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Tribal Fair ends with Rodeo



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Blake Baker shows off his hand painted horse to spectators during the All-Native Best Hand Painted Horse contest on Saturday, Sept. 19 as the 104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair continues. Baker was the only contestant this year and took home the grand prize.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Bronc riders competed on Friday night, holding on to ensure their ride is qualified. Filled with adrenaline, this rider celebrates his ride during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo.

The 104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair continued with the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo on Friday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. The rodeo was underway on Friday evening – following the crowning of Tatum Bebo as the Southern Ute Rodeo Queen – featuring bronc riding, roping, barrel racing, and bull riding. Crowds gathered near the racetrack on Saturday afternoon for the annual Horsing Around Events, watching riders race for first place prizes.

See more Rodeo and Horse Events coverage beginning on page 13.

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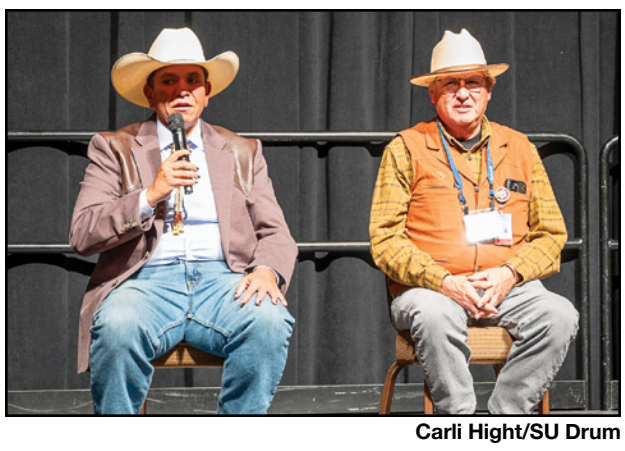
Over 24 Tribes share agriculture concerns

By Marvin Pinnecoose and Carli Hight
Intertribal Agriculture Council/Southern Ute Drum

Three weeks of continuous rain is a true blessing from the creator. The earth is taking a much-needed drink, and no one is mad about that. Ranchers and Farmers spend much of their time looking to the sky for favorable conditions.

In early spring, we hope for rain and working weather. In the summer, we vary between quenching storms and windows of clear sunny skies to harvest. During

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Carli Hight/SU Drum

Former Southern Ute Chairman Marvin Pinnecoose and Southern Ute Councilman and Treasurer Mike Olguin discuss agriculture and farming from both personal experience(s) and through experiences as tribal leaders. Olguin stressed the importance of coming together to share knowledge as Mr. Pinnecoose added that tribal nations need to work toward improving and restoring reservation lands to survive and thrive.

INTERNAL AUDIT

Who audits the Auditors?



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Internal Audit Department received great peer review from the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) – their internal quality control system was acknowledged for being up to par with the Institute of Internal Auditors Global Standards from June 2025 to May of this year. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is the first Native American tribe to have a peer review completed by ALGA. (Left to right) Jamie Rivera, Adam Red, Erik Tsosie, William Weaver, Kristin Beach, and Wayne Brown.

By Wayne Brown
Southern Ute Internal Audit

The seven members of the Southern Ute Internal Audit Department have been conducting almost 50 audit projects annually since 2019 – that's about 350 audit projects so far – the engagements extend across the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund plus its various entities, Southern Ute Shared Services, Sky Ute Casino Resort,

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Pooja Roa-Pennington/SU Growth Fund

Southern Ute Chairman Sage and members of Tribal Council speak at the 2026 Southern Ute Growth Fund General Meeting, on Sept. 17.

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

Southern Ute Growth Fund highlights strategic progress

Steady outlook for the year ahead

By Pooja Rao-Pennington
Southern Ute Growth Fund

The Southern Ute Growth Fund hosted its annual in-person and virtual General Membership Meeting for Tribal Membership on Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. The meeting provided an update on the Tribe's business activities, highlighted strategic progress across Growth Fund entities, and offered a thoughtful forecast for the year ahead.

Tribal Members also had the opportunity to ask questions following the presentations, providing additional clarity around current-year accomplishments, emerging priorities, and the broader business environment.

Chairman Sage and members of Tribal Council were also in attendance. Leadership provided opening remarks and recognized the Growth Fund's continued progress while welcoming attendees to the meeting.

High-level meeting highlights included:

- A continued focus on long-term stability, responsible growth, and thoughtful diversification across the Growth Fund portfolio.
- Recognition of the Tribe's historic Tribal Energy Resource Agreement (TERA), a milestone that supports Tribal sovereignty, responsible energy development, and greater self-determination.
- Ongoing investment in Tribal Member employment, advancement opportunities, internships, trainee programs, and leadership development.
- A strong commitment to worker safety, environmental stewardship, and cultural awareness across Growth Fund operations.
- Progress on community-serving priorities, including housing, utilities, fairgrounds improvements, and outreach efforts that support Tribal Members and the broader community.
- A forward-looking approach centered on listening, learning, collaboration, and preparing the organization to navigate changing economic and global conditions.

Shane Seibel, Executive Director of the Growth Fund, provided a comprehensive overview of the entity's current state at a macro level and introduced members of the Growth Fund Management Committee (GFMC) and the Growth Fund's business entities. He also discussed his vision and mission, highlighting their alignment with the mission and vision of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

"My vision and goal as

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Pooja Roa-Pennington/SU Growth Fund

Shane Seibel, Executive Director for the Southern Ute Growth Fund speaks to those in attendance at the Southern Ute Growth Fund General Meeting, on Sept. 17.



Pooja Roa-Pennington/SU Growth Fund

The 2026 Southern Ute Growth Fund General Meeting was held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center, on Sept. 17.

Executive Director of the Growth Fund have remained steady: to focus on responsible growth, maximize Tribal Member equity, and help pave the way for future generations while honoring the balance between economic opportunity, environmental stewardship, and the cultural values that guide the Southern Ute Indian Tribe," said Shane Seibel, Executive Director of the Southern Ute Growth Fund. "We continue to diligently work to expand and diversify our investments while creating meaningful opportunities for Tribal Member advancement and ensuring our decisions reflect a commitment to protecting the environment and respecting the Tribe's cultural foundation," he added.

Despite volatility in global markets, changing energy dynamics, and broader economic uncertainty, the Growth Fund remains well positioned through disciplined planning, prudent management, and a long-term focus on diversification. While leadership remains optimistic about future opportunities, the outlook is intentionally measured, recognizing that global conditions require the organization to stay flexible, strategic, and prepared.

The Growth Fund also reported continued success in employee safety and training. Safety and environmental stewardship remain high priorities across all entities, with the Safety and Environmental Compliance Management Group (SECMG) completing 14 Environmental and Health Safety reviews and audits in the last year, along with numerous safety trainings, including defensive driving and First Aid/CPR courses.

Red Willow Production Company also completed one year without a recordable injury, and the Growth Fund as a whole continues to maintain a lower injury incident rate than national averages.

As the Growth Fund continues to evaluate opportunities beyond traditional oil and gas revenue, leadership emphasized the importance of pursuing projects and partnerships that are financially sound, strategically aligned, and responsive to evolving market conditions. "As we look ahead, our focus remains on strengthening our businesses, preparing for change, and pursuing opportunities that support long-term stability for the Tribe," said Shane Seibel. "My approach is to ask all the hard questions. Maintaining discipline and a strategic approach in our business plans is essential for setting a clear direction for our ventures," he emphasized.

The Financial and Business Plans continue to guide the Growth Fund's long-term approach to responsible growth, diversification, and sustainable support for the Tribe and its Membership. While current global conditions call for caution, the Growth Fund remains focused on thoughtful decision-making, strong stewardship, and opportunities that support long-term prosperity.

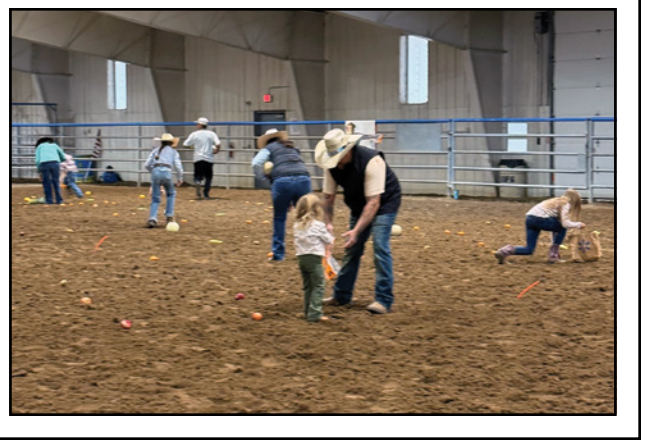
The meeting was recorded in full and is expected to be posted online to the Tribal Member Experience (TMX) portal in the coming weeks.

Royalty hosts Fruit Scramble



photos courtesy LeRhea Ramone

During the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo, the Southern Ute Rodeo Queen hosted a fruit scramble, as part of the Youth Rodeo festivities. The event was a collaborative effort between Southern Ute Rodeo Queen Tatum Bebo (right), Jr. Miss Southern Ute Malia WhiteThunder, and Miss Southern Ute Autumn Sage (left).



The Southern Ute Royalty distributed a variety of fruits, including apples, oranges, pineapples, cantaloupes, watermelons, bananas, and honeydew melons throughout the arena. Youth rodeo participants and community members eagerly joined in a fun-filled foot race to collect the fruit scattered across the arena floor.

Many Moons Ago





Sacha Smith/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute veterans joined fellow Native Veterans in Albuquerque, N.M. for the Southwest Native American Veterans Association (SWNAVA) Regional Conference Sept. 22-23. Marvin Trujillo Jr. SWNAVA Chairman, talks with Southern Ute veterans James Jefferson and Rod Grove.

This photo was published in the Sept. 30, 2016, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



Henry Taylor/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The first annual Spirit Sobriety Campout took place over the weekend on Sept. 22 at the Southern Ute Fair Camp. The campout was sponsored by Committee of Elders and was to promote healthy lifestyles with a sober beginnings. Larry Tucker, Alberta Bison, Randy Doybei pictured during the Spirit Sobriety Campout.

This photo was published in the Sept. 29, 2006, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Marvin Pinnecoose and Francis Bison were two of the many contestants in Southern Ute Fair Parade this year. The parade featured many entries from other tribes sporting their finest traditional dress.

This photo was published in the Sept. 27, 1996, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Miss Southern Ute Cheryl Frost and Miss NCAI Karmelita Plains Bull.

This photo was published in the Oct. 3, 1986, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

Utes attend Shoshonean Reunion in Nevada



courtesy Jeremiah Valdez/SU Elder Services

The reunion closed out with a Fashion Show that showcased all attendees in their regalia. Over 30 participants brought forward their best rendering of their customs and traditions to share with all attendees.



courtesy Stacey Rivera/SU Cultural Preservation

A Piute Elder Sharing Teaching Methods at the 2026 Shoshone Reunion in Wendover, NV.



courtesy Jeremiah Valdez/SU Elder Services

Vanessa Torres, Cynthia Buckskin, Georgia McKinley, Donna Frost and Willette Whiteskunk at the Shoshone Reunion.



courtesy Jeremiah Valdez/SU Elder Services

Denise Thompson and Jamie Rivera, participating in a mocassin making workshop at the 2026 Shoshone Reunion.



courtesy Shelly Thompson

Goshute in Shoshone Parade at the 2026 Shoshone Reunion in Wendover, NV.



courtesy Shelly Thompson

Northern Utes in Shoshone Parade at the 2026 Shoshone Reunion in Wendover, NV.



courtesy Jeremiah Valdez/SU Elder Services

Southern Ute tribal elder, Georgia McKinley attended a moccasin workshop at the reunion event with others during her three-day long language reunion experience.



courtesy Jeremiah Valdez/SU Elder Services

Ute Tribe elder member, Jonas Grant Bullethead attended the 26th Annual Shoshonean Numic Language Reunion held in Wendover, NV. The reunion brought indigenous folks together to discuss the revitalization of the Numic language and to share culture and practices throughout the 3-day event.







courtesy SU Behavioral Health

Our youth, amazing community members, and the Southern Ute Behavioral Health team hit the ground running for the Slime Fun Run, Saturday, Sept. 19. Every step was about raising critical awareness for suicide prevention and supporting mental health in our community.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE Heard: Just show up

The magic of community runs and moving together

By Brianna Henderson
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



courtesy SU Behavioral Health

The future is bright – and a little bit slimy! Our youth lined up at the Piínu Nuúchi Skatepark, Sept. 19, ready to run for suicide prevention awareness. Seeing the next generation show up so loudly for mental health gives us so much hope for the future!

I know many of us have had days where we just felt a specific kind of heavy. The kind of heavy that makes you want to stay home, close all your doors, pull the blankets over your head and just disappear for a while. We've all been there. When life gets overwhelming our first instinct is to hide because we believe that isolation is the safest place.

But what if I told you, it's the exact opposite.

What if I told you that there is power in just showing up. I know it sounds intimidating especially when you're carrying a heavy mental load. However, showing up doesn't mean you have to show up perfectly. It's not about being the loudest person in the room, being the happiest, or the fastest, or having your life completely figured out. It's just about putting your feet in a place where other people are moving in the same direction. It's the quiet magic of a community run or neighborhood walk.

Sometimes it can be a struggle to find the words to describe to someone how much you're hurting; it can be exhausting having those face-to-face conversations.

That's why moving together is so different. When you join a community run, a casual 5k or a community walk, you move shoulder to shoulder. You don't have to explain yourself. You don't have to give a speech about your mental health. You just match your pace with the person next to you. And when you look to your left and then to your right, there is a profound relief in realizing "I am not alone in this space." Every step you take alongside someone else is a reminder that we are designed to share the road. The rhythm from feet hitting the pavement creating that collective heartbeat, tells your brain that you belong to something bigger than your own heavy thoughts.

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness month and while we absolutely need the clinical tools, the hotlines, and the deep conversations, we also need spaces where we can simply live and breathe together.

Events like local community runs or outdoor gatherings do something incredible by pulling mental wellness out of the shadows and into the sunlight. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Slime Fun Run on Sept. 19. If you couldn't make it, don't sweat it. There are plenty of walks, runs, and gatherings on the horizon, and our community will be ready to welcome you to the next Slime Run.

So, if your brain is telling you to hide today, maybe take that as a gentle nudge to do the opposite. Find a local community event or even a friend who will walk the block with you. Don't worry about how far you'll go or how fast you'll get there. Don't worry if you don't feel like talking. Just lace your shoes, step out the front door and show up. There is a whole community waiting to move forward with 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.

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.

Brianna Henderson is the Suicide and Substance Use Prevention Coordinator for the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division.



courtesy SU Behavioral Health

After crossing the finish line at the Slime Fun Run for Suicide Prevention Awareness, these two absolutely crushed the Slime Dunk Pool at Piínu Nuúchi Skatepark. Way to celebrate a great run for an amazing cause!

HEALTHY RECIPES

Baked apple slices

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

Perfect for fall and a healthy alternative to pie.

You can try different apples; Fuji, Gala, Macintosh, Pink Lady or another favorite. These do not need to be peeled, which keeps it simple and the recipe is so easy.

Apples provide a variety of nutrients including fiber, Vitamin C, water and antioxidants that help fight inflammation.



