Library Youth Programs

- 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!

EDUCATION

Tribal Student produced film makes it to film festivals!

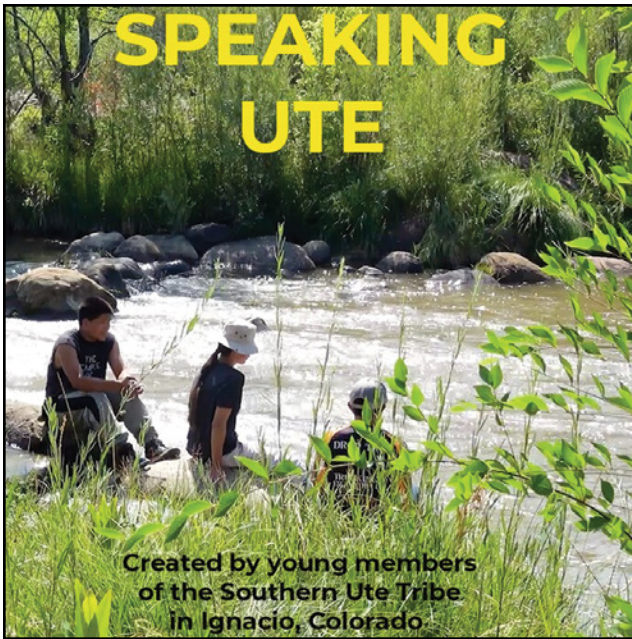
Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION

Southern Ute Education's Filmmaking Workshop students' film "Speaking Ute" will be featured at this year's Pathways Indigenous Arts Festival in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Screening will take place August 14-16, at Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The film "Speaking Ute" has been featured previously at the Native Lens Showcase at the Durango Independent Film Festival on March 7, the Nyack International Film Festival March 22-28, the 2026 Tonkawa Film Festival on April 24-25, and the upcoming feature at the Native Spirit Festival 2026 in October to November 2026 in London/UK.

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



Created by young members of the Southern Ute Tribe in Ignacio, Colorado

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

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

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.

JOM PRESENTS School Supplies Registration

Pre-register your student(s) for school supplies by completing the "Parent Survey" below by Friday, July 24, 2026 with a pick up day of Wednesday, July 29, 2026

If you miss pre-registration, please complete late registration by Monday, August 3, 2026 with a pick up day of Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Eligibility

To be eligible for school supplies, the student must be enrolled in Bayfield or Ignacio School District pre K-12 and in JOM.

Pick Up

School supplies can be picked up at Southern Ute Education Department
330 Burns Avenue, Ignacio, CO 81137

Parent Survey
High School Student Survey

Contact
Education Specialist
Kaylyn LeClaire
kleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov or
call (970)563-2793

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

JULY 2026						
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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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5 Snow Day make-up if needed
12 Presidents' Day Observed
15-19 Parent-Teacher Conferences
One evening 4:30-7:00 PM
Friday mom 7:30-11:30 AM
19 Professional Development PM
Student Days -16 Teacher Days - 17.5

Student Days -13 Teacher Days -18.5

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

SEPTEMBER 2026						
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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

8 End of 1st Quarter (35 days)
12 NO SCHOOL Indigenous Day
19-23 IES 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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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

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

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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

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)

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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 1090 (7.35X147)
Elementary 1029 (7X147)

Adopted: March 11, 2026



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

CommonSpirit

We invite you to our monthly Grief Support Group, led by the compassionate Sara Barnes, LPC from Hospice of Mercy. This is not a group that demands a regular commitment; it's a supportive space available whenever you need it most to connect with others who understand what you're going through.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Registration

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

Please go to SUIMA's website at: www.suima.org
Click on the "Parents" Tab
Fill out the registration/enrollment packet and submit!
If you have any questions please call 970-563-0293



Notice of Closure

Department of Natural Resources

will be closed all day

August 14th for a staff retreat

Thank You

(This includes: Administration, GIS, Wildlife, Ag, Forestry, Lands, Range, and Water Resources)



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Southern Ute Indian Tribe Division of Wildlife Resource Management

Public Service Announcement:
Avoiding Black Bear Encounters

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Division of Wildlife Resource Management

Let us work together to protect our kwiyaqat and our community



Be Bear Aware – Cedar Point & Ignacio Area

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



Human Food = Bear Trouble

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



Help Keep Bears Wild and Our Neighborhoods Safe:

- Store trash in bear-proof containers or keep it inside until pickup day.
 - Tribal Members: Contact Tribal Utilities at 970-563-5500 if you are interested in upgrading to a bear-proof trash polycart.
- Bring pet food indoors at night.
- Take down bird feeders in the evening.
- Clean grills and store them inside.
- Pick ripe fruit and remove fallen fruit from the ground.



If You See a Bear:

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



If you spot bear cubs, leave the area immediately or move indoors. Mama bears are highly protective and may charge or attack to defend their cubs.

To Report Bear Activity Contact

Tribal Rangers

970-563-0133

Wildlife Resource

Management

970-563-0130

SUPD Dispatch

970-563-4401

Impacts of hydrology advocacy



photos Summer Begay/SU Tribal Council Affairs

On the morning of July 15, Southern Ute Councilman Andrew Gallegos joined Erin Patrick O'Connor, an Alfred I. duPont Award-winning video reporter and two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist, for a discussion on how changing hydrology is impacting people, wildlife, and communities across the Colorado River Basin.

The conversation with Southern Ute Councilman Andrew Gallegos and Erin Patrick O'Connor, also highlighted the Tribe's efforts to advocate for a formal seat at decision-making tables and recognition of its senior water rights. This project is being developed in partnership with the Upper Colorado River Commission.



LAND MANAGEMENT

BLM announces September 2026 sale of oil and gas leases in Colorado

Staff report
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The Bureau of Land Management today announced an oil and gas lease sale scheduled for Sept. 8, to offer 29 oil and gas parcels totaling 14,095 acres in Colorado. The BLM completed scoping on these parcels in April 2026 and held a public comment period that closed in June 2026 on the parcels and the related environmental analysis. A 30-day public protest period to receive additional public

input opened in July 8 and will close Aug. 7. Leasing is the first step in the process to develop federal oil and gas resources. Before development operations can begin, an operator must submit an application for permit to drill detailing development plans. The BLM reviews applications for permits to drill, posts them for public review, conducts an environmental analysis and coordinates with state partners and stakeholders. All parcels that are included in a federal oil and gas

lease sale include appropriate stipulations to protect important natural resources. Information on current and upcoming BLM leases is available through the National Fluid Lease Sale System. BLM lease sales are held online through Efficient Markets.

The parcels BLM analyzed, as well as maps and instructions on how to submit a protest, are available on BLM's ePlanning website at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/Project-Home/?id=43fa4949-e51e-f111-8341-001dd804183b>.

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#
Large Bale	\$165.00/Bale	1350#
21 Bale Bundle	\$170.00	1260#

Hay is available FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

Contact the Agriculture Dept. at 970-563-0220 for more information.

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

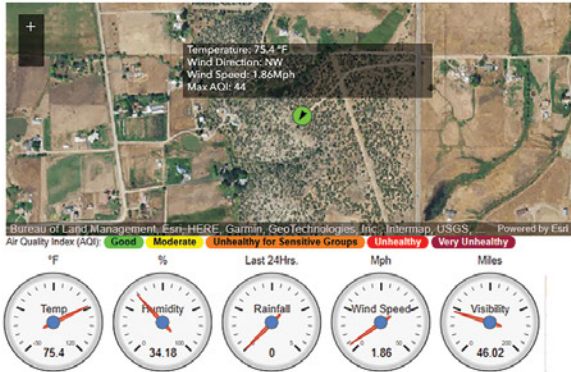
This tab shows real time data from AQD's three monitoring sites on the SUIR and the corresponding Air Quality Index (AQI) values for the four measured pollutants.

AQI Flag Program

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.

Ambient Monitoring Sites

Air Quality Resources



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?](#)

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.



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.

Multi-Purpose Facility
Traditional Sewing & Beading
Unfinished Objects Workshop
Tuesday - Thursday
July 28 - 30, 2026

Day Session *Evening Session*
10:30 AM - 3:00 PM - **5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Bring your unfinished projects.
Beading or sewing, it is time to finish.
Call 970-563-2640 to sign up.
Call Elise at 970-563-2641 if you have questions.

Space is limited, sign up is required.

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

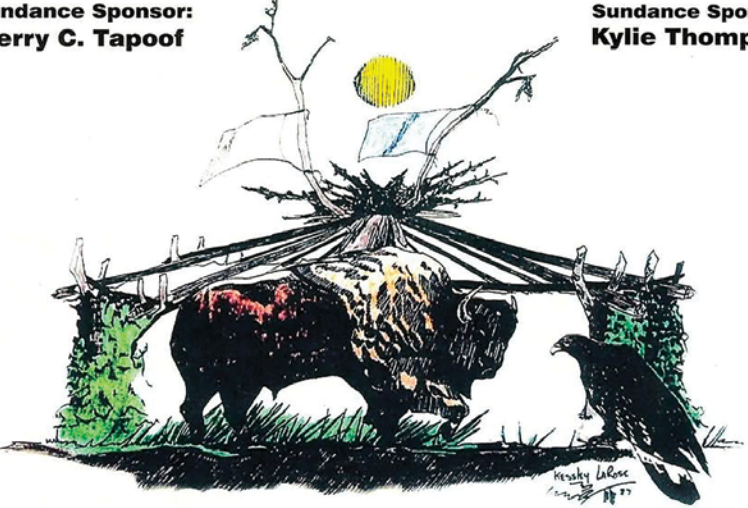




Northern Ute Sundance

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.

Veterans honored at parade



photos courtesy Shiri Howell

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association carries the colors with with the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1075, based in Colorado Springs, Colo. The veterans were given the honor to carry the colors and lead the first-ever 4th of July Celebration Parade in Green Mountain Falls, Colo., on Saturday, July 1.

Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage waves to the parade-goers who lined the road in Green Mountain Falls, Colo., for their inaugural 4th of July Celebration Parade.



SOUTHERN UTE SUN DANCE, TAGU WUNI

Ignacio, CO • July 30 - Aug. 3, 2026



Courtesy History Colorado Archive: Original painting by Duray 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

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.