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

Baked Apple Slices

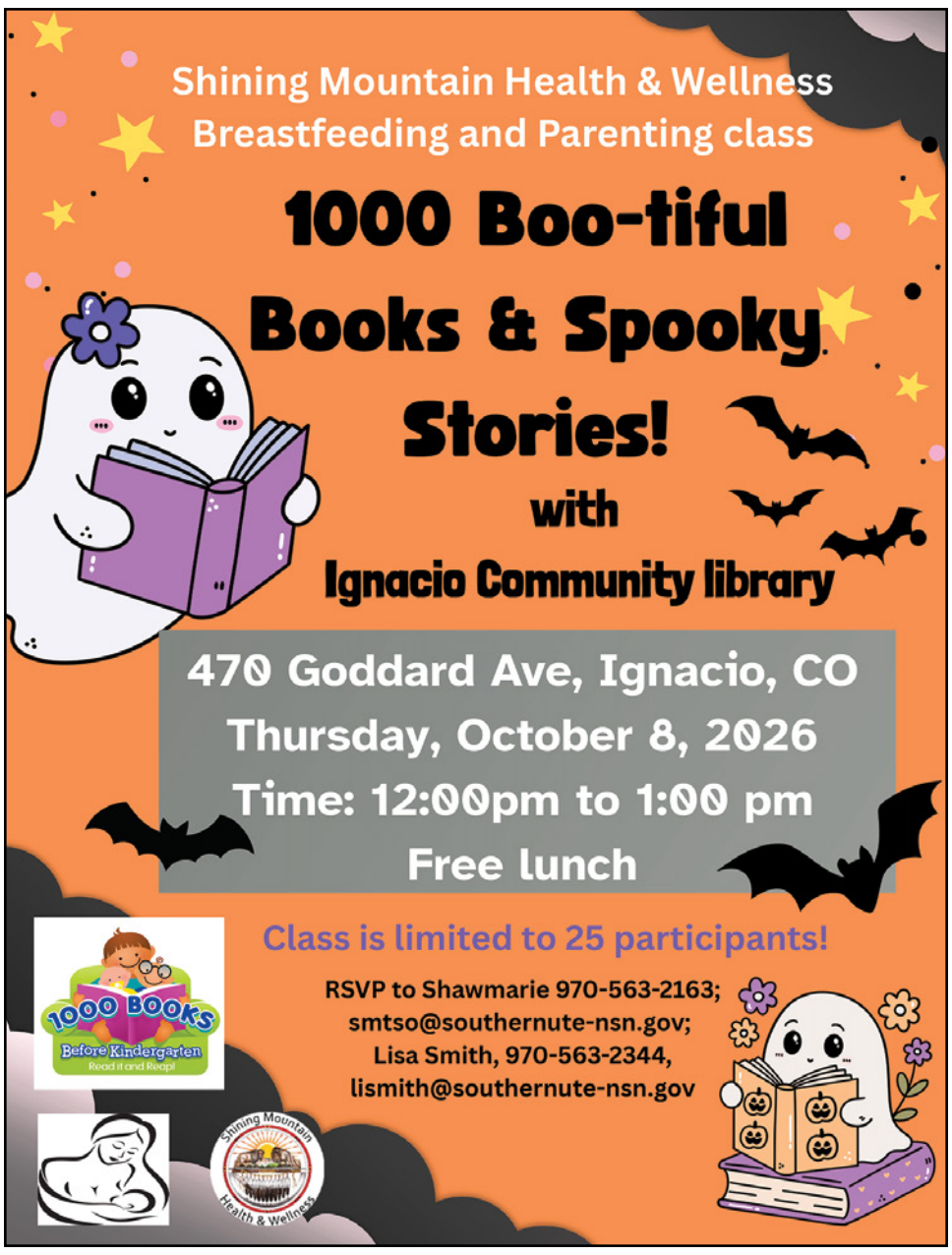
Ingredients:

- 5 apples, cored and sliced
- 2 tablespoons of unsalted melted butter
- 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- ¼ cup chopped nuts such as pecans or walnuts

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
2. In a large bowl, place apple slices
3. Add melted butter, cinnamon and nuts, stir well to combine
4. Place mixture in a 13x9 inch baking pan coated with cooking spray
5. Bake in oven for 30-40 minutes (depending on thickness of apple slices) stirring at 10–15-minute intervals
6. Remove from oven, let cool for 10 minutes and serve.

Options include a drizzle of honey or a scoop of vanilla Greek yogurt! Yum!





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and other committees and boards. Sometimes the question arises; "Internal Audit is busy auditing all of us, but who audits them?" The answer is the Association of Local Government Auditors – who completed its audit of our department on Thursday, Aug. 27.

The Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) is the preeminent organization representing local government auditors in the United States. Its audits of Internal Audit departments are known as peer reviews. Government auditors are the most knowledgeable of the proper processes and technical requirements to the Institute of Internal Auditors Global Standards which are quite rigorous. These auditors are the peers of the Internal Audit Department here at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

ALGA is the largest single provider of peer reviews for internal audit departments in the country. One of the peer review team members conducting the Internal Audit Department is Martin Petherbridge, who is the Chairman of the ALGA Peer Review Division. The peer review team conducted interviews of management and staff members as well as reviewed and/or conducted tests of our department's:

Written policies and procedures

Internal monitoring procedures

Engagement documents, reports, and working papers

Documents relating to independence, training, and development of auditing staff

The ALGA report states:

"Based upon the results of our review, it is our opinion that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Internal Audit Department's internal quality control system was adequately designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of conformance with the Institute of Internal Auditors Global Standards for engagements during the period of Sunday, June 1, 2025 – Sunday, May 31."

The Internal Audit Department was pleased that no letter of comments for improvements was issued by ALGA, nor were any audit findings or deficiencies encountered during the review. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is the first Native American tribe to have a peer review by ALGA and have its report is posted on the ALGA website.

The Internal Audit Director, William Weaver and he Deputy Director, Wayne Brown remarked that this achievement is the result of consistent dedication by the Internal Audit staff to maintain excellent processes, which began in 2019 under former Director, Brian Bex. The other key ingredients have been the cooperation, support, and interest in our services by management of SUIT entities, departments, and the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

Internal Audit provides assurance and insight to Southern Ute Tribal Council, among other management personnel, that is designed to improve the effectiveness of risk management, governance, and control processes of the Tribal organization. This is accomplished by financial, operational, compliance audits, and risk assessments. Information technology audits are conducted on cybersecurity defenses, data protection, and management of important systems.

Internal Audit conducts advisory services to assist management in achieving departmental or entity objectives and to help provide foresight into the future. These services are increasingly requested by management or Southern Ute Tribal Council.

Internal Audit has expanded its use of data analytics significantly in the last two years. These computer analyses allow for scrutiny of vast amounts of data for possible errors, nonadherence to policies, and other matters efficiently. The internal auditors also utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI) in its audits and advisory services. Data analytics and AI have proven to be useful as engagements are significantly more diversified and complex than earlier years.

For more information, contact the Southern Ute Internal Audit Department: Director, William Weaver 970-563-2142, Deputy Director, Wayne Brown 970-563-2239.

Healthy Cooking with Lisa



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

During the Healthy Cooking Class, Lisa Smith also gave a lesson on how to identify and utilize unit pricing – shoppers looking to get the most for their money can use the unit price to compare packages of different sizes and determine which offer the best value. Healthy Cooking Classes are designed to provide healthy recipes at affordable rates, but they also bring the community together to practice their cooking skills and connect.

The Shining Mountain Health & Wellness, Healthy Cooking Class with Lisa Smith took place on Thursday, Sept. 24 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. Attendees learned how to make nutritious and healthy meals on a budget – attendees made a vegetarian rice and beans dish to share, alongside fresh pico de gallo salsa.



2026 Annual Fall Clean-Up October 13-16, 2026

By appointment only, no pickups over the weekend or the week after.

Save the date! Spring Clean-up 2027 April 12-16, 2027

Tribal Members, Tribal Departments, and any tenant of the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority. We will not pick up for non-tribal tenants living in Tribal Member owned rental homes. All pick-ups must be within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation only. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE AREA and general trash **MUST BE BAGGED FOR PICK UP.** No Pickups will be made without prior scheduling with the homeowner or department. **APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

If you have tires, only 4 tires per household will be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS. No semi-truck or heavy equipment tires accepted.** Tires only, no wheels (rims).

We will not pull your trailer to the transfer station for you.

Tribal Elders. Please contact Elder Services at (970) 563-2323 if you need help with bagging and piling of your trash.

All vehicle disposals please call **Building Maintenance at 970-563-0265.**

HAZARDOUS WASTE. If you think your trash is or contains hazardous waste, or you cannot identify the waste, please call **Environmental Programs at 970-563-2272**. If the pickup teams suspect that your trash may contain hazardous waste, or it is not identifiable, we will not pick up. Liquids will only be picked up if in a sealed and labeled container.

LARGE SITE or **DANGEROUS** or **HAZARDOUS WASTE** testing and cleanup will be completed at the **HOMEOWNER'S EXPENSE.** This will be on a case-by-case basis and scheduled dependent on program availability.

There is no burn pile at the transfer station. All burnable loads will be taken directly to Bondad Landfill. Tribal Members hauling large amounts of brush on their own please take directly to Bondad Landfill.

Areas of operation

- **Construction Services**, 970-563-0260, Tribal members within the **Town of Ignacio and Tribal Member homes east of the Pine River.**
- **Motor Pool**, 970-563-0280, Tribal Member homes **west of the Pine River except those areas listed below.**
- **Building Maintenance**, 970-563-0265, Tribal Departments, **Tribal Member homes on Cr 314, Cr 315, Cr 316, and Cr 311 and ALL VEHICLES.**
- **Grounds Maintenance**, 970-563-0272, Tribal Departments, **Tribal Member homes located in Cedar Point East & West, Ignacio Peak and the La Boca area west of the Pine River, Tribal Member tenants of Quichas Apartments.**
- **Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority**, 970-563-4575, Southern Ute Housing Authority renters and Senior Center.

Property and Facilities Director (970) 563-2945

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Southern Ute Disability Employment Awareness

We Belong!

hosted by the Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Registration QR code

Friday, October 16, 2026
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum – Large Classroom
503 Ouray Dr, Ignacio, CO 81137

8:00 a.m.
OPENING PRAYER AND INTRODUCTION
SUITVR staff

8:15 – 9:30 a.m.
BLUE CORN MEAL PRESENTATION AND BREAKFAST
Tarenina Max and April Sandman, SW CO Area Health Education Center

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
BREAKING BARRIERS: EMPLOYING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
David Atkinson and Tiffany Garcia, CO DVR Business Relations Unit

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
NAVIGATING BRAIN INJURY AND EMPLOYMENT
Heather Kamper and Russha Knauer, Mindsource Brain Injury Network

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Lunch provided

1:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
IT'S NOT JUST BURNOUT: INCLUSIVE PATHWAYS TO HEALING MORAL INJURY
Doty Shepard, Resilient Colorado

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
DISABILITY ETIQUETTE: EMBRACING DISABILITY IN THE WORKPLACE
David Atkinson and Tiffany Garcia, CO DVR Business Relations Unit

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
CLOSING PRAYER AND FAREWELL

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event or have any questions, please contact the Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation Program at (970) 563-4730 Toghoyaqh - thank you

MINDSOURCE BRAIN INJURY NETWORK
RESILIENT COLORADO
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COLORADO Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Department of Labor and Employment



GENERAL ELECTION

Hilda Burch

Tribal Council Candidate



Maykh Nuuchiu and Greetings, Southern Ute Tribal Members

I am Hilda Burch, the daughter of the late Everett Burch and Florence Williams-egap. I have worked for the Southern Ute Tribe for 30+ years, started with Youth Conservation Corp (YCC). I have lived off the reservations while my father was attending colleges in CA, AZ and UT. Including living in Lawrence KS for 13 years before returning home to take care of my elders in the family and continuing the practice of my culturally upbringing. Having been raised culturally by my aunts, uncles and various family members has been a blessing, Sundance, Bear dance, pow wows, sweats and Native American Church (NAC). Including Picking berries, sage, cedar, gathering wood and hunting.

I graduated from Montezuma-Cortez High School, received my AAS Degree in Accounting at Haskell Indian Jr. College, Lawrence KS in 1984 and received my BA Degree in Business Administration at Fort Lewis College, Durango CO in 2004.

Why am I running for Council? After I retired in July 2026, I noticed how we Tribal members are not being heard. We are only seen as a hindrance to departments, tribal entities and local communities. Membership needs someone to listen to them, be their voice, ask the questions and to communicate forth. Let me be that voice for you, advocate for you. I'll ask those questions and find ways of communicating to you all – Tribal membership. Yes, we have the tribal newspaper and social media and some departments have newsletters ... However, not every tribal member lives on the reservation, there must be creative ways to communicate.

I have sat on various Tribal Boards and Committees: Currently I sit on the BGC Board of Directors (Vice-Chair), and Committee of Elders (Secretary). Previous Boards/Committees I sat on were; Apprenticeship, Boxing Commission (Vice-Chair), Pow wow Committee, JOM (Chairman), PF and Casino Safety Committee, Ethics Commission, and Gaming Commission (Chair/Vice-Chair).

Work history:

- Haskell University; 8 years-maintained Student snack bar, Gift Shop and working in the Food Service industry.
- Sky Ute Casino; 10 years-Pino Nuche restaurant, Property Manager, Tribal Membership Program (TMP) converted to Career Development Program (CDP), HR and various rotations while in the CDP. Rotations in the program were: Certification in BJ and Poker dealer school, Buyer, Accounting, Surveillance, Marketing, Count, Cage, Hard/soft drop, Slots, Food & Beverage (including Banquets) and Bingo.
- Permanent Fund (PF) 20 years total-3 years in Construction & Project Management (C&PM); 7 years in Tribal Housing; and 10 years in TERO. Throughout my years of employment, I have always started from the bottom to learn about the position and workers, moving upward into Management/Division Head positions-including interim Housing Director.

As one of the Candidates for Tribal Council, I would be an asset and the driving force when it comes to helping you voice your concerns and be heard.

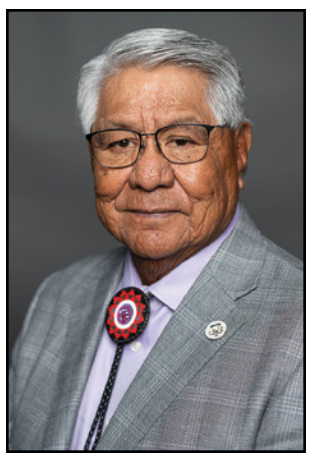
Thank you for taking the time to read who I am. Again, let me be your voice-asking the questions for answers and how to better communicate to all tribal membership on or off the reservation.

Vote to preserve our cultural identity, language for our future leaders; our future generation of the Southern Ute Tribe. Vote for Hilda M. Burch – I have the passion to advocate for tribal members' needs and to communicate effectively.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Byron Frost

Tribal Council Candidate



Mique Pino Nuchu,

My name is Byron Frost, and I am running for the 2026 Special Election 2-year Southern Ute Tribal Council seat.

My parents are the late Jack and Annetta Frost. My wife is Etta N. Frost, and we have two sons, Brian and Aaron Frost egap, and a daughter Deanna Frost egap. I'm the guardian of our two grandsons Richard and Ivan Joseph.

My political Ideology is using the pluralistic approach which I consider true democracy. Pluralism is the backbone of a healthy democracy. It's part of our tradition of self-governance, the idea that every person has an equal say in public and tribal decisions, by having the freedom to be part of decision-making process, freedom of speech, freedom to express yourself and being able to have due process when needed. Pluralistic Leadership strengths governance by harnessing diverse perspectives.

Tribal Human Resource: As a leader I will advocate for transparency and accountability from the tribal administration regarding the recovery of addiction for our tribal members. Recovery from alcoholism, drug use, and gambling addiction. Tribal members should always be in the forefront of any recovery program. Grants are open for non-tribal members and are used in that manner although when we house addiction members this should be for tribal members. Leaders approve programs but the tribal members are always on bottom of the totem pole. Our Committee of Elders should be involved in recovery programs, as they have lived through these episodes. Using the songs and prayers with the ceremonies can alleviate the cravings that addiction brings to individuals.

Tribal Enrollment: As time goes on our one-quarter enrollment for Southern Ute tribal member will eventually cease as many of our tribal members will not meet the mention criteria. We will no longer exist as a tribe, as predicted by our ancestor's assimilation to the white American cultural will eliminate us. Dis-enrollment will be considered by the government, there will no longer be tribes. This is a big concern; I will advocate to have a general meeting with the tribal members to have comments on what their thoughts are and start the process of securing our tribal enrollment to include all Southern Ute Descendants this includes off reservation tribal members.

In conclusion I have touched upon issues that must be addressed; time is of essence. There are many issues that affect our lively hood, which we as leaders must address. Just to name a few, education, off reservation tribal members concerns and follow-up. The revision of the Constitution of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, especially the Qualification of Candidates.

Thank you, and I look forward to answering any question you may have.

I humbly ask for your vote on October 30, 2026.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Michelle D. Taylor

Tribal Council Candidate

My name is Michelle D. Taylor. I am a candidate for the upcoming 2026 Special Election on Friday October 30. I am asking for your support and vote. For those who do not know me. I sat on the Tribal Council (Vice Chair) for a three-year term in the years 2005 through 2008. I have also served as the Executive Officer in the years of 2014 through 2016. My parents are the late Robert and Davetta Taylor. I have held various positions in the Southern Ute Tribal Organization. I have my Associates Degree in Criminal Justice, Bachelors Degree in Psychology and Political Science. I also have attained my Masters Degree in Social Work. I have three adult children, two of which work for the Southern Ute Tribal Organization. I have six grandchildren. I live in Ignacio and have been spending time with my children and grandchildren since moving back from Phoenix, Arizona.