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: VANESSA VICENTTI: 970-560-8742
DRUMMERS AND DANCERS: PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS



CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Christine Sage

Maykw,
Hello,
I want to say “Thank You” for the votes I received in the Special Election. It is now going to a Special Runoff Election on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026.
I am ready to take on this seat for our tribal membership and our tribe. To represent with communication, integrity, honor, respect, experience, and uphold our culture and traditions. This has turned into a short term as Chairman, but in these few months there needs to be a leader who has the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.
I also want to thank those tribal members who have reached out to me, who have questions about me and our tribe. I meet with all tribal members those that want to express their concerns or issues and I give them my feedback and suggestions. Many have contacted me through social media, and I respond with my concerns as I do care and communicate.
I would appreciate your vote on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026, for the Special Runoff Election. We are in need of a better tribal administration and that will be forthcoming.

Togwayak,
Thank you,
Christine Sage

VOTE

CHRISTINE SAGE

FOR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

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

WWW.REALLYGREATSITE.COM

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

2026 Special Election Unofficial Vote Count

Chairman

80

Adam Red

80

Christine Sage

20

Renee Cloud

46

Corliss Taylor

40

Byron Frost

Togwayak

The 2026 Southern Ute Special Election vote count has concluded. The “unofficial” results for the Chairman seat are:

- Christine Sage – 80
- Renee J. Cloud – 20
- Adam Red – 80
- Corliss M. Taylor – 46
- Byron Frost – 40

A Run Off Election will be Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026, between Adam Red and Christine Sage.
Thank you to all who cast their ballot!

2026 Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Special Run-off Election

SAMPLE BALLOT

One (1) Chairman Seat (Remainder of previous Chairman’s term)

Resigned: Melvin J. Baker

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2026 Special Run-off Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

Special Run-off Election: Thursday, August 27, 2026, from 7 AM to 7 PM

New Voter Registration: Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Absentee Ballot Request: Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Emergency Ballot Request: Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 5:00 PM

The 2026 Special Run-off Election will be held at 285 Lakin St. Ignacio, CO. Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2303/2305/2728/2729/2730.

Off-Reservation Tribal Members call 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303 or email election@southernute-nsn.gov

CHASE LEGENDS. CATCH CASH.

AUGUST PROMOS & EVENTS

SASQUATCH HUNT

HIDE 'N' SEEK BIGFOOT BONUS

CRYPTID SPIN

SAWYER BROWN LIVE

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

HUNT THE SQUATCH. KEEP THE CASH.

FRIDAYS | 5PM – 10PM

Ace's Club members earn one entry for every 60 points earned playing your favorite games beginning at 4:30 PM. Every hour, one lucky winner will choose their own custom Sasquatch statue. Flip it over to reveal your cash prize up to \$600!

FIND BIGFOOT TO DOUBLE YOUR CASH!

SUNDAYS | 5PM – 10PM

Colorado's favorite hide-and-seek champion is taking over the casino floor and he's packing the Ace's Club with cash. We're drawing one lucky active player every hour.

CATCH A LEGEND. WIN SKY UTE LOOT.

TUESDAYS | 12PM – 5PM

The truth is out there — and it's paying out. Sasquatch and his notorious cryptid friends have surfaced at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Earn 50 points every Tuesday in August, spin the Cryptid Wheel at any kiosk, and uncover up to \$80 in Sky Ute Loot.

SAWYER BROWN LIVE.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 | 8PM

DOORS: 6PM | OPENING ACT: 7PM

The lights are up. The stage is set. Live entertainment returns to Sky Ute Casino Resort with an evening of unforgettable country music from Sawyer Brown.

Reserved tickets: \$100 | GA: \$85

Tickets: skyutecasino.com/entertainment

ONE EPIC SUMMER!

SATURDAYS | 6PM – 8PM

SEVEN RIVERS LAWN | FREE EVENT

Gather your friends, grab a spot on the lawn, and enjoy an unforgettable evening of entertainment featuring **The Jokers** on Saturday, August 15 and **Los Mitotitos featuring Luis Antonio Rivera** on Saturday, August 1.

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skyutecasino.com

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe welcomes Ute athletes



Neeka Howe/SU Drum YEP

Team Ute Tribe attempts to block Osias Goodtracks' tip off while players on both sides wait to receive the ball during the start of the game. Southern Ute and Ute Indian Tribe volleyball players shake hands after their first volleyball match of the week.



Carli Hight/SU Tribal Information Services

Team Southern Ute's Landon Miles playing co-ed basketball for ages 9-11 years old fiercely goes up for a basket as teammates and spectators watch with anticipation.

Tri-Ute Games returns this summer on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation in Towaoc, from Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10. Opening ceremony kicked off the weeklong event, Ute athletes filled the Ute Mountain Recreation Center grand entry style Monday morning. This year's Tri-Ute Games featured archery, basketball, bowling, golf, hand-game, volleyball, and wrestling – Southern Ute athletes gained the opportunity to meet relatives from the Ute sister tribes and play their favorite sport. The final day challenged athletes during the annual Ute Warrior Challenge; athletes ran 2-miles, rode mountain bikes to a swimming location, then crossed a large pond during the triathlon event.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Leandra Litz (right), swims to the finish line of the triathlon known as the Ute Warrior Challenge. Athletes ran, biked, and swam throughout Towaoc.



courtesy Stais Harlan

Team Southern Ute competed in the Golf category; this young team went on to earn the traveling trophy for their efforts as first time golfers. Coached by Jake Fixico (far left), the team takes the course on Monday afternoon.



Neeka Howe/SU Drum YEP

Sister tribes Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribe gather on Monday July 6, to play hand games. Hand game participants sit together and listen to hand game instructor as they explain the rules.



courtesy Kayla Wing

Team Southern Ute athletes meet Native American hip-hop duo, "Mike Bone" during the Strong Ute Youth Concert. Athletes had the opportunity to hear motivational speeches from the pair and other artists as well during day one of the Tri-Ute Games.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Ivan Joseph, throws a strike during the first day of the bowling competition in Cortez, Colo. Joseph represented Team Southern Ute on Monday, July 6 and Tuesday, July 7.



Carli Hight/SU Tribal Information Services

Team Southern Ute Boys' Basketball ages 12-15 years old, competed in Tri Ute Games and were undefeated. This team was coached by Southern Ute tribal member Orion Watts and gathered with their metals during the closing ceremony.



Ute Mountain Ute hosts 2026 Tri-Ute Games



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage gives remarks to the crowd of Tri-Ute Athletes during the closing ceremony on Friday, July 10.



Neeka Howe/SU Drum YEP

Kanoa Thompson brings ball down on a fast break looking for an open teammate to pass the ball to.



Carli Hight/SU Tribal Information Services

Team Southern Ute Girls Basketball worked hard as a team throughout this year's competition. They gathered at the closing ceremony after receiving their metals. Pictured left to right: Leandra Litz, Aspen Naranjo, Cyana Whiteskunk, and Maleina Carel.



courtesy Kayla Wing

Southern Ute athletes participate in a meet and greet with contemporary Indigenous hip-hop artist, Stella Standingbear following her performance at the Strong Ute Youth Concert event held for athletes on Monday.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Tri-Ute Games Athletes representing the Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and Southern Ute Indian Tribe gather for the Closing Ceremony on Friday afternoon.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe passes the "Ute Circle of Life" flag to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, closing the five-day Tri-Ute event. Ute Mountain Recreation Center staff pass on the "Ute Circle of Life" flag signifying that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is next to host the Tri-Ute Games in Ignacio, Colo.



courtesy Stais Harlan

Team Southern Ute golfers ahead of their round of golf on Monday afternoon, the team completed nine holes during both sessions of golf for Tri-Ute Games.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Atticus Harlan looks ahead to the goal before shooting free throws during the basketball sessions held on Wednesday, July 8 at the Ute Mountain Recreation Center. Team Southern Ute went head-to-head with Team Ute Mountain Ute during the younger age categories session.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Matthew Carrillo, competes in the Ute Warrior Challenge on Friday. The triathlon event took place throughout Towaoc; Carrillo later went on to win the challenge overall with the fastest time in the boy's category.

No More Silence

Sunday, September 6, 2026

MMIR Motorcycle Run

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

2026

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

INCLUDES:

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

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

\$30 Rider | \$15 Passenger

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



New SUPD Officer McAteer



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Luke McAteer, is sworn in by Tribal Judge Apprentice, Natelle Thompson as Southern Ute Chief of Police Daryl Noon bears' witness. McAteer was raised in Ignacio and a graduate of Durango High School. He entered training on April 6, at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Artesia, NM, and completed training on July 7.



Southern Ute Tribal Ranger Captain, Robert Williams offers words of encouragement to new Southern Ute Police Officer, Luke McAteer. McAteer said about serving in Ignacio, "I want to help the community, my community. I grew up here; these are great people. I want to 'Protect and Serve' the people."

DENVER COLORADO

Join us as we Welcome

Prayer
Singing
Cultural performance
Presentations
Support

Family
Friends
Community
Ally's

Relatives of MMIR encouraged to join

Join us for a Community Gathering with Medicine Wheel Ride as they stop in Denver Colorado on their way to Sturgis, South Dakota for their annual cross - country journey in raising awareness and support for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives.

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 / 4:00 P.M.

Denver Indian Center
4407 Morrison Rd.
Denver, CO 80219

Meal Provided

• info: medicinewheelride.org



Southern Ute Chief of Police Daryl Noon pins the Southern Ute Police badge on newly sworn in officer, Luke McAteer. McAteer says, "law enforcement runs in my blood." His grandfather was a La Plata County Sheriff and his brother is also a sheriff.

There is an important notice for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members on the Tribal Member Portal (TMX).

To view the notice, please login into the TMX:
<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tmx/>

To reset your password:
1. Please visit <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tmx/>
2. Under "Getting Started Resources" select "Password Reset Instructions" and follow the guide.

For technical assistance, please contact SUDEP at 970-563-5555 or TIS Vital Statistics at 970-563-2248. For questions about the content, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2485.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Tribe welcomes Thunder Jacobs



Neeka Howe/SU Drum YEP

Southern Ute Tribal Council comes together in Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 14, to welcome newly enrolled Southern Ute tribal member, Thunder Jacobs, accompanied by his mother Crystal Rizzo and family.