There are many issues that I see facing the Southern Ute Tribe and Tribal members now and in the future. I have sat back and watched the political issues that have arose across the reservation that will affect the Tribal Membership that will need to be looked at and prioritized. I was very fortunate to have sat on Tribal Council during the older administration. I feel we have moved far away from those older schools of thought and way of dealing with the membership. I would like to focus on the culture and how to maintain it during these trying times when our sovereignty is being under attack from the larger political scene. I would like to focus on the elders and their needs that have been forgotten or pushed aside. Health care needs to be addressed for all of the Tribal Membership. I would like to look at what is being done with the wellness center that was supposed to be addressing substance, mental health and wellness health for all.

I would like to look into some of the Tribal Departments that need to have more internships, employment and policies that need to be addressed and updated. I would like to look into the priority list of the Tribal Council which means bringing back focus groups to hear from the membership. Tribal Council should be listening to the membership because that is what they are elected to do. That priority list of every Tribal member changes all the time so we need to look and hear from the membership again. The current state of homes needs to be repaired, and programs built to help the membership with those repairs.

Our future is vital to the survival of our Tribal members, whether it is financial or meeting their needs is what Tribal Council needs to be looked at and addressed. The Business part of the Tribe seems to be doing well diversifying the money, but what other new or stable markets do we invest in for the Tribal membership, so our lives and money and needs are met into perpetuity to sustain the lives of the Tribal membership for many years to come. Change is good but in what direction is best for Tribal membership.

Photo was not available.

VOTE 2026

2026 SOUTHERN UTE ELECTIONS

- **SPECIAL ELECTION: Friday, October 30 • 7 AM – 7 PM**
- **GENERAL ELECTION: Friday, November 6 • 7 AM – 7 PM**

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Cedric J. Chavez

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

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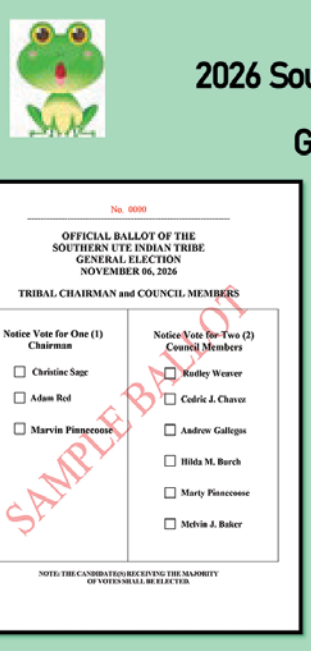
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2026 Southern Ute Indian Tribe

General Election



One (1) Tribal Chairman

Two (2) Tribal Council Seats

Outgoing Chairman: Christine Sage

Outgoing Council Members: Marty Pinnecoose & Andrew Gallegos

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2026 General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

General Election: Friday, November 06, 2026, from 7 AM to 7 PM

(New) Voter Registration: Wednesday, October 28, 2026, by 5:00 PM

Absentee Ballot Request: Wednesday, October 28, 206, by 5:00 PM

Emergency Ballot Request: Thursday, November 05, 2026, by 5:00 PM

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

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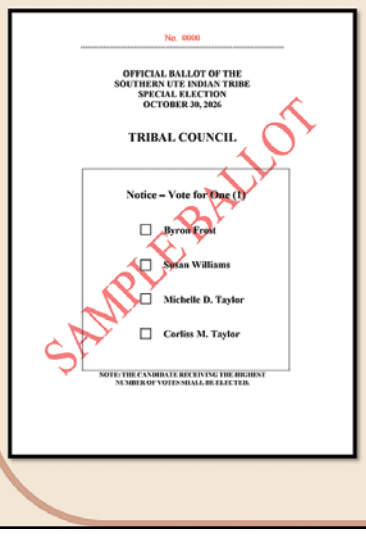
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VOTE VOICE

Friday November 6th 2026

2026 Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Special Election



One (1) Council Seat

Resigned: Marvin Pinnecoose

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2026 Special Election according to the Constitution, Election Code, and Resolution No. 2026-193.

Special Election: Friday, October 30, 2026, from 7 AM to 7 PM

New Voter Registration: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Absentee Ballot Request: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Emergency Ballot Request: Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 5:00 PM

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CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Boys and Girls Club Project notification

Staff report
CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The purpose of this letter is to announce that construction activities to renovate the former Southern Ute Community Action Programs (SUCAP) Peaceful Spirit Building to serve as the new home of the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (BGC) will begin on Sept. 21, 2026.

Following consideration of the need to support youth services, improve long-term facility functionality, and provide appropriate and dedicated space for programs serving Tribal Member families and the broader Ignacio community, Tribal Council has directed Construction and Project Management to deliver the Boys and Girls Club project via Resolution No. 2026-010 and Resolution No. 2026-097 which dedicated the tribal trust land for the purposes of carrying out BGC operations and services and established the project budget, respectively.

The project will consist of full interior and exterior renovations, including landscaping, the creation of outdoor living and play spaces and an outdoor sports court. Security and controlled access will be a high priority; all spaces open to the children will be secure and monitored. The new building will have a lite-commercial kitchen, several gaming spaces, a maker's lab, art lab, lounge areas for teens and youths, as well as office spaces for the BGC staff. A brand-new central heating and cooling system will be installed, along with new plumbing and an ADA compliant lift for access to the upper level. A full interior fire sprinkler system and alarm will be installed for safety purposes.

Project coordination will continue throughout construction and will include communication with the appropriate departments, contractors, and facility users as work progresses. This coordination is intended to ensure that construction activities are performed in a safe, organized, and efficient manner while supporting the overall purpose and long-term benefit of the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

C&PM is committed to minimizing disruptions during these construction activities. Specific efforts will be made to limit disruption to surrounding facilities, traffic, parking, pedestrian access, and Tribal operations. Construction scheduling, site access, and any temporary impacts will be coordinated and communicated as needed throughout the project. However, the parking areas around the BGC will be closed immediately and will remain so for the duration of the project. The closed areas are noted in red on the image below, and are needed for construction offices, contractor parking, material storage, dumpsters and safety boundaries. These areas will be fenced off and no access permitted for the duration of the project.

Should you have any questions regarding this project or ongoing work, please feel free to call our office at 970-563-4710. Additional project information will be provided as it becomes available.













Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Nicholas Blevins upends Monte Vista's Alan Mejia-Aguilar (32) as Brandon Blevins (12) arrives to finish the high-low tackle during conference play Friday afternoon, Sept. 18, at IHS Field. Mejia-Aguilar would fumble on the play, occurring late in the fourth quarter, with Brandon Blevins recovering. The Bobcats, however, fell 51-6 to the Pirates and then lost 48-6 at Buena Vista on Sept. 26.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Demons bedevil Bobcats, 48-6

Last year's State Runner-up too much at home

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Ranked just outside Class 1A's top ten before the 1 p.m. kickoff Saturday, Sept. 26, Buena Vista ensured that afterwards they'd still be hanging around it. And for having faced their – no, the – Demons in their lair, the no-quit Ignacio Bobcats actually clawed their way out of the 33-team classification's basement despite falling 48-6.

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BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

IHS harriers hit Pagosa Springs

Cross-Country beginning final-month push

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Southwestern Colorado, for a welcome change, had been the epicenter for desperately-needed rainfall in the days leading up to Pagosa Springs' 2026 McGinn Memorial Cross-Country Challenge.

And the Pirates took to the water like, well, pirates. Navigating not-so-high – and less-congested – seas, of course.

Running upon softened ground Saturday morning, Sept. 26, PSHS ended up with two entrants in the top five of the meet's high-school boys' feature and ended up with a winning score-5 low of 42 points. La Jara-based Centauri came in second with 51, Del Norte took third with 61 and Durango was fourth with 62.

With only one gent entered, Ignacio was not part of the title chase. Senior Matrim Jones clocked a time of 28 minutes, 54 seconds and finished 44th overall behind champion Rylan Ash, a Pagosa Springs sophomore, who ran a 16:35. CHS junior Lincoln Bagwell placed second in 16:53 and DNHS senior Mads Kreutzer took third in 17:10.

PSHS junior Weston Sweet (17:38) and Del Norte senior Cruz Matta (17:51) filled out the standings' top five.

Sophomore Ireland Cates was Ignacio's lone representative in the girls' 5K and finished 32nd in 29 minutes, 15 seconds. Centauri freshman Avery Duran won in 20:21, with Durango senior Olivia Glover (20:46) settling for second place and CHS sophomore Genesi Morris (21:02) third. DNHS senior Madeline Mitchell (21:21) came in fourth and DHS junior Mena Cerwin (21:24) fifth.

Durango won the Challenge's girls' title with 42 points, and Centauri was close behind with 46. PSHS' Lady Pirates and DNHS' Lady Tigers actually tallied 61 points apiece, but Pagosa Springs' tiebreaking No. 6 runner finished one spot – but 34 seconds – ahead of Del Norte's.

Looking ahead, IHS will next see action Saturday afternoon, October 3, in Salida, and SHS' 2026 Mountain Desert Twilight – to be held at the Salida Golf Club, this year celebrating its 100th birthday – will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the meet's middle-school girls' race. The mid-school boys will then go at 6, with the high-school girls' feature set for 6:30 and the high-school boys' at 7:05.

The 'Cats will then head to Mancos on the 10th for MHS' Chicken Creek Challenge, which will double as the San Juan Basin League Championships.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kelly Sirios (3) deflects the attack of Telluride's Magnolia Mahoney (5) during the Volleycats' three-set sweep Saturday afternoon, Sept. 26, at THS.

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Volleycats topple Telluride in three

IHS improves to 6-1 in out-of-town outcomes

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

She didn't really need to hear it.

But when junior middle/outside hitter Preslie Montgomery heard 'Jump higher, two-four!' from the stands after netting an attempted over-pass spike early Saturday afternoon, September 26, in Set 3 she heeded it anyway.

And moments later, Montgomery smashed down an over-pass resulting from a teammate's serve ricocheting severely off Telluride senior libero Ford Fenton's forearms. Trailing 5-4 after the punished mistake, THS never again led – inside the MinerDome, no less – in falling 23-25, 15-25, 12-25 to the vaunted Volleycats.

In fact, the Lady Miners got no closer in the third than 7-6, when Montgomery zinged a cross-court swing wide, before she later brought up match point, 24-12, by tooling a kill off THS senior Ellarose Aplin's block. IHS senior Lainee Bradley then served to freshman Izzie Tyson, one of multiple JV call-ups temporarily replacing at least three unavailable varsity regulars, and after Telluride failed to generate needed offense, IHS senior Kelly Sirios concluded the proceedings with a set dump to the far corner, well out THS junior Teagan O'Dell's reach.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Amira Montoya (5) bump-sets an attack during the Volleycats' three-set sweep of Telluride on Saturday, Sept. 26, at THS.

Arriving rested and recharged from a 25-13, 25-14, 25-9 victory on the 23rd at Ridgway, the 'Cats (9-1 overall, 3-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin League) looked ready from the get-go and built up Set 1 leads of 3-0 and 7-3 before Telluride, attempting to snap a five-match losing streak, suddenly came alive.

Down 12-7 and still not yet having gained the upper hand, THS charged ahead, 14-13, after a sequence in-

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DENVER NUGGETS
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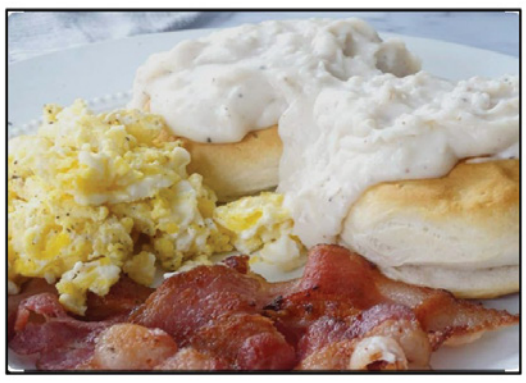
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Make a donation to the jackpot and submit your guess for the pumpkin's diameter (in centimeters). The person with the closest guess will win 50% of the donation jackpot, with the other 50% benefiting our Nana-ma.

Contact Tabetha Napier with any questions
tnapier@southernuute-nsn.gov or call 970-563-0214

Tools and other objects are prohibited to help you guess the diameter of the pumpkin, you can use your body such as arms or legs or your mathmatical skills!

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Tribal Membership

Hello,

I'm Andrew Gallegos; I'm seeking your vote and support for the upcoming 2026 Tribal Council General Election.

My area of focus:

- Tribal Sovereignty
- Youth Mentorship
- Preserve, Protect and use our Water and Land
- Economic Development
- Environmental Stewardship
- Update Tribal Policies
- Clear Communication

Stay tuned for future updates

Thank you,
Andrew Gallegos



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PF enjoys caffeinated treats



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Free coffee from the Plot Twist Farm Co. for employees of the Permanent Fund was provided on Monday, Sept. 14, right outside of the Central Shipping and Receiving building. Lauren and Chris Harrow are the owners of Plot Twist Farm Co, hailing from Bayfield, providing a variety of free drinks to employees. This event was sponsored by the Permanent Fund Employee Benefits Division.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Mikel Archuleta
Job title: Carpenter Building Maintenance
Description of duties: Building things, fixing things.
Hobbies: Love football, love being with my family, I love working with my hands.
Family: Estefany Archuleta (wife), Emma Archuleta (daughter), and William Archuleta (son).

Corrections

In a photo published in the Sept. 18 issue of the Drum, "Veterans supporting Veterans" the names, Demetrius Lewis, Buddy Baxter were omitted. Bruce Le Claire's name was also misspelled.

In a photo published in the Sept. 18 issue of the Drum, the cutline and photo headline was omitted, "PF enjoys caffeinated treats."

In a photo published in the Sept. 18 issue of the Drum, "MPF Hosts Sip, Chat and Chew" Demar Harlan was mispelled and Josphine Olguin was misidentified.

Drum Deadline

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Oct. 16

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Southwest Regional Summit • from page 1



Carli Hight/SU Drum

The evening of Sept. 22, during the IAC Southwest Regional Summit the Southern Ute Culture Preservation department presented a fashion show featuring designs made by Southern Ute Tribal Member Jennifer Goodtracks alongside Oneida and Diné artist Jennifer Benally. Models included Southern Ute Tribal Members, Councilwoman Baker, Southern Ute tribal employees, and community members. After the show, models gathered with both designers for a group photo to close out the evenings event.

these times of continuous showers, a welcomed gathering has taken place.

The Southern Ute Tribe hosted the Intertribal Agriculture Council Southwest Summit this year. Ordinarily, this event takes place in Albuquerque, NM. The point of the conference is to talk about natural resources and agriculture issues that are affecting the Tribes of Colorado and New Mexico. It is always good to see our relative Tribes of the Pueblo, Apache, Ute, and Navajo. In this particular conference, we also welcomed officials and staff from Hualapai, Quechan, Rosebud Sioux, Mojave, and Paiute.



Amy Barry/SU Tribal Information Services

The IAC Youth Council hosted a breakout session during the IAC Summit that focused on their shared experiences in youth leadership, conservation, and the next generation's in shaping the future of agriculture in Indian Country. Pictured are Marcellus McDonald, Sarah Chatter, Sunshine Tso, Azalia Harvey, and Daelyn Benally. They all reiterated, "Elders continue to teach us, we are listening, don't give up on us."

Look to your Neighbor

One of the primary goals of I.A.C. is to advocate for Native Tribes on a national level. One Tribe has an issue and does what it can to communicate concerns to the B.I.A., B.L.M., B.O.R., U.S.D.A., and other government agencies.

Meetings are held with county, state, and national government officials. Sometimes issues are resolved and sometime the voice just isn't strong enough. This is where I.A.C. steps in. By combining the concerns of multiple tribes and using data, testimony, and documentation, I.A.C. is able to speak at a higher level to high-ranking offices and officials. They aggregate topics and present solutions in communications from and to Tribes.