SOUTHERN UTE SHARED SERVICES

SUSS welcomes Mohammad as VP of IT Infrastructure & Operations

By Imad Sweidan, Chief Information Officer
SOUTHERN UTE SHARED SERVICES

Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS) is pleased to announce that Mr. Samir Mohammed has joined SUSS as Vice President, IT Infrastructure & Operations. Samir brings more than 30 years of progressive IT leadership and management experience across infrastructure and operations, enterprise systems, networks, cybersecurity, end-user services and digital transformation.

He has led complex IT environments and brings a strong background in building operational discipline, improving customer experience, and develop-

ing high-performing teams through coaching, mentoring, and hands-on leadership. Samir also brings valuable practical experience with AI-enabled solutions and technology transformation. His hands-on experience with AI adoption, platform delivery, and operational improvement will be especially valuable as SUSS continues to work with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Growth Fund, Permanent Fund, Sky Ute Casino Resort, and other supported entities on the development of a three-year IT strategy aligned with business requirements and long-term organizational priorities.

As VP IT Infrastructure & Operations, Samir will lead the teams responsible for the

core technology foundation that supports our entities, including infrastructure, networks, systems, telecommunications, end-user support, operational service delivery, and modernization efforts. His leadership will help strengthen service reliability, improve coordination with business leaders, create better visibility into IT operations, and support the broader transformational journey we are undertaking together.

Please join me in welcoming Samir to Southern Ute Shared Services. We look forward to the value he will bring to SUSS and to the entities we serve as we continue building a stronger, more modern, secure, and business-aligned technology environment.

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.

SAVE the DATE

SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2026



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

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

NEW EMPLOYEES



Lane Williams
Job title: Field Technician
Description of job duties: Evaluate agricultural noxious weed management needs and complete weed management plans.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
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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

Southern Ute Drum Address Update

Please verify that your mailing address is correct and up to date.
Are a Tribal Member? Would like the Drum mailed to you?
Contact us: 970-563-0118.

Drum Deadline

Next issue:
Aug. 7

Deadline:
July 31

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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

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The KSUT Board of Directors has two vacancies for community-member-at-large. The KSUT board meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. and terms are three years. If interested in applying or for additional information, contact Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director, at tami@ksut.org or 970-563-0255.

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.

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 soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov

SOCOCAA 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 more 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).

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

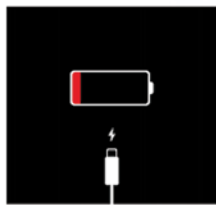
Closes 11/29/26 – The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill ONE seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not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

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.



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- 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



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EVERY WEDNESDAY
11:00am to 2:00 pm
Sky Ute Casino Resort



If you would like to be a vendor please reach out to Allison Wall
awall@southernute-nsn.gov
970.563.2281



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 1000 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

Notice of Amended Title 1 – General Provisions Code
Effective July 10, 2026

By Resolution No. 2026-125 (June 30, 2026), the Tribal Council enacted amendments to Title 1 – General Provisions Code. Title 1 is an existing code and the amended version supersedes the prior version in the SUIT Law and Order Code. The Bureau of Indian Affairs approved the amendments to the code on April 27, 2026. The amended Title 1 - General Provisions Code is effective as of July 10, 2026. The amendments to Title 1 remove the requirement that the Administrative Appeals Hearing Office (“AAHO”) serves as the appeals body for certain codes, regulations, and policies. The amendments allow Tribal Council flexibility to determine what appeals process is used for different codes, regulations, by-laws, and policies. The official online version of Title 1 – General Provisions Code can be found at:
Website: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/tribal-code/>
Printed hard copies of Title 1 - General Provisions Code may be obtained from the Tribal Information Services Department at:
• Email: TIS@southernute-nsn.gov
• Mail: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137
• Phone: (970) 563-2208
For further information please contact: Amy Barry, Tribal Information Services Department, abarry@southernute-nsn.gov, (970) 563-2250.

NOTICE OF DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMITS
AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Notice is hereby given that two (2) renewal applications have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Department’s Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, for the following sources of air pollution:

Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company
Facility: South Ignacio Central Delivery Point
Section 32, T33N, R7W, 5.00 miles south of Ignacio, Colorado
This source is a natural gas central delivery point.

Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company
Facility: Midway Compressor Station
Section 23, T33N, R7W, 4.00 miles southeast of Ignacio, Colorado
This source is a natural gas compression facility.

The Air Quality Division (AQD) has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicant. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQD’s website at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Department office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permits and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQD in care of Daniel Powers, Air Quality Division Head, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov. Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQD will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice (July 24, 2026).

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Tribal Housing, Construction & Project Management, Ignacio, CO 81137. The Southern Ute Indian 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.

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.*

Southern Ute Economic Development + La Plata Food Business Workgroup

Food Business
Workshop

Tuesday, September 15th
Sky Ute Casino Resort
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Economic Development is partnering with La Plata Food Business Workgroup to host an informative and interactive session for food businesses and entrepreneurs looking to start or grow their operations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Whether you are a home-based cottage foods vendor, food truck operator, or restaurant owner — come with your questions and make new connections!

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- * Navigating food safety regulations & licensing
- * Business planning resources
- * How to plug into local networks
- * Available business supports for food entrepreneurs
- * Commissary kitchen resources
- * Cottage foods expansion update

SCHEDULE

10:00-10:45 AM - Presentation, Info Session & Snacks
10:45-11:30 AM - Networking & Resource Fair



Register Here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1994021424759?aff=oddtcreator>

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



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ZONE 1: 0-5 FEET ZONE 2: 5-30 FEET ZONE 3: 30-100 FEET

Scan code for more information on Home Ignition Zone Scan for more information on Wildfire Preparedness

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BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

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FIRE WON'T WAIT, PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

- Memorize escape routes
- Choose meeting place
- Keys must be easily accessible
- Know two ways out
- Use fire extinguishers

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FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Ensure all family members are aware of fire extinguisher locations
- confirm they are in proper working condition

4

FIRE RESISTANT HOME

- Maintain 5 foot Home Hardening Zone.
- Clean debris from roof & gutters
- Trim any tree branches that overhang the home.
- Keep the lawn mowed, watered, and maintained at a height of 4 inches or less.
- Clear away dead vegetation & other flammable materials within 30 feet of the home.
- Maintain adequate space between treetops-18 ft
- Create and maintain a firebreak around the property.
- Ensure the driveway is at least 12 feet wide to accommodate emergency vehicles.

TO REPORT A FIRE DIAL 9-1-1 OR SUPD AT (970) 563-0246

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION
July 2026

NORTHRIDGE SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Sewer line replacement begins at Pow Wow Circle this week, July 13th, 2026. 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!

For any questions, please call the following:
Julian Baker, Southern Ute Utilities Division, Utilities Manager, (970) 563-5515
Kevin Standifer , Southern Ute Utilities Division, Utilities Wastewater Plant Operations, (970) 563-5507
Peter Hayes, Southern Ute Utilities Division, Project Manager, (970) 563-5502

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.

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

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Administrative Assistant II

Closes 7/24/26 – Under the direct supervision of the Media Manager, represents the Southern Ute DRUM in a positive, professional manner while providing Administrative/Secretarial and advertising support. Pay grade N9; Pay is \$21.48/hour.

Controller

Closes 7/27/26 – Responsible for the integrity and timeliness of the financial information of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prepares financial statements for distribution for internal and external reporting, including consolidated statements. Responsible for the supervision and oversight of the accounting staff in the preparation of financial information. Responsible for the offices of General Ledger/Fixed Assets, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Contracts and Grants. Pay grade E19; Pay is at \$121,866/annually.

Detective – Drug/Liquor Code Investigations

Closes 7/23/26 – Conducts investigations, interviews, analyzes drug trends, agency drug arrest reports, and coordinates with other Narcotics Investigators to identify, target, and dismantle mid to upper-level Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO) operating in, or having a drug related nexus to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation. Investigate violations and enforces the provisions of the Southern Ute Tribal Code Title XVI Liquor Code. Pay grade N17; Pay is at \$44.31/hour.

Education Counselor

Closes 7/24/26 – Effective development and delivery of counseling, therapeutic, and educational services at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) to help students and families overcome issues that may impede student's educational success. Works with children (infants-13 years old) in the context of family, school, peers, and community systems, using a family systems orientation. Pay grade E14; Pay is \$68,004/annually.

Education Director

Closes 7/20/26 – Day-to-day administrative operations for the Department's Higher Education, Vocational Training and Adult Education, Public Education, Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC), Youth Employment, and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) programs, including promoting and providing education opportunities to tribal members from infancy through adulthood, supporting Indigenous children in the public schools and private schools to reach their educational goals. Pay grade E20; Pay is \$141,037/annually.

Gaming Investigator II

Closes 7/23/26 – Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N15; Pay is \$35.96/hour.

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.

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.

Teacher Aide

Closes 7/24/26 – Supporting the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After-School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade N4; Pay is \$15.55/hour.

TERO Division Head

Closes 7/24/26 – Administration and enforcement of existing Southern Ute Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) and TERO Code, as well as administering the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) contract. Pay grade E16; Pay is \$82,285/annually.

Tribal Ranger Trainee

Closes 7/23/26 – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Pay grade N12; Pay is \$27.56/hour.

Carpenter

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

Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N9; Pay is \$21.48/hour.

Criminal Justice Information System Specialist

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

Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Will be responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N14; pay starts at \$32.69/hour.

Early Childhood Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay is \$21.48/hour.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domains area. Pay grade E13; Pay is \$63,064/year.

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 (SUIMA). Works with SUIMA 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.

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Sky Ute Casino Resort

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For more information and to register please reach out to

Allison Wall

awall@southernute-nsn.gov or 970.563.2281



Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job announcements cont.

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. 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. 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. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – Accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. 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. 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/hour.

Umpire/Referee

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



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

***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 exceptional 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.