They visit reservations to help inspire the continuation and preservation of ag. They host field days for youth, provide "fly-in" visits to reservations to tour meat processing and other ventures, and they host conferences within the B.I.A. regions to help align issues that Tribes can collaborate and act upon.

SW Conference 2026

Day one of the conference started with general session to have breakfast, talk about what I.A.C. does and how it can help Tribes. U.S.D.A. talked about the many programs that they have available for farmers and ranchers. Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), and Rural Development are branches of U.S.D.A. Each of them had presentations that were shown on the main stage, and a lot of information was shared among the participants.

Southern Ute Tribal Members Mike Olguin and Marvin Pinnecoose shared Southern Ute's success story of the Alternate Funding Arrangement and award that was received through the U.S.D.A. The point was to spark curiosity so that other tribes could look to utilize U.S.D.A. on a Tribal level and think beyond the benefits to the individual.

Farm to School and youth activities rounded out the morning with discussion about how to get the youth back into ag, natural resources, and animal stewardship. Examples of utilizing programs that use Native raised crops and meat toward schools helped show the importance of contributing efforts for Native Tribes to feed their own.

After a hearty lunch, the afternoon featured break-out sessions into smaller rooms to allow participants of the conference to "pick their path" on what information they would want to hear. These breakouts featured a youth roundtable discussion, meat processing establishment and learning opportunities, funding and business resources, B.I.A. trust responsibilities, and an entrepreneurship highlight from Skoden Farms.

Each breakout session was beneficial with an abundance of useful information sewed into farmers and ranchers' experiences. Mac Sussex and his wife Celsie, owners of Bear Mountain Beef, hosted one where they discussed how they built their meat processing business from the ground up.

Their business started in 2020 with six full-time employees, they moved to a remote location, built lagoons, dug wells, and installed three faze power. They now have a 60x80 hybrid building that is fit for the weather conditions they face in Wyoming, have 15 full-time employees, and butchered 1,111 beefs last year alone.

They talked to attendees about the steps that taken to build their business and noted that it did take more than they initially expected but gave honest insight into the obstacles they have faced and overcome, they also talked about the goals they have set for the future.

The evening ended with a cultural meal presented by the executive chef of the Sky Ute Casino and Resort. Southern Ute Tribal members also provided a very exciting fashion show to wrap up the night. The feedback from day one was very positive.

Day two continued with important topics and participation. A tour to the bison pasture was scheduled but had to be cancelled due to rain. The conference continued into breakout sessions containing "Women in Ag", wellness practice and resilience, food preservation and value-added products, genetics management & market readiness, and a roundtable discussion about invasive species.

During the "Tribal Food Preservation and Value-Added Products" session on Wednesday Sept. 23, led by Janice Lucero of Cotton Blossom Gardens, Lucero told her story as an indigenous woman who had been working a prestigious career when life knocked her down.

She went back to her grandparents' homestead where she was filled with sorrow to see that it was dilapidating. After grieving what was lost, she was faced with an awakening "I am a part of this land." She then worked to bring life back to the land that had fallen dormant. She built a new home and worked the soil bringing it back to health. She and her family now own and operate Cotton Blossom Gardens; they make freeze dried salsa out of produce grown on their farm and other farms local to them.

She has stuck to traditional barter and trades to keep the farm stocked with the goods needed to be successful. Lucero talked about programs she found through her local extension office that helped support the farm. She also spoke about problems that need to be addressed as a farmer on tribal land, such as proper access to water testing.

A trade show was provided, and we saw many vendors selling products, farm raised foods, native clothing, and many information booths. Over the course of both days, a lot of business cards were exchanged, collaborative discussions were held, and networking was evident all over the room. Tribes were reassured that they were not alone in the fight to revitalize agriculture.

Many issues of concern were captured and will be presented at the national I.A.C. conference in December. Tribes will be able to gather once again by region and finalize their topics before asking I.A.C. to advocate on their behalf. We, here in the Southwest region, look forward to that discussion and the continued partnership with the Intertribal Agriculture Council.

CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Recovery Housing Project

Staff report
Construction and Project Management

The purpose of this notice is to provide notification of the start of construction on the Recovery Housing Project located at 4101 CR 222 Durango, CO, as directed by Tribal Council via Resolution No. 2026-016.

Construction and Project Management is pleased to announce that the project began construction activities on July 13, 2026. The Recovery Housing Project will include the construction of two new 4,000 square foot substance use recovery housing facilities located near the Mesa Behavioral Health Building. Construction activities are planned to continue until July 2027.

Tribal Council and the Tribal Health team have played a central role in the development of the Recovery Housing Project through their ongoing leadership, collaboration, and commitment to supporting the health and well-being of tribal members and Health Clinic patients. Through active engagement in the pursuit and acquisition of grant funding, planning discussions, project review, and decision-making, both organizations have worked to ensure the project reflects community needs and long-term recovery goals. Their dedication and thoughtful guidance have been instrumental in advancing the project toward approval and construction, helping create a resource that will strengthen recovery services, support individuals and families in the healing process, and contribute to a healthier future for the Southern Ute community.

Importantly, the project is being fully funded through grant resources, allowing the Tribe to expand recovery-focused housing opportunities and services without drawing on Tribal resources while maximizing external investments in the health and wellness of the community. Key granting partners for this project include: the Colorado Department of Human Services – Behavioral Health Administration, the Colorado Health Foundation, and the Colorado Housing Finance Authority.

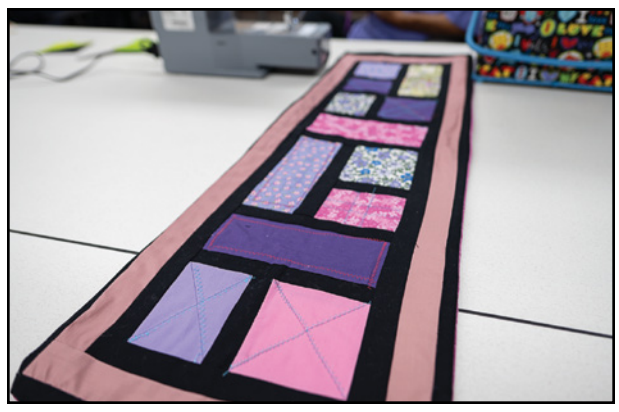
Should you have any questions regarding this project, please free to call the Tribe's Project Manager at 970-553-0163 or kestewart@southernute-nsn.gov. Additional information and pictures related to this project will be posted on our website at: Recovery Housing – Southern Ute Indian Tribe

MPF welcomes crafters



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Multi-Purpose Facility hosted a sewing class on Thursday, Sept. 24, welcoming crafters to work on previous projects and gain assistance with new projects. Quilts, dresses, ribbon shirts and more were worked on during the sewing class. Pam Atencio completes her project during the class on Thursday.



Luanna Herrera works on a stained-glass quilt during the MPF Sewing Class on Thursday, Sept. 24. Individual pieces of fabric are sewn together to create intricate designs, mimicking stained glass art.



Elise Redd works on a ribbon shirt while chatting with attendees at the MPF Sewing Class event held on Thursday, Sept. 24. Redd shared sewing techniques, all while keeping attendees' company during the event.

The ELHI Community Center

- Harvest Festival/Car Show at the Casino with Green Chilé Fest! Saturday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Care and Share FREE Food Mobile Market - Thursday, Oct. 22, 10 – 11 a.m., ELHI parking lot; bring two bags for your grocery shopping from the truck!
- ELHI Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- ELHI Board of Directors meeting - Monday, Oct. 19, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Rise & Shine Teamwork Tuesday: First Tuesday of every month (10% of sales support ELHI!)
- ELHI is seeking a new board member: Would you like to help lead this organization into the future? Work in partnership with the Town of Ignacio, and the Southern Ute Tribe? Advocate for ELHI tenants and the services they provide to the community? Please contact the ELHI at the phone number or email address above, drop by during business hours, or speak to a current board member.

Contact ELHI at: 970-563-4100, admin@theelhiignacio.org for further information.

Youth co-horts lead REZchella 2026



Ignacio Out and Equal Alliance co-horts reveal a mural painted by Jordan Lansing (black dress). The artwork was inspired by the MMIR movement, and will be permanently hung in the SunUte Community Center.



Southern Ute Behavioral Health provided a refreshing way to clean up after the Slime Run with a slip-n-slide and dunk pool.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

REZchella, a youth-led community festival made it's inaugural debut at the SunUte Park on Saturday, Sept. 19. The family-event brought community together for a food drive, music and a MMIR Mural reveal. The event was hosted by Ignacio Out and Equal Alliance (IOEA), spearheaded by Southern Ute tribal member, Trennie Burch with the help of IOEA volunteers and youth co-horts. Burch is the IOEA Executive Director and co-founder. The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Dept. hosted a Slime Run as part of REZchella, to bring awareness to suicide prevention.



IOEA members and co-horts prepare for the days event, Left to right, Aubrey Keeswood, Tracey Sanchez, Angel Heart, Alysha Arnold, Trennie Burch, Jordin Richards and Taylor Willie.



Slimers, Ember Vigil, Zoe Le and Kolby Melrose sport clean white tees prior to being slimed in the Slime Run.



Fort Lewis Powwow Circle group asked for group participation in a two-step and round dance. Community members joined in for some dancing, sharing unity and Pride.



ZIA band, based in Farmington, N.M. provided music with a mexican flair as part of the entertainment in the SunUte Park. DJ Swerv was on hand to also spin some tunes.



Attention Southern Ute Tribal Members:

2026 Annual Salmon Give-Away

Friday, October 30th,

Friday, November 6th

Friday, November 13th &

Friday, November 20th

By Colorado Parks & Wildlife

With permission from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Animas-La Plata Association, Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) is again conducting its annual Lake Nighthorse kokanee salmon spawning operation. This spawning operation is important for fisheries within the Southwest Region and across the State of Colorado.

CPW wants to let the Southern Ute Tribal members, as well as, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Members, know about the spawning and fish giveaways. We are inviting enrolled tribal members (SUIT & UMUT) to share this fish resource.

- Fish giveaways are scheduled for 3:00pm on Friday, October 30th, November 6th, 13th & 20th.
- Tribal Members need only to present their Tribal Census Card or Tribal Brunot Area fishing permit. Tribal members do NOT need to possess a State fishing permit.

Participants can begin lining up at the boat ramp at 2:00 p.m. giveaway starts at 3:00 p.m. When entering the lake, members should let the City of Durango staff at the entrance booth know they are there for the Kokanee giveaway. CPW staff members will distribute kokanee based on the number of fish that have been collected from the reservoir and the number of people in line.



Please, call the Wildlife Division if you have any questions at (970)563-0130.

104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair

RODEO AND HORSIN' EVENTS

The Southern Ute Drum presents

RODEO SPECIAL SECTION

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Bronc riders take flight on the back of horses on Saturday afternoon for the second session of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo. **Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum**

Southern Ute Tribal Fair continues



Bull riders wow the crowd as they broke out of the chutes on Saturday afternoon.



The Rodeo Working Group honored Southern Ute tribal members and their families for their achievements in Rodeo athletics – Robert Jefferson Jr., Rick Jefferson, Travis Taylor, Trent Taylor, Lance Taylor, and Anthony Cloud Burch were honored on Friday evening.



Bull riders bust out of the chutes and hold on as long as they can on Friday at the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo.



Breakaway riders swing their ropes before tossing them at calves, breakaway roping combines explosive speed, elite horsemanship, and precise rope handling.



Tie down ropers work to quickly catch and tie calves on Saturday – riders quickly leave the box as calves get a head start; they dismount their horses and tie three hooves together as the crowd cheers them on.

The 104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair continues through Friday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds Arena. Rodeo athletes gathered to compete in bronc riding, tie down, roping, barrel racing, bull riding, and more. This year's rodeo also featured a Junior Rodeo, a first for this event, offering youth rodeo athletes the chance to compete. The Rodeo is also home to the Horsing Around events – Chicken Pull and Watermelon Race saw many riders; the All-Native Best Hand Painted Horse contest was also featured during the rodeo.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Barrel racers take off to the finish line after looping the third and final barrel during Fridays events.



Pickup riders help maintain the arena during the saddle bronc events on Friday evening, helping riders dismount safely and ensure the safety of the animals.



Rodeo Clown entertains the crowd between event changes and throughout the entire rodeo.

Rodeo athletes compete at Fairgrounds



The Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo opens with the playing of the National Anthem, as horse riders bring in the U.S. Flag alongside the Southern Ute tribal flag.



The Southern Ute Rodeo Queen, Tatum Bebo, alongside the Rodeo Working Group took time to honor the Burch family for their contributions and donations to Bebo – the family sponsored the making of Bebo's saddle, the saddle is in memoriam of the late Anthony Cloud Burch.



Jr. Miss Southern Ute Malia White Thunder gives her introduction to the crowd during night one of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo. Miss Southern Ute Autumn Sage and Southern Ute Rodeo Queen Tatum Bebo also took time to greet the audience on opening night.



Southern Ute Rodeo Queen, Tatum Bebo, addresses the crowd and shares her gratitude with the Burch family for their support in her role as the queen. Bebo has been selected to serve as the Southern Ute Rodeo Queen for an additional year, continuing her reign.



Southern Ute singers perform an honor song to kick off the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo on Friday, Sept. 18 during the kickoff of night one. Horse riders display the United States Flag and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe flag as the honor song is performed.



Bull riders go head-to-head on Friday and Saturday; riders hang on as long as they can hoping to make the eight second times. This extreme sport is a favorite amongst spectators as the bulls buck and spin.



Ladies' Breakaway contestants throw their ropes at calves during night one of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo.



Athletes compete in the barrel racing events on Friday night, contestants circle three barrels as fast as they can showing their horsemanship and animals speed during the highly anticipated event.

Horsing around a bit during the Rodeo



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Riders compete in this year's Chicken Pull event on Saturday, Sept. 19 as the 104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair continues with its Rodeo portion. Each contestant reached down into the mud to grab the bag, once pulled up each rider raced with to the finish line either holding on to or trying to steal the burlap sack.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Bare back horse riders compete in the annual Watermelon Race on Saturday, Sept. 19. Riders hold onto watermelons as long as they can while they race around the full outdoor track at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Riley Begay crosses the finish line first during the Watermelon Race as part of the Horsing Around events on Saturday afternoon.



Amy Barry/SU Tribal Information Services

Roughly 10 participants showed up for the Annual Watermelon Race on Sept 19 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. The race brought both locals and visitors to vie for the bragging rights until next year's event.

Sawyer Brown pit stops at S.U.



photos Amy Barry/SU Tribal Information Services

Local country music artist, Tyler Gummersall opened the concert evening sharing a few popular songs by George Straight, Hank Williams Jr. and closed out with a few songs of his own. Gummersall thanked his local fan club and reiterated proud he is of his local roots to this community.



Sawyer Brown touched down on the Southern Ute reservation on Sept. 19 to belt out a few of their country hits with ticket goers who were in attendance. Southern Ute elder, Eddie Box, Jr. and his wife Betty greeted the band with cultural gifts before the concert kicked off.

Tribal FOUR!



photos Rosaleigh Cloud/SU Drum

Air Quality Scientist Mark Lamoreaux swings his club during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair (SUTF) Golf Tournament on Sunday, Sept. 27.





Shawn Yazzie looks out after his swing during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair (SUTF) Golf Tournament on Sunday, Sept. 27 hosted by the Boys & Girls Club.

Southern Ute tribal elder Ernest "Muz" Pinecoose shows of his golf ball during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair (SUTF) Golf Tournament on Sunday, Sept. 27.

104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Contests Results

3D ARCHERY

Youth
Kaylee Tom
Traditional Men
1st Chris WinterHawk
2nd Kerwin Tom Sr.
3rd Kerwin Tom Jr.
Traditional Women
1st Veronica Pinnecoose
Compound Men
1st Darren Rock
2nd Elmer Rock
3rd Ethan Casias

BABY CONTEST

Best Formal (Female)
1st Alora Herrera-Thompson (Crawler, 9 mo.)
1st Lyric Herrera-Thompson (Toddler, 3 yrs.)
2nd Xiomara Silva (Toddler, 2 yrs.)
Best Western (Female)
1st Sylvie House (Infant, 4 mo.)
2nd Andrea Richards (Infant, 4 mo.)
1st O'Shea Roy (Crawler, 10 mo.)
Native Regalia (Female)
1st Olivia Lopez-Winder (Infant, 5 mo.)
2nd Annika Ryder (Infant, 4.5 mo.)
1st Darla LeClaire-WhiteThunder (Crawler, 7 mo.)
1st Stellaluna Burch (Crawler, 10 mo.)
2nd Eloise Silva (Crawler, 9 mo.)
Formal (Male)
1st Leo Figueroa (Infant, 3 mo.)
1st Thomas Romero (Crawler, 1 yr.)
Best Western (Male)
1st Thunder Jacobs (Infant, 6 mo.)
2nd Hutton Kimsey (Infant, 3 mo.)
1st Sebastian McCranie (Crawler, 14 mo.)
2nd Ace Archuleta (Crawler, 8 mo.)
1st Mahlea Taylor (Toddler, 3 yrs.)
Native Regalia (Male)
1st Caleb Levato (Infant, 5 mo.)
1st Emiliano Riveria (Crawler, 1 yr.)

DINO RUN

Seniors (55+)
Female – Vodne Whiteskunk
Adult (26 – 54)
Male – Tony Rohde
Female – Genevieve Zamora
Young Adult (18 – 25)
Male – Calvin Levato
Teen (13 – 17)
Male - Gauge
Youth (9 – 12)
Female – Megan
Youth (6 – 8)
Female – Kenisha Levato
Under 5 yrs.
Ezra Carmen
Exhibition Kids
Zalissa Johnson

DUCK RACE

1st Mary LeClaire
2nd Eddie Box Jr
3rd Sharleen Whyte

FISHING DERBY

Youth
1st Tommy Seibel
2nd Theoden Greany
3rd Bianca Weaver
Adult
1st Kristin Lopez
2nd Shawn Yazzie
3rd Lorenz Wilbourne
Smallest Fish
Joseph Herrera
Youth Smallest Fish
Tommy Seibel

FRYBREAD CONTEST

Singles (18+ yrs.)
1st Miali S. Colorow
2nd Shirelle Garcia
Team (14-17 yrs.)
1st Wohpe Plentyholes/Summer Etsitty
2nd Leandra Litz/Curtis Lucero

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Team Competition
1st Shawn Yazzie
Darryn Ben
Lyle Smiley
Lemuel Smiley
2nd Team JayDee Brunson
3rd Andrew Switzer
Mike Switzer
James Temte
Mark Lamoreaux
Women's Longest Drive
Angela Pacheo
Men's Longest Putt
Lyle Smiley
Women's Longest Putt
Savanna Atencio
Men's Longest Drive
Darryn Ben

GREASED POLE

Adult Team
Daniel Rohde
Cyrus Naranjo
Morgan Jameson
Javier Colorun
Lanay Naranjo
Kids Team
Jacoby Scott
Annaleena Carreo
Jayden Elk
Ayah Rohde
Ammonie Johnson
Adult Individual
1st Cyrus Naranjo
2nd Justin Alston
3rd Dan Rohde
Youth Individual
1st Myles Morishige
2nd Alana Rohde
3rd Ayah Rohde

HORSING AROUND EVENTS

Best Hand Painted Horse
Blake Baker
Chicken Pull
Riley Begay
Watermelon Race
Riley Begay

JALAPENO EATING CONTEST

Public Contest
Grand Champion – Oscar Ceja (2:15)
Men
1st Dondre Woody
2nd John Ake
3rd Jesse Clay
Women
1st Leann Lopez
2nd Adrianna Romero
3rd Miranda Coolidge
Powwow Drum Group Special
Grand Champion – Jackson Gray (The Horses)

KIDS GAMES

Watermelon Eating Contest
1st Zeke Seratoits
2nd Julian Bravo
3rd Zitayvius Richards
1st Anilah Hight
2nd Aniyah Bell
Softball Toss
Olyvia Watts
Ember Vigil
Myles Vigil
Anilah Hight
Miracle Williams
Ammonie Johnson
Egg Toss
Bo Herrera
Rhett Herrera
Mariano Valenzuela
Raph Herrera
Myah Vigil
WinterRose Garcia
Zayla Herrera
Cash Rodriguez
Brian Howe
Julian Bravo
Kingston Bravo
Olyvia Watts
3-Legged Race
Rhett Herrera
Bo Herrera
Zayla Herrera
WinterRose Garcia
Raph Herrera
Myah Vigil
Bo Herrera
Javin Herrera
Cassidy Tahlo
Aniyah Bell

PARADE

Family Float
1st Kela Hernandez
2nd Potato Clan
3rd Rochelle Lee
Commercial Float
1st SUSS
2nd J&R
3rd Red Willow Production
Service/Org. Group Float
1st SU Victim Services
2nd SUIMA
3rd SU Utilities Division
Best Native Dress Male
1st Gardin Dee
2nd Gary Martine
3rd Mathew Sheka Sr.
Best Native Dress Female
1st Shirley Reeder
2nd Darrica Walker
3rd Joyce Starr
Best Native Group
1st Mychal Howard
Best Car
1st Fred Atencio
Best Dressed Cowgirl Rider
1st Rodeo Queen Tatum Bebo
Best Royalty Float
Kenisha Levato

KIDDIE PARADE

Best Bicycle/Wagon
1st Theoden Greany/Jai'markus Height
Best Native Male
1st Ro Walker
Best Native Female
1st Olyvia Watts

SAM BURCH MEMORIAL HORSEMANSHIP

1st Danielle Austin
2nd Lance Taylor

SASQUATCH SHOOT

Compound (16+)
Elmer Rock
Traditional (6-15yrs)
Kaylee Tom
Traditional (16+)
Kerwin Tom Jr.

SKATE COMPETITION

Scooter (13U)
1st Kya Jones
2nd Veda Jones
3rd Juniper Isaacson
Skateboard (13U)
1st Cash Rodriguez-Velasquez
Bike (13U)
1st Wylie Isaacson
2nd Rio Pena
3rd Lyric Herrera-Thompson
Skateboard (14-29)
1st Cecely Todacheenie
2nd Cyrus Naranjo
Skateboard (30+)
1st Jeremy Todacheenie


Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

EMPLOYEE SOFTBALL CHALLENGE

Champions
Growth Fund/Casino
Runner-Up
Permanent Fund

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Men's Division
Champions Dirty South (Farmington NM)
Runner-Up Super Necessary (Ignacio CO)
3rd No Luv (Durango CO)
Co-Ed Division
Champions DRK (Ignacio CO)
Runner-Up Dolls & Balls (Ignacio CO)
3rd Team Smash (Farmington NM)

TIPI RAISING CONTEST

Team Competition
1st Northern Plains
Shawn Whitegrass
Wayne Healy
Brittney Hunter
2nd Bad NDN's
Darren Todacheenie
Dan Rohde
Leandro Litz
3rd Meet the Robinsons
Larry Robinson
Nate Robinson
Randen Robinson

TUG-O-WAR

Open Co-Ed Champs
Lisa M. Weaver
Yvonne Phillips Jamison
Jordan Rael
Quentin Rael
Tristin Rael
Tylee Pinnecoose
Women's Team
Lisa M. Weaver
Becky Rael
Dominique Rael
April Toledo
Seneca Ivey
Nicole Foster
Youth (6-10)
King Baker
Zalissa Johnson
Annaleena Carreon
Darion Keeswood
Youth (11-13)
Tia Howe
Reggie Howe
Darion Keeswood

All Tribal Fair Results were compiled by Event Superintendents, submitted to Cultural Preservation Department and published in the Southern Ute Drum. Accuracy is dependent on the Superintendent responsible for their respective contest or event.

66TH TRIBAL FAIR POWWOW WINNERS

Jr. Boys Fancy
1st Theoden Greany
2nd Adam Whitegrass
3rd Aspen Johnson
4th Mason Johnson
Jr. Boys Grass
1st Sikimiohkitopi Wagner
2nd Raiden Morgan
3rd Wahinkpe Thunder Hawk
4th Jai'Markus Height
Jr. Boys Traditional Combined
1st Derek White Grass
2nd "Ro"Derek Duncan
3rd Aidan LeClaire-WhiteThunder
Jr. Girls Fancy
1st Olyvia Watts
2nd Morning Star Johnson
3rd Kenisha Levato
4th Taraji Talayumptewa
Jr. Girls Jingle
1st Quinia Sweet Pine
2nd Camille Starlight Martin
3rd Riley Spottedwolf
4th Aaliyah McKinley
Jr. Girls Traditional Combined
1st Mikayla Howard
2nd Aimmonisi Wagner
3rd Shayne White Thunder
4th Nikaiya Harrison
Teen Boys Fancy
1st Sheldon Scalplock
2nd Gourelo Dee
3rd Adam Topaha
4th Anthyn Appawoo
Teen Boys Grass
1st Kolton Slim
2nd Bradley Buffalocalf III
3rd Zander Myore
4th K'ayden Elkriver
Teen Boys Northern Traditional
1st Tristian Brown
2nd Jayden Spotted Wolf
Teen Boys Southern Traditional
1st Price Cozad
Teen Girls Fancy
1st Maleya Jishie
2nd Shayla Yellowhair
3rd Harmony Ironchild
4th Laciah White Grass
Teen Girls Jingle
1st Miyoskamin Whiteford
2nd Kailynn Harrison
3rd Alexis Payer
4th AJ Spottedwolf
Teen Girls Northern Traditional
1st Xavi Wagner
2nd Dinay Whiteford
3rd Annie Payer
4th Emily Howard
Teen Girls Southern Traditional
1st Kiahna Slim
2nd Nya Hamilton
Jr. Men Fancy
1st Chaske Hill
2nd Jaron Yazzie
3rd Kenny Lonebear Jr.
4th Ty Johnson
Jr. Men Grass
1st Shauntay Begay
2nd Xavier Martin
3rd Kenan Begay
4th Dante Thunder Hawk
Jr. Men Northern Traditional
1st Adriano Gray
Jr. Men Southern Traditional
1st Matthew Duncan
2nd Randen Robinson
3rd Gerwin Coochise
Jr. Women Fancy
1st Maniyee Jack
2nd Neveah Jishie
3rd Jessica Yazzie
4th Cheynne Chee
Jr. Women Jingle
1st Connie Starblanket
2nd Taylor Jishie
3rd Tamarah Gray
4th Gracelyne Blackhair
Jr. Women Northern Traditional
1st Avaleena Nanaeto
2nd Leiyalynn Yazzie
3rd Janelle Ernest
4th Darrica Walker
Jr. Women Southern Traditional
1st Helaina Taylor
2nd Shawntay Yellowhair
3rd Kolani Yazzie
Sr. Adult Men Fancy
1st Corey Reeder
2nd Amos Yazzie III
3rd Sheldon Johnson
4th Freeland Jishie
Sr. Adult Men Grass
1st Kendrick Slim
2nd Kenneth Brown Sr.
3rd Darren Todacheenie
4th Chad Avery
Sr. Adult Men Northern Traditional
1st Bud Grant
2nd Mike Santistevan
Sr. Adult Men Southern Buckskin
1st Kiowa Cozad
2nd Rusty Cozad
3rd Matthew Sheka Sr.
4th Delvin Bennett
Sr. Adult Women Fancy
1st Carol Melting Tallow
2nd Arielle Jishie
3rd Rachelle Lee
4th Courtney Whiteman
Sr. Adult Women Jingle
1st LaTanya Robinson
2nd Heather Blackbird
3rd Clarisa Haskan
Sr. Adult Women Northern Traditional
1st Vikki Joe
2nd Kishay Ahenakew
3rd Brittney Hunter
4th Tamara Toya
Sr. Adult Women Southern Traditional
1st Anna Davis
2nd Mychal Grant
3rd Nico Ross
4th Tiffany Cozad
Golden Age Men – Combined
1st Michael Grant Sr.
2nd Bruce LeClaire
3rd Edd Scott
4th Johnnie Keeto
Golden Age Women – Combined
1st - Jhane Meyers
2nd Shirley Reeder
3rd Sharon Brokeshoulder
4th Phyllis Manson
Drum Contest – Northern
1st Sun Eagle
2nd Iron Bear
3rd The Horses
4th Loud Bear Pack
Drum Contest – Southern
1st Southern Style
2nd Creepin South
3rd Spotted Horse
Powwow Committee Special – Men Fancy
1st Chaske Hill
Sheldon Johnson, Jaiden King, Ty Johnson, Amos Yazzie III, Jaron Yazzie, Corey Reeder, Izaya Bob, and Dominic Pahlo
Powwow Committee Special – Women Fancy
1st Carol Melting Tallow
Courtney Whiteman, Maniyee Jack, Taylor Jishie, Melody Eisenberger, Darrica Walker, Tamarah Gray, Helaina Taylor, Nikollane Kanuhe, Sophia Tso-Paul, Cheyenne Chee, Holly Mangilian, Brittney Hunter, Avaleena Nanaeto, Neveah Jishie, Gracelyne Blackhair, and Shoute Jensen

104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Exhibits Results

AGRICULTURAL

GARDEN & ORCHARD

Overall Grand Champion – Kai Seibel
Largest Zucchini – Danny Abeyta
Largest Pumpkin – Toph Pinnecoose
Largest Sunflower – Aria White
Beans, Green Snap – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
Corn – Elder
1st Gerard White
Tomato, Green Any Variety – Elder
1st Williamette deKay
2nd Tonecee Rai-Baca
Tomato, Ripe, Any Variety – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
2nd Rebecca Rael
Cherry Tomato – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
2nd Rebecca Rael
Peppers, Chili – Elder
1st Williamette deKay
2nd Rebecca Rael
Peppers, Jalapeno – Elder
1st Tonecee Rai-Baca
2nd Williamette deKay
Peppers, Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
2nd Tina Naranjo
Cucumbers – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
Squash, Summer – Elder
1st Troy Scott
2nd Tina Naranjo
Squash, Zucchini – Elder
1st Gerard White
2nd Tonecee Rai-Baca
Squash, Winter – Elder
1st Tommy Ruybal
2nd Gerard White
Radishes – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
Carrots – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
2nd Rebecca Rael
Cabbage, Any Variety – Elder
1st Tommy Ruybal
Onions, Any Color – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
Onions, Green – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
Pumpkin, Carving
1st Tina Naranjo
Sunflower – Elder
1st Gerard White
Miscellaneous Herbs – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
2nd Tonecee Rai-Baca
Melons, Any Variety – Elder
1st Gerard White
2nd Gerard White
Miscellaneous Veggies – Elder
1st Tonecee Rai-Baca
2nd Tina Naranjo
Miscellaneous Fruits – Elder
1st Tommy Ruybal
Beans, Green Snap – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Jennifer Siebel
Corn – Adult
1st Imogene White
Sweet Corn – Adult
1st Jennifer Siebel
2nd Jonathan White
Beets – Adult
1st Marissa Olguin
Tomato, Green Any Variety – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Titan Loudenburg
Tomato, Ripe, Any Variety – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Tylee Pinnecoose
Cherry Tomato – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Mandy Naranjo
Peppers, Bell, Any Color – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Lisa Olguin
Peppers, Cherry – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
Peppers, Chili – Adult
1st Titan Loudenburg
2nd Jennifer Siebel
Peppers, Jalapeno – Adult
1st Titan Loudenburg
2nd Mandy Naranjo
Peppers, Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Lisa Olguin
Cucumbers – Adult
1st Tylee Pinnecoose
2nd Mandy Naranjo
Squash, Acorn – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Titan Loudenburg
Squash, Summer – Adult
1st Danny Abeyta
2nd Marrisa Olguin
Squash, Zucchini – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Lisa Olguin
Squash, Winter – Adult
1st Danny Abeyta
2nd Jonathan White
Potato, White – Adult
1st Marrisa Olguin
Potato, Red – Adult
1st Jennifer Siebel
Radishes – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
Carrots – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Marrisa Olguin
Turnips – Adult
1st Jennifer Siebel
Peas, Edible Pod – Adult
1st Jennifer Siebel
2nd Titan Loudenburg
Cabbage, Any Variety – Adult
1st Titan Loudenburg
2nd Mandy Naranjo
Onions, Any Color – Adult
1st Jennifer Siebel
2nd Lisa Olguin
Onions, Green – Adult
1st Jordon Rael