***Cage Staff (Full-time)**

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

***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

***Sous Chef (Full-time)**

Provides the highest quality food, presentation, training, professionalism, and guest service that the position requires. Directs and supervises food preparation and guest services in the restaurants, ensures quality and consistency as it relates to food handling, storage, kitchen and restaurant sanitation, food service and presentation in the dining rooms

***Entry Level 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. 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.

***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)**

The Housekeeping Supervisor will act in the leadership and training capacity. Will direct employees and help them to 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 as 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, taking 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.

***Shining Mountain 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.

***Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time)**

Providing excellent guest service to all slots guests and ensure 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.

***Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)**

The Surveillance Agent I is responsible for ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities

***Surveillance Supervisor (Full-time)**

The Surveillance Supervisor always ensures the safety and welfare of the guests and employees by providing continuous monitoring of the Casino operations internally and externally. The Supervisor is responsible for ensuring that Surveillance Agents and Surveillance Technicians training is up to date and is responsible for the training of new Agents. The Supervisor must have sufficient understanding of the video technical aspects of the Department to provide oversight of the Surveillance Technicians. The Supervisor's responsibilities must be in compliance with the Gaming Code, Internal controls and Casino policies and procedures. The Supervisor will assist the Surveillance Manager with the daily operations of the department, including purchasing and budget needs.

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online.
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.
Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Custodial Technician Part Time – GF Facilities (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/31/26 – Providing housekeeping service and support to include cleaning of public and non-public areas throughout Growth Fund Office Building, Red Willow Office Building, Utilities Office Building, Fairgrounds Office area, and Quichas Hill Apartments Office. Implementing the arrangement of meeting room tables and chairs and coordinating with food service vendors for set-up and kitchen use and for ordering and stocking cleaning supply inventory; occasional weekend work expected.

Custodial Technician Full Time – GF Facilities (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/31/26 – Providing housekeeping service and support to include cleaning of public and non-public areas throughout Growth Fund Office Building, Red Willow Office Building, Utilities Office Building, Fairgrounds Office area, and Quichas Hill Apartments Office. Implementing the arrangement of meeting room tables and chairs and coordinating with food service vendors for set-up and kitchen use and for ordering and stocking cleaning supply inventory; occasional weekend work expected.

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

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, CO)

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.

Natural Gas Operator I – Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/7/26 – Operation and maintenance of the Southern Ute Natural Gas system and assists with the day to day operation of other Utilities tasks.

Wastewater Program Manager – Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/31/26 – Oversight of the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the Southern Ute Tribal Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Collection System.

Field Operations Supervisor – Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/31/26 – Operation and maintenance of the Natural Gas Program, the Solid Waste Program, and the Water Haul Operations of the Southern Ute Utilities Division Supervision will include responsibility of the operations and safety of the Field Operations as a unit that provides critical services to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, its membership, and the local community. This role supervises multi-disciplinary staff, enforces safety and regulatory compliance, coordinates emergency and outage restoration, and manages preventive and corrective maintenance programs.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

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

Administrative Operations Coordinator – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/31/26 – Responsible for supporting Business Operations through data and records management, reporting, accounting support, meeting and training coordination, document preparation, and communication management.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

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Central Administration:

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

Road Runner Transit:

• Operations Manager (Full-time) \$52.645 – \$63,211/yr.

Ignacio Youth Services:

• Program Coordinator (Full-time) \$17.29/hr., DOE

Ignacio Senior Center:

• Division Director (Full-time) \$48.069 – \$57.678 /yr., DOE
• Head Cook (Full-time) \$17.64/hr.
• Handyman (Part-time) \$15.16/yr.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

• CTE Welding Teacher
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• IELP Paraprofessional

• IELP Infant Room-Lead Teacher
• Mid. School Cross Country Head Coach
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SOUTHERN UTE DETENTION CENTER
GED Program to be Reinstated

The Southern Ute Detention Center (SUDC) is happy to announce we have restarted the GED program back up for male and female inmates. SUDC has reinstated the GED program after being able to find an instructor who can teach inmates to enhance their future. We thank the Southern Ute Education Dept. for their assistance in starting up the program.



For more information contact Southern Ute Detention Division Head, Jason Harrison via email at jharriso@southernute-nsn.gov or call 970-563-2831.



- 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



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.