Carli Hight/SU Drum

2nd Mandy Naranjo
Pumpkin, Carving – Adult
1st Tylee Pinnecoose
2nd Jordon Rael
Sunflower – Adult
1st Jennifer Siebel
2nd Brandi Raines
Miscellaneous Herbs – Adult
1st Lisa Olguin
2nd Candi Valencia
Melons, Any Variety – Adult
1st Imogene White
2nd Jonathan White
Miscellaneous Veggies – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Imogene White
Miscellaneous Fruits – Adult
1st Tylee Pinnecoose
2nd Titan Loudenburg
Beans, Green Snap – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
2nd Zack Loudenburg
Sweet Corn – Junior
1st Aria White
2nd Attey White
Tomato, Green Any Variety – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
2nd Zack Loudenburg
Tomato, Ripe, Any Variety – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
2nd MIIna Twocrow
Cherry Tomato – Junior
1st Amonnie Johnson
2nd Miina Twocrow
Peppers, Bell, Any Color – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
2nd Zack Loudenburg
Peppers, Cherry – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
Peppers, Chili – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
2nd Kai Seibel
Peppers, Jalapeno – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
2nd Amonnie Johnson
Peppers, Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
Cucumbers – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
2nd Kai Seibel
Squash, Acorn – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
Squash, Summer – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
2nd Miina Twocrow
Squash, Zucchini – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
2nd Kai Seibel
Squash, Winter – Junior
1st Attey White
2nd Zack Loudenburg
Potato, White – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
Potato, Red – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
Carrots – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
2nd Zack Loudenburg
Peas, Edible Pod – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
Cabbage, Any Variety – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
Onions, Any Color – Junior
1st Zalissa Johnson
Onions, Green – Junior
1st Miina Twocrow
Pumpkin, Carving – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
2nd Miina Twocrow
Miscellaneous Herbs – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
2nd Miina Twocrow
Melons, Any Variety – Junior
1st Attey White
2nd Aria White
Miscellaneous Veggies – Junior
1st Zalissa Johnson
2nd Zack Loudenburg
Miscellaneous Fruits – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
2nd Miina Twocrow

FIELD CROPS

Hay, Oat – Elder
1st Gerard White
Hay, Grass – Elder
1st Deborah Lucero
Hay, Alfalfa – Elder
1st Gerard White
Hay, Alfalfa – Adult
1st Jennifer Seibel
Sheaf Of Grass – Adult
1st Jordon Rael
2nd April Toledo
Hay, Alfalfa – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
Sheaf Of Grass – Junior
1st Miina Twocrow

FLOWERS

Annuals, Single Blossom – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
2nd Rebecca Rael
Annuals, Arrangement – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
2nd Marissa Olguin
Perennials, Single Blossom – Elder
1st Tommy Ruybal
2nd Rebecca Rael
Perennials, Arrangement – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
Annuals, Single Blossom – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Marissa Olguin
Annuals, Arrangement – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Jennifer Seibel
Perennials, Single Blossom – Adult
1st Jennifer Seibel
Perennials, Arrangement – Adult
1st Lisa Olguin
2nd Jennifer Seibel
Annuals, Single Blossom – Junior
1st Zack Loudenburg
Perennials, Single Blossom – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
2nd Tommy Seibel

FOOD PRESERVATION

Canned Vegetables – Elder
1st Tommy Ruybal
2nd Tommy Ruybal
Canned Meat – Elder
1st Tommy Ruybal
Dried Fruit – Elder
1st Tommy Ruybal
Dried Vegetables – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
Dried Meat – Elder
1st Tommy Siebel
Pickles – Elder
1st Rebecca Rael
Jellies/Jams – Elder
1st Rebecca Rael
2nd Tommy Ruybal
Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Rebecca Rael
Canned Fruit – Adult
1st Jennifer Seibel
Canned Vegetables – Adult
1st Randolph Scott
2nd Randolph Scott
Canned Meat – Adult
1st Shoshon Rael
2nd Jennifer Seibel
Dried Fruit – Adult
1st Jennifer Seibel
Dried Meat – Adult
1st Randolph Scott
2nd Randolph Scott
Pickles – Adult
1st Jennifer Seibel
2nd Shoshone Rael
Jellies/Jams – Adult
1st Tylee Pinnecoose
2nd Marissa Olguin
Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Jennifer Seibel
Canned Fruit – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
2nd Tommy Seibel
Canned Vegetables – Junior
1st Tommy Seibel
2nd Kai Seibel
Canned Meat – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
Dried Fruit – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
Pickles – Junior
1st Kai Seibel
Jellies/Jams – Junior
1st Kai Seibel

EGGS

White Eggs – Elder
1st Tommy Ruybal
Brown Eggs – Elder
1st Deborah Lucero
2nd Tommy Ruybal
White Eggs – Adult
1st Jennifer Seibel
2nd Trey Seibel
Brown Eggs – Adult
1st Titan Loudenburg
2nd Lynette Lucero
Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Mandy Naranjo
2nd Jennifer Seibel
White Eggs – Junior
1st Kai Siebel
2nd Zack Loudenburg
Brown Eggs – Junior
1st Kai Siebel
Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Kai Siebel

ARTS & CRAFTS

ART

Overall Grand Champion – Lafayette Taylor
Traditional Drawing – Elder
1st Emmett Frost
2nd Emmett Frost
Contemporary Drawing – Elder
1st Emmett Frost
2nd Emmett Frost
Traditional Painting – Elder
1st Lafayette Taylor
2nd Lafayette Taylor
Contemporary Painting – Elder
1st Lafayette Taylor
2nd Lafayette Taylor
Composition – Story (Letter/Original) – Elder
1st Tonece Rae Baca
Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Shawna Steffler
2nd Emmett Frost
Traditional Drawing – Adult
1st Xispas Root
2nd Jessica Rock
Contemporary Drawing – Adult
1st Jessica Rock
2nd Strongbow Rael
Traditional Painting – Adult
1st Marquetta Cloud
2nd Ashley Brooks
Contemporary Painting – Adult
1st Amber Baker
2nd Amber Baker
Composition – Story (Letter/Original) – Adult
1st Xispas Root
2nd Ashley Brooks
Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Alicia Carmeneros
2nd Jessica Rock
Traditional Painting – Junior
1st Faustino Ramos
2nd Faustino Ramos
Contemporary Painting – Junior
1st Catori Aasland
2nd Faustino Ramos
Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Faustino Ramos
Contemporary Drawing – Youth
1st Zalissa Johnson
2nd Amonnie Johnson
Traditional Painting – Youth
1st Perah-Summer Etsitty
2nd Cedar Hight
Contemporary Painting – Youth
1st Starlitt Greany
2nd Aaliyah Wallace
Composition – Story (Letter/Original) – Youth
1st Amonnie Johnson
2nd Darius (Dj) Weaver (Smith)
Miscellaneous IV – Youth
2nd Samuel Santesteven
Antique/Rare Arts Open Class
1st Ernestine Maez
2nd Willette Thompson

CRAFTS

Overall Grand Champion – Sam Maez
Wood Articles (Including Carvings) – Elder
1st Yvonne Phillips-Jamison
2nd Tonece Rae Baca
Plastic Articles – Elder
1st Yvonne Phillips-Jamison
2nd Yvonne Phillips-Jamison
Leather Articles – Elder
1st Sam Maez
2nd Troy Scott
Lego Sets – Elder
1st Rebecca Rael
2nd Rebecca Rael
Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Yvonne Phillips-Jamison
2nd Troy Scott
Plastic Articles – Adult
1st Alissa White
2nd Coven White
Leather Articles – Adult
1st Chris Winterhawk
2nd Devra Abeyta
Lego Sets – Adult
1st Shoshone Rael
2nd Autumn Sage
Soft Sculpture – Adult
1st Coven White
2nd Roshae Weaver
Flower Décor (Dried, Silk, Plastic) – Adult
1st Shannon Olguin
2nd Autumn Sage
Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Alissa White
2nd Timothy Scott
Wood Articles (Including Carvings) – Junior
1st Nathaniel Baker
Lego Sets – Junior
1st Orion Rice
2nd Orion Rice
Soft Sculpture – Junior
1st Faustino Ramos
2nd Faustino Ramos
Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Vesper Abeyta
2nd Vesper Abeyta
Wood Articles (Including Carvings) – Youth
1st Nia Rohde
2nd Starlitt Greany
Plastic Articles – Youth
1st Theoden Greany
2nd Theoden Greany
Leather Articles – Youth
1st Matthew Carrillo
2nd Cedar Hight
Ceramics (Pots, Vases, Ect.) – Youth
1st Clementine Carrillo
2nd Starlitt Greany
Soft Sculpture – Youth
1st Starlitt Greany
2nd Starlitt Greany
Flower Décor (Dried, Silk, Plastic) – Youth
1st Theoden Greany
Miscellaneous – Youth
1st Aaliyah Wallace
2nd Josiah Hight

INDIAN CRAFTS

Crafts Overall Grand Champion – Tammy Winterhawk
War Bonnet – Elder
1st Willette Thompson
Beaded Moccasin (Full/Partial) – Elder
1st Shawna Steffler
2nd Phyllis M. Escalanti
Beaded Neckties, Bolo Ties, Necklaces/Chokers) – Elder
1st Leonora Burch
Beaded Purse Or Coin Purse – Elder
1st Dale Santisteven
Beaded Belt/ Belt Buckle – Elder
1st Dale Santisteven
2nd Dale Santisteven
Beaded Earrings – Elder
1st Hanley Frost
2nd Ernestine Maez
Beaded Hair Ties/Barrettes – Elder
1st Willette Thompson



Carli Hight/SU Drum

104th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Exhibits Results

Beaded Gloves – Elder
1st Dale Santisteven
Beaded Hatband – Elder
1st Ernestine Maez
Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Dale Santisteven
2nd Hanley Frost
Beaded Neckties, Bolo Ties, Necklaces/Chokers) II – Adult
1st Maria RIVera
2nd Chris Winterhawk
Beaded Belt/ Belt Buckle – Adult
1st Marquetta Cloud
Beaded Earrings – Adult
1st Marcos Brown
2nd Alicia Rock
Beaded Hair Ties/Barrettes – Adult
1st April Toledo
2nd April Toledo
Beaded Pins – Adult
1st Kree Lopez
2nd Rhianna Carel
Beaded Key Chain – Adult
1st Alyssa Nez
2nd Rhianna Carel
Beaded Caps/Hats/Sun Visors – Adult
1st Marcos Brown
Bone Breast Plate – Adult
1st Roshae Weaver
Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Tami Winterhawk
2nd Marcos Brown
Beaded Neckties, Bolo Ties, Necklaces/Chokers) II – Junior
1st Curtis White Thunder-Lucero
2nd Curtis White Thunder-Lucero
Beaded Earrings – Junior
1st Jaelyn Alston
2nd Curtis White Thunder-Lucero
Beaded Caps/Hats/Sun Visors – Junior
1st Curtis White Thunder-Lucero
2nd Curtis White Thunder-Lucero
Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Keelyn Reynolds
Dolls – Youth
1st Kingsley Martinez
Beaded Neckties, Bolo Ties, Necklaces/Chokers) – Youth
1st Destiny Valdez
2nd Landon Miles
Beaded Purse or Coin Purse – Youth
1st Zhavia Albo
2nd Matthew Carrillo
Beaded Earrings – Youth
1st Anilah Height
Beaded Pins – Youth
1st Starlitt Greany
2nd Amethyst Weaver
Miscellaneous – Youth
1st Bianca Weaver
2nd Ember Barry

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography Overall Grand Champion Ernestine Maez
Black & White – Portraits (Single/Group) – Elders
1st Rebecca Rael
Black & White – Nature (Wildlife) – Elders
1st Williamette deKay
2nd Williamette deKay
Black & White – Pet – Elders
1st Williamette DeKay
Black & White – Portraits (Single/Group) – Adults
1st Toph Pinnecoose
2nd Toph Pinnecoose
Black & White – Still Life (Inanimate) – Adults
1st Fidelia Silva
Black & White – Nature (Wildlife) – Adults
1st Dawn Rock
2nd Dawn Rock
Black & White – (Scene) – Adults
1st D'Lynn Jacobs
2nd Jordan Rael
Black & White – Pet – Adults
1st Coven White
2nd Shannan Olguin
Color – Portraits (Single/Group) – Elders
1st Ernistine Maez
2nd Ernistine Maez
Color – Still Life (Inanimate) – Elders
1st Rebecca Rael
2nd Williamette deKay
Color – Nature (Wildlife) – Elders
1st Williamette deKay
2nd Sam Maez
Color – (Scene) – Elders
1st Ernistine Maez
2nd Ernistine Maez
Color – Sports (Action) – Elders
1st Rebecca Rael
2nd Yvonne Jamison
Color – Pet – Elders
1st Williamette deKay
2nd Rebecca Rael
Color – Portraits (Single/Group) – Adults
1st D'Lynn Jacobs
2nd Ashley Brooks
Color – Still Life (Inanimate) – Adults
1st Shannon Olguin
2nd Dawn Rock
Color – Nature (Wildlife) – Adults
1st Dawn Rock
2nd Shoshone Rael
Color – (Scene) – Adults
1st Rose Silva
2nd Fidelia Silva
Color – Pet – Adults
1st Tylee Pinnecoose
2nd Crystal Rizzo


Rosaleigh Cloud/SU Drum

Color – Still Life (Inanimate) – Juniors
1st Perah Estitty
Color – (Scene) – Juniors
1st Kataleya Pena
Color – Pet – Juniors
1st Kataleya Pena
2nd Perah Etsitty

LIVESTOCK

Overall Grand Champion Lance Taylor

CATTLE

Mature Cow – Elders
1st Angie Abeyta
2nd Terri Taylor
Mature Bull – Elders
1st Lance Taylor
2nd Angie Abeyta
Heifer – Elders
1st Terri Taylor
2nd Lance Taylor
Steer – Elders
1st Lance Taylor
2nd Terri Taylor
Cow-Calf Pair – Elders
1st Lance Taylor
2nd Preston Abeyta
Mature Cow – Adults
1st Jessica Sheppardson
Mature Bull – Adults
1st Brooke Cundiff
Heifer – Adults
1st Brooke Cundiff
2nd Adrian Abeyta
Steer – Adults
1st Brooke Cundiff
Cow-Calf Pair – Adults
1st Danny Abeyta
2nd Brooke Cundiff
Mature Cow – Juniors
1st Colt Philps
Heifer – Juniors
1st Colt Philps
Steer – Juniors
1st Colt Philps
Cow-Calf Pair – Juniors
1st Vesper Abeyta

HORSES

Mares – Elders
1st Terri Taylor
2nd Lance Taylor
Geldings – Elders
1st Terri Taylor
2nd Lance Taylor
Geldings – Adults
1st Rowdy Sanchez
Geldings – Juniors
1st Delani Sanchez

GOATS

Nanny – Open Category
1st Kataleya Pena
2nd Alex Pena
Weather – Open Category
1st Randolph Scott
2nd Alex Pena
Bully – Open Category
1st Alex Pena
2nd Rio Pena

RABBITS

Buck – Open Category
1st Kai Seibel
Doe – Open Category
1st Jennifer Seibel

POULTRY

Chicken – Rooster – Elders
1st Tommy Ruybal
Chicken – Hen – Elders
1st Debra Lucero
2nd Tommy Ruybal
Chicken – Pullet – Elders
1st Tommy Ruybal
Chicken – Rooster – Adults
1st Jennifer Seibel
Chicken – Hen – Adults
1st Jennifer Seibel
2nd Lynette Lucero
Chicken – Pullet – Adults
1st Trae Seibel
2nd Jennifer Seibel
Chicken – Rooster – Juniors
1st Kai Siebel
2nd Zakai Rockwell
Chicken – Pullet – Juniors
1st Tommy Siebel
2nd Kai Siebel
Turkey – Tom – Adults
1st Randolph Scott
Ducks & Geese – Drake – Adults
1st Jennifer Seibel
Ducks & Geese – Drake – Juniors
1st Kai Siebel
1st Kai Siebel

HOMEMAKING

CLOTHING

Overall Grand Champion Willette Thompson
Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Chris Winterhawk
2nd Leonora Burch
Dress – Adult
1st Robin Rice
2nd Robin Rice
Childrens Clothing – Adult
1st Robin Rice
Childrens Clothing – Adult 2nd Robin Rice
Blouse or Shirt (Western/Sport) – Adult
1st Tylee Pinnecoose
2nd Toph Pinnecoose
Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Robin Rice
2nd Robin Rice
Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Faustino Ramos
Ribbon Cloth Dress – Elder
1st Jennifer Goodtracks