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.**

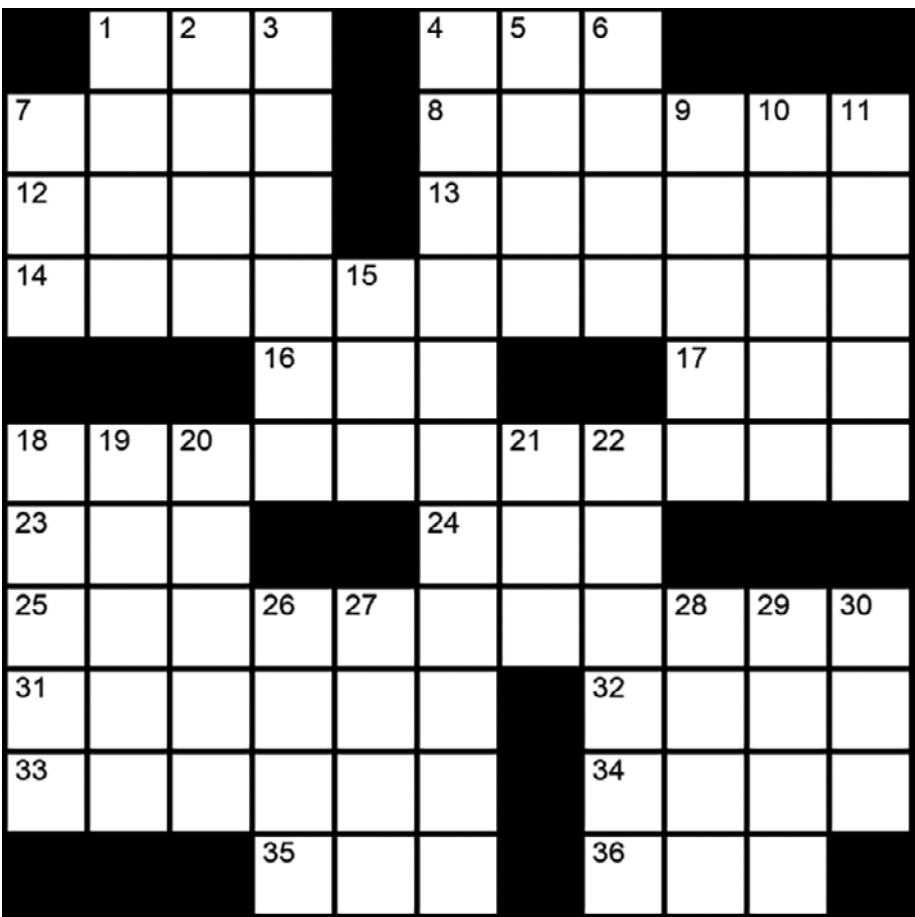


For more information, please contact Zebulan Vogenthaler at 970-563-2458.

Air Quality Division Environmental Programs

The Tribe's Air Quality Division continuously monitors particulate matter and Ozone at a station located in Ignacio (Ute 1) and a station located near Bondad Hill (Ute 3). Real-time particulate matter data and ozone data and corresponding EPA Air Quality Index (AQI) health alerts are generated on the Tribe's Ambient Air Monitoring website. The Ignacio station (Ute 1) and the Bondad Station (Ute 3) are measuring elevated Ozone concentrations with the AQI Unhealthy for sensitive groups, meaning there may be a risk for some people, particularly those who are sensitive to air pollution. For more information contact the Tribe's Air Quality Division 970-563-2214.

The Southern Ute Drum's
Crossword Puzzle



- Across**

 - 1 Assenting vote
 - 4 "Either you do it, --- will!"
 - 7 Bonnie, to Clyde
 - 8 Calligrapher
 - 12 Alaskans once called dAXunhyuu
 - 13 Al, who played Shylock opposite Jeremy Irons' Merchant
 - 14 Greenhouse growth
 - 16 What Vegas doesn't have?
 - 17 Sully
 - 18 Nakoda
 - 23 Municipal alliance
 - 24 IRS ID
 - 25 Made to have a thicker skin
 - 31 Soup dispensers
 - 32 Letter after theta
 - 33 Guarantee
 - 34 Jolt-wagon
 - 35 Our southern neighbor
 - 36 "I could get used to this ..."
- Down**

 - 1 Up-and-down toy
 - 2 Ancient Persian kingdom
 - 3 Chemical base
 - 4 Men if you're a woman, or women, if you're a man.
 - 5 Bring in the crops
 - 6 Part of the pkg.
 - 7 New York opera house
 - 9 The downstream people
 - 10 He followed Boutros-Ghali
 - 11 --- Dame du Lac University
 - 15 Sun-seeker's goal
 - 18 "Tiger King: The Doc --- Story" (Netflix series)
 - 19 The Alfred P --- Foundation
 - 20 Scoots along
 - 21 "Ich --- ein Berliner"
 - 22 People whose language is Ukwewuwnéha, or Onyota'a:ká
 - 26 Long-faced
 - 27 "From --- to Eternity"
 - 28 Adventurous girl with Boots for a friend
 - 29 Where the Golden Spike was driven in
 - 30 Pony up

Answers will appear in the Aug. 7 issue of the Drum.

Answers for July 10, 2026 crossword puzzle.
Across: 1 Break, 6 Naw, 9 Farce, 10 Slays, 13 Gnarl, 14 Canoe, 15 Isola, 17 Tug, 18 Borodino, 21 Imagining, 23 So it goes, 24 ANC, 25 Tress, 28 Gimli, 31 Oakum, 33 E-cash, 34 Osier, 35 CTS, 36 Mends.
Down: 1 BFG, 2 Rani, 3 Eras, 4 Acrobat, 5 Kellogg, 6 NSC, 7 A la, 8 Want in, 11 Young, 12 Sego, 16 A riot, 19 One-room, 20 Disease, 21 Ionic, 22 Micmac, 23 Sage, 26 Skin, 27 Sued, 29 LST, 30 IHS, 32 Mrs.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, July 24



Mostly Sunny 88°F
Slight chance of afternoon showers

Saturday, July 25



Mostly Sunny 90°F

Sunday, July 26



Sunny 91°F
A chance of showers and thunderstorms

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