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2nd Willette Thompson
Shell Dress – Elder
1st Willette Thompson
Ribbon Shirts – Elder
1st Ernistine Maez
2nd Jennifer Goodtracks
Ribbon Skirt – Elder
1st Jennifer Goodtracks
2nd Leonora Burch
Vest (Beaded/Cloth) – Elder
1st Willette Thompson
2nd Chris Winterhawk
Shawl (Ribbon/Applique/Painted) – Elder
1st Jennifer Goodtracks
Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Willette Thompson
2nd Willette Thompson
Ribbon Cloth Dress – Adult
1st Avaleena Nanaeto
Ribbon Shirts – Adult
1st Alicia Rock
2nd Rhonda Wilbourn
Ribbon Skirt – Adult
1st Rhonda Wilbourn
2nd Avaleena Nanaeto
Vest (Beaded/Cloth) – Adult
1st Robin Rice
Shawl (Ribbon/Applique/Painted) – Adult
1st Marquetta Cloud
2nd Marquetta Cloud
Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Tylee Pinnecoose
Ribbon Cloth Dress – Junior
1st Shawnee Rizzo
2nd Amethyst Weaver
Shell Dress – Junior
1st Leandra Litz
Ribbon Shirts – Junior
1st Lucas Rael
Ribbon Skirt – Junior
1st Kellis Wilbourn
2nd Miina Twocrow
Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Shawnee Rizzo
2nd Analisa Delgado Torres

NEEDLEWORK

Overall Grand Champion Robin Rice
Quilts – Elder
1st Oddulia Box-Hastings
2nd Jennifer Goodtracks
Embroidered Article – Adult
1st Robin Rice
2nd Robin Rice
Quilts – Adult
1st Robin Rice
2nd Robin Rice
Pillow Tops (Crocheted, Quilted, Ect.) – Adult
1st Robin Rice
2nd Robin Rice
Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Robin Rice
2nd Robin Rice
Embroidered Article – Junior
1st Katherine Rice
Crocheted Article – Junior
1st Katherine Rice
2nd Keelyn Reynolds
Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Keelyn Reynolds
2nd Shawnee Rizzo

BAKING

Overall Grand Champion Tylee Pinnecoose
Yeast Breads (1 Loaf Or 6 Rolls) – Elder
1st Williamette deKay
Quick Breads – Cornbread – Elder
1st Troy Scott
Quick Breads – Biscuits – Elder
1st Williamette deKay
2nd Troy Scott
Bread – Fry Bread (2/Plate) – Elder
1st Troy Scott
2nd Debra Lucero
Bread – Tortillas (2/Plate) – Elder
1st Tara Vigil
2nd Debra Lucero
Miscellaneous Breads – Zucchini – Elder
1st Debra Lucero
Miscellaneous Breads – Banana – Elder
1st Debra Lucero
Miscellaneous Breads – Other – Elder
1st Sam Maez
2nd Ernestine Maez
Cake (All Varieties) – Elder
1st Jennifer Goodtracks
2nd Jennifer Goodtracks
Cookies – Peanut Butter – Elder
1st Jennifer Goodtracks
Cookies – Sugar – Elder
1st Jennifer Goodtracks
Cookies – Other – Elder
1st Yvonne Phillips Jamson
Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Tonece Baca
Baking -Yeast Breads – Adult
1st Lyndsey Jefferson
2nd Imogene White
Quick Breads – Cornbread – Adult
1st Lyndsey Jefferson
Quick Breads – Muffins – Adult
1st Tylee Pinnecoose
Indian Bread – Fry Bread – Adult
1st Imogene White
Indian Bread – Tortillas– Adult
1st Imogene White
Miscellaneous Breads – Zucchini – Adult
1st Lyndsey Jefferson
1st Lyndsey Jefferson
Miscellaneous Breads – Banana – Adult
2nd Shyanne Vigil
Miscellaneous Breads – Pumpkin – Adult
1st Jordan Rael
2nd April Toledo
Miscellaneous Breads – Other – Adult
1st Imogene White
2nd Fideua Silva
Cake (All Varieties) – Adult
1st D'Lynn Jacobs
2nd Brianna Goodtracks Alires
Pies (Open Faced Or Covered) – Adult
1st Tylee Pinnecoose
2nd Toph Pinnecoose
Cup Cakes – Adult
1st Maleina Carel
2nd Brandi Raines
Cookies – Chocolate Chip – Adult
1st Alissa White
2nd Dawn Rock
Cookies – Peanut Butter – Adult
1st Alissa White
2nd Brianna Goodtracks Alires
Cookies – Oatmeal – Adult
1st April Toledo
2nd Tylee Pinnecoose
Cookies – Sugar – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Brianna Goodtracks Alires
Cookies – Other – Adult
1st Dawn Rock
2nd Fideua Silva
Brownies – Adult
1st D'lynn Jacobs
2nd Imogene White
Biscochitos – Adult
1st Dawn Rock
Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Lynette Lucero
Indian Bread – Fry Bread – Junior
1st Curtis White Thunder Lucero
Indian Bread – Tortillas– Junior
1st Curtis White Thunder Lucero
2nd Ammonie Johnson
Cake (All Varieties) – Junior
1st Curtis White Thunder Lucero
2nd Katherin Rice
Cup Cakes – Junior
1st Orian Rice
2nd Katherine Rice
Cookies – Chocolate Chip – Junior
1st Curtis White Thunder Lucero
2nd Ammonie Johnson
Cookies – Peanut Butter – Junior
1st Curtis White Thunder Lucero
2nd Curtis White Thunder Lucero
Cookies – Sugar – Junior
1st Ammonie Johnson
Cookies – Other – Junior
1st Kimimila Redfeather
Brownies – Junior
1st Ammonie Johnson
2nd Orian Rice
Biscochitos – Junior
1st Keelyn Reynolds
Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Ammonie Johnson
Quick Breads – Cornbread – Youth
1st Theoden Greany
Quick Breads – Muffins – Youth
1st Miina Twocrow
Bread – Tortillas – Youth
1st Zalissa Johnson
Miscellaneous Breads – Pumpkin – Youth
1st Miina Twocrow
Cake (All Varieties) – Youth
1st Shawnee Rizzo
Pies
1st Zalissa Johnson
Cup Cakes – Youth
1st Shawnee Rizzo
2nd Mykel-Zain Greany
Cookies – Chocolate Chip – Youth
1st Miina Twocrow
2nd Zackary Raines
Cookies – Peanut Butter – Youth
1st Zackary Raines
Cookies – Oatmeal – Youth
1st Miina Twocrow
2nd Miina Twocrow
Cookies – Sugar – Youth
1st Starlitt Greany
2nd Mykel-Zain Greany
Brownies – Youth
1st Shawnee Rizzo
2nd Zalissa Johnson
Miscellaneous – Youth
1st Mykel-Zain Greany
2nd Zalissa Johnson

DECORATED CAKES

Overall Grand Champion – Alissa White
Decorated Cakes – Elder
1st Tonicee Baca
Decorated Cakes – Adult
1st Alissa White
Decorated Cakes – Junior
1st Leandra Litz
Decorated Cakes – Youth
1st Shawnee Rizzo
2nd Theoden Greany


Carli Hight/SU Drum

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
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NOTICE OF LEGAL 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 filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Andrea Kay Richards. As of AUGUST 10, 2026 at 2:30 P.M., no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Andrea Kay Richards-Cruz name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Andrea Kay Richards.

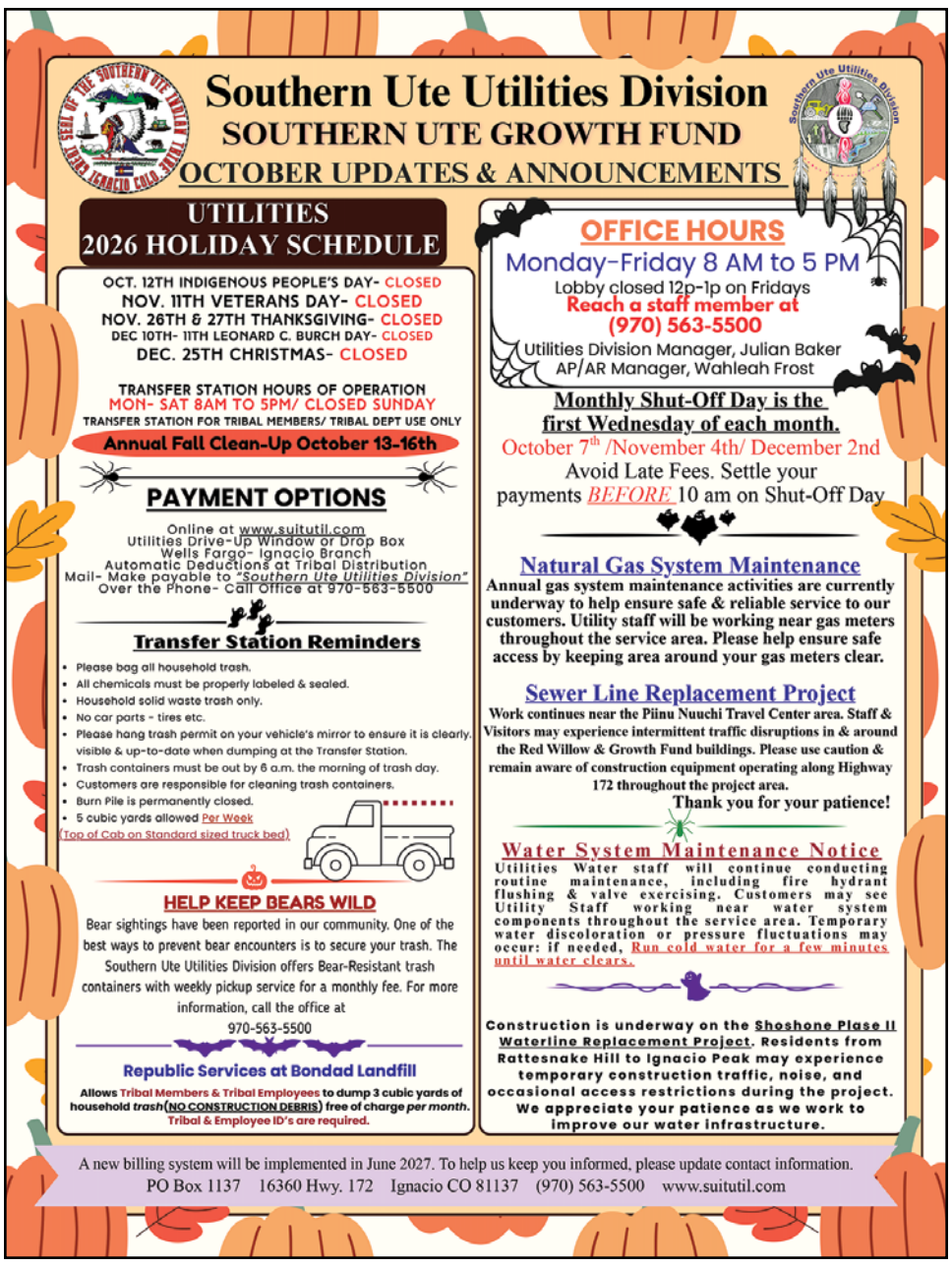
Dated this 10th day of August, 2026.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF PROBATE
In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2026-0112-CV-PR
Francis Baker Pena, Deceased
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **OCTOBER 27, 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 16th of September, 2026.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk







SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boards, Committees and Commissions Vacancies

UTE CULTURAL EXPERT – WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD
The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member wishing to fill the special Cultural Expert vacancy on the Wildlife Advisory Board. This individual will fill a non-expiring term on the Board. The Cultural Expert is expected to incorporate traditional Ute Indian values, beliefs, and perspectives into the Board's various deliberations involving the welfare, use, management, and protection of the Tribe's wildlife resources. The Cultural Expert must be recognized within the community for his or her expertise in Ute culture and tradition as they pertain to wildlife and hunting. 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. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, typically on a weekday morning, and commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Each Board member is eligible to receive $20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 Attn: Wildlife Advisory Board. The deadline to submit a letter of interest is 5:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1h. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

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.

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).

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.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ENGINEERING SERVICES

LOS PINOS RIVER INFILTRATION GALLERY & INTAKE DIVERSION PROJECTS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division is soliciting proposals from qualified engineering firms for the design and engineering of the Los Pinos River Infiltration Gallery Project and the Los Pinos River Intake Diversion Project. These projects are part of a coordinated raw water reliability program.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENT

Proposals must be submitted for both projects.
Separate proposals are required for each project.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE

4:00 PM (MST), NOVEMBER 12, 2026

OBTAIN THE FULL RFP

Peter Hayes, phayes@suitutil.com, 970-563-5502

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to accept the proposal determined to be in the best interest of the Tribe.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Design Build Services for Southern Ute Elders Services Facility Replacement

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

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Tribal Housing, Construction & Project Management team is soliciting proposals for Design Build services for the Elders Services Facility Replacement. The Design Builder will provide design and construction services in collaboration with the Tribe's Project Manager in the demolition and replacement of the existing Elder Services facility in Ignacio, Colorado.

The full RFP can be accessed on the Southern Ute Construction and Project Management Webpage (select the RFP tab): www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/construction-and-project-management/

Please direct all questions and RFP responses, by email only to, Kerri Stewart at kestewart@southernute-nsn.gov. Deadline for questions is 5:00pm MST on October 1, 2026. All addenda will be issued and posted on the Tribal Construction and Project Management website listed above. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on-site on September 24, 2026, at 2:00pm MST. Responses to this RFP are due, by email, no later than 2:00 p.m. MST on October 9, 2026. Late responses will not be accepted.

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission designated CenturyLink as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within its service area for universal service purposes. CenturyLink's basic local service rates for residential voice lines are $27.50-$40.00 per month and business services are $24.31-$58.50 per month. Specific rates will be provided upon request.

CenturyLink participates in the Lifeline program, which makes residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers may qualify for Lifeline discounts of $5.25/month for voice or bundled voice service or $9.25/month for qualifying broadband or broadband bundles. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be at least 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload to qualify.

A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Services are not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in these programs. Consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain these discounts can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from these programs.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, visit https://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/lifeline.html for additional information about applying for these programs or call 1-800-201-4099 with questions.

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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.





Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions.
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.
If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.
Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file.
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.
Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

After School Program Attendant
Open Until Filled – A regular part-time position that provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 7 months through 12 years. Pay grade N6; Pay rate $17.05/hour.

Community Health Representative
Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade N9; Pay rate $21.48/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. Responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N14; Pay rate $32.69/hour.

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

Family Treatment Therapist
Open Until Filled – Provide individual and family services including counseling, therapy, and consultation on a continuum of care to children, youth, adults, and families who are experiencing serious problems that could lead to out of home placement or otherwise result in the dissolution of the family unit; AND/OR provide services to families whose children are in out-of-home placement and are working toward a case plan and goal of reunification. Serves may also include therapeutic support for adults experiencing behavioral health challenges, trauma, or family conflict, with the goal of strengthening family systems and promoting overall wellness. Pay grade E15; Pay is $74,804/annually.

Gaming Compliance Specialist
Open Until Filled – Investigates and Regulates Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation with emphasis on slot machine operations, slot machine monitoring systems, and other electronic gaming compliance with the Gaming Codes, ICMP's and Rules and Regulations as required. Pay grade N14; Pay rate $32.69/hour

Gaming Investigator II
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, incumbent regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N15; Pay is $35.96/hour.

Grants Coordinator
Open Until Filled – Planning, writing, editing, and preparing grant applications; conducting prospect/foundation/federal agency research, working closely with Tribal staff members on grant application matters. Responsible for assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations including financial and budget reporting. Pay grade E14; Salary is $68,004/annually.

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 rate $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 rate $23.20/hour.

Lifeguard (Part-time)
Open Until Filled – Responsible for 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 rate $15.79/hour.

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

Patrol Officer II
Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N15; Pay rate $35.96/hour.

Reporter/Videographer (Southern Ute tribal members only)
Open Until Filled – Responsible for creating newsworthy multimedia projects. Under general supervision of the Media Manager, reports on and captures through multimedia means (video, audio, and photo) interviews, issues, events, and topics important to the Southern Ute Tribe and its membership. Produces concise, professional multimedia clips for publication through Tribal Information Services and The Southern Ute Drum. Pay grade N11; Pay rate $25.05/hour.

Special Education Specialist
Open Until Filled – A professional position within the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), responsible for the coordination of special education needs for students and families in the school setting. Pay grade E14; Salary is $68,004/annually.

Swimming Instructor
Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Aquatics Manager, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the Sun-Ute aquatics facility. Responsible for preparation of class, instruction of individuals, breakdown of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade N7; Pay rate $18.42/hour.

Teacher Aide
Open Until Filled – Supporting the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After-School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade N4; Pay rate $15.55/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 – The Southern Ute Tribe is accepting applications for SUIT Tribal Members interested in pursuing their career interests through the Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the program is to build a career foundation for SUIT members to pursue further educational goals or career development. Apprentices may be placed within Permanent Fund departments or divisions dependent on career interests, educational level and/or length of prior relevant and appropriate work experience. The Apprentice Committee will review applications and assess what options may be available for applicants.

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

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, 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.*







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 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.

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

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

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

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

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

***Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)**
Reports to the Facilities Manager and was established for the purpose/s of supervising individual shifts to include facility and deep cleaning staff within the maintenance department. Coordinating all repairs and alterations of the property including the exterior and grounds and works in conjunction with facility technicians. Ensuring that jobs are completed efficiently and within regulatory guidelines and projected deadlines.

***Facilities Technician (Full-time)**
Responsible for the electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment, and building; by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems including boilers, AHU's, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers. Reports to the Facilities Manager.

***Fine Dining Host/Hostess (Full-time)**
Will provide an exceptional fine dining experience by delivering first class guest service by greeting and ensuring timely and appropriate seating of guests. Will assist Manager with table management to maximize seating and assist guests with special requests. Will answer phone calls and return messages, track reservations and comps, and assist servers when needed.

***Front Desk Associate (Full-time)**
Responsible for providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail, and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in-person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information, and guest concerns. Assistance with guests includes, luggage assistance, directions/maps, and driving guests to/from the airport.

***Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)**
Duties consist of 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.

Rolling Thunder Grill Cashier (Part Time)
Primary responsibilities for the Rolling Cashier are to greet guests in a friendly manner, take and deliver orders, calculate checks, and receive payment for the Bowling Grill Window and Restaurant.

***Rolling Thunder Grill Line Cook (Full-time)**
Works under direct supervision of Lead Cook. Responsible for the preparation of the menu and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. High school diploma or equivalency preferred.

***Room Attendant (Full-time)**
Room Attendants are responsible for thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping, and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. This position requires the ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. The duties of this job are physically demanding and may be stressful at times, particularly during peak season periods. Will be cleaning an average of 16 guest rooms, and during peak season, up to 20 guest rooms per shift, depending on whether you are working as an individual or a pair. This position will be responsible for cross training on the Casino Floor to assist with Operational Housekeeping when needed and as assigned.

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

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

***Seven Rivers Line Cook (Full-time)**
Works under direct supervision of the Executive Chef, Executive Sous Chef, and/or Kitchen Manager. Responsible for the preparation of the A la Carte menu in Seven Rivers and is accountable for the consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness. Ensure that all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Requires one to be an excellent team player and trustworthy.

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

***Willows Line Cook (Full-time)**
Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Responsible for the preparation of the A La Carte menu in the Willows and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness. Ensure that all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. The position requires one to be an excellent team player and trustworthy.

***Willows Server (Full-time)**
Provides exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely, and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers 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: 970-563-5024.

IT Security Analyst – Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)
Closes 10/16/26 – Collaborating with various SUSS teams to actively monitor, detect, and respond to security incidents for the entire Southern Ute Indian Tribal organization under the guidance of senior team members. Identify and analyze vulnerabilities, contributing to incident response activities and ensuring the organization's security posture aligns with industry standards and best practices. Conduct proactive threat hunting. Support Governance, Risk, and Compliance and Third-Party Risk Management activities.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

- Mid-School Science Teacher
- High School Baseball Coach
- High School Baseball Assistant Coach
- IELP Infant Room-Lead Teacher
- Secondary SpEd Paraprofessional

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.

Wastewater Plant Operator I – Utilities (Ignacio, CO)
Closes 10/09/26 – Performing duties in support of the day-to-day operations of the Southern Ute Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System ensuring safety and compliance with all federal regulations.

Wastewater Plant Operator II – Utilities (Ignacio, CO)
Closes 10/9/26 – Performing the day-to-day operations of the Southern Ute Tribal Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System ensuring safety and compliance with all federal regulations.

Office Manager – Red Cedar (Durango, CO)
Closes 10/23/26 – Provides day-to-day office management and support to leadership team and managing the administrative staff across multiple locations. Maintaining an orderly and efficient office environment including interaction with building maintenance. Presents a positive and professional image to Red Cedar and Growth Fund employees, and the public.

Training & Development Specialist – GF Human Resources (Ignacio, CO)
Closes 10/16/26 – Assisting with the design, coordination, delivery, and continuous improvement of training and development initiatives that promote employee growth, leadership development, compliance, operational excellence, and organizational effectiveness. Working collaboratively with company and department leaders, and business partners, identifies learning needs, develops and delivers training solutions, coordinates learning activities and resources, and manages the Growth Fund Learning Management System (LMS). Serves as a key partner in onboarding, professional development, and organizational development efforts while fostering a culture of continuous learning aligned with organizational goals and values.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

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

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

Ignacio Senior Center
- Division Director (Full-time) $48,069 – $57,678/yr., DOE
- Head Cook (Full-time) $17.64/hr.
- Assistant Cook (Full-time) $15.16/hr.

Ignacio Youth Services
- Program Coordinator (Full-time) $17.29/hr., DOE

Road Runner Transit
- Transit Driver (Full-time) $19.29/hr.





Volleycats topple Telluride • from page 9

volving a fierce O'Dell kill, and three near-perfect service aces of Bradley by junior setter Hazel Noel. IHS head coach Jennifer Seibel quickly used a timeout, and junior Alleah Neil then retied the score with a scoring tip shot.

Senior Maliyah Martinez then downed a kill, with junior libero Amira Montoya (rather than Sirios) providing the assist, but the Lady Miners (4-9 overall, 1-3 SJBL) soon pulled even at 17-all when the demonstrative Aplin managed a 1-v-1 block of Neil. Telluride would soon retake a 21-20 lead and Seibel decided to spend her second allotted timeout, with a refocused and opportunistic Sirios then scoring with a sneaky set dump.

But after falling behind 23-21, THS managed to re-tie at 23, via an O'Dell block of Martinez, before Montgomery stuffed O'Dell to bring up set point. THS head coach Lorrie Mahoney burned her second timeout, but the unshaken Montgomery's serve produced a set-ending lift violation upon its reception.

Fully awakened and alerted to the enemy's intent, the 'Cats promptly knocked Noel off the service line beginning Set 2 and bolted out to a 6-0 lead. Telluride never got within five points as IHS went wire-to-wire and polished off the set with a Montgomery kill off the top of the net, away from Aplin, and a Bradley tip off Noel near the antenna.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Though challenged by Telluride's Teagan O'Dell (23), Ignacio's Alleah Neil (11) elevates to terminate a Kelly Sirios (3) set during the Volleycats' three-set sweep Saturday afternoon, Sept. 26, at THS.

Bradley totaled ten kills and 16 digs in the sweep, while Sirios posted a 25-assist, 16-dig double-double putting her on the verge of 2,000 assists and 1,000 digs for her four-year varsity career. Montoya (17), Martinez (15) and senior Lily Quintana (12) also reached double-digit digs, Martinez and Neil each totaled eight kills, and Neil totaled four blocks (three solo).

Looking ahead, Ignacio will travel to Dolores on Saturday, October 3, for a high-profile triangular involving the Lady Bears as well as 1A Southern Peaks power Sargent. The Lady Farmers stood 11-0 (2-0 SPL) after sweeping San Luis Centennial on the 26th; DHS ripped aforementioned Ridgway 25-9, 25-10, 25-6 on the 26th to improve to 9-2 overall, 3-0 SJBL.

Results from IHS' home match Thursday, Oct. 1, versus Mancos (7-5, 3-0) were unavailable at press time.

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Senior Casen Pridemore threw for one touchdown and carried for two more – a 56-yarder and a 1-yarder – while freshman Corey Pridemore charged through the guests' defense for 120 yards at ten per pop and scored three times. Sophomore Darren Flores also rushed for a 40-yard TD as BVHS improved to 4-1 overall (2-0 1A Southern) by felling a fourth consecutive foe after starting the 2026 campaign with a loss at new 2A Tri-Peaks member Alamosa.

Hampered by three fumbles lost but able to register one takeaway – an interception of Demon sophomore Zak Doyle, primarily Buena Vista's kicker, by sophomore Keyon Alston – Ignacio fell to 0-5 overall, 0-2 in conference.

BVHS led 21-0 after the first quarter and 41-0 at halftime, then tacked on seven more points in the third quarter. The visiting Bobcats avoided the shutout in the fourth when sophomore Stephen Romero connected with Alston, giving the team a score (but no point-after kick or two-point run/pass conversion) for the third straight week.

Alston had pulled in and legged out a 70-yard TD pass from Romero during IHS' 51-6 home loss early Friday afternoon, Sept. 18, to Monte Vista. That game, coincidentally, also got underway at 1 p.m.

Looking ahead, Ignacio will next see action Friday, Oct. 9, at Rye. Kickoff against the Thunderbolts – who rallied to win 30-22 on the 25th in Bayfield, improved to 2-2 overall (1-0 Southern), and who were slated to next host Trinidad on Friday, October 2 – out in southwestern Pueblo County is set for 7 p.m.

The Bobcats' next home game is scheduled for the 16th when aforementioned THS (1-3 overall, 0-1 conference prior to visiting Rye) comes for a 7 p.m. start.



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Ignacio's Stephen Romero (9) passes under pressure against Monte Vista during conference action Friday afternoon, Sept. 18, at IHS Field. The Bobcats fell 51-6 to the Pirates and then lost 48-6 at Buena Vista on the Sept. 26, with Romero firing one touchdown in each contest.

Internet-Based Hunter Education Class

Saturday October 17th, 8 AM - 2 PM
SunUte Community Center
390 Mouache Drive, Ignacio CO

The major portion of this course must be completed online, before attending class on October 17th.

Class size is limited to 20 students. The suggested minimum age for students is 12. Parents of young students are encouraged to attend with their child.

Course fees: $34.95 for the online course and $10 for the conclusion class

Pre-registration is required; register online at
register-ed.com/events/view/247305

Please contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130 with any questions.

The 2026 First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt

The First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt is a limited-draw hunt held from December 1st – December 31st, 2026, on the Southern Ute Reservation. There will be only ten permits allotted for this hunt.

Important Information

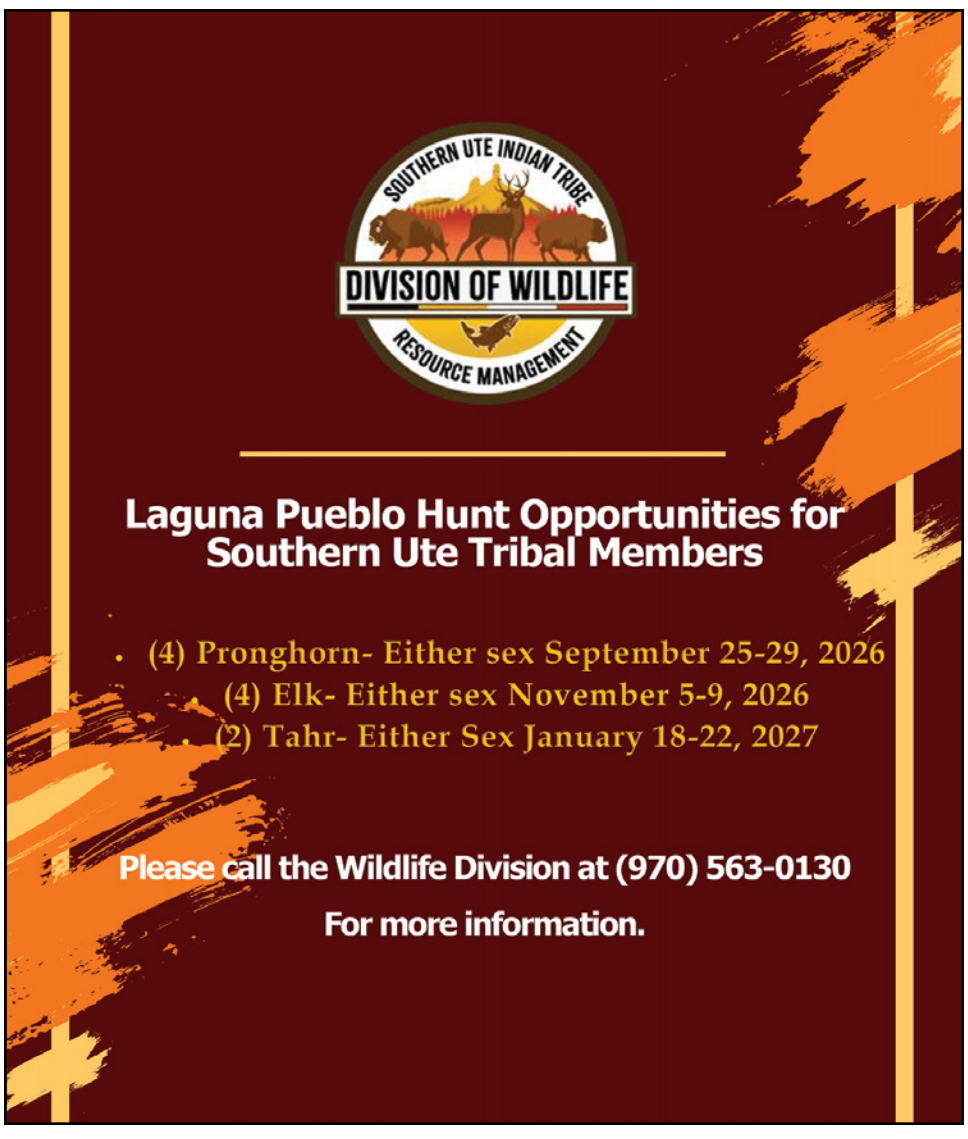
- All hunters must comply with all rules set forth in the Southern Ute Reservation Hunting Proclamation.
- Permitted 1st Descendants are only allowed to hunt on tribal trust lands within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Access permission must be obtained to hunt on tribal land assignments. Private property (including allotted parcels) and San Juan National Forest lands are not available for 1st Descendant hunting.
- All applicants must submit a Descendancy Letter to the Wildlife Division. These can be obtained from Tribal information Services (TIS).
- **APPLICATION Is open October1st—31st, 2026 in the Online Southern Ute Store**

https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/natural-resources/wildlife-resource-management/hunting/first-descendant-elk-hunt/

Hunt Information

- The hunt is open only to Southern Ute First Descendants.
- Season Dates: December 1 – 31, 2026.
- Weapon Type: Any Legal Weapon.
- Application Period: October 1 – 31, 2026 (Applications must be submitted by October 31st, 2026).
- Application fee is non-refundable.
- Applicants must submit a descendancy letter from Tribal Information Services.
- Ten permits will be available by limited draw only.
- The drawing will be in early November.
- Permits will be issued beginning November 16th, 2026.
- Successful hunters must have their elk validated.
- Bag Limits: 1 Antlerless Elk.

Please call the Wildlife Division (970) 563-0130 for more information



LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Oct. 2	Saturday, Oct. 3	Sunday, Oct. 4
Sunny 71°F	Sunny 72°F	Sunny 71°F

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



The Southern Ute Drum Crosswords

Due to unforseen circumstances, the Southern Ute Crosswords will no longer be available until further notice. Please see the answers for Sept. 4 puzzle below.

Answers for Sept. 4, 2026:
Across: 1 Lummi, **6** Lng, **9** Croat, **10** Biogs, **13** Dears, **14** Spree, **15** Aster, **17** Gnp, **18** Heads out, **21** Champions, **23** Glossily, **24** Iou, **25** Debra, **28** Lunch, **31** Meats, **33** Addai, **34** Maiku, **35** Sam, **36** Annan.
Down: 1 Lcd, **2** Urea, **3** Moas, **4** Martha's, **5** It seems, **6** Lbs, 7 Nip, **8** Gorgon, **11** Genus, **12** Sept, **16** Rapid, **19** Dilemma, **20** Soybean, **21** Cloud, **22** Hounds, **23** Gila, **26** Rain, **27** Atka, **29** Caa, **30** Him, **32** Sun.